



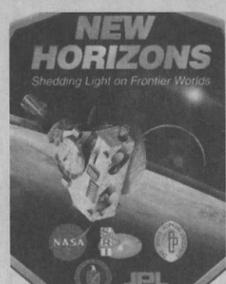
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Cyber Fresh or Cyber Spoiled?

CHARLOTTE JUDD
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The newly renovated Li'l Alf, now called Cyber Fresh, has caused some students to realize that some things are not appreciated until they are gone.

Cyber Fresh opened Jan. 15, just in time for the spring semester. The renovation of Li'l Alf came with the new contract with AVI Food Systems, Inc. AVI presented four possible renovation packages to a committee of students and to senate executive staff to choose from. The design of Cyber Fresh was the winning package.

Unfortunately, the change seems to have been one for the worse. A student poll was taken which asked approximately 20 students to rate Cyber Fresh on a scale of one to ten, 10 being the highest, based on their experience at Cyber Fresh. The average rating was about 4.1 out of 10. The majority of students had nothing positive to say about the change. Ebony McMillian, a sophomore psychology major is one of many who feel strongly about the changes that Li'l Alf has undergone.

"The food is not made to order, the touch screen doesn't allow me to add what I want, and there is less of a variety... Burger King is cheaper, and there I can have it my way!" said McMillian angrily.

McMillian is not alone in feeling this way. Many students expressed their concerns about Cyber Fresh. After grabbing a cup of coffee from the cafe, Amelia Smith, a sophomore art and design major called it "Cyber [crap]."



Students look over and select new and old items on the kiosks outside Li'l Alf's Cyber Fresh cafe.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER TOMASZEWSKI

Smith says that the new location of the coffee and tea is too small. She also said that the space where students can put creamer in their coffee gets too cramped. It is especially annoying when numerous students who are in a hurry for class are jammed behind your back, she said.

In addition to these criticisms, many students expressed that they have had their orders fulfilled wrong, including the lack of options, ranging from mayonnaise on wraps to vegetarian cuisines. Students are also concerned about prices.

Some students are pleased with the techno-

logical aspect of Cyber Fresh, conveying that it is a good thing. However Keniel Ledgister, a senior business major, begs to differ.

"It is a waste of my money... what is the purpose?" said Ledgister. "If we have less than 3,000 students, get rid of it!"

The new system is designed to speed up the serving process, but according to students, it is just as slow as before, if not more. Some students have also expressed concerns of how the new service is affecting work study. Since students are now able to put in their orders at kiosks, several students expressed fears of potential layoffs.

Director of Dining Services, John Dietrich says that the changes have no effect on work-study, but rather they hope to hire more staff. Dietrich adds that the goal of this new system is to save time, "and if it hasn't already, it will."

Changes have also been made to A de Express, now known as Midnight Express. It has a diner-like atmosphere reminiscent of the restaurant, Sonics, describes one student.

Many students have expressed that they miss the old Li'l Alf. The new changes give Cyber Fresh an impersonal feel and the quality of food does not compare to that of the old Li'l Alf, commented several students. However, Dietrich suggests that all new things take some getting used to, and in time, the kinks in the system will be worked out.

Dietrich will be attending Student Senate on Feb. 1 to answer any questions, comments or concerns that students may have. ☉

SAFE to host "Drawn to Diversity"

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"Drawn to Diversity" hopes to discover and appreciate differences through comic books. This new and creative event will feature a stage show and art exhibit to explore the realities of minorities in comic books, while performing some of its more entertaining fictional sides.

This presentation will allow students to investigate the ethnicity, sexual identity and gender issues that develop from this familiar piece of popular culture.

"The big thing is to be able to talk about diversity issues through a comfortable and popular medium," said Dan Napolitano, director of student activities and ALANA affairs.

The idea for "Drawn to Diversity" emerged at the annual HEOP Conference last semester. Napolitano usually presents a workshop on hip hop music and culture but last semester he was out of new ideas for a presentation.

"Three weeks before the workshop it just came to me," commented Napolitano. I wanted to do something on minorities in comic books, comic strips, cartoons and The Muppets."

Napolitano gave the presentation to HEOP, non-HEOP and students from other schools. From there he started discussing with members of SAFE how this could be taken to the next level here at Alfred. Napolitano and SAFE started brainstorming ideas for skits, an art exhibit and what super heroes students should dress up as.

Since the idea spawned from a presentation on comic books, comic strips, cartoons and The Muppets, Napolitano soon realized that these topics were entirely too broad for the group to create a focused show.

"We would do the entire theme in a stage show and the more we realized how big of a thing it was, we decided just to stick to comic books for the first year," said Napolitano.

In the process of making this event possible, several well-known names have been invited to provide resources to make this event a success. The event will be receiving a Youth Venture grant from MTVU, a college branch of MTV.

The event just started out as idea, but the Youth Venture grant has turned the project into a reality.

"A lot of this took shape based on the criteria for the MTVU Grant," said Napolitano.

Napolitano and SAFE came up with a proposal and then decided to try and get Marvel Comics involved. The Vice President of Marvel Comics is a trustee here at Alfred.

"Marvel Comics may be lending support in a whole bunch of different ways, including a limited-edition poster for the event," said Napolitano.

New York City's Comic Museum has also been contacted to provide original comics for the art exhibit.

Napolitano and SAFE are still waiting to hear about the support from both Marvel Comics and New York City's Comic Museum.

The actual show will be part skit, part lecture. For example, superhero skits and lectures from Napolitano will be intertwined throughout the show.

"There would be a history of comic books, things going on in the real world, why were certain decisions made, like why were black characters introduced? What were different things going on in the country that affected this medium? It will also have the fictional side. Lecture, skit, back and forth type of stuff," said Napolitano.

One example of a possible skit idea is instead of Lex Luther and Kryptonite, it would be "Kryptowhite," and it left all Caucasian superheroes powerless. This skit idea would deal with ethnicity issues, but SAFE has also invited Spectrum and Women's Issue Coalition to join the event to represent the GLBT community and female characters in comics.

Alfred is a place where we talk a lot about diversity, but according to Napolitano, the ways in which we talk about it can get old. He hopes this will provide a fresh new way to explore diversity.

This event is still in the planning process and will begin with an art exhibit, starting before the show on April 8 at Harder Hall's Turner Student Gallery. The art exhibit will remain open throughout the weekend. ☉

Celebrated performer, visits AU

KATIE KIELY
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Roscoe Orman brought dance, theatre, song and poetry to Alfred University on Jan. 21 in Holmes Auditorium. Orman was brought to AU by the Student Activities Board and UMOJA.

Orman has been performing since high school. "I was discovered in my senior year of high school," he said.

After Orman had his first professional performance, he knew that he wanted to make it his career.

Orman has performed in many different venues. He has been on Broadway and worked for a variety of acting companies. His favorite venue for expression is the theatre.

However, Orman is best known for his character "Gordon" on Sesame Street. Orman has been playing Gordon for the past 33 years.

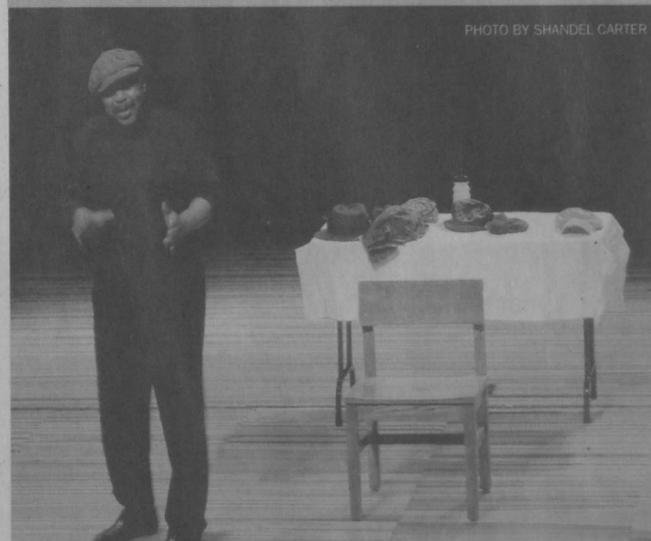
When Orman performed at AU, there was no resemblance of "Gordon." Instead, Orman used the poetry of Langston Hughes to portray the struggle and spirit of African Americans. He transformed into different characters by using different hats.

Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano was very excited about the performance. "He walked off stage and I thought to myself; is that it? That's a good thing, he definitely left the audience wanting more," Napolitano said.

One of Orman's characters was auctioning off slaves. He stood on top of a chair, stamped his feet and chanted about the slave's different physical properties. At the end of that scene the audience was collectively silent for half a minute before applauding. After his performance, Orman stayed and answered questions. The audience asked several questions

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Successful, "woman of influence" to speak at Alfred

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NEWS EDITOR

AU's Women Leadership Center kicks off the spring semester by inviting a driven and successful AU alumna, Cheryl Sibley-Albold, as its first Women of Influence speaker.

Albold, class of '92, is currently the Director/Assistant Dean of Students Affairs for Graduate and Health Sciences Education for the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Albold spent three years at Mayo Clinic in Rochester where she developed programs for medical students and medical resident recruitment. She is now located at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Albold's responsibilities include the development and operational leadership of multiple programs on the Arizona campus of the Mayo School of Health Sciences and the Mayo Graduate School. These are two of the five NCA

accredited schools in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. They are part of the Mayo Clinic, the largest multi-specialty group practice in the world. Sibley heads her department and is the youngest by at least 10 years.

At AU Albold served as a resident assistant for Tefft and Openhym residence halls as well as a peer mentor for the HEOP program. She was apart of the founding members of Shades and served as secretary of Umoja, both are now ALANA organizations. Albold also ran cross country track and was homecoming queen in 1990.

In a telephone interview, Albold openly shared her experiences at AU. Albold said that she remembers AU contacting her about applying. She did not know anything about AU.

"I never heard of AU," said a laughing Albold.

Albold's high school science teacher, with

whom she served as a teaching assistant because he was blind, encouraged her to apply to Alfred when she mentioned that the school had contacted her. Albold thanks her teacher for encouraging her to apply.

"I was just talking with one of my colleagues about country music and they were surprised that I like it," recalled Albold. "A girl I befriended at Alfred would always listen to country music and I started liking it. I guess just sums up my experience at AU. It was just a unique environment. I loved the people I met."

Albold revealed that she always had an interest in communications. She recalled her experience as a Fiat Lux staff writer. Albold said that when she came to campus there was a housing problem. The university had accepted more students than it had housing. Albold was assigned to live in the computer room of Kruson, which was turned into temporary housing.

"I decided to write a story about temporary housing because I knew that students would be interested," said Albold. "I was so excited about my first article and having it appear on the front page, but I was angry with the outcome because it was so changed. It turned me off from the journalism process."

However, Albold reassures that student newspapers can be a great opportunity for students to test their writing. She says that it serves as a venue for free speech.

"Newspapers are very important," she said.

Albold never thought that she would achieve all that she has in the short time that she has. She has served as Assistant Director Bronx Community Upward Bound program, a United States Department of Education TRIO funded program, Counselor in the Student Support Services program for SUNY Maritime College.

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Opinion

Fiat Lux

Café sparks controversy How can students actively get involved?

People can get pretty opinionated when it comes to their food, and at Alfred University this is no exception. After returning from break, a considerable majority of students were unsatisfied with the changes Li'l Alf underwent.

Students and faculty who have been in Alfred for several years aren't strangers to the seemingly constant alterations to our food services, but this is one of the biggest changes yet. Cyber Fresh at Li'l Alf Café introduced touch-screen kiosks for students to order their food. After ordering, customers take their receipt to the newly opened space inside Li'l Alf and wait for their number to be called. When their food is ready, they then take the receipt they received from the computer to the cashier.

Most students are unhappy with the high-tech changes because they limit what items can be put on their wraps, sandwiches, burgers, salads, etc. Other students don't understand what was wrong with the previous system and don't like that customers can't interact with all the Li'l Alf employees. On a campus as small as Alfred, customers actually value talking to the employees.

Li'l Alf may get a bit crowded at times, but is it crowded enough to create this new system? It seems as though this system would be beneficial at say, a school of 50,000 students.

Another downfall of the new system is the intimidation factor. Customers may be intimidated by the technology, especially if an employee isn't there to help.

Maybe a way to help those who aren't technologically inclined is to make sure there is always an employee available for questions.

Some customers feel the lines are even longer now than they ever were before. Many are questioning the efficiency of the new system.

The main point of Li'l Alf is to get what you want and how you want it. It shouldn't be pre-made and customers should have a broad range of food to choose from. After all, students are paying for it.

The complaints and grumbles could probably keep going, but what about the other side of the issue?

It's important to note that there is a strong-felt appreciation for those who desire to improve our dining services. When Ade was renovated this past year, food options were also changed, giving students more variety and providing vegetarians with dining options.

All dining facilities offer students comment cards and the staff does actually read them. And yes, they even make efforts to accommodate some of the suggestions. Of course, it's helpful when they are given suggestions and constructive criticism, rather than saying, "THIS FOOD SUCKS!" or "WHERE IS THE SNAPPLE?"

Another commendable, yet overlooked attribute of many dining services employees is the manner in which they treat students and customers. Whether they're talking about their children or the next big game, their hospitality and friendliness is appreciated.

Each holiday the dining halls put on special events for students, whether it be a candle-lit dinner or a Mardi Gras themed party. They go out of their way to make an enjoyable evening filled with fun and good food.

Good food isn't something that's really appreciated here at AU. Yes, everyone can complain about something, but compared to many other college campuses, the dining experience here at Alfred is just plain better. Of course this refers to dining halls, not fast-food chains that dot many campuses across the country.

Granted the new changes at Li'l Alf aren't ideal and need to have some kinks worked out, but let's look at the bigger picture. Why did these changes happen without more students input? Instead of criticizing something new, find out how you could have made an impact on the change in the first place.

At one point students were given the opportunity to go to Nevins Theater before Student Senate meetings on Wednesdays and talk to John Dietrich, director of dining services, about their feelings towards the dining halls services. Unfortunately, only a handful of students took advantage of this and it is no longer in place.

Getting involved: Go to Student Senate meetings and make your voice heard. Find out when changes are scheduled for and how they will affect you and your fellow students. There must be better communication between students, the dining halls and the AVI food service provider.

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Distracted behind the wheel Be aware of the risks faced when driving

It is 2:10 p.m., you just left class and rush to Powell to check your mail and grab a soda. It is now 2:23 p.m. In those 13 minutes, one person died, due to a motor vehicle accident.

Most view motor vehicles as transporters to take us to the movie, airport, grocery store, mall or even more exciting places, like Wal-Mart. Many feel it is such a privilege to have a car and be able to drive it, but are cars really a privilege or a death trap?

When I was 16 years old, I got my license. I have never been in a really bad car accident and until two weeks ago, had never been pulled over by a police officer. However, it has always been a deep fear of mine of how much control people lose when they drive, or even ride in a vehicle. And one could argue that everything in life is dangerous and deadly, but it shocks me that approximately 6.4 million accidents occur each year and approximately 40,000 die in auto related accidents. Just to note, in 2000, there were 190,625,023 drivers in the United States.

When most people drive, they are distracted at one point or another during their time of travel. Mothers take their eyes off the road to look in the back seat to discipline their children, people drop CDs and lean below the steering wheel to pick them up, women in a rush put on their make-up while driving and both men and women fool around with a cell phone, PDA, or some type of electronic device, while driving. It

is scary how no one has control while traveling in his or her death traps.

In the end, no matter how people travel, there is always going to be a risk. Driving is not only risky, but also expensive after a risk becomes a reality. Even if you are lucky and never get pulled over or into an accident, people with cars still have to put a lot of money into their vehicles. Gas...oh dear, is sky high! Oil changes are necessary, costing an average \$21; car insurance is plain out expensive, as well as inspections and registration fees.

Just like everything in life, all we can do is try not to fear the unexpected, and in this case, pay attention while driving because nothing should be worth someone's life—a text message can wait. ☺



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Talking with other passengers: 81%
Playing with the radio or CD: 66%
Eating or drinking: 49%
Using a cell phone: 25%

Most motor vehicle accidents are caused by those percentages—reported from National Highway Safety Traffic Administration

Alfred's true life support A tribute to the heating and physical plant workers

The heart and soul of Alfred University is not the statue that overlooks our campus by Powell.

It's not the giant ceramics buildings that dominate the western part of AU. It's not the professors, or the Student Activities Office, or even the student leaders who volunteer their hours to helping better our little corner of Allegany County. The heart and soul is a man, or rather, a group of men who drive from location to location, cause minimal disturbance, and put up with more in a day than you or I would ever think we could handle in an entire year.

Thus is the plight of the Heating and Physical Plant laborers. When you roll out of bed for your 10:20 class that you won't remember going to anyway, they've already clocked a few miles on the speedometer. When you stumble home in a drunken stupor on Friday night, Ron or Marty have already circled the campus 17,000 times. Every time your bed breaks or your window cracks, the carpenters are usually there within the day. Who do you think makes the campus look all pretty and stuff? That'd be the grounds crew.

This last summer, I had the opportunity to work for Dave Tuttle and his crew at the Heating Plant as a night watchman and a day crew member. For those of you who have never stayed in Alfred for an entire summer before, here's some advice for you: bring a book. Seriously, make sure you have something to keep yourself busy with, like a job working for the Heating Plant. While I wasn't exactly on the front lines that these guys work on during the school year, it was amazing to discover what goes on during an average day here at AU.

Even during the summer, when the only people that are still here are administrators and crazy students who

like school, these gentlemen still get dozens of calls, ranging from, "My light switch doesn't work" to "Can you put in this new air conditioner?"



CHRIS GORDON
STAFF WRITER

"I need a new air conditioner?" to "I also need a new air conditioner?" to "I was just thinking: would it be okay if I got a new air conditioner?" While the requestors are inside, tapping away at keyboards and enjoying the lap of luxury, the real workers are outside, sweating away in the sun, installing the new air conditioner(s).

I remember the first time I ever encountered an AU laborer. My freshman year, the closet door in my room (Tefft 122) came off its track. I e-mailed Physical Plant to see if somebody could fit it into their schedule sometime that week. The next morning, around 8:00, there was a knock on the door, and two gentlemen swooped in and saved the day.

Now as a student, I realize what one of the gripes might be towards these guys: "They come way too early!" Well, as somebody who's been in and out of jobs for 10 years now, I can honestly say SNAP OUT OF IT! Be glad somebody's fixing your mistake! The next time you're playing lacrosse in the hallways, and the ball just happens to fly past your stick and through the hall window, just remember who's going to be there to fix it. The next time the temperature warmth drops more than two degrees below your preferred warmth level, guess who's going to be there to show you how to adjust the thermostat, no questions asked? Every time the chair breaks, the lights go out, the fire alarm goes off or the door comes unhinged, you can always count on these guys.

They are the heart and soul of AU. ☺

Internships, vital for success Find your future by getting your feet wet

Do you know what you want to do after you graduate from AU? Have you done an internship? I have, and internships are great for two reasons: One, you may walk away with a great experience, and the other, you walk away with a bad experience, helping one to grow professionally. My experience with the internship was amazing.

While most people were either visiting with friends and family, working to make some extra cash for this semester or resting over Christmas break, I was interning for the Potter Leader-Enterprise, a small weekly newspaper, in Coudersport, Pa.

The managing editor of the Enterprise sent me on several tasks; some were great and others very frustrating. For one assignment I was asked to walk the streets of downtown Coudersport with a camera, pen and paper in hand. I was told to ask 12 random people about their New Year's resolutions, where they were from, if they made New Year's resolutions, if so, why and then take their picture.

From the beginning I was excited about the task, but as the day progressed I was getting frustrated. I asked approximately 30 people about their New Year's resolutions, and a total of 10 people gave me a quote in two hours. Yes, it was frustrating when I couldn't get all the people I wanted to inter-

view. But it was even more frustrating when I got kicked off the gas stations property for interviewing people. A woman who worked for the gas station thought I was a solicitor even after I explained I was working for the Enterprise. After I was kicked off her property, I never went back.



CRYSTAL CRAFT
STAFF WRITER

When the camera battery died after the tenth person, I was so happy. Even though I didn't have all 12 samples, I had enough great quotes to make the front page of the Enterprise. Yes, I was frustrated at the time, but after making the front-page it was all worth it.

Life isn't always easy. The working world is difficult. And yes, it's frustrating sometimes. But, that's why my internship was so great. If I would have gone to this internship and never had a bad experience, I would have been worried. I truly understand how a newsroom operates—phones constantly ringing, people talking, music blaring, customers walking in and out while working on deadline.

If you haven't done an internship yet, I encourage you to do so. Get your feet wet a little bit, and in the end it will most likely determine what you want to do after AU—I know it did for me. ☺

Roving Reporter

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Do you think Cyber Fresh has increased efficiency in Li'l Alf?



"I don't know because there are less people actually going to Li'l Alf which makes the lines much shorter. It does however, take more time for the food to be prepared. Hopefully, the system will balance itself out over time."

Andre Keller, Marketing



"Yeah, because it is simple. You just put in your order and they call your name when it is ready. It's also easier to cash out because you just hand them your receipt. I also like the computers because you find everything on the screen easily."

April Nell, Undeclared



"No, because you can't get your orders the way you want and you get unnecessary receipts. I think it is a waste of time."

Dawn Knight, Theatre/Psychology



"No, for the fact that I got a personal pan pizza and it took 15 minutes from the time I ordered for them to put the pizza in the oven. The computers are limited and confusing. I also think the quality of the food is lower and it seems like they are cutting corners to make a bigger profit."

Renee Lopresti, Fine Arts



"Yes and No. I say yes because it makes the whole ordering process more organized; however, I also think no because it's an inconvenience for people who are indecisive."

Timothy Corbette, Communications

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Alfred University appoints Pollard as Dean of Students

AU OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

The new Alfred University dean of students is a familiar face on campus. Dr. Norman Pollard, director of the counseling and student development center (CSDC) at the University for more than 13 years, began his new duties as dean of students this month.

"Since I arrived on this campus, I have been fascinated by Alfred University's ability to create a strong, caring, compassionate community," said Pollard. When the position of dean of students was created as a result of restructuring earlier this academic year, Pollard saw it as "way to use my skills and talents to help promote the mission of Alfred University into the future."

"I am thrilled to have someone of Dr. Pollard's experience as our dean of students. He's been a leader within the Division of Student Affairs for many years and has a high level of credibility with students, parents, faculty and staff," said Kathy Woughter, acting vice president for Student Affairs. "Dr. Pollard has always been a tireless advocate for our students and I look forward to seeing him develop this new role of dean of students on our campus."

Previously, the vice president for student affairs also served as dean of students, assisted by two associate deans. An organizational task force last spring recommended that the University restructure the division, separating the positions of vice president and dean of

students, and eliminating the associate dean positions. A national search is now under way to find a new vice president for student affairs.

As dean of students, Pollard will be responsible for oversight of the Counseling and Student Development Center and Security, as well as the contracted services provided at Crandall Health Center, all areas that concern students' health and well-being while at Alfred.

Additionally, he will serve as judicial coordinator for the University, responsible for administering the University's internal student conduct system.

One of his goals, he said, is to further integrate services, "to enhance students' experiences and the quality of life they enjoy. I want them to have the Alfred Experience, and to make that experience meaningful and beneficial."

What makes the transition to his new position easier, he said, is that "the system is in place. It's not broken. All we need is better coordination so that we can best meet the needs of our students."

His approach, he said, is to be even more proactive, providing services in the best, most cost-effective manner possible.

While administration of the student conduct system is new to him, "I've had students who were involved in disciplinary matters as clients at the counseling center because, oftentimes, they need additional support to deal with the process. I am familiar with how the judi-

cial system affects students, and I would like to try to move the system into one that is primarily educational in nature."

Pollard has gained a national reputation as an expert on hazing for his involvement in two AU studies, one in 1999 that examined the prevalence of hazing among college athletes and one in 2000 that looked at hazing among high school students. He has served as a consultant to the National Federation of High Schools, the University of Vermont, Penn State University, and Brockport State College as well as to numerous high schools. He has also presented at national meetings and is frequently contacted by the media as an expert on hazing.

He is a licensed professional counselor and a nationally certified counselor, and has served as a manuscript reviewer for The Journal for the Professional Counselor. He is a member of the American College Personnel Association, the American Counseling Association, the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors, the College Student Personnel Association of New York State and the New York State Mental Health Association. He chaired the Ethics Committee for the New York State Counseling Association and was a member of the board of the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors.

He has been an adjunct associate professor at Alfred

University; an adjunct instructor at Alfred State College and James Madison University; and a mentor for Empire State College.

Pollard arrived in Alfred in August 1991 as assistant director of what was then Career and Counseling Services. When the offices were reorganized in 1992, he became director of the Counseling and Student Development Center, overseeing the management and operations of the center while also maintaining a full caseload of individual and group counseling students.

A national search will be conducted for a new director, but in the meantime, Dana Rothrock, a counselor for the CSDC since 1991, has been named acting director. A temporary counselor has been hired for the semester to take on his client caseload.

Pollard came to Alfred from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, where he was a counseling psychologist in the Counseling and Student Development Center for six years. He also completed his doctoral internship at James Madison University.

He earned his B.A. degree in political science and criminal justice at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA; his master's in agency counseling from Western State College in Gunnison, CO; and an Ed.D. degree in counseling and personnel services from Drake University in Des Moines, IA.

Pollard and his wife, Regina, live in Alfred Station with their two daughters. ☉

Science fiction in the classroom

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Imagine living in a world where the elderly controlled everything and the young were forced to fight over scraps in the outskirts of town. Imagine living in a society where people were expected to commit suicide at the age of 60 as a rite of passage. These fictitious ideas were presented by Associate Professor of Astronomy David De Graff and Assistant Professor of Psychology Danielle Gagne during the Jan. 26 Bergren Forum in Nevins Theater at Alfred University.

"Science is a very creative process," says De Graff. It contains a lot of concepts that students have a hard time grasping. De Graff and Gagne have discovered that students understand the material better when they incorporate science fiction in their classes.

When science fiction is incorporated with a class such as Death and Dying, it creates bias-free examples that are easier to discuss. The characters presented in the discussions are emotionally detached, so no one in the class can take offense to the subject. These discussions engage

students in conversations that are memorable so that it is easier for them to engage in the material.

"Astronomy is full of things you will never witness," says De Graff. Science fiction makes the abstract more concrete when talking about things that people will never witness for themselves, he said. De Graff uses science fiction in his astronomy classes when talking about the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe.

Gagne uses science fiction in her psychology classes that deal with ethics and dying. By using science fiction, Gagne creates fictitious societies where people are expected to commit suicide at the age of 60. This helps engage students to apply their ideas and ethical views based on the different scenarios.

Science fiction can be a very good tool when talking about complex material and assimilating it to the students, according to De Graff and Gagne.

The bias-free examples that can be used help create memorable classes that intrigue and provoke the students into participating in classroom discussions. ☉

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Assistant Director of Student Life for Multicultural Affairs for the University of Missouri-Columbia, Assistant Director for Residential Life at Macalester College in Minnesota, and Program Manager for the Minnesota Department of Transportation SEEDS student worker program.

"I've always been driven, I was armed with a good education to go forth, but I was surprised with the rapidness with which I have progressed."

As with most young professionals, Albold has encountered age barriers. People believe that credibility is proven through experience and experience is proven with years, Albold revealed. Many of the people who report to Albold are older than she is.

Albold has not escaped the common obstacles on her way to the top. She has faced gender and race issues. Albold has been confronted with the dilemma of being a professional with two young children. She also lacks role models within her own culture.

Albold is of Jamaican descent and was raised in White Plains, NY. Albold says that there are not many people of color as professionals. Although she was faced with these issues, Albold advises students on the road to success that they have to be aware of these obstacles in order to

succeed.

In her leisure time, Albold enjoys spending time with her children. She has a three-year-old and a five-year-old. Her workday consists of waking up at 5 a.m., dropping the kids off at daycare, then off to work. She says her day literally does not end until 10 p.m.

"I just enjoy spending time with my kids," she said lovingly. "It is all about my kids, my kids, my kids." However, Albold wishes that she was still writing. She used to write poetry. And as part of a new year's resolution, she runs one day a week.

Her visit to AU will include acting as an employer in residence, offering job advice to students and she will give a talk titled "Beyond Alfred: Oh the Places You'll Go." Albold decided to use the poem "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss to share her personal journey to professionalism. She will talk about strategies that can help navigate students with future goals.

Albold is excited to learn about the experiences of minority students at AU to see if they compare to the issues she faced as a student or if new issues have risen. Albold expressed that she is very excited and thankful to be invited back to share her success story. She said that she feels almost as if it were meant to be that she was asked to come back.

"I would always ask God when AU was going to invite me back, and he finally did," she said with a smile. "I feel like it is my oath." ☉

Questions arise over Pluto's planetary status in the Kuiper Belt Probe launched, anticipated to land in 2015 to investigate and collect data

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I am sure that we can all remember back to the elementary days of coloring and simple addition.

Oh, all the amazing and wonderful things we learned. All about how Columbus discovered America, how plants and animals all live together in an ecosystem, and the nine planets of the solar system.

What if you were to find out that one of these pure, simple, scientific facts that we have been able to cling to was under suspicion? What if Pluto were not a planet at all? What if it was just a large ice hunk floating in the sun's gravitational pull?

In truth this is about all we know about the little blue planet way out yonder. Sure, scientists know basic things like orbit, axis of rotation and light variations on the planet, but that is about it. Until now, well, nine years from now

anyway.

On Thursday, Jan. 20 the deep space probe of the NASA New Horizons mission was successfully launched. It set a record as it was carried off by the Lockheed-Martin Atlas 5 rocket, traveling at 36,250 miles per hour through the air, past our moon and into the great beyond. In approximately nine years it will reach the planet, and begin collecting data about Pluto.

Of course, this multi-million dollar space mission will not only be discovering new and wonderful things about the littlest questionable planet of our solar system, but it will be taking data throughout the course of its journey and broadcasting it back to Earth.

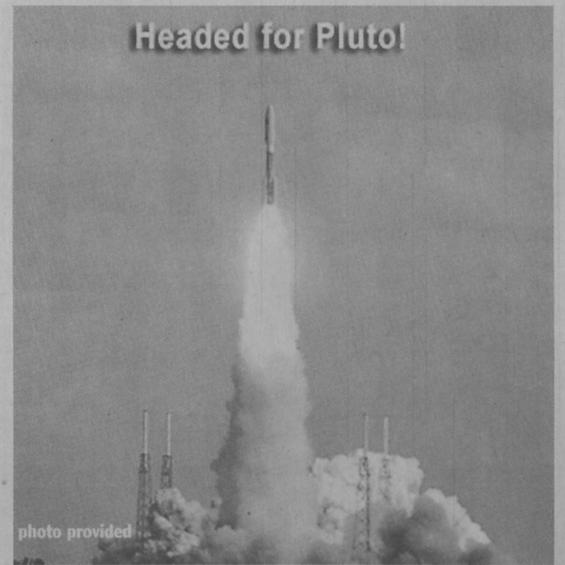
In the line-up is an extensive Jupiter observation to determine more about this particular system and to get the extra sling towards Pluto from Jupiter's gravity that the probe will need to maintain its path.

Upon arrival at the Kuiper Belt (which is where Pluto is located) the probe will look at, not only Pluto, but its moon: Charon and other KBO- "Kuiper Belt Objects" of interest. The probe will be able to obtain data for at least six months while passing the planet, and will continue to collect data for five to ten years while going further into the Kuiper Belt. There are a few large KBOs that NASA wants to analyze, as they too might be classified as planets.

The data of main interest to the NASA scientists is the global geology and morphology of the planet, a map of the surface composition of both Pluto and its moon, and characterization of their atmospheres. There are seven specifically designed instruments on the probe, that will be collecting this data and transmitting it back to the scientists at NASA.

Now, that all sounds very "techy" and boring, but with the data that this probe will collect, the validity of Pluto as our solar system's ninth planet will be proven, and perhaps other larger KBOs of interest will be proven to be more than just "objects", possibly even expanding our solar system. This is also the first time that the outer regions of our solar system will be looked at in such detail. The discoveries that will be made by the probe will likely change science texts significantly.

Although this mission will do wonders for our knowledge about Pluto, there is some controversy surrounding it. This is due to the 24 pounds of radioactive plutonium on board. Some protestors where unhappy with the idea of the nuclear power source, although this method has been used on many other space missions in which the space craft would be going too far away from the sun to harness its solar power. The decaying plutonium will give the probe the



needed energy to travel the great distance to Pluto in only nine years.

It seems coincidental that nine years ago, the official discoverer of Pluto, Clyde Tombaugh passed away. On Feb. 18, 1930, the astronomer officially found the planet from photos taken of the night sky. He spent many weary hours in the Lowell Observation center in Arizona trying to determine if the spec he saw moving across the sky was indeed a planet and truly existed. Although he passed away and was not able to witness the launch of this new exploration as a continuation of his lifelong work, some of his ashes were aboard the space probe. As the only American to discover a planet, this seemed a fitting way to honor his work. ☉

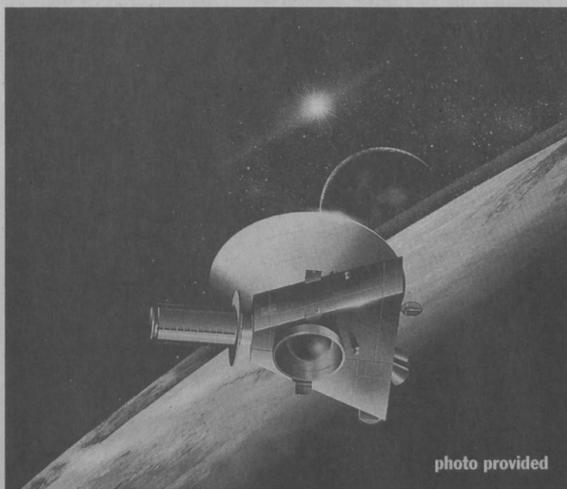


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As of the Student Senate meeting on Jan. 25, the significant changes throughout the AU campus seemed to be the topic of the night.

The student senators stated that it was unfair when the student body is uninformed about the changes that go on at AU; students should be involved in the decision making process. The senators were concerned mainly about the Powell Campus Center changes.

Many students were unconvinced that the institution of Cyber Fresh would be successful. They stated that there is no genuine interaction between the employees and customers. The large empty space in the cen-

ter of the café makes the entire experience impersonal and detracts from the ambiance. Students also believe that the kiosks outside of the café do not allow for many options that students want and it takes as long, if not longer than the previous ordering process.

To help address issues and concerns that students had, John Dietrich, director of AU's dining services, will attend the next Student Senate meeting.

Although there have been numerous setbacks according to Student Senate President Ian Phillips, the SAFE bus will officially be running on Feb. 10 and 11. The bus will serve as a link between the AU and Alfred State campuses and will allow each campus' students to safely travel to their residence

halls and campus buildings.

Also during the meeting, the nine-member Student Senate Elections Committee was selected.

Student Senate elections are fast approaching. Petitions are now available for students who are interested in running for president or vice president.

During open forum numerous issues surfaced beside those concerning Cyber Fresh. Students did not take kindly to the fact that the bathrooms in Powell Campus Center have had the paper towels replaced with electronic dryers. Sheila Garcia, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, will handle the issue and present her findings at the next Student Senate meeting.

Students raised issues of the emergency siren on campus. It was suggested if there was a way that the siren could be relocated. Phillips stated that New York State law requires that it be in its current location.

Students stated that the study abroad program at AU is not affordable and that student's financial aid packages should carry over to help subsidize costs.

There were also complaints about the inconsistency of the cable in Joel's House.

By way of announcements, there will be a Super Bowl XL party and wing fest on Feb. 5 in Harder Hall. It will be \$5 for a ten wing portion. There will also be a halftime show, craft creators and a wing-eating contest. All students who are interested in participating

in the event must contact Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano.

Any groups or organization that are interested in co-sponsoring a film with Alfred Cooperative Pictures must contact Director of Powell Campus Center, Tricia Debertolis.

On Feb. 11, Shades will be hosting its annual bachelor/bachelorette auction.

AMA will be selling t-shirts this week on the second floor of Powell Campus Center.

On Feb. 10, the Game Show Club will be hosting the game, "Name That Tune."

The next Student Senate meeting will be held on Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater. ☉

National News

Kerry takes up fight against Alito

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry took to the Senate floor Friday to rally his Democratic colleagues behind a filibuster of Judge Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court.

But senators from both parties -- including Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid -- described Kerry's efforts as an uphill battle, at best. "Everyone knows there are not enough votes to support a filibuster," Reid told Reuters.

Kerry was in Davos, Switzerland, attending the World Economic Forum Thursday when he called for the filibuster. Democratic sources tell CNN that Kerry called fellow Democratic senators Thursday to rally support.

A potential showdown could come early next week. On Thursday, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist filed a motion to cut off debate on the Alito nomination after his Democratic counterpart, Minority Leader Harry Reid, objected to a move by GOP leaders to schedule a final vote on his confirmation Monday afternoon.

Frist's cloture motion, which requires 60 votes under Senate rules, will come up for a vote at 4:30 p.m. Monday. If successful, senators will then vote on Alito's nomination at 11 a.m. Tuesday, with a simple majority of 51 votes needed for approval. Democrats can block the final vote if 41 senators vote against Frist's motion.

Given that none of the chamber's 55 Republicans has openly declared opposition to Alito's confirmation and three Democrats are on the record supporting it, Kerry has little margin to succeed.

However, a Kerry aide told CNN the senator is not concerned about the gossip on Capitol Hill and is standing on principle in backing the filibuster.

"Judge Alito's confirmation would be an ideological coup on the Supreme Court," Kerry said in a written statement.

"We can't afford to see the court's swing vote, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, replaced with a far-right ideologue like Samuel Alito."

The White House expressed confidence that Alito's supporters had the votes needed to cut off a filibuster.

The White House was so confident, in fact, that Bush spokesman Scott McClellan openly mocked Kerry's actions.

"I think it was a historic day yesterday. It was the first ever call for a filibuster from the slopes of Davos, Switzerland," McClellan said. "Maybe Senator Kerry needs to be spending more time in the United States Senate so he can refresh his memory on Senate rules. Senate rules say you have to have the votes in order to filibuster."

The issue also sparked sharp words on the Senate floor Friday.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama, said those "masters of the universe" attending the Davos forum "ought to spend more time trying to get the oil prices and gasoline prices down than worrying about conjuring up a filibuster of a judge as able as Judge Alito."

Poll: Most think Bush is failing second term

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- A majority of Americans are more likely to vote for a candidate in November's congressional elections who opposes President Bush, and 58 percent consider his second term a failure so far, according to a poll released Thursday.

Fewer people consider Bush to be honest and trustworthy now than did a year ago, and 53 percent said they believe his administration deliberately misled the public about Iraq's purported weapons program before the U.S. invasion in 2003, the CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll found.

Pollsters interviewed 1,006 American adults Friday through Sunday. Most questions in the survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Bush is preparing for his State of the Union address, set for next week, and told reporters Thursday that he is "looking forward" to campaigning for Republicans in November's elections.

But the latest poll indicated Americans remain in a pessimistic mood.

Fifty-eight percent of those polled said Bush's second term has been a failure so far, while 38 percent said they consider it a success. A smaller number -- 52 percent -- consider his entire presidency a failure to date, with 46 percent calling it successful.

In the latter case, the numbers fall within those two questions' margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

Bush defended his performance Thursday, pointing to an improved economy despite higher prices for gasoline, heating oil and natural gas. He said the November elections would be a good "peace and prosperity."

"We've got a record, and a good one," he said. "That's what I intend to campaign on and explain to people why I made the decisions I made, and why they're necessary to protect the American people, and why they've been necessary to keep this economy strong -- and why the policies we've got will keep this economy strong in the future."

But 51 percent of those polled said they were more likely to vote for a candidate in congressional elections who opposes Bush, while 40 percent said they were likely to vote for a candidate who backs the president.

Bush's own approval rating remained at 43 percent, unchanged since mid-December, according to results released earlier this week. Another 54 percent disapproved of his job performance, that survey found.

Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed in the latest poll -- 62 percent -- said they were dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States, while 35 percent said they were satisfied.

And 64 percent said things in the United States have gotten worse in the past five years, while 28 percent said things have improved.

For the first time since Bush took office in 2001, a majority of those polled said the president -- who campaigned as "a uniter, not a divider" -- has been a divisive leader. Fifty-four percent called Bush a divider, while 41 percent called him a uniter.

Just over a third -- 34 percent -- said Bush had a clear plan for solving the nation's problems, and 44 percent agreed that he cared about the needs of people like them and shared their values.

A narrow majority of 51 percent said they consider Bush to be a strong and decisive leader, compared with 48 percent who disagreed. Although those totals fall within the margin of sampling error, they mark a decline from a year ago, when 61 percent called the president strong and decisive.

Bush nominates two finance experts for Fed

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Bush nominated two finance experts, White House aide Kevin Warsh and former aide Randall Kroszner, for open seats on the Federal Reserve board, the White House said Friday.

Warsh, a former investment banker, has worked on the White House National Economic Council since 2002, focusing on domestic finance and capital market issues.

Kroszner, a professor at the University of Chicago, specializes in international finance and financial regulatory issues. He served as a member of Bush's Council of Economic Advisers from November 2001 to July 2003.

The Fed's seven-member, Washington-based Board of Governors -- the nucleus of monetary policy-making -- has had two open seats since Edward Gramlich stepped down in August.

The other seat was vacated last June when Ben Bernanke, who is now poised to take the helm at the Fed on Wednesday, departed to serve as a top economic adviser to Bush. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, who has led the central bank since August 2003, departs Tuesday.

Before Warsh, 35, joined the White House staff, he was executive director in Morgan Stanley's Mergers & Acquisitions Department. On Wall Street, he served as a financial adviser to companies across a range of industries.

At the White House, he has worked on regulatory matters, including oversight of mortgage market giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the accounting and corporate governance reforms put in place in 2002.

"I think he will bring a lot of experience with the markets," said Cesar Conda, a former domestic policy adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney. "At the White House that was sort of his key responsibility -- to monitor, analyze and interpret market trends for the president."

Both Warsh and Kroszner were tapped to fill unexpired terms. Kroszner's would expire Jan. 31, 2008, while Warsh's would run until Jan. 31, 2018.

If confirmed by the Senate, Warsh would be the youngest Fed board member in the 92-year history of the central bank. ☐

Marketing Director has big plans for AU

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Alfred University's new Director of Marketing, Jodi Bailey grew up in Wellsville, NY.

She graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College with both a political science and business degree, with a concentration in marketing. After living in Rochester for a couple years, she moved back to her hometown. There, she worked five years as Executive Director of the Allegany County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The job required her to be on call around the clock, dimin-

ishing time at home with her husband and five-year-old son.

"It got tiresome to balance personal and family time better," Bailey said.

Through networking, Bailey became aware of the new position at Alfred. She applied and went through the interviews, which landed her the newly created position in October.

Before Bailey, AU has never had a Marketing Director. The duties were split up between other staff members. "With my position, we are able to focus our efforts for effectively joining together history, examining

how well it worked and saying 'Ok, we should advertise here,'" Bailey said.

With this new position, Bailey plans to study past usage of advertising at AU. By shuffling through prior advertising methods, she will assess what really worked to draw in students and what did not.

Have her efforts worked so far? "I think so," Bailey replied. "It has been really interesting for me to pull everything together from past performances."

Bailey has interviewed around campus and spoke with many faculty members. She has asked

questions regarding procedures and pamphlets. How helpful they have been. Through this research, she plans to contribute it to her findings of effective past efforts in advertising. For the most part "people have been super supportive and positive. It is great," said Bailey.

Bailey will continue her hard work while she carefully works on a marketing plan for Alfred University. "I love my job. It is like a dream. Alfred is a wonderful place to work," commented Bailey. ☐

New Year's resolutions begin with planning

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Whether it is attempting to rid yourself of the weight gained from the dreaded "freshman 15" or trying to have better study habits, college students tend to have a very difficult time staying true to their New Year's resolutions.

Students are just too lazy and busy. "They have no time to keep up with what they said they wanted to do," stated Ebony McMillian, sophomore psychology student.

Yes, college students are extremely busy people, and probably will not keep their resolutions beyond two weeks.

"[Students] set their resolutions too high, particularly when it comes to losing weight or quitting smoking," said Assistant Director of Student Activities John Ketcham.

With lives that are an jbb and flow of personal problems, academics, extracurricular activities, work, partying and television, life can get pretty hectic.

Luckily, that does not mean that the slew of resolutions you've made are unattainable.

The top four resolutions made by college students are to develop better eating habits; to be more academically motivated; to exercise more; and to stop smoking, drinking, or using drugs, according to about.com.

Sixty-seven percent of people make three or more resolutions. Sixty-three percent of people are keeping their resolutions after two months, meaning that the populous is becoming more goal-oriented when it comes to New Year's resolutions.

The best way to stop the annual cycle of throwaway promises is to plan ahead.

A good way to start is to make a list of the goals that you want accomplished for the year. They should be placed and kept in locations that are accessible and will serve as reminders of the promises

you made for yourself. You can tape them on the refrigerator, on your mirror and other places that will remind of your goal at hand.

It is very important to be realistic. Wanting to lose 100 pounds in a month is not feasible. Set attainable goals. Don't be drastic. Resorting to never watching television again because your grades are not what you expected will not cut it.

Be positive. Big changes will not happen overnight. Practicing positive thinking, positive self-talk and even calling a friend can help keep motivation strong toward fulfilling that goal. A friend who also shares some or all of your resolutions can be extremely helpful. You and your friend can help each other stay on track.

Keeping motivated is important. Therefore, rewarding yourself is necessary. It is good to celebrate your success with doing something that you enjoy. But don't overdo it. You may have been going to the gym regularly for two weeks, but you don't have to reward yourself by eating one of everything from McDonald's dollar menu. Things should be done in moderation.

It is good to track your progress en route to your New Year's goal. Every small success that is made will keep you focused on reaching the larger goals.

You may not be perfect in your attempt to attain your goal, but obsessing over an occasional slip-up will not help things either. Do the best that you can while keeping in mind that your resolution is within grasp.

Sticking to your plan is key. Consistency. It is said that it takes about 21 days for a new activity to become a habit, and roughly six months for it to become a part of your personality.

If you fail, it is perfectly fine to start again. You do not have to wait until the following New Year to make your resolutions.

The best way to keep your New Year's resolutions, according to Bianca Gonzalez, sophomore education and psychology student, is "to keep telling yourself that you have to do it." ☐

Abundance of players seek alternative leagues?

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In the world of professional sports, basketball is big business. The average value of a National Basketball Association franchise is \$326 million, its highest rate in history. Teams like the New York Knicks can charge \$2,000 per game for court-side seats; luxury boxes are almost half a million dollars each. However, these high-ticket prices dismuss many casual fans from attending NBA games.

In addition, the vast majority of college basketball's talent pool cannot make it into the NBA. The league's comparatively small team rosters (no more than fifteen players on a team) do not provide enough room for all of the talented ballplayers across the country. Until recently, graduating college basketball players had to look overseas to continue their playing careers.

There was an abundance of great players out there with no place to play," said Joe Newman, CEO of the American Basketball Association. Newman had an extensive background in sports marketing, most notably in producing advertising for the Indiana Pacers basketball team. Sensing an opportunity, Newman met with fellow entrepreneur Dick Tinkham, co-founder of the original American Basketball Association.

Founded in 1967, the ABA grew from a small league into a direct competitor with the NBA. Julius Erving, Rick Barry, and George Gervin were among the top ABA players who crossed over into NBA superstardom when the two leagues merged in 1976. Using the name and heritage of the 1970s ABA (along with its signature red, white, and blue basketball), the two men created the modern ABA in 2000.

Newman and Tinkham wrote new rules that emphasize fast-paced play and a fan-friendly atmosphere. In the ABA, it's possible for a player to score a four-point shot. Double overtime is decided by the first

team to score 10 points. Timeouts are as short as 20 seconds. In addition, post-game concerts and wild publicity stunts are greatly encouraged to create a fan-friendly atmosphere. ABA players are expected to conduct autograph sessions with fans after every game.

Part of the ABA's unconventional marketing strategy is to promote team ownership as a small business, not as the pursuit of the extravagant wealthy. "A yearly budget is around \$400,000," notes Newman. "The team owner should have access to around \$150,000 before revenues begin to flow." This smaller-scale approach to league expansion has helped the ABA become the nation's largest professional sports league. This season, 48 teams have suited up for the ABA, from the Atlanta Vision to the Rochester RazorSharks to the Charlotte Krunk. The league has teams in Tijuana, Montreal, and Beijing, the only pro sports league to operate in four countries at once. In addition, the ABA has the most diverse collection of team owners in pro sports, with more Asian, Hispanic, and black owners than the four major sports leagues combined.

However, while many teams succeed (league champion Arkansas RimRockets drew over 15,000 fans), many other teams cannot find a winning combination (10 of the league's initial 48 teams have already suspended operations). Even Newman admits that the ABA "has not been a financial success thus far but is poised to be." All the same, over a dozen prospective owners are already lined up to field teams next season.

"I hope to see the tenth anniversary of the ABA [in 2010] from a penthouse apartment in Hawaii, the south of France or Florida," jokes Newman. "Actually, hopefully it will be a league in which all of the teams will be stable [and] profitable and the fans will continue to get great sports and entertainment at affordable prices."

The ABA can be found online at <http://www.abalive.com>. ☐

First Person Narrative

Kennedy Center Honors cast of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

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As many of you know, this past November, Professor of Theatre Steve Crosby directed myself and ten other Alfred University actors in an ardent production of Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. When the show closed on Nov. 12, the sighs of relief were audible, though I knew that each of us would (in some way or another) go through our own kind of withdrawal. But just as the cast and production staff began to piece back their sanity, we received an email that blew our minds. Our show was selected by its attending adjudicators to perform at The American College Theater Festival in January. Our sighs were replaced with open mouthed silence.

The festival showcases six of our region's finest entered productions annually, and offers attending participants the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including workshops, symposia, and regional-level award programs. Adjudicators also select a handful of the regions most impressive theatrically involved individuals to display their own personal talents in competitions like the Irene Ryan. Each year, Alfred University's performances turn out a number of these candidates, who always represent our school phenomenally in the festival at the Kennedy Center, but his is the first time in years that Alfred has produced a show that

was invited to perform...and we were going.

The cast and crew spent the last portion of winter break working on the show, character analysis, and scene builds, while also recon-



structing the set, lighting plan, and blocking to accommodate a completely different setting. We would be packing up the entire show in U-Hauls, car and trucks and moving it to theater in New Paltz, where the cast, crew and some amazing Irene Ryan candidates would

have two and a half hours to erect it before our opening.

After an intense amount of work and rehearsal, we laid down what were unarguably our two best performances of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* ever. In one day, we unloaded it all back into the trucks. We were able to relax after all was done, and spent the remainder of the week watching some of the years finest shows in our region, and attending a variety of fabulous workshops. We were also given the privilege of a response session where we received feedback on our performance as individual actors and as a collective cast. The reactions were overwhelmingly positive and I know that I practically floated out of the door when we left. I think we were all amazed at the leaps we'd taken since our performances in November; the show had grown immensely into something that we were all very proud of.

Our next few days at the festival were bursting with praise. Little ole' Alfred's cast of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* had become celebrities at the Kennedy Center. We were constantly being commended and approached with congratulations. We felt like a bunch of little Brad Pitts when we walked through the campus all abuzz with "cat talk." All the exhausting work and sleepless nights were worth it... what an honor, and what an amazing experience. ☐

World News

Undersea quake rocks eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) -- A magnitude-7.7 undersea earthquake rocked eastern Indonesia early Saturday, the U.S. Geological Survey said. There was no danger of a tsunami, and no injuries were reported.

The earthquake occurred in the Banda Sea about 120 miles south of Ambon city, the USGS said.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said no destructive tsunami threat existed.

Amran, an official at Indonesia's meteorological agency in the capital, Jakarta, said there were no immediate reports of damages or injuries. Like many Indonesians, he goes by only one name.

The Internet news portal Detik.com reported from Ambon that people fled their houses in panic when the earthquake, which lasted about two minutes, struck.

Ambon is about 1,600 miles east of Jakarta.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, is prone to seismic upheaval because of its location atop a volcanically active region known as the Pacific "Ring of Fire."

A December 26, 2004, earthquake of magnitude 9 off the Indonesian coast generated a tsunami that left at least 216,000 people dead or missing and nearly 2 million homeless in 11 countries.

The true toll will probably never be known -- many bodies were lost at sea and in some cases the populations of some places struck were not accurately known.

Three months later, another strong tremor killed more than 900 on Nias and smaller surrounding islands in western Indonesia.

U.N. fortifies for fresh violence in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (Reuters) -- The U.N. mission in Ivory Coast reinforced walls around its main base on Friday after it was attacked by rioters last week, and France warned citizens in its former colony there could be more unrest in the coming days.

The U.N. Security Council has said it is ready to impose long-delayed sanctions against people seen as obstructing Ivory Coast's peace process.

Diplomats say Charles Ble Goude, leader of the Young Patriots group loyal to President Laurent Gbagbo behind last week's riots, was likely to top the list of sanctions targets.

There are fears his organization, which can put thousands of supporters onto the streets in a few hours, could cause further mayhem. The Young Patriots accuse France and the U.N. of being too soft on rebels holding the north of the country.

Pro-Gbagbo youth leaders have threatened more violence if U.N. sanctions are imposed.

Last week's rioting broke out when Gbagbo supporters accused foreign mediators of meddling in Ivory Coast by backing a U.N. peace plan to reunite the country and hold elections this year. Hundreds of youths hurled petrol bombs and tried to break into the U.N. mission in Abidjan.

Workers on Friday strengthened a damaged perimeter wall outside the U.N. mission's headquarters with bulky wire-covered sand bags.

At least four protesters were shot dead by U.N. troops in separate violence in the west of the country last week. U.N. peacekeepers evacuated from four bases in the western region near Liberia.

The French consulate in Abidjan warned its citizens against travelling to or remaining in the West African state in anticipation of more violence.

"Those who continue to reside in Ivory Coast must be conscious of the risks they are taking and prepare for a crisis situation," said a security bulletin e-mailed on Friday by the consulate.

American diplomats in Abidjan and the British embassy in Ghana, which covers Ivory Coast following closure of Britain's Abidjan mission after 2004 riots, also warned this week that there could be more trouble in the days ahead.

"There is a possibility that (the announcement of sanctions) could spark further demonstrations," read a note from the U.S. embassy to citizens in which it advised stocking up with adequate supplies of food and water in case of unrest.

The U.N. mission in the West African state, divided into government and rebel zones since a brief civil war in 2002, pulled nearly 400 civilian staff out of the country this week as mission chief Pierre Schori said the situation remained tense.

Iran to provide emergency gas to Georgia

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) -- Georgia President Mikhail Saakashvili said Friday that Iran had agreed to start providing emergency gas supplies to his country as early as Sunday, signaling an end to a double-pronged energy crisis that has cut gas and electricity supplies while the country suffers an extreme cold snap.

Russia, meanwhile, was close to completing repairs that would allow it to resume gas deliveries later Friday, an official said.

The capital Tbilisi's electric utility was providing 110 megawatts of electricity, while Azerbaijan was sending in 50 megawatts, Turkey 60 megawatts and Russia 65 megawatts. Still, Georgia needed some 600 megawatts more to ensure a normal electricity supply, the Georgian State Electric System said.

Saakashvili cut short his trip to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday to try and assuage anxiety that sent residents into long lines to fill kerosene canisters for portable heaters and some even to chop down branches and trees in the capital to fuel stoves.

Saakashvili told his Cabinet that Iran had agreed to supply Georgia with gas via Azerbaijan beginning Sunday or at the latest, Monday.

"The amount will be enough to restore electric and gas supplies," he said.

"Thus we will create a good mechanism of alternative gas sources," Saakashvili said. "And Russia should be aware of this."

He said that Iran's price was "acceptable for Georgia," but declined to reveal the amount, saying only that it was lower than Georgian media had reported. There have been media reports that Iran was asking \$120 (98 euros) per 1,000 cubic meters -- higher than the \$110 (90 euros) Russia is currently charging.

The 1991 Soviet collapse, and several years of civil war in the early 1990s, left much of Georgia's energy infrastructure decrepit and in desperate need of repairs, forcing many to rely on generators and wood- and gas-fired heaters and stoves.

In recent years, the situation had stabilized with fewer outages and Saakashvili, who came to power on the wave of the 2003 Rose Revolution, had restored optimism for many Georgians.

Over the weekend, however, an explosion on a major gas pipeline that runs through the Russian border region of North Ossetia cut supplies to many Georgian regions. Russian authorities blamed the blasts on saboteurs.

The misery worsened early Thursday when a fierce windstorm in western Georgia ruptured power lines leading from the Inguri hydroelectric station to eastern regions, leaving about 3 million people in the dark, Deputy Energy Minister Alexander Khetaguri said.

Then, a gas-powered unit of a Tbilisi power station shut down because of malfunctions, leaving most of Tbilisi's 1.5 million residents -- a third of the country's population -- to scrounge for other heating options as a heavy snow fell and daytime temperatures fell to -8 C (17.6 F).

Saakashvili has complained about the slow pace of repairs to the Russian pipeline and hinted that Russia was deliberately stalling to punish the country and its pro-Western policies of recent years -- suspicions shared by many Georgians.

"It's an attempt to roll back democratic changes in the country," he said.

Russian officials have rejected the allegations, and said the repairs are close to completion. Vladimir Gerasin, an official in the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry's southern headquarters in Rostov-on-Don, said the pipeline was tentatively scheduled to resume supplies to Georgia on Jan. 27 by 6 p.m. □

Miss Independent breaks away with another hit CD

MICHELLE CLARK
CO-FEATURES EDITOR

Whether she is recognized as the first American Idol or a refurbished American Woman, Kelly Clarkson has shown the music industry, as well as the world, that she isn't afraid to break away from traditional pop music.

Clarkson's sophomore album, *Breakaway*, has overwhelmed the charts, exiting 2005 seated #3 for best selling CDs.

There is no question as to why. With her extreme vocals, she is able to serenade her listeners, who range anywhere from admiring 5-year-olds to mature seniors. She is able to reach a vast range of persons with her lyrics, each and every line belted out with extraordinary emotion.

The instrumental usage makes it almost impossible to sit still, with toes tapping and heads bobbing. Let's not forget the image and relation behind every one of her songs; she was the first American Idol.

Clarkson took on the stage in 2002, automatically taking the likings of the crowd, as well as viewers. Almost instantaneously, she became an international success. Her debut CD, *Thankful*, including number one hits such as "Miss Independent" and "Before Your Love" soared to the top.

Her music was alongside of Madonna and 50 Cent.

Now the 23-year-old icon has created quite the life for herself, highlighted by her latest CD, *Breakaway*. This album has earned her two Grammy nominations; Best Female Pop Vocal Performance - "Since U Been Gone" and Best Pop Vocal Album - *Breakaway*. She was also nominated for three Billboard Music Awards; Artist of the Year, Hot 100 Song of the Year and Digital Song of the Year.

The flirtatious, yet edgy album makes it nearly impossible not to like. The first song on this album, "Breakaway," may begin rather slowly, but it surmounts monotony roughly thirty seconds into the song. The distinct background music, which accompanies her breathtaking lyrics, exemplifies her masterpiece; "I'll spread my wings and learn how to fly, I'll do what it takes till I touch the sky, Make a wish, Take a chance and breakaway."

The second song on the album, "Since U Been Gone," starts out with a simple beat and a soft tone from Clarkson. That all changes about forty-five seconds into the song, when she belts out with all her power "But since u been gone, I can breath for the first time, I am so movin' on, yeah yeah, thanks to you, now I get, I get

what I want". Thank god someone finally made a refreshing song about a nasty breakup!

The third and final song to mention is "Behind These Hazel Eyes," begins rather smoothly with slight undertones of edge. This song is one that a majority of women can relate to. Her lyrics highlight feelings of another hurtful relationship, yet instead of drowning in tears and ice cream, she holds it all in and poses as

miss independent. "Here I am, once again, I'm torn into piece, can't deny it, can't pretend, Just thought you were the one, Broken up, deep inside, But you won't get to see the tears I cry, Behind these hazel eyes".

This CD isn't your average chick album. It is enjoyable for both sexes, due to the beats, the messages and the incredible power behind each story she tells through her voice. It is a must-buy and must-listen choice. □

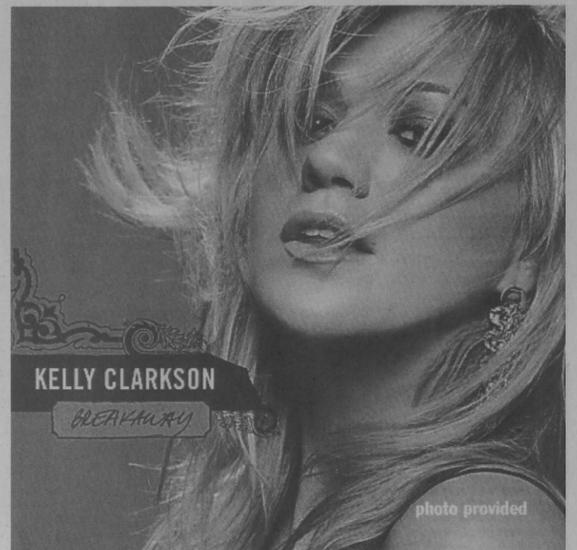


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Life after Alfred: Success comes with patience and determination

Name: Benjamin Lee

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Current Title: Associate National Account Manager

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City of Residence: Hoboken, NJ

In the wee hours of a late night during the twilight of my senior year at Alfred, Kyle Torok leaned through a burning-Parliament haze that hovered over a bumper pool table and blatantly lied to me, "Dude, it is going to be cake getting a job once we graduate. Cake!" His Cheshire-cat grin still haunts my memory.

It was just the class of 2002's luck that we graduated into one of the most depressed economies and job markets since the Reagan administration and trickle down economics. Gone were the days of meal plans, mugs of beer for \$1.75, room and board paid up front by nurturing parents and free high-speed internet access. Suddenly, all of these things cost real money. My money! And Sallie Mae wanted all of it. I needed a job...stat.

As Johnny Soprano said in Episode 29 of *The Sopranos*, "Let it be a lesson to you. A man honors his debts." I think Sallie Mae, that black angel of financial oppression and college debt, is Johnny Soprano's wife.

For the next six months, I inundated and terrorized Manhattan mail rooms and in-boxes with Crane's 100% Cotton EcruWhite 32lb. resume paper from my childhood bedroom in New Jersey (Yes, I was living at home with my parents). Trees everywhere plotted my demise.

Determined to make a break into publishing, I called, wrote, and e-mailed every small and large publisher, literary agency, and university press in the city. However, as the months dragged on, I was met with more and more regrettable responses about "hiring freezes" and "downsizing." My hopes and determination began to wane. The McInerneyan-Bright Lights, Big City days of publishing were over, and jobs were few and far between.

Finally, in November of 2002, I landed a job as a Marketing Coordinator with the Information Group division of Random House, Inc. with a little help from some acquaintances and a few contacts I made at an Alfred University CDC Alumni Networking Night in New York. Much to the delight of my par-

ents, my newly-gained employment allowed me to move out of the house to Hoboken with my girlfriend, which my college roommate Matt Redente aptly describes as "living in sin." In my parent's words, "effectively downsizing the weekly grocery bill by 75%, and making room for an office in the now 'spare' room." The joke was ultimately on them though. My younger brother recently graduated from the Roy Park School of Communications at Ithaca College as a film and photography major, and, in his unemployment, has worked hard to grow the weekly grocery bill back to 2002 standards.

Today, I am an Associate National Account Manager for Club sales with Random House. I sell eight of Random House's many publishing imprints to BJ's, Costco, Sam's Club and the various distributors that supply those national chains with books. The perks are great. I travel three times a year to each of the following destinations: San Diego, Seattle, Florida, Arkansas and Boston. I have met Elie Wiesel, Jane Fonda, Carl Hiaasen, Senator John McCain, Mo Rocca, Johnny Damon, Giada De Laurentiis, Brett Easton Ellis and former President Bill Clinton. I have worked with the editors and publishers of giants like John Updike, Toni Morrison, Gabriel Garcia Márquez, Norman Mailer, Joan Didion and John Irving. Best of all, I get to work with books and people who love to read.

Understand that it is not my intent to scare the future-work-force of America reading this profile about job prospects post-graduation. Rather, I hope you are able to take away a few small tips and hints. One: Alfred gave you all the tools you need to get a job, and all you need is a little patience, persistence, and determination. You will find a job. Two: Pay Sallie Mae promptly and in full, or she will descend upon you like a vampiric collections agent trying to fulfill a monthly quota. And finally...Three: Kathy Woughter, Mark McFadden, and the rest of the CDC are an invaluable resource that can really advance your career opportunities, BUT...never, ever trust what Internship Coordinator Kyle Torok has to say. The guy used to kidnap garden gnomes for fun, and thinks Chuck Taylor All-Stars are dress shoes.

Author's note: The author of this profile pokes fun at Kyle Torok purely in jest, and as a friend and peer, in fact, has every confidence in his abilities as Internship Coordinator at the Alfred University CDC where he coordinates internships. □

Young Adult Fiction explodes with *Abarat*

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STAFF WRITER

Over the past few years the world of young adult fiction has exploded. It seems that the general public finally realizes that the genre has a lot to offer people of all ages.

Clive Barker's *Abarat* is no exception. The book took off from the gate and has been picking up speed ever since. This holiday season there was a resurgence of the book's popularity when it's sequel *Abarat: Days of Magic, Nights of War* was released.

Abarat is a unique mix between *Alice in Wonderland*, *Harry Potter* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The first book of the *Abarat* introduces Candy Quackenbush, a young girl from a small town in Minnesota. Everything about her life is bland until a strange twist of fate, (and an ocean in the middle of Minnesota) carries her off to the magical world of the *Abarat*. Candy finds herself immersed in a macabre and sometimes grotesque world full of strange places and unusual people. It is a world unlike anything she had ever imagined. Through her journey Candy learns the history and the secrets of this foreign, yet familiar land. The deeper she descends into the *Abarat*, the more at home she feels.

The *Abarat* is not simply a world of enchantment and wonder, it is also full of mystery and secrets left unexplored. Barker's vivid imagination shines through not just in his storytelling, but also in the 100 plus pieces of his own original artwork intricately weaved through the book's pages.

My biggest gripe with the book is that, although Candy's character is said to hold a rare charm, I found her to be somewhat flat. I still have the hope

that she will evolve throughout the series, and grow into her own. Many of Barker's other characters make up for what Candy lacks. Most of the inhabit-



ants of *Abarat* have complex and multifaceted lives. Their pasts are murky and their futures are unsure. The arrival of Candy to the *Abarat* breathes new hope into an otherwise unstable world.

Although Barker explores the age-old good vs. evil plot line, the story does not come off as a cliché. The world that Candy finds herself in is so far from black and white that simple good vs. evil would not

do it justice. Barker allows his characters to explore both the daylight and the night. The *Abarat* holds no certainties; excitement and danger lie ahead and I cannot wait to jump right in.

Clive Barker is best known for his work on horror movies such as *Hellraiser* and *Candyman*. Less well-known is Barker's fame as an adult horror novelist. Although one might have reason to question Barker's latest venture into the world of young adult fiction due to his seemingly dark background, his transition is in fact seamless.

Barker's plans for the world of the *Abarat* are anything but humble. *Abarat* and *Abarat: Days of Magic, Nights of War* are just the first two of what Barker says will eventually be part of a quartet. Although Barker's final vision of the *Abarat* is not yet fully realized, arrangements are already in motion. Unusually, Barker sold the movie and theme park rights of *Abarat* to the Walt Disney Company for \$8 million dollars... before Barker even began writing the first novel in the series. Barker pitched hundreds of his own paintings to Disney executives showcasing all of *Abarat*'s major characters. After explaining the plot, Disney was eager to make a deal.

Screenwriter John Harrison is currently in the process of adapting the book into a movie that Disney hopes will be in theaters by the summer of 2007. It is rumored that the creation of an *Abarat* theme park attraction will depend on the success of the movies.

Whatever the outcome of Barker's *Abarat*, the first two books in the series stand out as a major accomplishment. They are beautifully written and full of magic and adventure for not just the young, but the young at heart as well. □

AU makes major headlines in Rochester

Alfred University made front page news in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle Jan. 25 for taking part in a national survey tackling sexual harassment on college campuses.

Among 11 schools nationwide,

AU surveyed students about the frequency of harassment in hopes to minimize this issue.

According to findings by the American Association of University Women, results of their survey found that almost three-quarters

of students have been involved in some form of sexual harassment and that men and women are equally likely to be harassed. However, only 7 percent of those harassed actually report the assaults.

These findings and the national

coverage will help in making students aware that sexual harassment is a serious issue that needs to be dealt with on college campuses. □

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1. Confuse
 6. Portrayed a role
 11. Third person singular female
 14. A native American tribe
 15. Increase in salary
 16. Possesses
 17. Extension
 19. Picnic insect
 20. Breed of duck
 21. Snow hut
 23. Rectangular
 27. Titillating
 28. Timid
 32. Tall woody plants
 33. Poems of heroism
 34. Automobile
 37. They come from chickens
 38. Car accident
 39. A type of gambling card game
 40. Born
 41. African country
 42. Pinfish
 43. Tawdrily attractive
 45. Fable
 48. Fired from a gun
 49. Pertaining to modern day Persia
 50. Financial examination
 53. Bash
 54. Pertaining to the Earth
 60. East southeast
 61. Flexible tubes
 62. Big
 63. Guided
 64. Move stealthily
 65. Bowel cleansing

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- DOWN**
 1. American Sign Language
 2. Perish
 3. Hawaiian crooner ___ Ho
 4. Carry
 5. Expanses
 6. Dry
 7. Walking stick
 8. Level
 9. S
 10. Wants
 11. Should or must (archaic)
 12. City in Viet Nam
 13. Sword
 18. Lofty level
 22. The Creator
 23. Frequently
 24. A flat-bottomed boat
 25. Vassal
 26. I I I I
 27. Engrave
 29. Strange or spooky
 30. Separate from the rest
 31. The front part of a stair
 34. A Christmas song
 35. Contend
 36. Perch
 38. One of 52 in a deck
 39. Flunk
 41. Highest points
 42. Scurry
 43. Adult males
 44. Wading bird
 45. Slander
 46. Jagged
 47. Gawked
 50. Backside
 51. Fertilizer ingredient
 52. Writing table
 55. Long period of time
 56. Hurried away on foot
 57. Anger
 58. Annual General Meeting
 59. Meadow

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Word Search

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extensive	brew	technical
open	important	claws
annexed	roof	major
found	capture	textile
pass	industrial	crown
bear	steel	mammal
hall	cathedral	thick
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border	tear	many
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Fiat Lux Word Jumble

Each scrambled word is representative of an Alfred University campus building. Let's see if you can unscramble them!

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about where he got his work from and what drove him to portray the characters that he did. President of the Student Activities Board Zoe Chin said that "Orman's performance wasn't what I expected but it was extremely powerful and captivating." Orman answered by explaining how moved he was when he saw the original performance. He wanted to

recreate the passion that he saw. He was impressed by the ability to bring the audience to tears one moment and making them cry the next. Orman wanted to recreate that for his audiences. At the end of his performance Orman received to rounds of applause before he returned on stage for questions. Toward the end of the question and answer session the audience asked about Orman's experience with Sesame Street. Orman said only good things about the show and the people that he worked with. He credited the show with being one of the few shows that valued education over entertainment.

"Every season is a curriculum, there is a cohesive plan that is geared toward teaching children, then we try to entertain," Orman said. He also noted that if it weren't for Sesame Street, he probably wouldn't be able to have the creative freedom to work on other projects. "Sesame street has been my steady source of income," he said. The morning after he performed, Orman flew to New Jersey to begin rehearsing "Step N' Fetch." The play incorporates many of the scenes that he performed in Holmes Auditorium. Orman plans to continue acting and playing Gordon on Sesame Street for years to come. ©

Daily Horoscopes

Courtesy of astrology.com

TESS CODDINGTON
A&E EDITOR

Aries March 21-April 19

That new, interesting person you've been told to expect shortly? How does today sound? Good? Great. Now, for the preparations: First, drag everything you haven't worn in forever out of your closet -- because you haven't been in the mood to wear something different -- and choose something. You're fishing for interesting, right? So dress interestingly. It's not like you're not brave enough to pull it off -- that's for sure. Next, last and most importantly: Be prepared for a 'coincidental' meeting.

Taurus April 20-May 20

On the one hand, you're totally engrossed in your work -- for totally professional reasons. On the other hand, there's a certain authority figure that's been on your mind lately, for totally unprofessional reasons. Well, now. Isn't this interesting? There's only one thing to do: your job. Do it well, and do it thoroughly. And if you really have to ask an awful lot of extremely detailed questions every four or five minutes, just to make sure you're doing everything exactly right, of course -- well, hey, that's just the way it is.

Gemini May 21-June 21

Sitting still has always been a challenge for you. But at the moment, it's going to be darned near impossible. Why fight it? You need a change of scenery, it's cold outside and there's someone you'd like to spend some time with. Some well-earned time. Whether it's a friend you need to catch up with, a sweetheart you need some quality time alone with, or a group of family members you know you can pull together, just do it. Get the show on the road.

Cancer June 22- July 22

Intimacy is the name of the game now -- and you, of course, being the emotional, sensitive creature that you are -- won't mind a bit. Since you're so good at spoiling the ones you love, there's an excellent chance that you won't hear any arguments when you suggest to a certain someone that you two start the weekend early -- especially since they've probably been waiting for you to wake up and make your move for some time now.

Leo July 23- August 22

Here's the deal. The way the heavens are arranged at the moment can mean only one of two things for you: an existing relationship will become far more intimate or a new relationship will take off like a speeding bullet, aimed directly at both your hearts -- and libidos. Either way, you'll have to excuse the rest of the world if we're not sympathetic about you having to reschedule that shopping trip. Gosh. Tough to be you, huh?

Virgo August 23- September 22

You have a policy -- a personal rule -- about dating coworkers. You tend to avoid it. Period. There are times, however, in the life of every rule, when exceptions need to be made -- and one of those exceptions recently walked by. While you were trying to concentrate on your job, too. Well, first of all, everyone knows that rules were made to be broken. And wouldn't it be nice to have an easy conversation icebreaker on tap, once you actually sit down to lunch? Or dinner? Or drinks at your place? Sure it would.

Libra September 23 - October 22

This is just one of those days -- when it's good to be a Libra, no matter how you shake it. That will go double if the person you've spent so much time thinking about -- okay, and planning, scheming and timing things just right to bump into them -- if they happen to be cooperative and clever enough to pick up on those signals and show up when they're supposed to. Bet they will.

Scorpio October 23- November 21

Romance, extravagance, and nothing but the best -- especially when it comes to seducing a certain someone like they've never been seduced before. That's your mission, and no one needs to ask you if you're willing to accept it. You've been carrying on this behind-the-scenes infatuation for far too long, anyway. It's time to get this show on the road.

Sagittarius November 22- December 21

Words have always been your specialty -- but today's astrological additives will actually intensify your already enviable talents in that department. If you have an apology to accept or deliver, an emotion you just can't keep inside any longer, or something you've been waiting to say until the moment was right -- well, clear your throat. The moment is officially, astrologically right. It couldn't be any better if you'd set it up yourself.

Capricorn December 22- January 19

Here we go again! You're in the mood to shop, big time, and to buy whatever it is that you're absolutely sure no one else has -- or, at the very least, no one you know. Before you whip out that plastic, though, think about this one thing: If you really want to be different, why not put your credit cards and your checkbook away and redo something you own -- in your very own way. Invest in some paint and a couple of stencils. You might end up with a profitable part-time business.

Aquarius January 20-February 18

All those rumors about your sign being cold, aloof and detached? Untrue. Totally untrue. The stuff about you being objective, impartial and incapable of prejudice? Absolutely true. You're about to prove all that and more -- to anyone who's willing to listen, and even to some who won't be. You're in the mood for romance, and while your style of wooing doesn't usually involve a Hallmark card or a dozen roses, whoever you're working your magic on won't soon forget it.

Pisces February 19-March 20

It's fine astrological weather to be a Pisces -- but no one has to tell you that, do they? Your dearest of dears have confided in you, and you've shared your own secrets with them, too. It's not the intrigue that has you so mesmerized -- not exactly. (Although, honestly, that does appeal to you.) More than anything, what you're so enjoying is the intimacy you've allowed yourself to give and to receive -- and the warmth of those post-conversation hugs aren't too hard to take, either.

Weird News

Courtesy of theonion.com

Sharon's Neurotransmitters Reach Cease-Fire Agreement
JERUSALEM—After more than 77 years under constant fire, the neurotransmitters of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's brain could be nearing a truce. "These endless, often senseless patterns of never-ending discharge must come to an end," a spokesman for Sharon's neurostructure told reporters. "Activity has already slowed considerably since the violent blood-clot explosion in his brain earlier this month. We expect a total cessation of cranial nerve firings within two weeks." Observers are unsure whether the cease-fire will bring peace to Sharon's war-torn cranial region, but they remain guardedly optimistic.

Ghost Of Brando Urges Man To Finish Whole Cheesecake
MASON CITY, IA—The ghostly shade of Marlon Brando appeared before Carl Wilkins Sunday to urge the 36-year-old auto-body technician to devour an entire two-pound cheesecake. "He was really intense, rubbing his head and jutting out his jaw and saying, over and over, 'Finish it off,'" said a slightly shaken and dyspeptic Wilkins. "I'd forgotten how good Brando could be." After Wilkins swallowed his last bite, the apparition smiled with an orange slice in its mouth and disappeared.

Man's Relationship Advice Same As His Hunting Tips
VERONA, WI—Friends report that HVAC installer Kirk Pulver has markedly similar advice on both relationships and deer hunting. "You have to dress either to blend in with the scenery or to stand out from it, depending on the situation, but either way, you want to disguise your scent," said Pulver to friends at a local tavern. "You have to find out where they eat, where they sleep, where they pee, and when they're most likely to be off guard. Then, when you've got a clear look at their rack and you're sure they're legal, bam! You take 'em." Pulver's associates noted that he has not bagged a deer or a woman in six years.

Craigslist Apartment Listing Uses Record 354 Exclamation Points
SAN FRANCISCO—A Craigslist advertisement for a two-bedroom apartment in San Francisco's Castro district has set an all-time Internet record for exclamation-point usage with 354, the Bureau Of Statistics reported Tuesday. "The 28 exclamation points following the lead phrase, 'MUST SEE,' were excessive, but not record-breaking," said BOS statistician Randall Carrey. "But within the ad itself, the word 'nice' is in all caps and followed by 354 marks. Quite extraordinary." The previous online record, 312, was set in a 2003 eBay listing for Camaro parts.

Christian Juggler Regrets Years Wasted As Secular Juggler
TUPELO, MS—Born-again Christian juggler Jesse Lindall, 44, said Tuesday he regrets his secular past. "Kids are trying to juggle friends and school, so it can be overwhelming when Satan throws them a temptation—ho!" Lindall said as he added a flaming torch to a circle of juggling pins. "I used to juggle for kicks and some spare change, but now I'm doing it to spread Christ's Word to young people. I only wish I would've used my juggling for a greater purpose years ago. Ho!" Lindall said he is working on a new bit that involves juggling multiplying loaves of bread and fish.

More Companies Phasing Out Retirement Option
NEW YORK—With pension funds dwindling as retirees enjoy longer, more capable lives, many businesses have opted to freeze their workers' employment status and keep them on the job through their sunset years. "Under the new approach, our employees gain the advantage of lifelong job security," Hewlett-Packard CEO and president Mark Hurd said. "Even though our workers will no longer be able to collect a pension, they will receive checks as long as they are able to be wheeled into work and punch the clock." Hewlett-Packard, Verizon, and IBM are just a few of the Fortune 500 companies that are phasing out the retirement option in favor of "indefinite-employment" plans, under which thousands of qualified workers will continue to earn yearly stipends in exchange for work. "To the list of outmoded and costly business practices such as health insurance, overtime pay, and lunch breaks, add age-based quitting," corporate management consultant Robert Hoggood said. "Post-retirement-age labor is great for companies, and it's a great way for seniors to stay active." American companies are following the model set by General Electric, which in the 1970s began requiring departing employees to give 45 years' notice.

Although the paradigm shift is highly admired among cost-conscious managers in the business world, employees question its practicality. "I don't need to support my family anymore," said 93-year-old Alfred Nuzzo, who has worked as a products inspector for GE's small-appliance division for 68 years. "I have a dead wife and three dead kids." Multitasking while dying on the job can take its toll. GE customer-service representative Esther Fischbeck, 88, is juggling career, widowhood, and early-stage Alzheimer's disease.

"What is this?" said Fischbeck, clawing at her phone headset. "When do I go home?" Responding to critics who say that phasing out retirement shows a lack of concern for workers, IBM CEO Samuel Palmisano argued that if companies didn't care about their elderly employees, they would not keep them on the payroll. "We frequently honor their birthdays with celebrations, and our going-away parties are always respectful and appropriately somber affairs," Palmisano said. "IBM is like a family—you don't leave a family."

Lawrence Babbio Jr., president of Verizon, defended his company's newly enacted non-retirement plan. "We believe in our workers," Babbio said. "Everyone is valuable and has something to offer, and we're not going to phase them out just because they only have a few years left to live. Even vegetative employees can serve the company by donating valuable, hard-to-find organs to our younger executives. And our comatose employees are very useful as product testers." Saying that an older person in a wheelchair "shouldn't be pushed into a corner, but in front of a desk," Hewlett-Packard's Hurd said lifetime employment will make his company more inclusive.

"There's a place at our organization for everyone—the young, the old, the mentally incapacitated, the moribund," Hurd said. "All we ask of them is to work a regular 40-hour shift and honor our 'no mercy killing' policy." He added, "We pride ourselves on the fact that, even after death, our employees can continue to contribute to the company's growth. In an uncertain world, we offer real job security—from training to the grave." ☐

NHL is back, fans still not interested

Quick question kids, name 5 players in the National Hockey League from any time period.

Here, I'll help you out, Wayne Gretzky. There's one. Only four more to go. Ok fine, you can use him twice. You may have heard of Mario Lemieux, so there's three. Anybody else? No? Jeez, ok, Gordie Howe, Bobby Orr. There's your five - er, four. Whatever!

But the point has been made. The NHL has a severe problem generating interest among casual sports fans (i.e. people who only care when their team is in the playoffs, people who wear Yankees hats, etc.). Even after a year-long lockout, in which the sport basically disappeared from the dimming spotlight for an entire season, the interest in the sport has really only been retained by the diehards.

There have been several rule changes added to the league this season, the most notable of which involves ending tie games with a shootout. But attendance in most clubs has not improved. The average amount of home games played for a team this season so far is just over 19. Average attendance of home games in 2005-06, 16,812. Average attendance for a home game in 2003-04, the last time NHL was in session: 16,533. So over the course of a full year, when the NHL and the Players Association were fighting about a salary cap, hockey returned with a blaze of glory and attracted a grand total of...279 more people per game? Is it really that successful a comeback?

My answer is no, and here are three reasons why:

1) Too many franchises in too many odd places

Ask a hockey fan to name the Original Six, and they'll fire out the answer like a machine gun. Ask that same fan why Columbus, Ohio has

a hockey team, and they're deathly silent. I'm not ragging on people from Columbus, but wouldn't you agree it's kind of an odd place to have a team?

Joining Columbus (who by the way are currently 16-29-2 and sitting one spot above last place in the Western Conference) in the Circle of Incredulity is Nashville. The Predators have only been around since '98, have posted only one winning season (not including their little burst of wins this year), have had only four players in the All-Star Game (which by the way isn't even happening this season) and lifetime are 183-235-60-21. Up until this year, they were devoid of any "superstars," with the one exception being left wing Paul Kariya. I'll wait until the crickets stop and then continue.

Other places that seem just a tad ridiculous for a hockey team include Florida (where the Panthers are currently 18-23-7), Anaheim (I've never EVER taken the Mighty Ducks seriously, even when they were fighting for the Cup a few years ago), and Phoenix (the Coyotes biggest claim to fame is that Gretzky is their head coach and they used to be the Winnipeg Jets). Call it the Cold Weather Bias. Speaking of which...

2) Too many franchises north of the border

Call me an insensitive American patriot, but I still think it's funny that MLB's Toronto Blue Jays play in the American League. It's not lost on me that one of the worst basketball teams around today is the Toronto Raptors (13-26). But I still consider MLB and the NBA to be American businesses.

So imagine my feeling when I look at the team list for the NHL and see that there are not one, not two, but six franchises that call Canada home. I know there's a great deal of history rooted in the Montreal Canadiens. And I know that if Edmonton didn't have the Oilers and their five championships, the city would literally disappear into the earth. But really, would you care if one of these six took home Lord Stanley's Cup this year? As it stands now, if the playoffs started tomorrow, five of those teams would make the cut.

How is the average fan supposed to care what goes on in the Great White North? Here's a scenario for you: It's June. Stanley Cup Finals. Calgary vs. Ottawa. Let's say Calgary sweeps the Canucks in four games. It's one of the most boring Cup victories in recent memory. Do you really care who hoists the ultimate prize over their collective heads? Nope, you flip the channel to watch Celebrity Poker. And the situation I'm describing is not beyond belief. No offense to our Canadian brethren, but us ignorant Americans usually are only concerned about what happens in the lower 48.

3) The Kid needs to get into a different picture

Even if you've called a cave home for the last year, you've probably still heard of Sidney Crosby. He's the 18-year-old Canadian phenom who was taken as the #1 pick overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins. He was the Chosen One that was going to Save Hockey. Everybody is talking about this kid. Pittsburgh, ranked in 2004 as having the lowest attendance of all hockey teams, has jumped from 30 to 18 since #87 joined the squad. Crosby is ranked 13 in the league in



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Women's basketball, searching for win

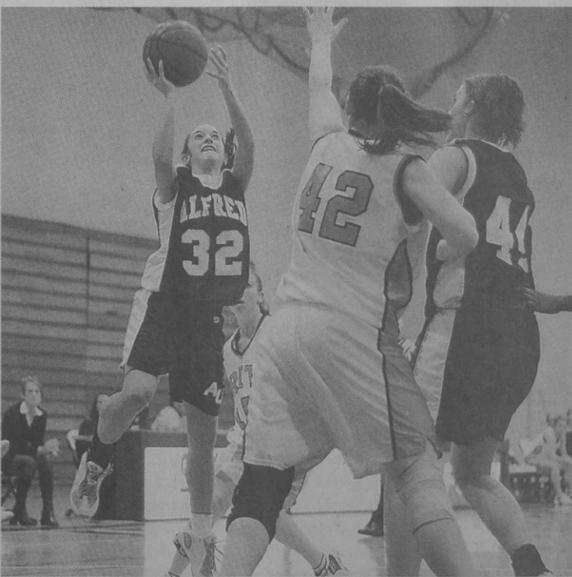


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The Alfred University Women's basketball team has struggled as of late, losing seven games in a row going into the Ithaca-Elmira weekend. The team is 4-12 on the season and 0-5 in the Empire 8 Conference. However, they do have convincing wins over Hilbert

College, Houghton College and Connecticut College, as part of the Russell Sage Tournament. They also defeated Potsdam 57-52. The team has been struggling shooting the ball this season as they are only shooting 33 percent from the floor and 20 percent

from 3-point land (30-146). They are also averaging 24 turnovers a game. Kyleene Knoll is the only Saxon averaging double-figure scoring (10.7 ppg). Megan Coddington is right behind her averaging 9.8 ppg.



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going through their head before a game? It's not hey, I want to do the best for my team, it's hey, I'm going to get mine so I look like Kobe. Instead of kids looking at a player like Steve Nash who has an impact on the players around him, they are looking at Kobe and thinking they have to take every shot because the players around them are trash.

The only good thing that came out of Kobe's 81 was that the Lakers won the game. I wouldn't read anymore into it because it's a downward spiral from here.

Plus, we all know that Kobe most likely didn't have as much fun celebrating his 81 than Wilt had when he scored 100, only our imagination can fill in the blank. I guess you just have to know Wilt. Anyways, Kobe probably didn't want to get himself in anymore trouble with his wife. ☐

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AU Sports

Defense and unity hopes to get AU into postseason

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The Alfred University men's basketball team has hit a bit of a speed-bump since coming back from winter break. The Saxons have gone just 2-6, losing to Denison University, Case Western

Reserve, Utica College, Nazareth College, R.I.T. and St. John Fisher College, while beating Hartwick College and Penn State-Dubois.

Despite hitting a rough spot in the schedule, the team still feels they can obtain their preseason goals of making the Empire 8 tournament, as well as the ECAC tour-

namment and ultimately the NCAA tournament.

"We feel that we can definitely still make the conference tournament," said Head Coach Jay Murphy. "We still have to play all the teams that are ahead of us in the standings, so hopefully we can gain some ground there."

All of the remaining games are against Empire 8 conference opponents, giving the team plenty of opportunities to get back in the hunt and finishing as one of the top four teams in the conference and earning a spot in the conference tournament.

The coaching staff, as well as the players, feel there are several areas of the game they need to improve on in order to get back on track as the season winds down. Over the last eight games the team is allowing 77 points per game and has been outscored 616 to 59.

"We need to play better as a team on defense, get more focused and have more intensity from the guys on the court and the guys on the bench," said assistant coach Scott Cooper.

There have been several other causes for the recent slump the team has been in, chemistry being one of them.

"We haven't been playing together as of late. I don't know if it's from the slight lay-off from break or what," said sophomore guard Garlen Patt. "We're only playing parts of games too, we

haven't been able to put together a complete game lately," he later added.

Coach Murphy has been using several different factors to motivate his team. He has told his team to play with a sense of urgency, seize the opportunity and just take it one game at a time. Murphy reinforces to his players that their season is not over yet, especially because all their remaining games are against conference opponents.

The team has played well offensively throughout the season, averaging about 75 points per game since winter break. They have five players averaging double-digits in scoring, Dillon Stein leading the team with 14.8 points per game. The other four players averaging double-digits are Quentin Bryant (14.6 ppg), Rob McCarter (11.9 ppg), Ryan Hallett (11.6 ppg) and Todd Dersham (11.4 ppg).

Bryant has played in just eight games this season, missing the first eight games due to NCAA All-Bryant was a 2005 first team All-Empire 8 conference selection, so getting him back adds depth to the Saxons backcourt.

"Quentin has exceptional talent and skills, we just have to get him back into the flow of the game and get him used to playing with these guys again," said Murphy. "He is also about two months behind the rest of the team in terms of practice time so we just have to get him back to the basics until some



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Senior guard Quentin Bryant shows his finesse as he looks to score.

of the rust is off."

The Saxons have remaining home games on Feb. 2 against Hartwick, Feb. 3 against Utica, Feb. 7 against St. John Fisher,

Feb. 10 against Elmira and the final home game, Feb. 11 against Ithaca. ☐

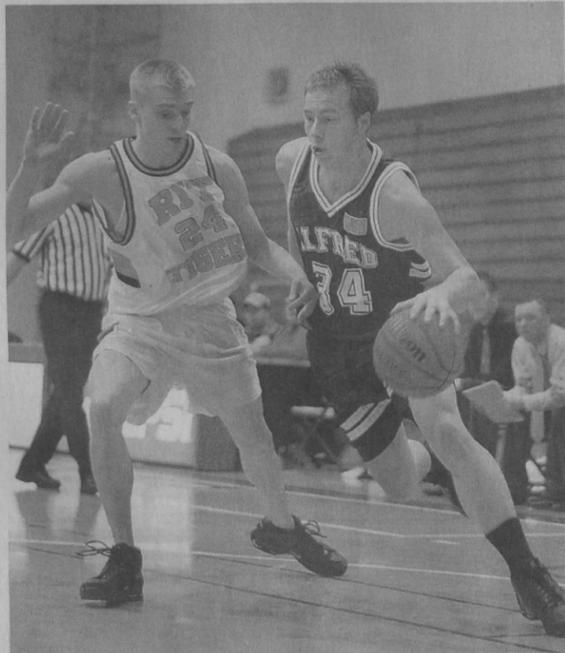


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Senior forward, Todd Dersham gets the step on R.I.T. defender.

AU swimming dives into wins

CHRIS GORDON
STAFF WRITER

As the final stretch begins for the AU men's and women's swimming and diving teams, spirits could not be higher among the athletes or the coaching staff.

"We're in the middle of one of the most successful seasons for the men's squad," said Head Coach Brian Striker.

Striker also said that while there are challenges for the women's team, due to the fact that several girls left the team, thus leaving them light in numbers, "The top swimmers at States will be comparable."

These minor setbacks have not seemed to shake the women's confidence at all. Although, as of their Jan. 21 home meet against LeMoyne College, they were 4-5 for the season (2-3 in the Empire 8 Conference), the swimmers themselves are keeping their confidence levels high, especially as they dive into competition against St. Lawrence on Saturday, Jan. 28.

"The meet against St. Lawrence will be a good meet to finish up the season," said women's senior co-captain Bonnie McDermott. "I will remind all my teammates about the challenging sets we have done in [the] last five months."

McDermott, who has enjoyed a stellar season, finishing in the top two in individual events seven times, is pleased with her individual performance; "A 1:14.97 in the 100-yard breaststroke is a good time for me at this point in the season. I was around this time or slightly higher at this point last year."

Another satisfied swimmer is senior Rachel Saroka. At the LeMoyne meet, she placed first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.00, narrowly eclipsing LeMoyne's Genevieve Suits by .39 seconds.

"This year, as far as dual meets go, has been my best year," said Saroka. "We have a lot of talent on this team, and I am so excited to see what we can do at States."

Saroka and McDermott were the first two swimmers on a women's team that placed first in the 400- yard medley relay against LeMoyne. Saroka expressed melancholy feelings about leaving AU, saying, "I'm just sad to see my last year

of swimming come to an end. It has been a wonderful experience for me."

cially in the midst of the dual meet portion of the season, says coach Striker. "Dual meets are



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Alyssa Ketcham sophomore swimming the butterfly (above). (Below) Brynja Seagren freshman diver.



On the other end of the pool, the men's squad is a little deeper in wins. Having posted a 7-1 record (4-1 in Empire 8), the male athletes are looking forward to ending the season on a high note, espe-

hard when you're tired. We can't afford 3 or 4 days [of] rest," Striker added.

The one loss on the men's squad came at the hand of Hartwick College on Jan. 14. It's still a sore subject with Striker, who said, "It was bad officiating. The loss was tough for the guys, because they wanted to be undefeated."

Despite that one stinging loss, the men are still riding high. Sophomore Page Beecher placed first against LeMoyne in the 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle, and couldn't be happier with the team's performance this year.

"The men's team is very strong this year," said Beecher. "We were lucky to receive a talented bunch of freshmen who have greatly added to this year's many accomplishments."

When asked about the future of the men's squad after this season, when they will lose 4 or 5 competitors to graduation, Beecher remained unfazed. "We lost several talented athletes last year," he said, "but have been able to maintain our success with the handful of freshmen we received this year and the constant improvement of many of the swimmers." He also added, "I feel that the men's team is building to become an even stronger force within the next few years."

Self-confidence is brimming over in the athletes. Sophomore diver Dan Schubmehl remains undisturbed, even as he mentions a failed opportunity earlier this season.

"The guys have had some problems with false starts in relays; we can't afford that at States," he said. "I failed a dive at the U of R Invitational; we can't afford that either. As long as everyone can keep it together and swim/dive like they know how, we will win the championship."

Schubmehl, who finished first in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events, knows his agenda; "My biggest personal obstacle will be to keep my head in the right place at States. Diving is a very mental sport. If you mess up one dive you have to be willing to put it behind you and focus on ripping off the next one."

With a team full of athletes ready to swim for the championship, coach Striker is extremely optimistic. "I'm really looking forward to the future," he said. ☐

"Kobe Hate" Coming to a household near you

I have an important announcement to make. Guys in the National Basketball Association like to shoot the rock. What? You aren't surprised? Okay, how about this, there is this player in Los Angeles who likes to shoot, a ton. How does scoring 81 points sound?

It may be old news but Kobe Bryant's 81 points back on Jan. 22 against one of the worst teams in the league (Toronto Raptors) still lingers in my mind and many of the minds of sports fanatics. It's hard to grasp that this actually took place and it's on film. Something like this hasn't happened since the infamous Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in Hershey, PA on March 2, 1962, (a game that is not on video tape). No player has ever achieved anything close to that until Kobe (Chamberlain however, had six 70+ point games in his luxurious career).

Now, many people are starting to criticize Kobe (nothing exceptionally new), saying that he is a ball hog and a selfish player (we have all heard it before). But, before I get into the phenomena being named "Kobe Hating," which is sweeping the nation by storm, I would like to give the man some credit, (note that I am in no way, shape or form a Kobe fan).

The guy brought his team back and won the game. The Lakers trailed by as much as 18 points early in the third quarter which is what "sparked" Kobe to not pass the ball the rest of the game, (note: he only had two assists, but that comes later).

He actually shot a really good percentage from the floor and from three; 28-46 from the floor, 7-13 from 3-point land (something Wilt couldn't do even if there was a 3-point line). He also went 18-20 from the foul line, so overall, not a bad performance to be the least. I mean, you have to be in a zone that is out of this world to even think about scoring 81.

One thing that Wilt didn't have to do that Kobe did is, create for himself. Wilt was the most dominant player in the league, his teammates just had to throw the ball

up high and let him go get it and dunk it home. Kobe had to create his own shot from as far as 30 feet away from the hoop, and then score, props there.

When Wilt scored his 100, his teammates, going into the game wanted to get him 100 points. Kobe on the other hand, just took over the game. But, let's give the guy some credit. He did say all the right things after the game. He told the press that he felt good and it just

turned into something special, and if they didn't win he would have felt sick as a dog because they had a four day break before they played again and blah, blah, blah.

Alright let the "Kobe Hate" begin. Hey, Kobe, see the other four guys on the floor wearing Lakers jerseys, how about we get them some shots too? I mean I like watching Smush Parker more than I like watching you, give him the rock.

If we can all take a little trip down memory lane, we will remember Kobe driving Shaq and Phil Jackson (who returned this season) out of L.A. so he could be the man. Well, Kobe, you're the man now and you're getting your 30 shots, but don't expect to win any more championships with a supporting cast of Lamar Odom and Sasha Vujacic (who?) I actually like watching Vujacic more though. Kobe, can we get this guy some shots #8?

Just because you are the only big name player on the team doesn't mean these guys can't play ball. What message are you sending to them when you shoot with three guys in your face, fading away? How about the message of, "hey, you guys are awesome and I am going to shoot until I get my 40+ then I'll think about getting you all some shots." We know you are a good scorer. Kobe, but how is playing team ball going?

I agree with Vince Carter when he says, "What kind of message are we sending to kids who love playing basketball?" Well, it's not a good one. A kid sees the publicity Kobe is getting for scoring 81 points, so what do you think is



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Senior captain Brian Gotham, swims breaststroke.

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