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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

WORLD NOTES



LOCAL

Michael Pellicciotti, a sophomore business administration major, was elected president of Student Senate. •Spring break begins after classes this Friday.

NATIONAL

The FBI searched the houses of two California teenagers last Wednesday. The teens are suspected of computer hacking attempts on 11 U.S. military computers. •An Alaskan state judge ruled Friday that the state must show why it has the right to regulate marriage partner choices. The ruling came in response to a case against Alaska's ban on same-sex marriages. •The teen-aged leader of a "vampire cult" was sentenced Friday to death for his role in the beating deaths of a middle-aged couple.

INTERNATIONAL

Russia's President Boris Yeltsin fired three top administration members Saturday after warnings that he would fire those responsible for Russia's economic problems. •Britain and Japan submitted a draft of a resolution to the U.N. Security Council. The resolution warns Iraq of "very severe" consequences if it does not comply with U.N. inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction. •Colombian human rights activist Jesus Maria Valle Jaramillo was assassinated Friday. He had accused the Colombian army and top politicians of supporting paramilitary death squads.

PERSONALITIES

Mike Pellicciotti, the new Student Senate President, collects famous people.



MIKE PELLICCIOTTI

That is, he collects historical letters and signatures. He owns autographs of many famous people, including presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gerald Ford.

Pellicciotti, who lives just outside of Chicago, said he also enjoys playing intramural basketball. He describes himself as an average person who really cares about Alfred University.

Pellicciotti said he has loved Alfred since childhood. His father is an alumnus from the class of 1972, but he didn't push his son too hard to apply here, and perhaps that's why he loves it, Pellicciotti said. "There's a more slowed down pace...the people are more friendly here," he said.

He said he enjoyed his recent campaign because it gave him the opportunity to talk to many different groups of people.

His plans for his term in office include reaching out to people who don't know or don't care about Senate, Pellicciotti said. He said he wants to give all students a reason to come and get involved.

AU student to speak at St. James

BY JOSH BULAND

An Alfred University student will discuss gay, lesbian and bisexual patients' concerns about healthcare with members of the

staff at St. James Hospital in Hornell on March 18.

"If someone at Alfred University doesn't do it, it probably won't get done," said Angel Cortez, a senior cultural studies

and dance major and co-chair of Spectrum.

Cortez will be speaking to hospital employees and local health professionals as part of a four-day program on HIV counseling. The

training teaches medical professionals how to perform pre- and post-test counseling for patients taking an HIV test.

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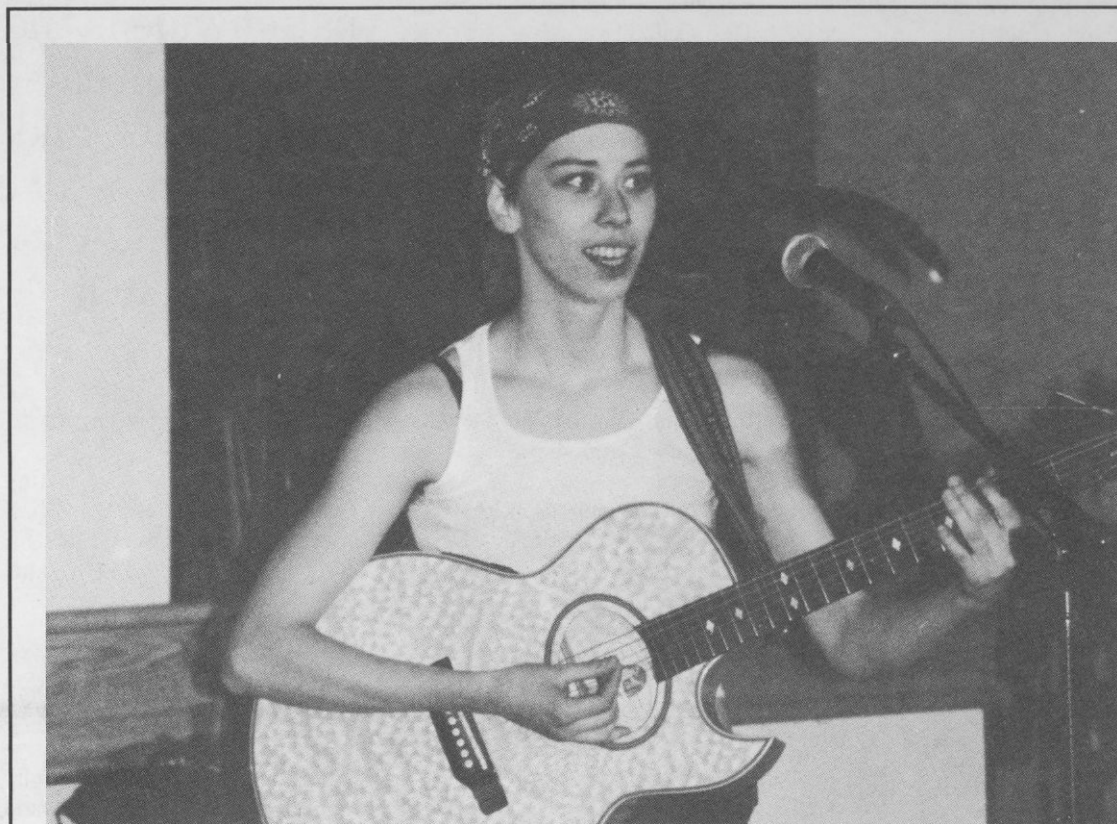


PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Singer-songwriter Paddy Kilrain performs in the Li'l Alf Cafe Saturday night. Kilrain, who plays a sort of folk music, was part of SAB's Coffeehouse series. She was a repeat performer for the series, having played at AU last year.

Applications looking good

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Approximately 1750 students have applied for admission into AU for the fall 1998 semester, continuing a trend of rising numbers of applicants over the past several years. In addition, the applicants are stronger academically than last year.

"I was pleased—it exceeds our goal for this year," said Susan Strong, vice president for enrollment management and associate provost. As of Feb. 18, 1751 students have applied, compared to 1686 last year and 1518 the year before, on the same date.

The average SAT scores and average class ranks of the applicants are both higher than last year, she said.

The applicants are generally divided among the different colleges and schools in the

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Panel discusses difficulties with Iraq

BY ELLEN BURCHETT

In response to the recent escalation of tension between the United States and Iraq, a panel discussion was held last Tuesday in Nevins Theater.

On the panel were Tom Rasmussen, professor of political science, Abderrahman Robana, professor of business and administration, and Gary Ostrower, professor of history.

Originally the discussion was going to center around whether or not the United States would follow up on recent threats of military action.

However, after the announcement by Clinton last Monday that Saddam Hussein would back down and concede to further mili-

tary treaties, the discussion changed to how President Clinton has, and should have, dealt with Iraq since the 1991 Gulf War.

Rasmussen described Clinton's threat and Hussein's refusal to allow U.N. inspectors into the country as a dangerous "game of chicken."

He accused the United States of practicing "reckless foreign policy" in dealing with Iraq. Rasmussen stressed the importance of better decision-making if the country is faced with a similar crisis in the future.

Rasmussen said if Hussein had not backed down, Clinton would have been forced to follow through on the threats.

If another war had resulted, "Saddam would have become a

hero and people would have rallied to his support," said Rasmussen.

Robana highlighted the need to sympathize with the Iraqi people. They have had to deal with U.N. sanctions, a history of military dictatorships and hardships resulting from a bankrupt country, he said.

Robana described the U.N. sanctions and Clinton's military threats as another "intervention from the West to destabilize" Iraq and its people.

He stressed that most Arab societies sided with the United States in the Gulf War because it was legitimate, but the recent threats of military action by Clinton were merely the result of impatience in trying to spread democracy.

"It takes a long time in the Middle East to digest democracy," he reminded the audience.

Ostrower gave a more pro-Clinton perspective on the issue. He portrayed Clinton as a man whose patience was at an end. The current situation in Iraq has been going on since last June and the time for action was now, he said.

Ostrower stressed the need for U.N. inspectors to be allowed in Iraq. "Saddam's refusal to allow the inspection officials in renders both the inspection as well as any agreements meaningless," he said.

According to Ostrower, the U.N. inspection group is one of the only safeguards against biological and chemical weapons, which have been confirmed to be present in Iraq. □

Activities planned for Women's History Month

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

What do a quilting bee, the history of reproductive rights and the feminist perspective on welfare reform have in common?

They are all activities being held this month to celebrate Women's History Month. The events are sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and the Women's Issues Coalition.

"We hope to make some people take notice of women's accomplishments and contributions to all of us, since retellings of history are still dominantly male-centered,"

said De Anne Smith, co-coordinator of WIC.

She said she thinks students will be receptive to the events, "[since] they are always interested in considering things from a different perspective."

The first event for Women's History Month was a French Roundtable discussing the history of the rights of abortion and contraception on Feb. 27.

Other scheduled events include a Bergren Forum titled "Myth Conceptions of Women: A Feminist Perspective on Welfare Reform," to be given on March 5

by Karen Porter, director of the Women's Studies Program, and a quilting bee on March 20-21, organized by the Women's Issues Coalition.

The events will be concluded on April 6, with the Riley Lecture, titled "First Women: Power, Image, and Politics from Eleanor Roosevelt to Hillary Rodham Clinton." It will be given by Allida M. Black.

The quilting bee is senior Meghan Mercier's honors thesis. She said the bee is very appropriate for Women's History Month because it is a traditional women's

activity. However, she said she is anticipating many men to attend the bee as well.

Student reaction to the planned events was mixed. Shane Walton, a freshman liberal arts major, said he would probably only attend the Riley Lecture.

Kara Midlam, a freshman art major, said before she would attend an event, "I'd like to know more about them."

Paige Junker, a junior biology major, said she would definitely attend the events. "I think it's really neat that they're doing it," she said. □



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Get involved or don't complain

Last Monday and Tuesday, 447 students voted in the Student Senate presidential election. That means less than 25 percent of the total student population took enough of an interest in who their future leaders would be to make an X or two on a ballot.

If we consider this participation rate, 75 percent of campus does not care who handles their future. But is this accurate? We don't believe so.

The problem, generally termed apathy, probably isn't really that students do not care, but rather that they do not make an effort to keep in touch until it is forced upon them. How many students knew about Senate elections and where to vote? It was certainly publicized, but that does not mean students noticed. And of those that did know, how many were informed enough about the candidates to vote?

For example, a recent survey indicated that students were very concerned about tutoring services. The big thing they said they wanted to see was more advertising so students would know where to get tutoring.

This is amazing to us. There are posters up all over campus for tutoring services. E-mail was sent to all students explaining how to get tutoring. There are ads in the *Fiat Lux* about tutoring services. Many classes announced how to get tutoring, and tutoring was mentioned at Student Senate meetings. If a student still did not understand how to get tutoring, how difficult would it be to walk up to a professor and ask how to arrange it?

So it is not that advertising is not being done, but rather that students are not bothering to look before complaining. This can be extended to other areas of campus life.

Many students complain about the little amount of money their organizations receive, but how many of those students go to Senate and understand the budget process?

There are students who complain that there is nothing to do at Alfred University—but every week there are speeches, organization meetings, bands, coffeehouses, comedians and movies. If nothing going on strikes your fancy, you can find parties to attend or make your own fun. Are these students really trying very hard to find interesting things to do?

Critics of America's youth call students lazy and uncaring, interested only in ourselves and unaware of the world around us. Right now, AU students are reinforcing that stereotype.

We're not saying that students need to involve themselves in things they hate, or that not being interested in something is a cardinal sin. But there is no excuse for not being aware.

Set five minutes aside each day and read your e-mail. Skim even the UTIL::STUDENTS junk mail.

Stop once a week at a bulletin board that contains announcements that affect your life and scan it for pertinent information. This only takes five minutes.

Take ten minutes every two weeks and pick up an issue of the *Fiat Lux*. Read the headlines, the Senate update and an article or two. Skim the news notes and local notes.

Simply doing these three things will take a grand total of 30 to 40 minutes per week at the most, and the effect they'll have on your awareness will be staggering.

So the next time tutoring comes up, or Senate elections, or the question of what to do on a Saturday night, you'll know where to look.

If you don't want to get involved, don't. But if you don't care enough to try, then don't complain about things you won't even look into. □

Correction

Joseph Backler, 19, Belfast was not arrested for DWI on Feb. 2. The Alfred Police Department recently determined he was not intoxicated, only ill.



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COLUMNIST

Eating Disorders Week silly



BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

The people of the United States have a day to commemorate every important occasion in our history. Sometimes we even have a week or a month for really notable things.

In addition to Black History Month and Women's History Month, there's Music in Our Schools Month, Sexual Responsibility Week, World AIDS Day and Dental Health Month. My hometown grocery store even celebrates Frozen Foods Month.

Eating Disorders Week (the week of Feb. 23) comes as no surprise, then. Why not have a whole week to contemplate eating disorders?

Because it's become ridiculous, that's why!

What is the point of recognizing eating disorders for one week and then continuing on with our lives?

Why do people think that proclaiming last week Eating Disorders Week is going to do anybody any good?

When we have entire months devoted to TV dinners and our dental health, a week for eating disorders seems cheap and futile. A day for the millions of AIDS sufferers is downright inadequate.

That's not to say it isn't important to acknowledge the dangers of eating disorders.

Anorexia, an illness in which

the sufferer starves him or herself, bulimia, an illness in which the sufferer binges and purges, and compulsive overeating affect a vast number of adolescents and college-age people, and should definitely be addressed as an important issue.

However, I question the good Eating Disorders Week will do

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for the victims of eating disorders.

The purpose of Eating Disorders Week, just like Black and Women's History Months, World AIDS Day and Sexual Responsibility Week, is supposed to be to educate the public.

Hopefully, with enough education, the average person would be able to recognize the signs of anorexia, bulimia and compulsive overeating in friends and family members and be able to help them.

It hasn't worked, and it isn't going to work any time soon.

Just because some anonymous

government body has declared the week of Feb. 23 to be Eating Disorder Week doesn't mean anything is going to change for the victims of eating disorders.

Just because people might now know a few facts about eating disorders doesn't mean the victims will make any more progress towards recovery.

Anorexics, bulimics and compulsive overeaters won't benefit from mere knowledge without societal change.

People suffering from eating disorders need love and acceptance to get better, not pamphlets listing the warning signs of mental illness. They need American society to become less body-focused and more attuned to their specific problems and concerns.

I've heard several people on campus discussing Eating Disorders Week. Even family members and friends of those with eating disorders have been laughing about the pointlessness of the week.

They all seem to regard it as a joke. As do I. It's just another stupid week to them, another pointless cause whose meaning got lost in translation between professionals and the public.

And that's a shame, because you probably know at least one person whose life is endangered by an eating disorder.

The statistics are scary and revealing: one in four college women nationwide is the victim of an eating disorder, and 15 percent of all untreated anorexics will die. □

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kumquat degradation protested

DEAR EDITOR:

The strikingly anti-citrus tone of your featured “Kudos and Kumquats” caught my attention. I write to you now out of fear and confusion, in defense of that poorly known fruit, the kumquat. If this valley is, after all, to be an enclave of learning and tolerance, then the *Fiat Lux*, as one of its premier publications (second only to the Alfred Review-Poiesis), can ill afford to take such a potentially libelous stance towards such a tasty fruit. And we, as Alfredians, need to address the issues raised by the kumquat, the smallest of our orange brethren.

Allow me to excerpt a cookbook of mine:

“Smaller than the clementine is the kumquat, which some consider the stepchild of citrus, with its reputation as a sour pucker-

upper. These days, through cultivation, this stepchild seems to be something of a “Cinderella.” It can be surprisingly sweet, particularly the skins. Some people even eat them for the purpose of squelching cravings for candy.”

Ignoring the other issue raised: “Kudos,” a candy bar scorned and perhaps preferable only to the oft-mocked “Charleston Chew,” and assuming that a Kudo is worthy of praise, I do not know how to interpret your feature. Personally, I hold the kumquat in higher esteem than any candy bar. On the other hand, I do own a citrus cookbook.

Isn't it time to stop beating our stepchildren? Our red-heads? It is long past time to let Cinderella out of the kitchen.

Which kumquat, then, was referred to in your feature? Understanding your attitude

towards the Clinton panel discussion to be positive, am I being cheered or chastised for ignoring it?

Did you slap me with an outdated kumquat of sullen apathy: stoned, unwashed, unthinking and incapable of interests extending beyond cooking this morning's Ramen in what remains of last night's beer?

Or, was I awarded the real kumquat: firm and shiny with principled indifference, sleeping in, or otherwise endowed with better things to do?

I think we are ready to take the sweet with the sour. I think we can handle seeds and pulp. I think we are all able to realize that, in this instance, the good guy wears orange.

Peeled and sectioned,
Brian Hunter
Class of '98

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Trustee defends D'Amato as speaker choice

DEAR EDITOR:

I've read with keen interest both your editorial and your news report about the choice of Senator Alfonse D'Amato as commencement speaker at Alfred this coming May because I was among those who suggested him in the first place.

I am delighted he is coming to Alfred because whether one agrees or disagrees with his positions on various issues, he has

been elected by the people of New York to three terms in the Senate, where he is an increasingly powerful and influential figure (as in the Republican party). It is not often that we have a commencement speaker of such national prominence.

I am equally delighted that he is sparking such lively debate and discussion on and off campus. Among the major purposes of a university is offering students exposure to controversial people

and ideas.

Sincerely,
Gene M. Bernstein, '69
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Editor's note: The piece appearing on the editorial page about Senator D'Amato was an opinion piece by a staff columnist and not the position of the Fiat Lux. Only the unsigned editorial is the official position of the Fiat Lux.

Senate UPDATE

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

The gavel has changed hands again. Mike Pellicciotti took over as the new Student Senate President from Christina Lombardi last Wednesday. Greg Hilgert took Pellicciotti's place as Vice President.

Also at recent Senate meetings the Hot Dog Day committee received Senate Allocations, the amendments to the Bylaws dealing with financial restructuring were passed and nominations were opened for the Senate executive board.

Only 447 students voted in the recent election. Pellicciotti received 289 votes, and his opponent, Mike Christakis, received 151 votes. Mark Torrey, who withdrew from the election, received seven votes. Hilgert ran unopposed.

The Hot Dog Day Committee asked for and received \$6090 for the event. Only three Senators opposed the allocation. Hot Dog Day's entire budget comes from Senate Allocations. All profits from the event are donated to charity.

The Senate Bylaws have been updated to make provisions so the financial restructuring policy can take effect. The changes affect how money is allocated to organizations and allow organizations currently financially regulated by Senate to become unregulated.

Jim Kostiw reapplied for Finance Chair of Senate and was reaffirmed, leaving only three positions on the executive board still to be filled. Bethany Carpenter is nominated for PolyPro, Kris Clarke is a candidate for treasurer and Chandra Leister has been nominated to continue as secretary.

Trish Debertolis announced a new service program titled "Pump up the Service." The pro-

gram will track and recognize organizations performing community service on a bulletin board in the campus center. A newsletter will be compiled at the end of the semester to report on and publicize the results.

Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, congratulated the outgoing executive board on their accomplishments this semester. He called their term an "extremely effective year."

A glossary of Student Senate terms was passed out at last week's meeting. [see below]

There will be a meeting tomorrow night at 9:30 p.m. in the Mocha Jocha to organize official protests to be lobbied against Commencement speaker Senator Al D'Amato.

The Senate executive board's off-campus living brochure will be available to students in the mail room.

Yearbooks go on sale the week after Spring Break. □

Glossary of Student Senate Terms

Attendance:

After three unexcused absences an organization loses its voting privileges.

Ad-Hoc Committee:

A temporary committee formed for the purpose of accomplishing any special Senate business.

Audit:

A Finance Committee-run meeting in which organizations' financial records are examined. At this meeting the Finance Committee ensures that all organization spending is legal and matches the Finance Committee-approved budget.

Cabinet:

An advisory group to the executive board composed of a representative of each council. These representatives are called vice presidents.

Committees:

Seven groups made up of Senators to serve as the working governmental bodies between students and administrators to address issues concerning the student body.

Councils:

Presidents of organizations attend council meetings. Organizations are assigned to

councils based on their genre. Examples include Media Council, Residence Hall Council and Greek Council.

Motion:

Can be brought up by a presiding officer or member of Senate to table or vote upon a pending issue.

New Business:

Any business of the executive board not previously discussed for the Senate to review and a time for anyone to bring up any questions or concerns.

Operating Committee:

A committee necessary for the very operations of Senate and therefore exists for the entire Senate year.

Old Business:

Any business of the executive board or Senate that has been tabled from previous meetings.

Participation:

Sharing your thoughts and opinions with others about an issue or concern.

Regulated Organization:

An organization that must pay bills and handle financial procedures through the Senate treasurer and finance chair. These

organizations were once called Standing Organizations.

Robert's Rules of Order:

A set of rules that govern Senate's parliamentary procedure.

Standing Committee:

Those committees that are essential to the operation of Student Senate. They include the Finance and Elections Committees.

Senate Allocations:

A request for funding from Senate Allocations must be presented to the executive board and then presented to Senate. Senate Allocations is used for Senate's working budget, sponsoring a Senate or student initiative that benefits the entire campus and paying for unforeseen opportunities or situations.

Tabling:

To postpone, indefinitely, consideration of an amendment, motion or vote.

Unregulated Organization:

An organization that is financially independent of Senate in terms of bill paying and record keeping. These organizations were once called Cabinet Organizations.

but they must address each patient the same," he said.

Confidentiality is another issue confronting the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, said Dawn Mellis, a sophomore art major and secretary and social chair of Spectrum.

For example, young people sometimes confide in their doctors about their sexual orientation, only to have that confidence broken when their parents are told they are gay, lesbian or bisexual, she explained.

Cortez agreed. Gay, lesbian and bisexuals may not trust the medical profession to be confidential, particularly in small towns, he said.

This can be especially harmful if someone decides not to take an HIV test, because they fear having their sexuality disclosed, said Cortez.

Cortez said he hopes his involvement in the session will help promote better understanding of homosexual concerns among medical professionals. □

is now offered to students in more counties.

Also the University is working to ensure the quality of open houses and to increase faculty contact with prospective students in order to help increase the number of students enrolled, said Strong.

The University will know the size of the incoming freshman class after the May 1 deadline for deposits. □

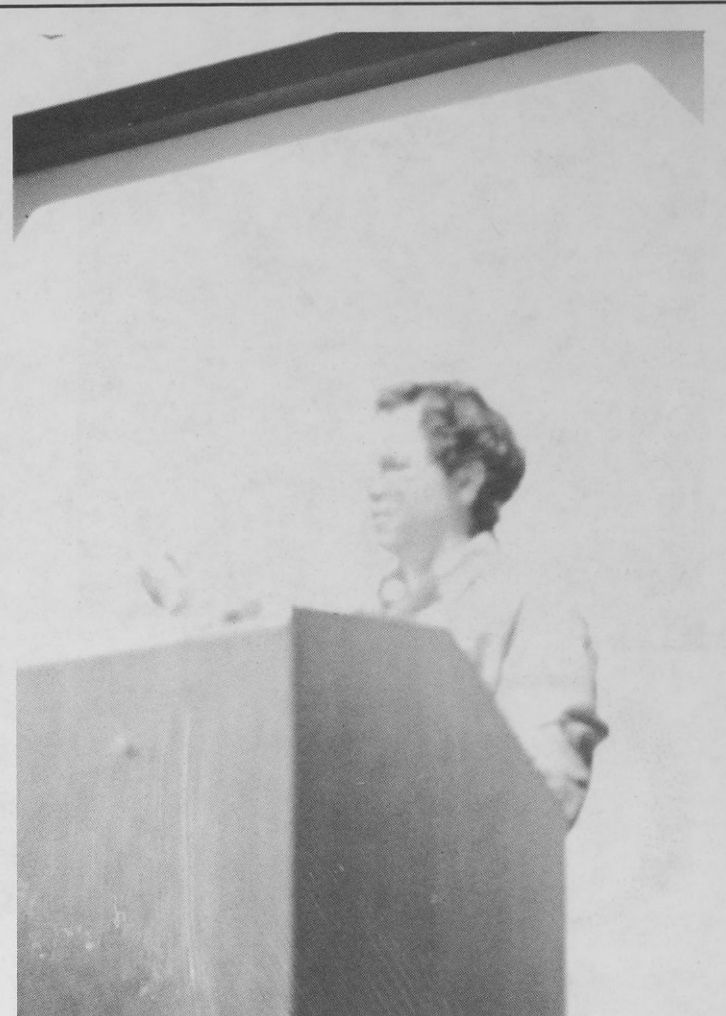


PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Emrys Westacott, assistant professor of philosophy, delivers his talk, titled "Gossip: Private Vice or Public Virtue?" at the Bergren Forum last Thursday.

WALF changes hands

BY SHAWN UNDERWOOD AND MEGAN PARK

WALF gained a new station manager and tougher rules this semester in an effort to restore the station's credibility and "go back to music."

"Going back to music" means less talk by the DJs and more music "because that's what a radio station is all about," said Ben Link, WALF's new station manager. Link, formerly the assistant station manager, replaced the station manager who graduated in December.

Link said the DJs last semester treated their shows more like a joke than a responsibility. He said he plans to make sure they take their jobs more seriously this semester.

Last semester WALF had a problem with people stealing CDs and using vulgarity over the air waves, said Link.

He said that this semester there will be random room checks for all of the DJs to see if they have stolen any WALF CDs.

"[With] the stealing of even

one WALF CD, you will go straight to the judicial system," said Link.

To address the issue of vulgarity over the air, Christina Schindler, WALF music director, said the shows will be monitored at all times and taped for future reference to try and cut down on the vulgarity.

WALF DJs said they generally supported the changes.

Scott Bell, a WALF DJ, said, "They shouldn't have to do room searches in the first place because people shouldn't steal CDs." He also said he thinks they should only search the rooms of people they suspect of stealing.

Steven Santa Maria, a WALF DJ, said he doesn't like the rule on vulgarity, "but it has to be done." He said he doesn't mind the random room checks because "it's lame" to steal CDs.

Link also said he hopes to cut down on the amount of "dead air" on WALF this semester. Dead air is time spent with no music playing and no one talking over the air. □

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Gays, lesbians and bisexuals may conceal symptoms of medical problems if they feel their doctor or nurse is homophobic, said Cortez.

Also homosexuals may get inferior medical treatment if their doctors cannot move beyond their homophobia, he explained.

"Medical workers don't have to accept the lifestyles of patients,

...Applications

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University, she explained, with the biggest increase in the College of Engineering and Professional Studies.

Strong said the University is still accepting applications, and will likely get another 150 applicants in the coming weeks.

Although the number of appli-

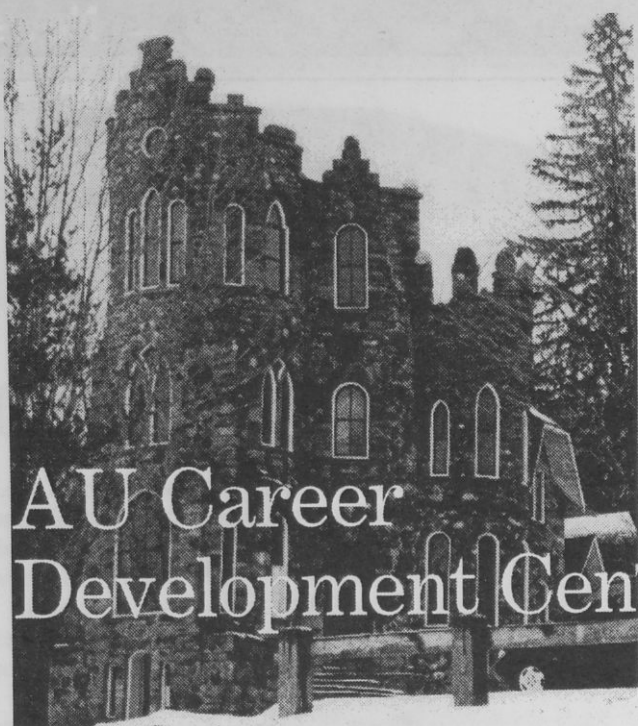
cants was high last year, the number of students who enrolled at the University was low, causing budget problems for the school. "[We] are hoping to prevent that from recurring," said Strong.

To ensure that enough students enroll, the school is trying to keep financial aid offers competitive, explained Strong. Therefore, the Presidential and Southern Tier scholarships have been increased, and the Southern Tier scholarship

Fiat Lux Applications for editor are now open!

We are also accepting applications for all other positions, including managing editor, production manager, business manager, copy manager, page editors (news, arts & entertainment, features and sports), photo editor, darkroom manager, webmaster, advertising manager, circulation manager, subscriptions manager, reporters, photographers, copy editors, ad designers and production assistants. For more information, contact the *Fiat Lux*.

All applications will be due March 29.



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Visitor Leah Gallo and AU students Molly DeStafney, Bethany Carpenter and Gwen McShea talk over one of the bags from the Basket Auction last Saturday. The auction, which raised about \$50, was held by the Alfred Dramatists.

PREVIEW

Play remembers friend

BY PHIL REULAND

In remembrance of a friend who died of AIDS, the play "Lonely Planet" will be performed March 18 and 19.

Co-director Mike Link, a senior philosophy major, was first introduced to the play in 1996 by Liath M. Radif, associate artistic director for the Plano Repertory Theatre, in Dallas, Texas.

Radif was HIV positive, and he desperately wanted to direct "Lonely Planet," explained Link. The play focuses on friendship and the fears of living in the age of the HIV virus.

"As he became ill, he talked to me about doing the play," recalled Link. "I'm doing this as a remembrance of him." Sadly, Radif died last year.

Link is co-directing the play with Andrea Saladino, a senior theater major.

The main character, Jody, played by Wayne Montminy, a junior philosophy and theater major, needs to take an HIV test, and he fears the worst. This forces him into seclusion in hopes of avoiding the outcome.

Carl, played by Link, tries to help him cope with his possible future. During one scene, he sur-

rounds Jody with empty chairs—each one symbolizing a friend of theirs who had died from AIDS.

All of the ticket sales and donations will be given to the Radif Scholarship Fund and a local AIDS charity.

Ben Link, a junior history and theater major, is the technical director of the play.

"Lonely Planet" was written by Steven Deitz and originally produced in 1992.

"This is an important issue, and it's time for it to be expressed artistically. It's important that people come and see this," said Mike Link. □

Featured Student Poetry

BY DANIEL RYAN

Underneath the clouds
The singing is too loud
To hear the angels cry.

Beneath the river bed,
From where our roots extend
The fruits are running dry.

My thoughts, like grains of sand,
Are washed away again
By time's undaunted perfection.

Common irony be subtle,
Oceans reduce to puddles
In which man bears no reflection.

Where is the shaman
Who lives on the mountain,
And sees what I dream.

Where is the child
That can't help but smile,
And knows what the angels mean.

Smoke blends with the ice,
Feeling the sun is nice
After the winter breathes.

When the heart and soul are one,
And the moon catches up to the sun,
We let go of our fear and believe.



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Freshmen Caitlin Greer and Shannon McDermitt dance the night away at the Purim Masquerade Ball in the Knight Club last Saturday night. The ball was sponsored by Hillel.

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AU observes national week for engineers

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

AU engineers had a chance to share their knowledge with their peers last week as they celebrated National Engineers Week.

Events included Engineering Feud, Sports Night, a field trip, a student-faculty mixer and numerous demonstrations and contests.

Rob Bernstein, a senior materials science major, said the field trip to Corning's Sullivan Park was one of the biggest events.

Sullivan Park is a research facility for Corning Inc. and is usually not open to the public. About 25 AU engineering students were allowed to tour the facility and view some current research projects.

Engineering Feud, which has become a traditional rivalry between faculty and students, was again won by the students this year. The team representing Keramos, the ceramic engineering honor society, triumphed over

the faculty team, which took second place. Nine teams competed in the feud.

Sports Night provided an opportunity for faculty and students to interact in an informal setting. Teams composed of faculty and students competed in volleyball and basketball tournaments.

The student-faculty mixer served the same purpose, giving all engineers a chance to eat and relax together. Guests were treated to a performance by the Faculty Kazoo Drill Team.

Engineers Week was organized by a committee of faculty and students. James Reed, dean of the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science, as well as professors William LaCourse, Herbert Giesche, Wallace Leigh and Joe Rosiczkowski took part in the planning, assisted by students Dan Edson, Michelle Korwin, Josh Krueger, Kasi Emo and Bernstein. □



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Keith Seitz blocks CQ Shen's spike while Dave Silbergleit stands ready to help in last Thursday's Engineers Week Sports Night. Also pictured is Metin Koyuncu, Shen's teammate.

Study abroad program offers escape from Alfred

BY JEN BUTTARO

Let's face it—sometimes Alfred can be a very boring place to spend eight months out of the year. Occasionally, you'd like to just get away from it all.

For those itching to go, the perfect opportunity is the University's Study Abroad Program. Going abroad for a semester is a great way to experience a new culture with new ideas, and to meet inter-

esting people.

Senior Cecily Rogers, who studied in Italy last spring enjoyed her experience, and recommends it to others. "It's a chance to see things [you wouldn't normally] be able to see."

Studying abroad also makes sense for practical reasons. Students studying abroad still earn college credits, while gaining valuable experience that will look great on a resume. Also there are

many programs which cost the same as tuition and room and board at AU.

Planning for a semester abroad can be tricky. It is the student's responsibility to research where to go and find a program that is affordable.

Most students study abroad during their junior year. It is usually best to go abroad at this time because students have already taken care of general require-

ments for their major.

If you are planning to go during junior year, you must have all of your plans finalized by April 15 of your sophomore year. The reason for this is so that the University can plan its budget.

Right now students' favorite spot for study abroad is Australia. Pam Lakin, director of the Study Abroad Program in the private sector, said the location is popular because "it's a big change from

Alfred." Also, "students have an image of sunshine and beaches stuck in their heads."

Other popular spots include Germany and England.

If you are interested in studying abroad, speak to your advisor, who will put you in touch with the director of the Study Abroad Program for your particular school.

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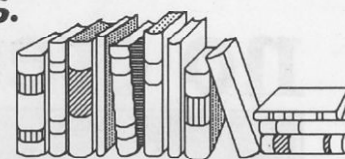
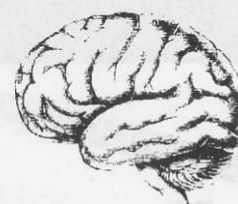
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AU to celebrate 27th annual Hot Dog Day

BY RAE WATTS

Every spring Alfred University students join together in celebration of the hot dog. It is a tradition that dates back almost 30 years. Why does Alfred have such a love of wieners?

Two AU alumni, Eric Vaughn and Mark O'Meara, founded Hot Dog Day in 1971. The event began as a way to raise money for charity. Vaughn and O'Meara wanted to involve Alfred residents and students from both Alfred State College and Alfred University. "The administration thought we were completely out of our minds," said O'Meara.

The first Hot Dog Day was run without a budget. O'Meara recalled visiting each residence hall to try to get students involved. "The [students] were so creative," he said. "I couldn't believe how much energy got put into Hot Dog Day."

The administration ran the booths, cooking and selling the wieners. In 1971 a hot dog and a Coke sold for a quarter.

The first Hot Dog Day was an immediate success. Although only 2,500 hot dogs were ordered, the company accidentally shipped twice this amount, but all 5,000 hot dogs were sold at the event. O'Meara said they had to run around town trying to find bread, and eventually hot dogs were just handed out without buns.

The theory behind Hot Dog Day was that the charities had to work if they wanted part of the profits. As a result, charities set up various booths on Main Street and the

fire company gave rides on its truck. O'Meara said Hot Dog Day raised about \$3,400 the first year.

Hot Dog Day is still run almost the same way. According to Dan Napolitano, about \$5,000 is raised each year. Russ Patterson, one of the chairs of the Hot Dog Day committee, said this money is divided up between approximately 10 local charities. The charities include the Alfred Montessori School and the Genesee Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Napolitano said between 4,500 and 5,000 hot dogs are still served each year. Hot Dog Day attracts not only students and alumni, but members of the surrounding communities as well.

But Hot Dog Day is not just about hot dogs. Celebrations begin well before the big day. Everything kicks off on Thursday, April 23 at 9 p.m. with an Elvis Impersonation Contest.

The Friday before the event marks the annual Ice Cream Bash. Denise Miller, head of the Ice Cream Bash committee, said the bash is "a family affair." Families pay a small price for all the ice cream they can eat. There is also entertainment at the event.

Casino Night is another kick off to Hot Dog Day. This event is run by the Residence Hall Council, but is co-sponsored by several student organizations. Casino night is a free for AU students. Students receive gambling chips to use at slot machines, roulette wheels and black jack tables throughout the evening. The chips are then cashed in for raffle tickets. Winners of the raffle are awarded prizes such as a



FILE PHOTO

Chris Tournour gets pie thrown on his face at a booth at last year's Hot Dog Day Carnival.

television or video games.

Saturday, April 25 is the big day this year. The Hot Dog Day parade and carnival will begin at 12 p.m. Local organizations and charities will line Main Street with booths.

Mud Olympics will be held in the afternoon. Miller said the teams play about three games and the top teams win prizes.

The Arts and Crafts Fair allows

visitors to check out the work of local vendors and students. The fair takes place on Carnegie lawn.

Another important part of Hot Dog Day is the Band Stand Entertainment. Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who has performed at Hot Dog Days in the past, will be performing again this year. The remaining acts are yet to be announced.

At 8 p.m. on Hot Dog Day Barry Drake will be giving a multimedia presentation entitled "The Roots of Rock 'N' Roll."

This year the Hot Dog Day committees have added a theme to the event, "Viva Las Wieners." This is a first in Hot Dog Day history.

Will we get to see the Wienermobile? As of yet the committees aren't sure, but they remain hopeful. □

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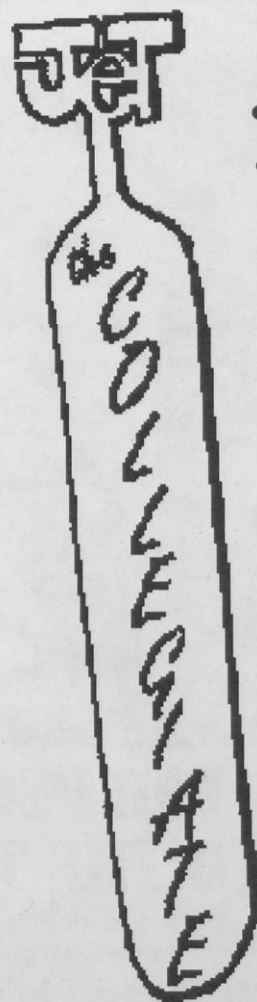
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WOMEN'S STUDIES ROUNDTABLE

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Is the recent increase in the number of "feminist" messages presented in society helpful or hurtful to the women's movement?

Seven members of the Women's Issues Coalition presented "Pop Feminism" at the Women's Studies Roundtable last Friday. They analyzed several trends in popular culture and advertising to determine whether or not the trends have advanced the goals of the women's movement.

De Anne Smith, a senior English major, talked about the Spice Girls, a female quintet and one of the newest pop music phenomena.

"We figured we'd move from the weakest example of feminism to the strongest," she said, to introduce the group. Despite their cries of "Girl Power," they are "girl in its most feminine sense," said Smith. They are not

advancing the women's movement, she concluded.

Lilith Fair, a female music festival organized by singer Sarah McLachlan, was addressed by Amy Garbark, a freshman art major. She said she saw it as a "celebration of women" and a successful venture.

Jenny McCarthy's contributions to the women's movement were scrutinized by Laura Kaplan, a senior track II major. The former Playboy model and MTV personality has made her reputation on "being disgusting," explained Kaplan.

McCarthy downplays her physical beauty and admits that many of her photographs are airbrushed, she also said.

"Is she tearing herself down or empowering herself?" Kaplan asked.

Leslie Augenbraun, a senior art major, addressed the concept of androgyny, which she said was "disturbing" to her, while Megan Mercier, a senior history major, and Jeneen Lehocky, a senior English major, discussed messages in advertisements for Champion Sportswear and other women's athletic shoes and equip-



PHOTO BY KRIS GRAVANDA

Some of the panelists from the Women's Issue Coalition discuss their program before beginning the Women's Studies Roundtable Feb. 20. From left are panelists De Anne Smith, Amy Garbark, Leslie Augenbraun and Meghan Mercier and WIC member Julie Callahan.

ment, such as "real clothes for real women."

The purpose of these ads is to empower women, explained Mercier and Lehocky, but they questioned the truthfulness of the ads. For instance, Mercier pointed out that even the

"empowering" ads had clearly been airbrushed, so that the models appeared flawless.

Megan Allen, a senior communication studies major, talked about the Body Shop, a bath and skincare company, and its recent campaign to improve women's

self-esteem. "Know your mind, love your body" is its slogan. Allen praised the campaign.

The presenters came to the conclusion that feminism in popular culture has been generally positive, but they questioned its sincerity. □

NEWS NOTES

•Randy Belmont, Alfred's police chief, is a candidate in the Republican primary for the post of Allegany County Sheriff.

•The Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education is sponsoring the Safe Spring Break campaign. Students are encouraged to sign a pledge that they will not engage in risky behavior such as unsafe sexual activities, driving after drinking and alcohol and drug abuse.

Pledge forms are available at the campus center information desk and may be turned in in the campus center mail room.

One of the signed pledges will be drawn at random and the student will win a Sony PlayStation.

•The results are in from the Li'l Alf's survey on favorite Ben and Jerry's flavors. There were 183 responses, and the top scorers by votes cast were:

Peanut Butter Cup: 54

Mint Chocolate Cookie: 52

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough: 52

Coffee Coffee Buzz Buzz Buzz: 38

Chocolate Fudge Brownie: 35

Phish Food: 30

NY Super Fudge Chunk: 23

Chubby Hubby: 21

Cherry Garcia: 20

Chocolate Fudge Brownie

Yogurt: 20

Rainforest Crunch: 17

Cookie Dough Yogurt: 17

Chunky Monkey: 14.

Ben and Jerry's flavors sold at the Li'l Alf will be ordered and rotated partially in accordance with the results.

•In a recent survey students were asked to rate the dining halls in several categories on a scale of one to five with five being excellent, three being good and one being poor.

With 384 responses turned in, the average score was 3.01. An excellent rating was given in 2.6

percent of the categories, and very good was assigned to 21 percent of the categories. Students gave a good rating to 54.6 percent of the categories and fair and poor were assigned to 18.2 and 3.3 percent, respectively.

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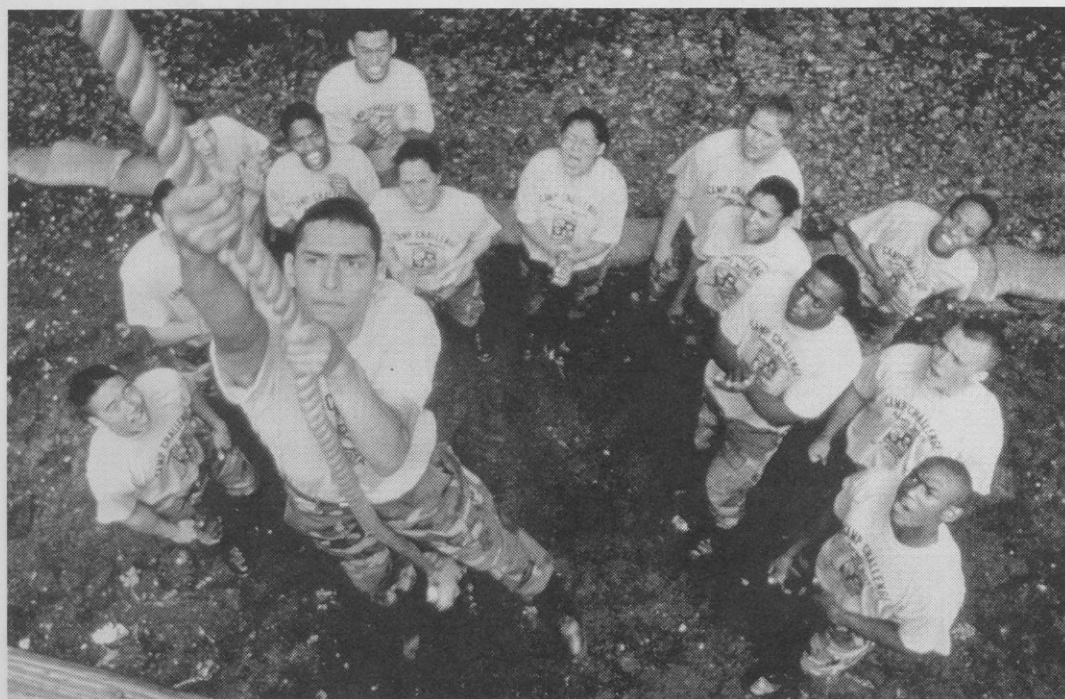
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POLICE BLOTTER

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Feb 9 to 22.

Arrests:

Open Container:

- Charles Gibson, 18, Niagara Falls (Feb 12)
- Ebby Crocker, Livonia (Feb 12)
- Michael J. Fox, 17, Silver Creek (Feb 21)
- Brian McKee, 21, Alfred (Feb 21)
- Christian Phinney, Clayton (Feb 21)
- Jessica Fachko, Buffalo (Feb 21)

DWI:

- Anthony Kurdish, 33, Hilton, also resisting arrest (Feb 13)
- John Shackelford, 19, Hamlin (Feb 15)

- Karen Cotton, 20, Hornell (Feb 19)
- Jonathan Fisher, 22, Glenmont (Feb 21)
- Laurence Fraser, 37, Alfred Station (Feb 22)

Felony Criminal Mischief and Possession of Stolen Property:

- James J. Coffey, 19, West Seneca (Feb 18)
- Jeremy Garrison, 19, Tonawanda (Feb 18)

Other:

- 18-year-old, shoplifting (Feb 9)
- Billy Prodromidis, 20, Elmira, trespassing (Feb 14)
- Jason Duval, 20, Hamlin, possession of marijuana (Feb 15)
- Christopher Zanghi, 20, Amherst, disorderly conduct (Feb 21)

Complaints:

Aggravated Harassment:

- Davis Hill Rd. (Feb 12)
- State St. (Feb 18)

Disabled Vehicle:

- N. Main St. (Feb 13)
- Rte. 21 (Feb 13)
- Rte. 21 (Feb 14)
- Clearview Lane (Feb 15)
- Rte. 21 (Feb 16)
- Rte. 12 (Feb 17)
- Rte. 12 (Feb 21)

Suspicious Vehicle:

- Rte. 244 (Feb 13)
- Rte. 244 (Feb 15)

Lost Property:

- W. University St. (Feb 14)

- N. Main St. (Feb 15)

Fight:

- W. University St. (Feb 14)
- Ford St. (Feb 21)

Domestic Dispute:

- S. Main St. (Feb 15)
- Rte. 12 (Feb 16)

Criminal Mischief:

- Ford St. (Feb 15)
- State St. (Feb 21)

Disorderly People:

- Openhym Hall, AU campus (Feb 19)
- W. University St. (Feb 21)
- S. Main St. (Feb 22)

Other:

- Bonfire-no permit, W.

- University St. (Feb 10)

- Assault, N. Main St. (Feb 10)
- Street lights out (Feb 11)
- Missing person (Feb 12)
- Suspicious person, W. University St. (Feb 14)
- Found property, N. Main St. (Feb 14)
- Assault, W. University St. (Feb 15)
- Erratic driver, N. Main St. (Feb 18)
- Alarm activation, N. Main St. (Feb 18)
- House fire, E. Valley Rd. (Feb 18)
- Car in ditch, Rte. 12 (Feb 21)
- Loud party, N. Main St. (Feb 21)
- Uni-mart sign knocked down, N. Main St. (Feb 21)
- Burglary, W. University St. (Feb 21)

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- Jesse C. Pezzine, Depew (\$25)
- Rebecca N. McClurg, Oakfield (\$25)
- Ebby J. Crocker, Livonia (\$25)
- Charles J. Gibson, Niagara Falls (\$25)

Speed in Zone:

- Brian E. Morey, E. Syracuse (\$85)
- Jason B. Fox, Newburgh, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Amy L. Barns, Leroy (\$85)
- Stacy L. Kellogg, Hammondsport (\$90)
- Sarah C. Holler, Middleburg, Penn. (\$90)
- Michael Best, Williamsport, Penn. (\$90)

- Tracy J. Frieday, Spencerport (\$90)
- Bradley S. Kelly, Cassadaga (\$90)
- Thomas R. Wood, Ringwood, N.J. (\$90)

Failure to Obey Traffic Device:

- Joel R. Pocock, Bergen (\$100)
- Marc R. Lawrence, Williamsville (\$130)
- David L. Gillmer, Mt. Morris (\$90)

Expired Inspection:

- Michael J. Decker, Port Byron (\$25, conditional discharge)
- Mehmet E. Karaaslan, Almond (\$80)
- Bryan M. Scherberger, Rochester (\$80)
- Christopher J. Beahan, Livonia (\$80)

- Richard C. Dunning, Hornell (\$55)
- Craig A. Prophet, Alfred (\$55)

Passed Stop Sign:

- Thomas E. Evans, Drexel Hill, Penn. (\$130)
- Steven T. Sager, Avoca (\$120)
- Jason J. Barrett, Dalton (\$125)
- Joshua S. Burkhard, Stockbridge, Mass. (\$120)
- David B. Hulburt, York (\$120)
- Yolanda S. Thomas, Rochester (\$130)

DWI reduced to DWAI:

- Robert Russell, Tonawanda (\$325)
- Frederick T. Wade, Petaluma, Calif. (\$330)
- Ryan Wiatrowski, Bolivar (\$380)

- John C. Carr, Churchville, also failure to dim lights (\$500)
- Jeffrey A. Brooks, Wayland (\$530)

Noise Violation:

- Rachel W. Kulp, Rochester (\$50)
- Brendan P. Halloran, Bracun, Mass. (\$100)

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana:

- Frederick T. Wade, Petaluma, Calif. (\$100)
- Edward C. Lawson Jr., Jamestown, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$200)

Other:

- Billie J. Klees, Hornell, open

- alcohol in vehicle (\$30, conditional discharge)
- Jennifer R. Sturiale, Arkport, no seatbelt driver (\$80)
- Bryan J. Civalier, E. Greenbush, criminal impersonation, reduced to disorderly conduct (\$100)
- Cody J. Ellis, Allegany, petit larceny, reduced to trespassing (\$150)
- Gregory Smith, Leroy, disorderly conduct, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Eric D. Bastian, Newark, speed not reasonable (\$100)
- Jesse C. Olsovsky, North Chili, driving on sidewalk (\$80)
- Lindsay A. Maggart, Penn Yan, disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Joseph B. Orosz, Scio, speed in excess of 55 mph (\$90)



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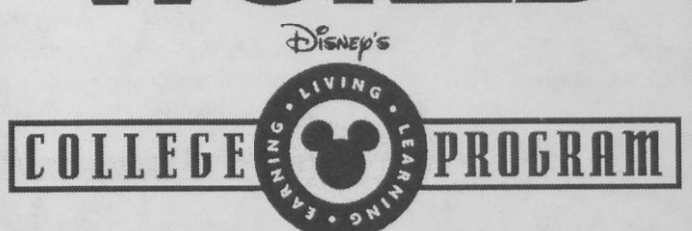
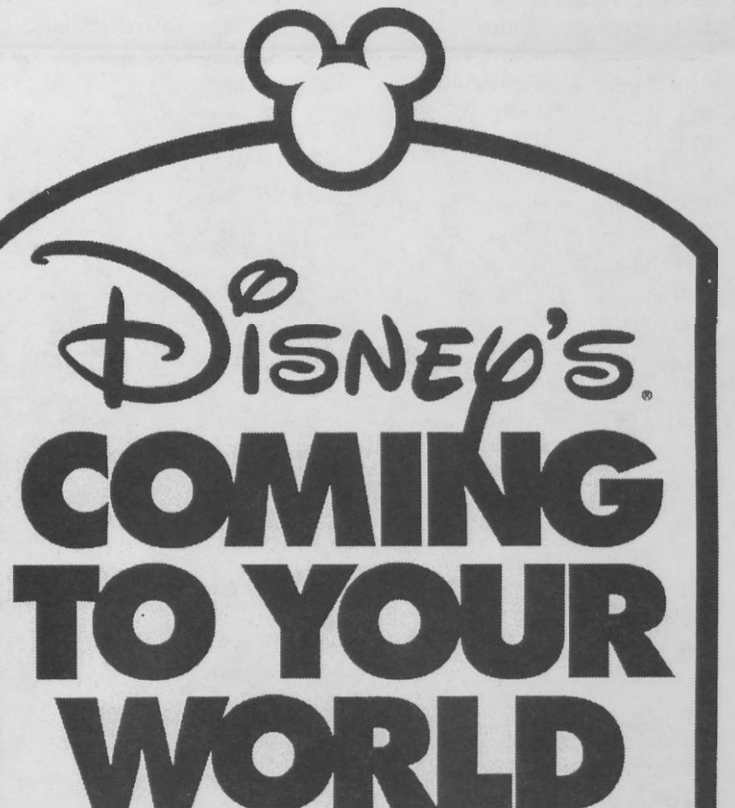
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3/25	4 p.m.	Elmira
3/28	1 p.m.	Clarkson
4/1	7 p.m.	*Geneseo
4/4	2 p.m.	*Hartwick
4/11	1:30 p.m.	R.I.T.
4/18	2 p.m.	*Ithaca
4/22	3:30 p.m.	Nazareth
4/25	1 p.m.	Ohio Wesleyan
5/2	2 p.m.	Cortland

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3/14	Washington & Lee Invite
3/21	Franklin & Marshall
3/28	Rochester Quad Meet
4/4	Ithaca Invite
4/11	*Alfred Invitational
4/18	*Allegheny, Geneseo
4/23	Penn Relays
4/25	PAC Champs @ Grove City

Women's Lacrosse

3/21	5:30 p.m.	*U. of Rochester
3/25	4 p.m.	*Allegheny
3/27	6 p.m.	Canisius
4/1	4 p.m.	*Oswego
4/5	12 p.m.	*Frostburg
4/8	4 p.m.	*Brockport
4/11	2:30 p.m.	Nazareth
4/16	4 p.m.	Fredonia
4/18	1 p.m.	R.I.T.
4/21	4 p.m.	Gannon
4/23	4:30 p.m.	Buffalo State
4/25	2 p.m.	*Lemoyne
4/28	4 p.m.	Geneseo

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4/4	3 p.m.	*Grove City
4/10	3 p.m.	Waynesburg
4/11	1 p.m.	Wash. & Jeff.
4/14	3 p.m.	*Hartwick
4/17	3 p.m.	Thiel
4/20	1 p.m.	St. John Fisher
4/21	3 p.m.	Keuka
4/24	3 p.m.	*Fredonia
4/25	1 p.m.	*Geneseo
4/26	1 p.m.	*Bethany

Men's Tennis

3/28	1 p.m.	Elmira
4/4	TBA	Penn State-Behrend
4/7	3:30 p.m.	*Penn State-Behrend
4/11	TBA	Cazenovia
4/20	3:30 p.m.	St. John Fisher
4/22	3:30 p.m.	*Ithaca
4/28	3:30 p.m.	*R.I.T.
4/30	3:30 p.m.	*Fredonia

RESULTS

Women's Swimming

NYS Champ. (AU placed 8 of 15)

Equestrian

R.I.T. (AU placed 4 of 15)

Men's Basketball

Grove City 60, Alfred 52
Alfred 67, Wash. & Jeff. 61
Alfred 67, Hilbert 45

Women's Basketball

Cazenovia 75, Alfred 53
Grove City 81, Alfred 36
Wash. & Jeff. 83, Alfred 48

Women's Alpine Skiing

Regionals (AU placed 1 of 16)

Men's Alpine Skiing

Regionals (AU placed 3 of 16)

Men's LAX team looks promising

ANDY BERMAN

The AU men's lacrosse team will open their season ranked ninth in Division III.

Head Coach Matt Kerwick said, "Our goals for the season are simple. We want good outcomes and to perform at a level we can feel good about." Kerwick, who is returning for his third year as coach, brought the Saxons a seventh place finish in Division III last year with a 10-4 record.

The Saxons graduated 11 players last season. "We have a young group of players. It's going to be interesting to see who will fill the important roles," Kerwick said.

Senior co-captain Ryan Hooley will anchor the very strong defense. Juniors Nick Smith and Mike Kenefick will also be big contributors on defense.

On offense, preseason All-American junior Jamie Pierce and senior co-captain Pat Capozzi will be the team's best scoring threats. Sophomore Adam Olmstead will also likely make his presence known.

Some new faces on the team to watch for are junior midfielder Fitz Vines, sophomore defender Justin Bosanko and freshman midfielders Nick Alvarado and R. J. Dawson.

So far, Kerwick has been

pleased with the team's practices. "We expect a lot of them. They've been doing a great job," Kerwick said.

The team will have a tough task if they want to go far into the NCAA tournament. All six teams in the Super Six

Conference are ranked in the top 20 in the country.

"The Super Six is the best conference in Division III. We are privileged to be playing in it," Kerwick said.

There is a lot of tradition for Alfred lacrosse. Since 1990, they

have compiled a 99-28 record and finished in the top ten five times. Also, there have been 18 All-Americans, including five two-time All-Americans. Kerwick said the tradition draws players who want to play very competitive lacrosse. □

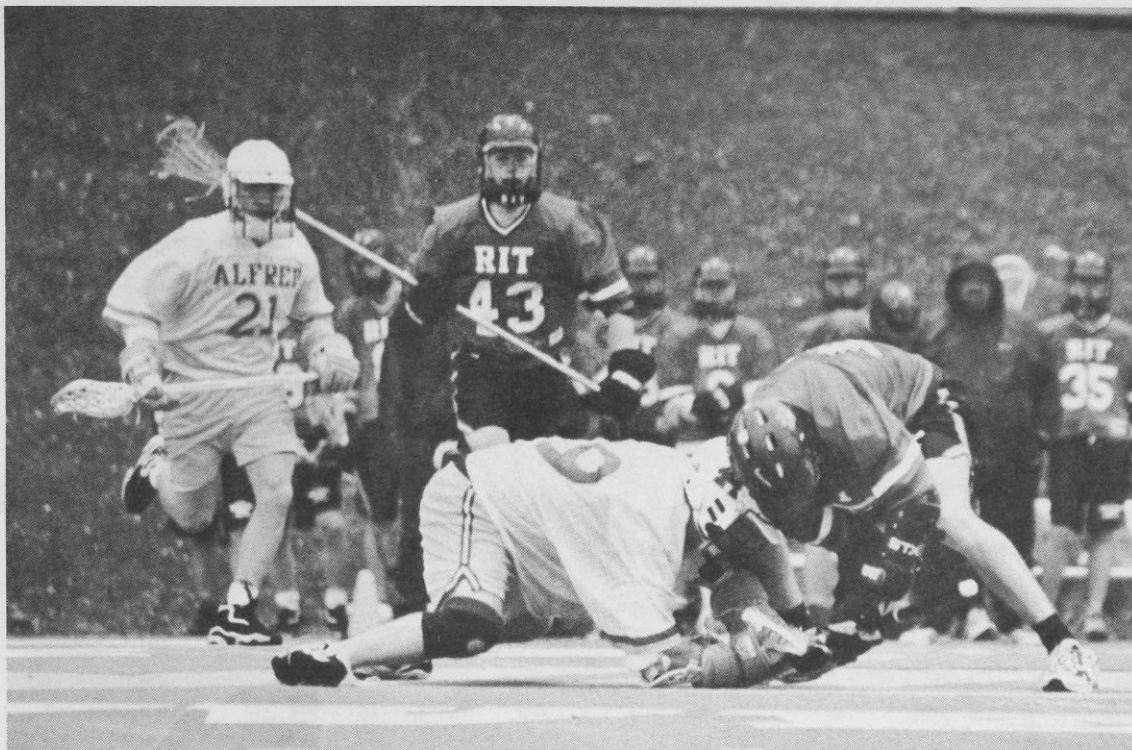


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Jamie Pierce rushes to help Pat Capozzi as he fights for the ball against an R.I.T. player in a game last year. Pierce has been named as a preseason All-American for the 1998 season and the team is ranked ninth in the polls.



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Sophomore Jen Maldonado blocks a Washington & Jefferson player to allow senior Christie Hayes to the hoop in the last game of the season. Despite the effort, the game ended as a loss, 83-48.

Women's Bball finishes with disappointing 3-21

BY STEVE WAGNER

The women's basketball team started off the season with hopes of a PAC title. Two injuries later they finished with a disappointing 0-10 record in the conference and 3-21 overall.

Early in the season, junior starters Holly Rife and Liz O'Connor were knocked out of the action for the remainder of the year with knee injuries.

"That really hurt [our] offense," said Head Coach Jeannette Yeomen. "We also lost floor leadership."

If Rife and O'Connor had been healthy, the season would most likely have been much different. "I really thought we could win it," said Yeomen. "If we had those two we could have."

The two will be returning next season to lead the team, but Christie Hayes, Jessica Greeley, and Katie Evener are graduating this semester.

As a result, Yeomen will be busy recruiting to fill those spots. "We need recruits to get right out on the floor," she said.

Yeomen said she feels the move from the PAC to an independent status will help those recruiting efforts. "Now we can get back to making sure we get those New York kids."

She also said leaving the PAC will make for a better schedule, in particular for road trips and home-work.

Until next season the returning players will have to work hard over the summer and improve their skills, said Yeomen. □

COLUMNIST

Olympics underwatched by Americans



BY STEVE WAGNER

Of all the big sports events Americans watch, the Olympics are the most universal. In addition to the large number of diverse events contested, there is the added attraction of national pride.

And yet the television ratings in the United States for the winter games on CBS were extremely low. Some suggested reasons for this were the time zone difference,

lack of American medal winning, and even U.S. viewer apathy.

I watched as much Olympics coverage as possible. I caught a few ski races between classes, saw some huge and bobsled action while eating dinner, and stayed up late to see the hockey games. But my viewing hours will not show up on CBS's polls. I watched all that on the Canadian station.

I watched Canada's coverage because whenever I turned on CBS between classes I saw soap operas, at dinner I saw quick highlights, and late night contained so

much background information about the athletes I knew more about their hometowns than their finishing places.

Canada provided the perfect Olympic coverage. The announcers announced, instead of predicting and glamorizing. The traditionally smaller sports such as curling received ample coverage. And the best part of all was there was lots of coverage overall, not just during prime time.

I believe there is still plenty of national pride towards our Olympic athletes. The problem

was not the viewers or the athletes. CBS should not have bid for the rights if they did not plan on making it a priority.

I hope NBC took notes on what not to do in Olympic coverage so that the 2000 summer games are not as much of a letdown.

And if the major networks cannot push their normal broadcasting aside to make room for an event as large as the Olympics, we should think about forming a special non-cable network just for the Olympics. I'm sure we could hire some Canadians to run it. □

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