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Community Table Opening



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Caleb Scott, Staff Writer

The Community Table, a multi-use kitchen and dining space, is opening on the second floor of Powell, bringing an exciting new flavor to campus life.

The space is equipped with a functional kitchen, featuring all standard appliances, and a locally themed dining area. The community table itself will seat 14 people in handmade wooden chairs. The table, also being handmade, is not yet finished. A temporary one is currently in its place. The plan is to have the space offer a number of unique experiences and services that are unavailable at other campus dining locations. However, Director of AU Fresh

John Dietrich said that the uses of the space have been kept flexible.

This space can really be used for just about anything, according to Dietrich. Events, team building exercises, group meals -- nothing is off the table yet and it won't just be for students. It will also attempt to get faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community to join in.

The Community Table is set up on the former Lil' Alf Café site. The café closed back in 2013 when the retail dining hall opened on the third floor, Powell experienced a dramatic loss of second floor traffic. Since then a number of attempts have been made to fill the space.

Dietrich and Vice President of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter came up with the idea to create a multi-use dining area to reinvigorate the floor.

"The space was just sitting there with equipment available," Woughter said in a recent AU press release. "We didn't have to make a capital investment."

While the "official" grand opening of The Community Table is still being decided Dietrich is eager to get things rolling so much so, he has already green-lighted a few pop-up kitchen events earlier this year.

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Alfred Foundations Goes Live

Lily Smith, Guest Writer

Foundations, an art-based, hands-on class, which took up residence at AU's WALF radio station for the first time from Feb. 24, this class embraces a new way to present art: on live public radio.

CoLab, one of the Foundations labs this semester, focuses on public communication and collaboration. According to sculptor and Foundations professor Brett Hunter, although there have been many other audio assignments in the past no other Foundations class has run radio shows at AU's student run radio station. This assignment was the first to undergo 24 hours of nonstop AU Foundations-themed radio shows.

AU Foundations is the prerequisite class to upper-level art studios, it is year-long class with two semesters of four different classes. All first-year art students need to pass Foundations before taking advanced studio courses. Foundations teaches fundamentals in art-making practice and challenges the importance of creating compelling, visionary and well-thought-out work.

Luckily, WALF, with an eclectic group



Photo Credit: Logan Gee

of DJs who host shows weekly, invited Foundations students to be the hosts of live public radio, according to Hunter. Foundations students hosted themed radio shows for a 24-hour period. There were groups of roughly three to four students with designated themes/topics of their choosing. In each show, there was eight 15-minute blocks with different segments per 15 minutes that have a specific theme.

During this semester, each student is taking four classes, including CoLab, FuseLab, MakeLab and SeeLab which will teach students how to articulate the

process of creating art and designing works of art using mediums that may be new and unfamiliar. CoLab consists of two groups of roughly 20 art students. Each lab consists of learning and/or improving communication skills within group projects and discussing art ideas with others, knowledge of supplies and materials used to create their art and improving each student artist's work ethic. CoLab consists of two groups of roughly 20 art students.

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Res Life Working to Improve On-Campus Life

Matt Hill, Guest Writer

Due to rising vacancies in residence halls, the Office of Residence Life is working even harder to improve the on-campus living experience for students.

Students that commute or those who have lived on campus for six semesters are allowed to live off campus without an appeal. Residence life also allows for students with medical or religious reasons to move off campus by submitting an appeal. However, not all of these appeals are accepted every time. Appeals are looked at by the residence life staff to determine if a problem can be solved on campus by being moved to a single, a different res hall, or another solution.

The school has seen relatively consistent numbers for students moving off campus over the last few years. However, recent years have seen lower enrollment at AU, and this led to the rising vacancies on-campus res halls.

For students who still live on campus, residence life is working on a few strategies to work with residents to make on-campus living more enjoyable. However, there is still much to be done on that front.

“Residents have told me they want to move out because the bathrooms are gross from so many people using them, or the showers are too small or other things that residence life can definitely fix,” says Eli Piraino, an RA in Moskowitz.

Common complaints among students include showers being too small for many people. Many of the football players here would like larger showers, according to Piraino. Many of the ping pong or pool tables are missing balls or paddles, and some are



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even missing pockets or have broken nets. Residents have had problems with their room temperature, especially in the winter.

Such problems, along with a lower price tag for some, make many residents want to move off campus. Students are also enticed by the idea of not having an RA or having to follow campus rules. The freedom of being on their own is a big draw for many residents currently living on campus.

The Office of Residence Life is trying to improve on-campus living is through a task force consisting of residence life staff, university staff, faculty and students.

The staff is examining AU living and comparing it to that of other schools, says Vicky Gebel, the Director of Residence Life at Alfred. This is one way the task force will help to improve on-campus living at Alfred.

The task force has already visited other schools to view their residence halls. Back home, they are looking at aspects of our residence halls that students would like to see improved, such as furniture and kitchen appliances. The office has also worked

with RAs and changed their duties to be more programming heavy in response to surveys in which students strongly desired more events in halls and on campus.

There are many ways for students to get involved with their on-campus living experience. Residence life is very open and eager to hear what input students have, Gebel says.

Gebel sends out a survey every winter which the residence life staff uses to figure out what needs to be changed and improved for the following year. This survey should be out this year around Christmas time, and is one of the biggest helps to the central staff. Residents can also talk to their RAs, and the RAs can bring these concerns to their RDs or directly to the residence life staff.

Students can be even more involved by joining Saxon Life Council. Saxon Life Council is a new student run club that acts as an advocacy group for residents. The club's focus is to improve the residence hall experience using input from a forum of residents from every hall at AU. Saxon Life Council puts on events for residents

all year as well, to make on campus living more exciting for students.

There have been some great successes already in improving on-campus living at AU, says Gebel.

The biggest accomplishment so far is the renovation of Reimer Hall into Moskowitz Hall. Moskowitz has a brand-new kitchen, ping pong table, two smart TVs and a totally renovated first floor. There are now three-single person bathrooms on each floor with a toilet and shower in each. Because these are more private, they have been cleaner as well. The Office of Residence Life is very thankful to Ann Moskowitz for her generous donation which made these renovations possible.

Residence life is also working on acquiring gaming systems like XBoxes and PlayStation 4s for res halls. This came after a Saxon Life Council petition showing interest was given to residence life. Saxon Life Council has also succeeded in having bike racks put in at the Ford Street apartments. The club is working on making other improvements, and would like to hear from residents of all res halls on campus.

On-campus living is an important part of most students' experiences at AU, and it is important to the Office of Residence Life that the experience be the best it can be. Alfred is like a social bubble, and the school is unique in that you can fully immerse yourself in its culture. With a school this small, you can have a really big impact, says Piraino.

For those interested in getting involved with on-campus living through Saxon Life Council, the club meets on Wednesday nights at 6 PM in Nevins Theater. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, email club secretary Derek Chester at ddc1@alfred.edu.

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The Value of Studying Abroad

Jessica Scoones, Guest Writer

With all that is going on in the world, whether you're thinking of going abroad or coming to the United States, you may not feel like it's the safest time to study abroad – and you'd be wrong. And you might miss the most exciting time of your life.

An exchange student who attended AU last fall, Imogen Sibley, a junior studying drama from the UK, has no regrets about traveling across the pond.

“Overall, I was never concerned about my safety ... I loved the whole experience, the good and the bad,” said Sibley.

Study abroad is the opportunity to study just about anywhere in the world for college credit. AU offers a wide-range of programs, including sister university exchanges, one-way exchanges and faculty-led courses.

Programs also range in duration from two weeks to a full academic year. While most programs last for about five months, faculty-led programs are shorter, usually taking place during school breaks and are tailored specifically for AU students.

If students prefer to study abroad for one full semester, a sister university,



Photo Credit: Jessica Scoones

such as the University of Winchester in England, or the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), is generally most economical, according to AU's Office of International Programs. In 2016, ISEP alone assisted over 2,600 students traveling to 54 countries, according to ISEP's Annual Report.

AU students who have studied abroad and international students who have studied at AU tend to agree that the experience is both unforgettable and

especially worthwhile.

Ariana Dibble, an AU senior marketing major fresh from England, had little fear for her safety while abroad. Her advice was plain and simple — just use common sense and be aware. Although ironically Dibble was in the London area during the metro bombing on Sept. 15, she still had no regrets about going abroad, and like many, is itching to go back.

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Taking Part in the Alfred Experience

Alexiane Bacle, Staff Writer

College is a unique stage of life. You make plans and projects of how it will be. Independence. New people. New ways of learning. Life. But what really is in the mind of college students nowadays?

I recently conducted a non-scientific survey in hopes of taking the pulse of Alfred University students. Students from every class level were asked about what they expected (or still expect) to do during their time in college. I asked them about once-in-a-lifetime things they wanted to try during college. Experiences are a part of learning, and college can be the time to make memories for the rest of one's life. Often, older people refer to college as their best years, and not due to 8:20 a.m. classes or late night homework. What moments will be unforgettable?

As anticipated, many AU students want to try common clichés, such as getting drunk, getting stoned, dancing all night and staying up until the morning light. Years go by but those answers never get old: our parents must have said the same.

However, college is not all about partying. Actually, most AU students

seem more concerned about having college experiences that will help them set future jobs or internships. Others want to go study abroad. AU requires credits in modern language for most students, to study abroad. Learning another language is also a part of many students' bucket list.

Before graduation, many students also say they want to join a sport team, be an officer of a club, go to fraternity parties, take fun art classes and even take one class in each department. A few also said they want to skip classes from time to time without getting in trouble with parents or teachers.

Although students tended to be more serious than anticipated, they still came up with experiences they would like to live or test before graduation: dying their hair, starting a band, be on stage once, skinny dipping, taking a walk at midnight, wine tasting, star gazing up the hill and climbing up the King Alfred statue on campus.

College can be the time to learn to go off of the beaten path. In Alfred, rural environment, the beaten path is more literal than other places

"Going hiking for the first time, and it was night time, and it was hailing.

Kitchen from Page 1

The Community Table will be offering new dining features, one of which will be interactive catering. Interactive catering allows for a group of people to rent the out the space. The group can meet in the space, cook and eat together. A menu of possible meals will be provided for interested groups to select from. A Servsafe Certified chef will be provided to educate and guide the group as they cook. All the ingredients for items on the menu can be provided as part of the cost. This service can be paid for using cash, card or direct charges to individual student accounts.

"The comradery of cooking together and sharing a meal, that's what you are paying for with interactive catering," said Dietrich.

In addition, The Community Table will function as an educational space. Classes will be hosted on site by AU chefs, which can be paid for with Saxon Swipes. The classes are hands on and end with everyone having cooked their own meal or dessert. These classes are open to everyone, including, faculty, staff and community members.

The Community Table will also host pop-up kitchens which provide temporary menus to spice up students daily dining options. Cash, credit and all meal plan currency will be accepted for purchases. These events will be advertised on all AU Fresh social media pages and on Alfred Today a few days in advance to give students a heads up.

Unlike other dining locations on

campus, a crucial difference for this will be the emphasis on "atmosphere." Dietrich stressed that great care has been taken to make The Community Table really embody the idea of a "community" effort.

Local artisans have been enlisted to create its furnishings and dining ware. Our very own Associate Professor of Glass Angus Powers contributed to make The Community Table feel as welcoming as possible. Powers worked with Wolf Innovative Lighting & Furnishings to create the lighting globes hanging from the ceiling.

The room's centerpiece should soon be a handmade table. Mark Shardlow, an '83 alumni and AU Hall of Fame defensive tackle, is in the process of constructing the 14-person table. Shardlow also helped organize the creation of the 14 chairs from Amish craftsmen in the Fulton, NY area.

With the space's use still flexible, there are many opportunities for it to grow to fill community needs. For example, Dietrich discussed partnering with its neighboring space, Nevins Theater, for "dinner and movie" nights and other campus events.

"I would love to see a senior art show staged here," Dietrich said.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about The Community Table's use and features, you can contact Dietrich at dietrijj@alfred.edu. If you would like to rent out the space, call the catering office at 607-871-2285.



That is my life", said Akeyla Wallace, a senior math student, smiling.

"For me, one of my favorite memories is going on a hike and exploring but not on trails ... finding my own spaces," said Michelle N., a senior art student.

Being a student is hard. Classes and homework keep us busy. Time

flies, and it is already time to enter the real world. After telling their stories, students seemed to come to one simple conclusion: although college takes hard work, it's worth it, and the future seems scary but exciting. And you, what will be the experience that will change your life?

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With going live at WALF, the CoLab classes, taught by Hunter, adjunct Foundations professor Megan Sheffer and Foundations professor Sara Ferguson, will give students the chance to express certain themes of self-identity and the art of storytelling during their allotted two-hour segments. Since the beginning of this semester, in CoLab students have practiced interviewing people, recording themselves and creating do-it-yourself tutorials to articulate how to do a specific task like how to play musical chairs.

Many Foundations students say they are excited to take part in their WALF experience and to hear Alfred's community response.

"I love the idea of having Foundations take over for 24 hours!" sophomore art student and WALF DJ Nate Atkinson exclaims. "We are a college station and weird experiments are more than welcome in our programming. I hope that it shows more students on campus what we can provide as a club and also encourage students to join in on the fun of WALF."

Each Foundations show had a different theme based on a single word that describes this semester's CoLab class. For example, some words used were "colorful", "music", "collaboration" and "storytelling". Some shows consisted of topics such as the interesting life of turnips, music genres and current global news. Luckily, this experience gave students the chance to create and host their own shows, possibly leading to future WALF DJs gigs.

Every year the curriculum for Foundations changes. While

consistently teaching the fundamentals of specific mediums, this semester's labs focus on identity and storytelling and what that means to every individual. For example, in a recent lab session students recorded themselves reading a section of a book that had personal significance to them. This assignment was a gateway into expressing and vocalizing one's identity through literature.

Going live on WALF helped students express their identity, conceptual ideas and storytelling in a new way. For instance, current Foundations student and WALF DJ Nick Wroblewski is in group who did a two-hour show based on color and the importance of its use. The inspiration for this radio show was another lab in Foundations, called Fuselab, which is giving a six-week course on the theory of color including the use of paint, color throughout history and the effects of colors painted on top of one another. One previous assignment focused on discovering the color of self-aura. Wroblewski says he has a blue aura due to his calm, cool and artistic personality. It also turns out that he wears a lot of blue too. That color helped him understand the use of color every day.

"Color is a subject which can be broken down into numerous categories," Wroblewski states. "Spanning from fashion, to art, to theory, I find [color] ... an interesting and intriguing area to study for 2 hours."

Those interested in hosting shows, managing music collections, choosing what plays on air, wiring PA systems, learning live audio skills, using a professional recording studio, or simply having fun in a community and music setting can get involved by emailing ... walf@alfred.edu.

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Movie Review - President's Day

Ryan Butler, Staff Writer

Not a single individual in the entire history of cinema has asked for a zombie movie featuring exclusively undead former presidents of the United States, yet such a movie exists. President's Day (2016) delivers strongly on a premise that hasn't really got any reason to exist. Comedies are more or less a grab bag when it comes to quality, and thankfully President's Day prevails as a great one.

The movie starts off as a general cabin in the woods type plot. A group of teenagers go off to one of their relative's cabin to celebrate President's Day weekend. One thing that's apparent right from the beginning is the heavy reliance on characters. The cast plays their roles marvelously, each character is more or less a parody and they all play off each other very well. The real meat of the film comes from the undead presidents. One doesn't need to know any history to enjoy the movie, however there are a lot of jokes and moments throughout that are really amplified



Photo Credit: Google

by it. In total almost 15 zombified presidents appear throughout the movie, it's a fair number to the point where the audience can identify most of them and avoid the confusion of a bloated cast. A presidential assassin also shows up in a fantastic way, only adding to the fun.

President's Day delivers a lot of strong laughs throughout, although it wouldn't be unfair to call the third act the weakest of the three. It still remains great until the end however the third portion certainly felt a bit slower than the previous two. One area the film falls

short in is budget, there's not much of one. In some films like the previously reviewed Zoombies this is a hilarious benefit, but in this one it doesn't add anything significant. There's no horrible abuse of CGI as in other low budget movies though certain things don't look so spectacular. The camerawork isn't winning any awards, that's for sure.

All in all the movie, like all movies has some highs and lows. As a matter of personal opinion the film really delivers in comedic value and characterization. The technical aspects don't fare so well but they certainly don't make it unwatchable. The run time is a blissful 90 minutes, arguably the perfect length of a movie. It's short enough to retain viewer interest and long enough to deliver a solid story. It would be a very appropriate viewing when President's Day really comes up in a few months.

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Nicolas Champagne, a French engineering student who studied at AU last fall, described the experience as one that opened his eyes to the great diversity available in the world.

"We have to discover something new every day," he said.

Even though Champagne found himself in the small town of Alfred, he was able to experience a taste of other cultures. For instance, when attending an Arab supper at a friend's house, he learned how to properly eat with his hands while seated on the floor. It sounds simple, but it is not.

"Maybe I will give it a try again someday, until then I'm going to stick with a fork," he said.

Emily MacWilliams, an AU senior marketing major who recently returned from France, echoed similar sentiments about the importance of learning. With the help of a French perspective, she

returned to the United States with a better understanding of controversial topics. For instance, she learned the value of open borders versus just building a wall.

MacWilliams met many friends in France, including one from Syria. She realized that she could travel to his country, but he is barred from entering hers. This barrier of culture struck a chord of injustice in her.

The quality of experience students can have often depends on their preparations.

Saif Wael, an Arab student studying engineering who recently returned to the United Arab Emirates, offers wise words for anyone looking into studying abroad. He recommends

researching available options thoroughly before applying to a program. For example, he did not amply research and anticipated studying in New York City. Instead he found himself in the small, scenic village of Alfred. While

unexpected, he has no regrets.

"I miss living in a village for the first time in my life and the amazing nature," he says.

AU's international programs' website endorses Wael's sentiment about doing one's research and the sooner the better -- preferably a year in advance. To start the process, students are encouraged to drop into a Study Abroad 101 session. They run on Mondays from 12:30-1p.m. and Thursdays from 3:30-4p.m throughout the semester in Perlman 104, and all are requested to be on time.

The international programs' new website (international.alfred.edu) helps students research programs, look up costs, check language requirements and more.

While returning home may be hard, study abroad seems to leave every student with memories to last a lifetime. And it is not just the big trips that linger in the mind, it is all the random, little things,

Sibley said.

"It's hangover brunch at the Jet, skiing for the first time ever in the Rockies, my birthday with three different cakes, [and] seeing NYC in 24 hours with no sleep," Sibley said.

Study abroad may sound intimidating, but the greatest experiences do not come from playing it safe, MacWilliams says. It is worth the risk, because study abroad is not about leaving home, it is about making a new one.

MacWilliams found her new home when she traveled to Poland to spend Christmas and New Year's with a Polish friend she met in France.

"I have a Polish family now, they would open their arms to me in a heartbeat," says MacWilliams.

Welcoming New Exhibition Queering Space With Open Arms

Lily Smith, Guest Writer

Queering Space has captivated the attention of students at Alfred University with its eclectic collection of artwork regarding queerness and identity.

"The space is very intriguing and inviting," first-year Foundations student Jacob Willcox exclaims. "Queering Space invites you to explore the idea of space and being queer, which is very unique compared to most exhibitions."

The new exhibit, which opened in February at AU's Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, is scheduled to run until March 28. Its first showing took place at Yale University in 2016, representing the first queer exhibition in Yale history.

AU's Queering Space exhibit, which took a year and a half to bring to Alfred, has been made possible by several artists and curators, including Sara Ferguson from AU, Loren Britton from Germany, Asad Pervaiz from Los Angeles, Christie DiNizio from Philadelphia, Erica Wessmann from Germany and Res (pen name) from Denmark. Local and national artists, students, workers, interns and the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery have also significantly contributed to the set up and installation of the exhibition.

Queering Space opens up discussion about queerness and identity, such as how identity influences individuals' impressions of themselves and interactions with their environments and others. The exhibit itself includes a diverse, wide-range of artwork and mediums ranging from video and multimedia elements, drawings, paintings, interactive pieces, sound pieces and books either made by LGBTQ+ artists or with queer themes.

Pieces include artwork from

local and national artists such as the entertaining "Rocking Tail," made by Savannah Knoop's interactive chair. Shaped like a tail, her sculpture/chair invites visitors to sit on its seat, an imprint of the artist's butt. There is only one of the chairs currently but there are originally two. The light orange and green "chair" is roughly 3 feet long by 2 feet tall, topped with that butt imprint in a blood orange.

Another showstopper: "Turnip Costume 1: Drag Garnish," S.E. Nash's turnip sculpture, which highlights fermenting, essentially brewing, real turnips carved into flowers by current Foundation students. While its focal point is a full jar of fermenting turnips, it's surrounded by sculpted and painted turnip replicas. This display is not only eye catching but smelly. As days pass the water within the jar gets cloudier and the aroma of old, dirty, stinky turnips grows more pungent.

And a final popular display: the much talked about "Something to Choke On" by local artist Kelcy Chase Folsom. It features an authentic-looking Oreo carved out of charcoal and presented on a small, gold marble stand, which gives the impression that the sculpture is floating. You will want to take a bite out of this Oreo, the same size of the actual cookie.

Visitors' reactions to the show seem to range from completely surprised to shocked. Interactive elements, colorful artwork and the smell of fermenting turnips makes it stimulating and sensory.

"I like how it was set up, the layout," first year and AU Foundations student Nick Wroblewski states. "There was some interesting work, it was nice to see some new artists."



Photo Credit: Queering Spaces Facebook

While over 150 local and national artists were considered for the show, only 54 of those artists were selected for it. Roughly 10 of those artists were also featured in the previous Queering Space exhibition at Yale University.

"These are incredible artists," Yale alumni, curator and photographer Res said. "They're all strong, powerful practitioners."

Ferguson, a first-year AU Foundations professor, is the main reason why the second Queering Space exhibition is at Alfred. Ferguson and Res met at an art residency about a year and a half ago. Ferguson was intrigued with the original collection of Queering Space and was encouraged to bring the show to Alfred.

As DiNizio states, "The work, the dedication, the excitement, the connection to the students, the

availability to us, all the programming, and working nonstop -- we wouldn't be here without Sara."

Since the opening of Queering Space the people of Alfred seem to be enjoying the extensive collection of art and the themes the exhibition is based around. Queering Space is welcoming to all and strives to cultivate conversation.

Although the exhibition closes on March 28, the books in the show will still be available in Scholes Library's Special Collections archive.

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Cramp & Serotta Both Break AU School Record on Final Day of E8 Championships and Earn All-Conference

From gosaxons.com

The Alfred University women's swimming & diving team finished fourth in the Empire 8 Swimming & Diving Championships on Saturday at Webster Schroeder High School hosted by Nazareth College.

Sophomore Victoria Cramp (Hornell, NY/Hornell) broke the Alfred University school record on the 3-meter diving board on Saturday. She hit a score of 389.35 in the preliminaries to top Erin Collins '07 score of 388.10. In the finals, Cramp scored a 387.85 to earn All-Empire 8 Second Team.

First-year Lauren Serotta (Niskayuna, NY/Niskayuna) broke the Alfred University school record not just once, but twice on Saturday. The record was at 2:14.59, set by Lacy Clifford '05. Serotta hit a 2:12.84 in the preliminary round of the 200-yard Backstroke before racing to a 2:11.34 in the finals to also earn All-Empire 8 Second Team on the day. Senior Megan Steen (Portsmouth, RI/Portsmouth)



Photo Credit: Peter Mangels

followed Serotta in the event with a time of 2:16.61 to earn a fifth place finish.

The 400-yard Freestyle Relay team of Serotta, Amanda Guariglia (Valley

Stream, NY/Valley Stream South), Elizabeth Schiffhauer (West Seneca, NY/West Seneca East) and Kristin Brown (Olean, NY/Olean) earned a fifth place

with a time of 3:50.01 while first-year Gina Artieri (Lockport, NY/Lockport) rounded out the Saxons' scoring with an eighth place finish in the 1,650-yard Freestyle and a time of 19:25.51.

"What a great night! We had a finalist in the mile with Gina [Artieri] while Lauren [Serotta] and Megan [Steen] cleaned up in the women's 200 Back with absolutely great finishes," Head Coach Brian Striker said. "Tori [Cramp] capped the individual event with a second place on the 3-meter diving event and broke our school record! This Championship meet was a great one, a lot of great swimming and awesome diving, I couldn't ask for more. The seniors have left this program in a great place. We have had a lot of fun this season and, moreover, this week and it led to a great outcome."

Men's 4x400 Relay Comes From Behind to Lift Alfred to Fourth Place in E8 Championships

From gosaxons.com

The Alfred University men's track & field team finished fourth at the 2017-18 Empire 8 Indoor Track & Field Championships held at the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex on Saturday at Houghton College.

Senior Seth Spicer (Corning, NY/Corning-Painted Post) led the Saxons by placing in 5-of-6 events he participated in. Spicer earned his best finish of the day in the high jump finishing third after recording a 1.88m jump, earning AU six points. He went on to earn two fifth-place finishes in the 60-meter hurdles (8.87) and the pole vault (3.95m) while earning sixth in the shot put (13.35m).

"For this being my first Empire 8 Championships with the team, I was so very pleased with their performances," Head Coach Angie Taylor said. "When we were trying to decide what events to put the athletes in, we were thinking strategically with how do we plan, how do we maximize the athletes to get the most talent that we could to put us in scoring positions. For someone like Seth [Spicer], doing pretty much six events and scoring in all of them except for the long jump, that shows you just how excited the team was to step up and help the outcome of the team. We were fourth, but that fourth

place doesn't really speak volumes on how excited the team was what with the DMR, with Kwame [Maxwell] in the 60 and 200-meter dashes and with a lot of the personal bests being accomplished for some of the athletes."

Fellow senior Kyle Gallo (Ontario, NY/Wayne) chipped in by scoring in his two events during the meet. He finished fourth in the 5,000-meter run (16:04.92) to earn four points and fifth in the 3,000-meter run (9:18.97) for two points.

The Saxons continued to see success in the distance races after senior Matthew Roder (Orchard Park, NY/Orchard Park) snagged another point, finishing fifth in the mile run with a time of 4:35.80.

First-year Kwame Maxwell (Greenburgh, NY/Woodlands) earned an Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Track & Field Championship berth in both the 60-meter dash (7.18) and the 200-meter dash (23.20) after finishing sixth and eighth, respectively.

The relays were key for the Saxons as the Distance Medley Relay team of Abuelmaali, Schools, Roder and Burke finished third with a time of 11:09.36. Then, with the scored tied between AU and host Houghton, the 4x400-meter Relay team of Maxwell,



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Burke, Abuelmaali and Spicer topped the Highlanders with a 3:37.41. Spicer chased down the anchor leg of the hosts during the final 100-meters to earn the Saxons a two-second win and a two-point lead at the end of the meet.

Sophomore Sean Foley (Ransomville,

NY/Lewiston-Porter) tied for fifth in the pole vault (3.95m) to earn 1.5 points with Spicer.

Saxons that have qualified will continue on to the ECAC's held at the Armory in New York, NY next weekend.

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All Eight Women's Indoor Track & Field Competitors Place in E8 Championships

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The Alfred University women's track & field team finished sixth at the Empire 8 Indoor Track & Field Championships held at the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex at Houghton College on Saturday afternoon.

Every member of the women's track and field team that competed on Saturday, found a spot on the podium by placing in the Top-6 of their respective events.

"I'm so very pleased with their performances today, this being my first Empire 8 Championship as the head coach at Alfred University," Head Coach Angie Taylor said. "I was excited about Brynn [Hyde] getting her personal best and school record in the weight throw, with Dani [Perry] and Krissy and their performances in triple, with Franny [Sariego] and Megan [Sadowitz] in the high jump and with Megan [Alper] who has only been talking about her goal to go under 27 seconds in the 200 and she did that today. The future is really bright, when we add more depth to the roster, we will be able to contend with schools like St. John Fisher and Stevens.

The AU field events paved the way for the Saxons with 5-of-6 top finishers coming from those events. Senior Brynn Hyde (Homer, NY/Homer) and sophomore Danielle Perry (Leicester, NY/York Central) led the Saxons with third-place finishes on the day. Hyde

set a personal-best in the weight throw and advanced her own school record to 14.16 meters. Her toss qualified her for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Track & Field Championships to be held next week.

Perry earned her third-place finish in the triple jump (10.50m) while fellow sophomore Krissy Roberts (Chittenango, NY/Chittenango) finished fifth in the event (10.18m). Sophomore Megan Alper (Belmont, MA/Belmont) will join Hyde and Roberts at the ECAC's (after Roberts qualified in the long jump earlier this season) with her 200-meter dash finish on Saturday. Her time of 26.99 helped her earn fourth place in the Empire 8 Championships and four points for the AU cause.

The Saxons also scored twice in the high jump with Frances Sariego (Beaver Dams, NY/Corning-Painted Post) and Megan Sadowitz (Hopewell Junction, NY/John Jay) taking fourth and sixth place respectively.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Gabby Griffin (Sterling, NY/Hannibal), Holly Passetti (Nichols, NY/Tioga Central), Sadowitz and Roberts earned sixth place with a time of 4:46.70, rounding out the list of every Saxon competitor who landed on the podium.

Saxons that have qualified will continue on to the ECAC's held at the Armory in New York, NY next weekend.

Deaver Named Male Diver of the Meet; Edmister Wins 200-Back in E8 Championships

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The Alfred University men's swimming & diving team finished third in the Empire 8 Swimming & Diving Championships on Saturday at Webster Schroeder High School hosted by Nazareth College.

Andy Edmister (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley Central) had the top performance of the day as he earned All-Empire 8 First Team with his conference win in the 200-yard Backstroke. He swam a time of 1:50.74 that places him at the No. 2 spot in Alfred University history. His preliminary time of 1:51.71 was still better than all of his opponents in the lanes.

Alec Toth (Lockport, NY/Starpoint) followed Edmister in the event with a 1:56.71 to take fifth in the event even with his 1:56.60 in the preliminaries. The senior ends his career with point-contributions on all four days.

First-year Noah Koltenuk (Danville, PA/Danville Area) had the next top individual finish as he swam a 16:39.40 in the 1,650-yard Freestyle to earn third place. He was less than six seconds off of an All-Conference selection. Fellow Saxons, Justin Cerrato (Beekman, NY/Arlington) and Michael Guarglia (Hornell, NY/Hornell) also earned points in the event as they took seventh and eighth with times of 17:52.01 and 18:00.67, respectively.

"What a great night! We had finalists

in the mile with Noah [Koltenuk], Justin [Cerrato] and Mike [Guarglia] which was huge," Head Coach Brian Striker said. "We had a great 200 Back with Alec [Toth] placing and Andrew [Edmister] winning the Championship. This Championship meet was a great one, a lot of great swimming and awesome diving, I couldn't ask for more. The seniors have left this program in a great place. We have had a lot of fun this season and, moreover, this week and it led to a great outcome."

The 400-yard Freestyle Relay team of Yunneng Du (Yorktown, VA/Tabb), Joseph Lawrence (Clarence Center, NY/Clarence), Toth and Edmister took fourth with a time of 3:11.39 to earn major points for the Saxons.

Richard Berger (New Paltz, NY/New Paltz) picked up points for Alfred University in the 200-yard Breaststroke with a time of 2:12.10 as he finished seventh.

Christopher Deaver (Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley) was named the Empire 8 Male Diver of the Meet on Saturday. He will next attend the NCAA Division III Regional Qualifier Meet this coming Friday and Saturday at Ithaca College to earn a spot in the NCAA Division III National Championship in Indianapolis, IN from March 21 through March 24.

Saxons Dominate The Hounds in Season Opener, 10-4

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Senior attack Jake Lynch (Whitney Point, NY/Whitney Point) picked up where he left off to start the 2018 campaign as he netted five goals and added an assist as the Alfred University men's lacrosse team defeated visiting Moravian College 10-4 Saturday afternoon at Yunevich Stadium.

The Saxons (1-0,0-0 Empire 8) also got three goals from junior Joe Fornataro (Rochester, NY/Greece Athena) while first-year attack Cale Donegan (Corning, NY/Corning-Painted Post) and junior attack Anthony Ricottilli (Cortland, NY/Cortland) each scored a goal to round out the scoring for Alfred.

Lynch wasted no time at the start of the game as he scored at the 13:30 mark off the feed from Donegan to give Alfred the 1-0 advantage. Lynch scored his second goal with 4:01 to play in the first to push the lead to 2-0. As the quarter was coming to an end, Lynch found Donegan for his first collegiate goal to make it 3-0 at the end of one quarter.

AU was able to extend their lead to 5-0 at THE end of the half with goals from Fornataro at the 13:21 mark and from Lynch with 1:56 to go in the half.

The Greyhounds found some offense in the third quarter as Cade Siddron found the back of the net twice, both on man-up opportunities. Connor Hull helped cut the deficit to 6-3 as he scored with 1:17 to go in the

third quarter. The Saxons put the game on ice in the fourth as they outscored Moravian, 4-1.

"It was good to get back out there," Head Coach Jason Lockner said. "We had a lot of first-years playing with a lot of last year's seniors graduating and they did great. Cale (Donegan) played like an upper classmen which was huge while Briggs did a tremendous job in the face-off circle. We hope to clean up some of our shooting as the season progresses."

Sophomore defender Shane Weber (Hull, MA/Hull) led the Saxons on defense as he had three caused turnovers while senior midfielder David LaSpina (Webster, NY/Webster) and sophomore midfielder Garrette Briggs (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads) led the team in ground balls with seven each. Weber and Ricottilli also had four ground balls as well.

Briggs also finished with 15 face-offs won (out of 18).

Senior goaltender Drew Gardner (Whitney Point, NY/Whitney Point) went the distance in net, making six saves on 10 shots faced. Will Dadorius went the distance in net for Moravian, making 15 saves on 25 shots faced.

The Saxons next travel to The College at Brockport next Wednesday February 28, with a game-time start at 4 PM.

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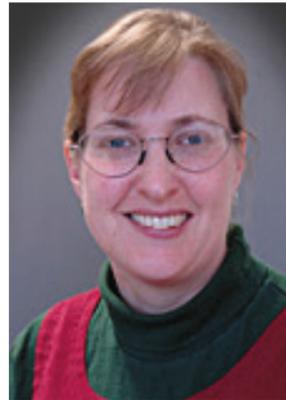
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Whitney Hubbs

March 1: On Photography

Asst. Prof. of Photography Whitney Hubbs will present and discuss her recent work.



Heather Yanda

March 15: Unfolding *Late Summer's Origami*

Senior Lecturer in English Heather Yanda will read poems from her forthcoming book *Late Summer's Origami* and promises not to mention Caesar.

Eiko Otake

March 22: *A Body in Places*: From Fukushima, to the Met Museum, to Alfred, and many out of the ordinary places along the way

Guest Artist Eiko Otake will discuss her objectives, challenges, and findings of her "A Body in Places" performance project.

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