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## A Bigger and Brighter Future for AU

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After being announced as the fourteenth president of Alfred University, Mark Zupan spoke about the magic that was present at AU and who he couldn't wait to contribute to it.

AU is a place of magic and he can't wait to be apart of it, Zupan said.

Before AU, Zupan earned his B.A. degree from Harvard University in 1981 and earned his Ph.D. degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology while teaching in the Economics Department at Harvard University until 1987. Then, he went on to the University of Arizona and from 1997 to 2003, Zupan served as dean and professor of Economics.

From 2004-2014, Zupan was the dean of the University of Rochester's Simon Business School. Currently, he is the director of the Bradley Policy Center and is also the Olin Professor of Economics and Public Policy at Simon.

During the Zupan's speech, he spoke of the things that made AU great and distinguished it from



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other universities and summed it all up in one simple acronym, "TLC."

"During my first visit to AU, I was captivated and charmed," Zupan said, "by the student, the faculty and all of the staff."

According to Zupan, the "T" in the acronym "TLC" stands for transform as in AU transforms lives. After speaking to alumni and current students, all agreed that AU is a place that stays with students,

even years after they've left.

Next, the "L" stands for love. Love is the reason alumni and trustees give back to AU, Zupan said.

Lastly, the "C" stands for four things. First is creativity. Zupan referenced the accomplishments in the universities ceramics program and the pieces displayed all around campus. Second is commitment which is represented by the campus's work to make

AU the gold standard. Zupan even commented that the symbol for the element gold is AU.

The third is collaborative spirit which Zupan saw just from taking a walk around campus. Everyone was so willing to offer help, even to a stranger.

The last thing "C" stands for is cheer. Zupan said he saw how much the community enjoys this campus and the energy students have. He said that he has heard of and seen the meaningful work everybody does at AU. He also added that AU is a campus that could really come together during tough times.

Zupan's final words were about his promise to contribute to continuing "TLC" at Alfred University and making sure this campus stays great.

"I will do my part of the four "C's" with the AU community and together, we can continue to build a bigger and brighter future for Alfred University," Zupan concluded.



## Changes in Student Senate Leadership

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2016 is quite the year for new presidents. Leadership is shifting for the country, for Alfred University, and also for the AU Student Senate. Keshawn Laplante, one of the youngest Student Senate presidents Alfred University has ever had, is finishing up his one-year term and stepping down.

Keshawn is currently a sophomore majoring in Chemistry with a Pre-vet minor. When he became president in March of 2015, he was a first-year student and only eighteen years old.

“I know it’s very uncommon for someone so young to be elected,” says Keshawn. “I wasn’t very involved in clubs in high school. I was more focused on my academ-

ics. In college, I wanted to do more than that.”

Indeed, Keshawn has been involved in many clubs at AU, having been active in six clubs simultaneously this past semester. (Phew!) Keshawn says this is part of the reason why he’s stepping down from his position as Senate president.

“I was spreading myself thin,” he says. “One of the most challenging parts of being Senate president—regardless of whether you’re seasoned or new—is scheduling.” In the future, he plans to concentrate more on academics in order to keep up with his challenging major and minor. He intends to continue participating in clubs, but to focus his energy on fewer activi-

ties rather than many at once.

Being Senate president has been challenging but ultimately rewarding for Keshawn. One thing he particularly enjoyed about the position was experiencing more fully the diversity of Alfred’s campus.

“Getting to see all these students with different interests and talents, in so many different clubs and organizations... I loved getting to experience that diversity more fully.” When asked for thoughts on the upcoming election for Student Senate leadership, Keshawn said he is “surprised and excited [that] there are at least two candidates for each position, which is very good. I think the Senate will be in good hands.”

To wrap up the interview, Keshawn had this advice for new student leaders: “Make sure you have an open mind, and open ears. Keep your eyes open around campus, because you are a major connection between the student body and the administration. You have the opportunity to effect real change.”

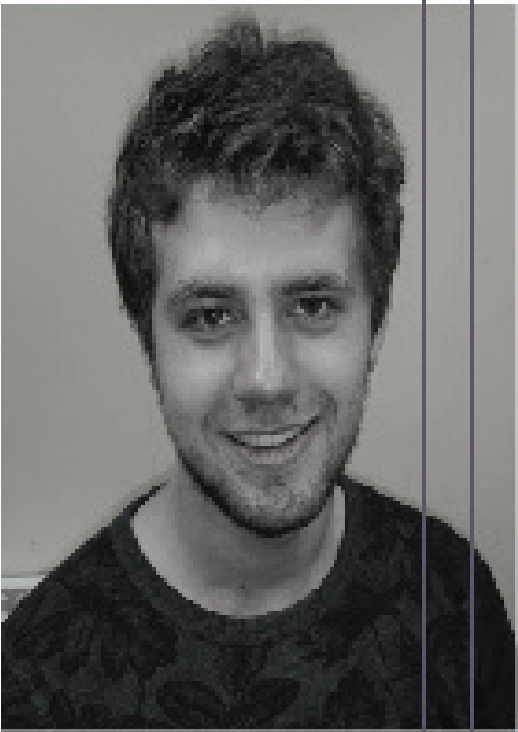


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# What Are Your Thoughts on AU's New President?

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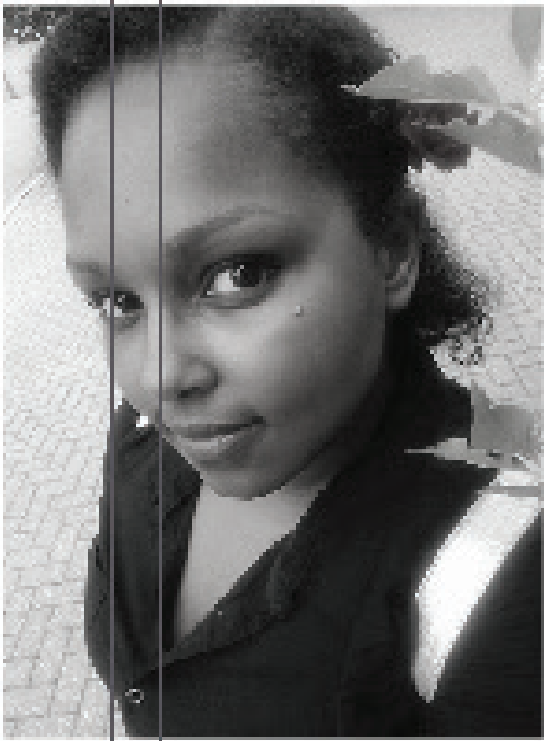
Itan Chait  
Junior Physics/Astronomy Major

“He didn’t talk about his plans for [Alfred] University. However his history is very impressive and that gives me confidence he will do for the University and the Alfred community.”



Miguel Torres  
Senior Business Major  
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“I’m excited to see what he has to offer to the University but I’m going to miss President Edmonson.”



Mawia Elawad  
Junior Communication Studies/Spanish Major

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He’s a good candidate and I feel he will capture what Alfred is all about. He will definitely help build the AU brand and help connect the community to the University.”

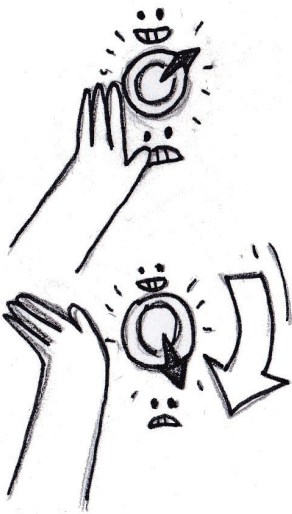
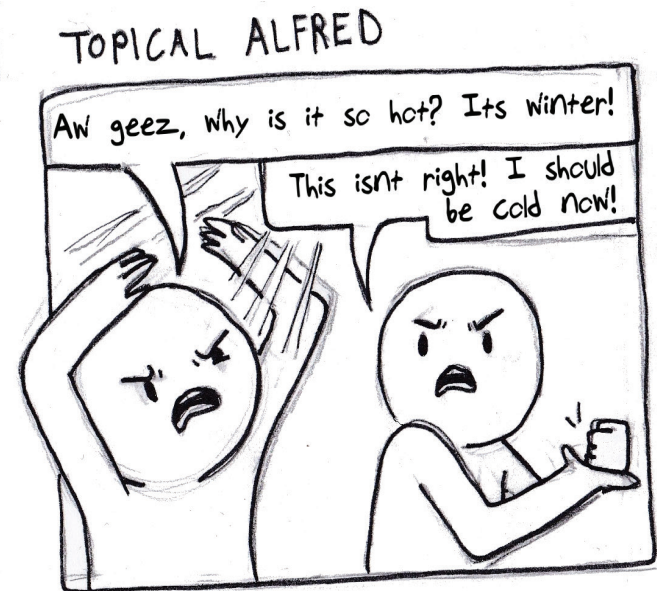


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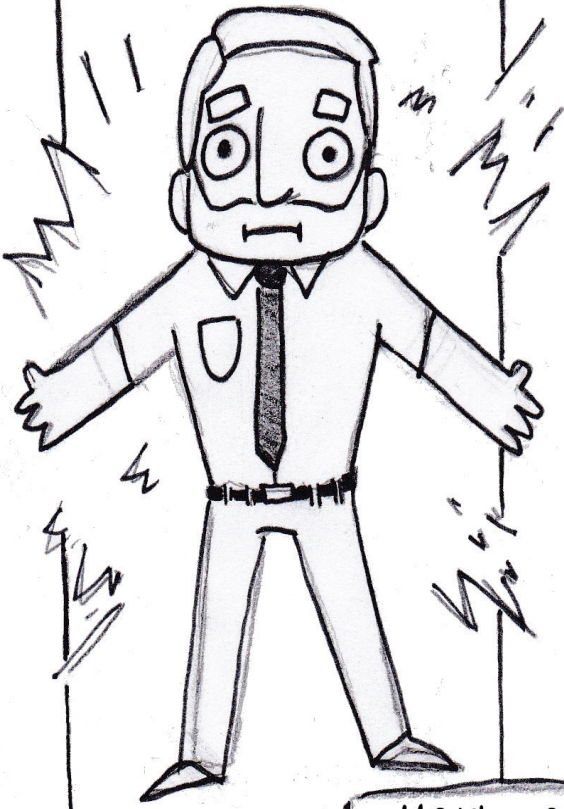
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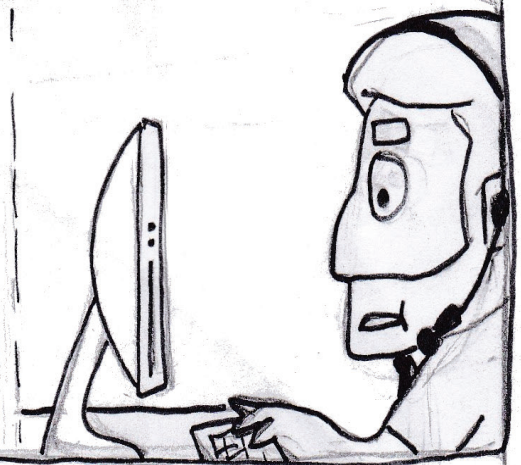
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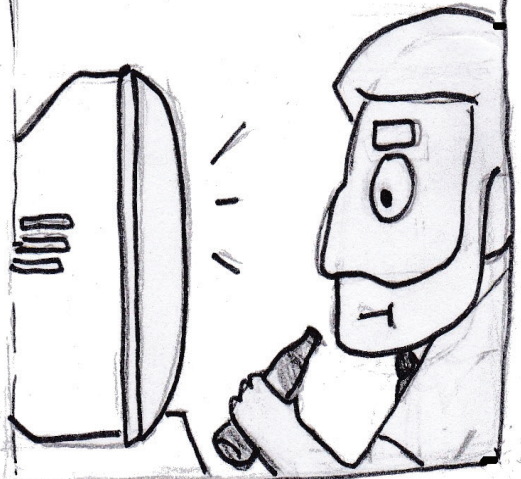
This is Denis, an average man, of average intelligence, with average aspirations,



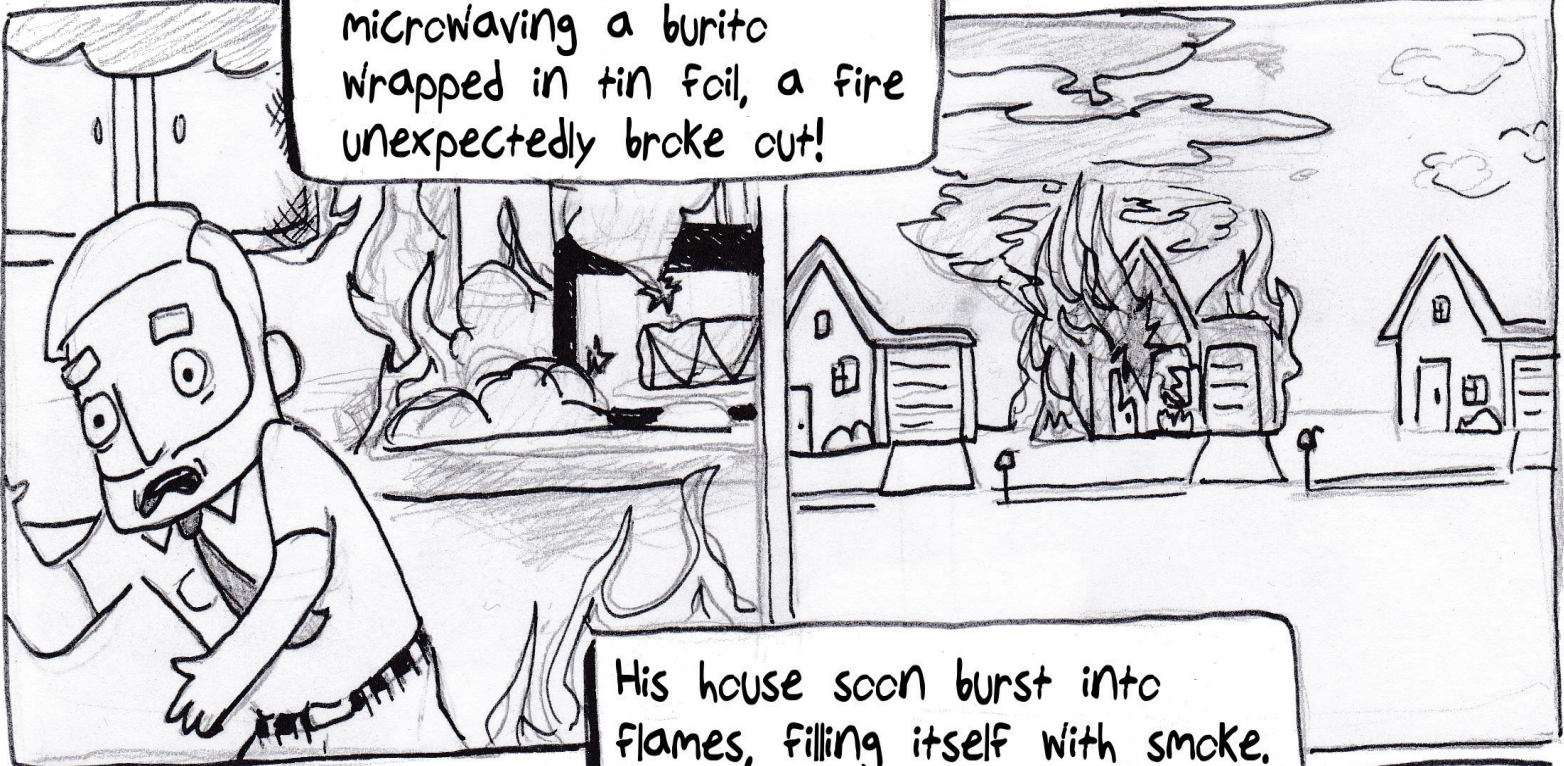
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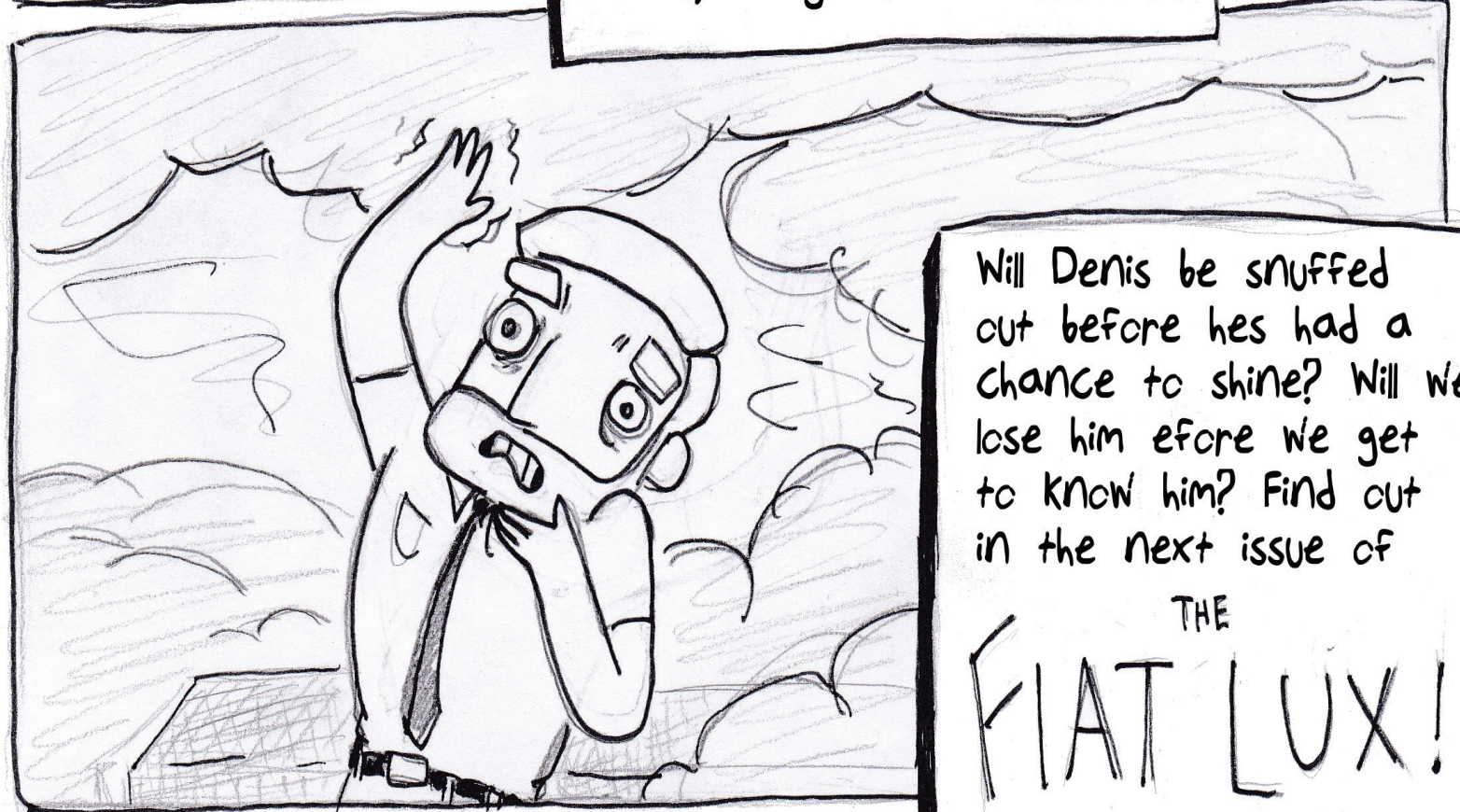
as his life at home. No one expected much from Denis, and he didn't expect too much from himself.



Until one day, while microwaving a burrito wrapped in tin foil, a fire unexpectedly broke out!



His house soon burst into flames, filling itself with smoke.



Will Denis be snuffed out before he's had a chance to shine? Will we lose him before we get to know him? Find out in the next issue of

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# Untitled

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Managing Editor

Alfred, N.Y. is a small town situated smack-dab between two college campuses. To anyone on the outside looking in, it would seem there should be plenty to do. All those college kids have got to be entertained, right? Wrong.

Between the date of this paper’s release, Feb. 22, and the end of the week, Saturday, Feb. 27, a span of five days, there are only 12 events listed in “Entertainment Alfred,” the AU event guide.

These 12 events included: a trip to see the new movie, “Dead-pool,” or go bowling, two skills workshops, a black history film, a roundtable with a guest speaker, a job fair, an etiquette dinner and networking event, a spring retreat, a hypnotist show, a horse show, a superhero contest, and a black culture showcase. A sorry lineup, to say the least. What college student is interested in the latest Marvel movie or developing critical work skills? What student would want to get away and de-stress for a while? Surely no student would be interested in exploring black history or culture during Black History Month.



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With so little in the way of entertainment, students who wish to seek out others with shared interests will find themselves at another loss. AU hosts a mere 92 clubs, according to the 2015-2016 Club List. How can any student possibly choose a suitable club from such a pitiful selection. It’s not as though they can start a club of their own, is it?

As it turns out, students can start their own clubs. However, the parameters for doing so are simply unreasonable. According to Eliza Ordway, the administrative assistant in the Center for Student Involvement, in order to start a club, students “must have

five members and a Faculty/Staff Advisor. Each club is required to submit a constitution stating their mission, membership policies, and other goals.” Ordway explained that clubs must also abide by safety regulations.

As if the poor selection and difficult new club process weren’t enough, the clubs that are available do little in the way of resume building. Clubs like Model United Nations, where, according to the United Nations Association of the United States of America, students participate in “an authentic simulation of the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, or other multilateral body” and learn

about “diplomacy, negotiation, and decision making” couldn’t possibly impress a potential employer.

The list also includes other such useless clubs as Guiding Eyes for the Blind, which pairs students with up-and-coming seeing eye dogs to be raised, trained, and eventually partnered with a visually disabled person. How are students to find ways to fill and bring meaning to their lives with options like this?

It seems AU is determined to bore its students to death. There are never any interesting events nor are there any good clubs to join. Creating a good club on one’s own is so difficult, it seems pointless to try. Students will have to continue spending their days moping about the residence halls bemoaning the lack in out-of-class social and intellectual stimulation on this campus. After all, students would never shut themselves inside out of apathy. The problem must be that there is nothing for students to do, not that students are doing nothing.

# Netflix and Review

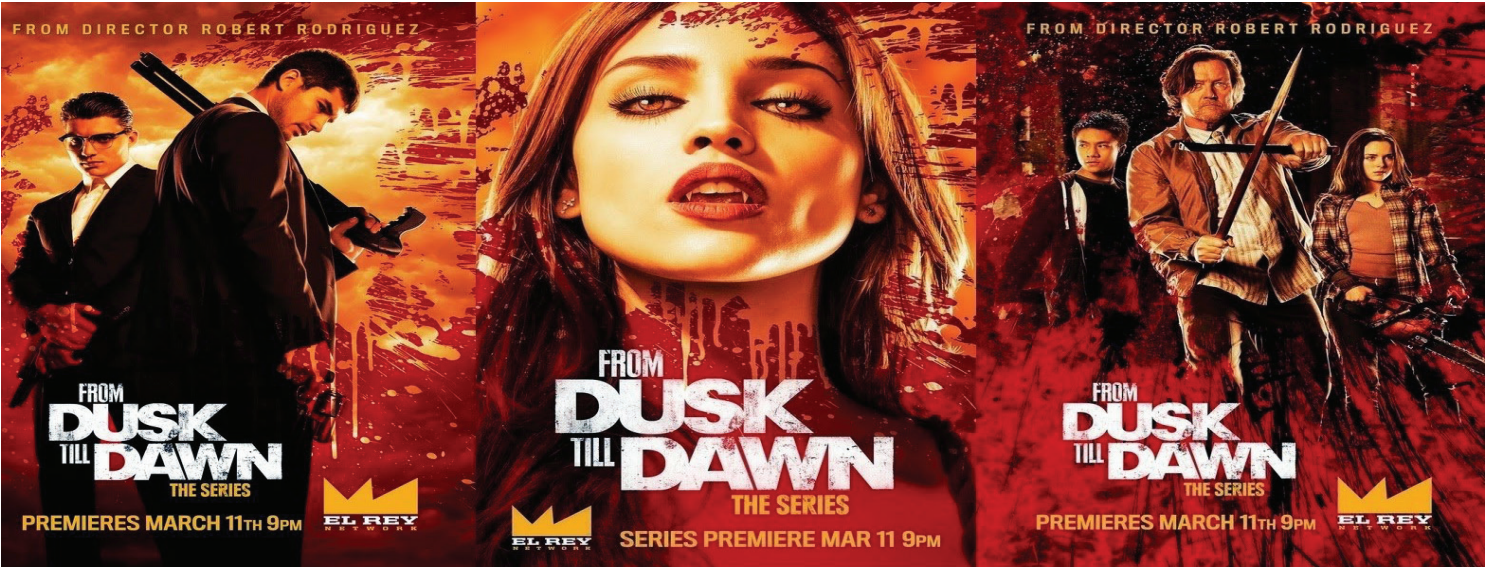


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Starring: D.J. Cotrona, Zane Holtz, Wilmer Valderrama, and Eiza Gonzalez  
Genre(s): Comedy, Drama, Action & Adventure, Fantasy, Horror  
Series Premiere Date: Mar 11, 2014; 2 seasons on Netflix

Based on the 1996 movie of the same name by Robert Rodriguez, From Dusk Till Dawn is a show about two bank robbing brothers, Seth and Richie Gecko, and their crazy adventures with the supernatural beings called *culebras*, vampires with snake-like fangs. Seth Gecko (D.J. Cotrona) is

the smooth-talking, gun wielding brother who lands himself in jail. Richie Gecko (Zane Holtz) is the brother plagued with visions and voices of supernatural creatures and explosively violent tendencies. From Dusk Till Dawn also stars Wilmer Valderrama, known for portraying Fez in That ‘70s Show, as a Spanish conquistador turned vampire named Carlos or Carlitos and Eiza Gonzalez, an up-and-coming Mexican actress, as a sacrifice-become vampire queen and goddess named Santánico Pandemonium or Diosa.

From Dusk Till Dawn is not

for the faint of heart as it does have more blood and gore than other vampire shows and movies that have come out in the past few years. One of the Gecko Brothers, referred as Los Hermanos Geckos by most Spanish-speaking main characters, gets shot in the palm and he has a hole for the entire season, while multiple people in one sequence get ripped apart by a cult of exotic female dancers turned vampires. From Dusk Till Dawn uses the sexuality held by Santánico as a weapon to help her in her mission against the Nine Lords while also using it appeal to the male target

audience. She is never shamed for being a dancer by the main characters as they are aware she was forced into the role by her captors.

From Dusk Till Dawn has swearing in both English and Spanish with sexual themes to both empower the female characters and to seduce the male characters for nefarious purposes (extra male characters are used as a feeding source). Overall, the show has a good dynamic between the characters and the storyline is definitely different from the movie it is based on.



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Saxon basketball fans are invited to attend Saturday's games as part of the University's first-ever Community Appreciation Day. The event is being held to recognize fans from the University and local community and to thank area businesses for their support of AU. Businesses have donated door prizes that fans attending Saturday's games can win. Each fan will receive a raffle ticket when they arrive that will be used in the drawing of prizes during full timeouts of the men's game and in between quarters of the women's game.



# Alfred University women's soccer team hosting on-campus clinic

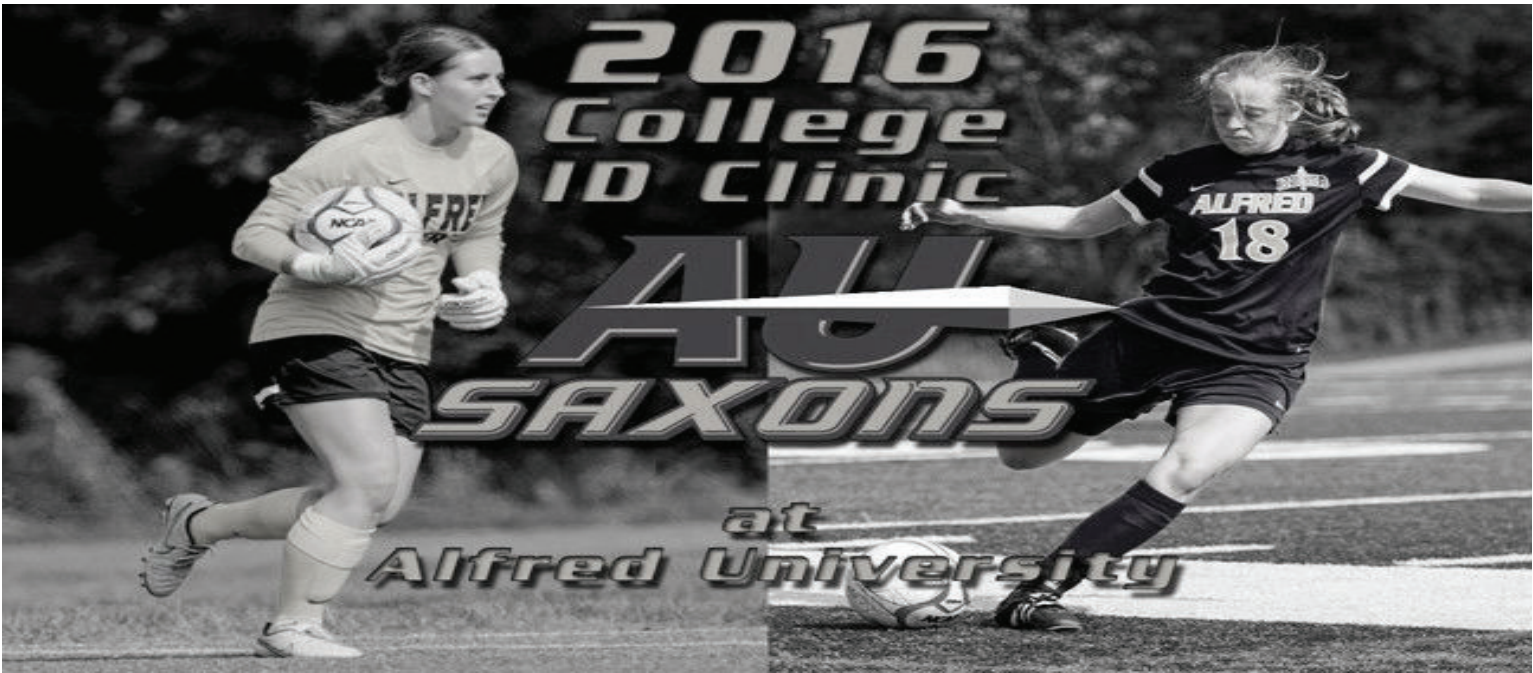


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ALFRED, NY – The Alfred University women's soccer team will be hosting a day-long College ID Clinic on Saturday, April 23, on the AU campus.

The clinic – open to girls high school players in grades 10-12 – is designed to give those who have shown interest in Alfred University and the AU women's soccer program a comprehensive look into what life is like as an AU student-athlete. It allows players to showcase talents while getting

to know the AU coaching staff and current players.

### Clinic Information

The morning portion of the clinic will take place at Alfred University's Admissions Office and will include an informational session about the University followed by a campus tour. The afternoon will include instructional and training sessions focusing on the technical and tactical aspects of soccer.

This clinic is open to female student-athletes graduating in the classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018. The cost is \$100 and includes dinner. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. at the Alfred University Admissions Office, located in Alumni Hall. and the clinic runs from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Those wishing to attend must complete and return two forms by the deadline of April 6, 2016. These can be found on [gosaxons.com](http://gosaxons.com).

The \$100 attendance fee can be turned in at the time of registration on the day of the clinic:

For more information, please contact Aileen Ascolese, AU head women's soccer coach, at 607-871-2896 or by email at [ascolese@alfred.edu](mailto:ascolese@alfred.edu).

## Men's Indoor Track and Field



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ITHACA, NY – The Alfred University men's indoor track and field team finished sixth during the Empire 8 Championships held at Ithaca College on Saturday.

Senior Ian Bishop (Bronx, NY/ Bronxwood Prep) earned himself All-Empire 8 Conference First Team honors with his first place

win in the shot put. His toss was 9.75 inches farther than the rest of the 25-athlete field with a final throw of 14.88m (48' – 10.00"). He earned the bulk of the points for the Saxons with 10 of the team's 19 points.

Fellow thrower, Jeffrey Nunez (Wurtsboro, NY/Ellenville) earned

his spot on the All-Empire 8 Conference as a Second Team honoree in the weight throw. The junior earned eight points with his throw of 15.18m (49' – 9.75").

Sophomore Seth Spicer (Corning, NY/Corning-Painted Post) finished sixth in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.89.

The Saxons will next travel to College at Brockport on Saturday, February 20.





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