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Trial ends, no conviction

BY JAY WEISBERGER

The threat of bombing overshadowed the United States Capitol Building as the threat of impeachment loomed over President William Jefferson Clinton.

The only thing to get blown away, however, was the impeachment effort itself.

The U.S. Senate voted down two articles of impeachment against President Clinton on Friday, despite a Capitol Building bomb scare.

The first article, dealing with charges of perjury, was defeated 55-45 in favor of the "not guilty" vote.

The second article, centered on obstruction of justice charges, was also defeated by a 50-50 vote. For either of the articles to be carried, they would have needed a two-thirds majority, or 67 "guilty" votes.

Five moderate Republicans: Susan Collins (Maine), Olympia Snowe (Maine), Arlen Specter (Pennsylvania), John Chafee (Rhode Island) and Jim Jeffords (Vermont) voted "not guilty" with the Democrats on both articles in what were otherwise very partisan votes.

Both New York senators, Brooklyn Democrat Charles

Schumer and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, also a Democrat, voted "not guilty" on both articles.

Schumer, speaking to the media afterward, expressed relief.

"Thank God this is over... the fact that neither count got a majority of votes shows it never should have come to the Senate in the first place," he said.

House Manager Henry Hyde (R-Illinois), who argued the case against the President, also shared his views.

"I have no regrets. We fulfilled our oath of office to discharge our duty according to the Constitution and when elected officials do that, democracy works," he said in a comment posted on CNN's official website.

President Clinton made a short statement to reporters in the White House Rose Garden.

The President again apologized for his actions and then called for "reconciliation" between the parties.

He also asked all Americans to rededicate themselves to building the future together.

Now the nation will go back to its normal business. The verdict reached in the Senate changes nothing.

Everything will remain as it was before the trial started on Jan. 7.

So was it worth it? Many asked this as soon as the votes came in.

Professor of the Humanities Gary Ostrower said, "There may be as many answers to this question as there are people who respond to the question. Certainly the President's acquittal will prompt many of his supporters to claim that he never should have been impeached in the first place."

"Yes, the impeachment proceedings turned out to be terribly partisan, but they have served notice to all federal officials that criminal behavior really does carry risk," Ostrower added.

He went on, "By the same token, the impeachment verdict serves notice that Americans do not want Starr-struck snoops trespassing on our privacy. The sun may be setting on sexual McCarthyism."

This was the second time in U.S. history that the Senate has failed to pass articles of impeachment against a president.

The Senate failed to convict Andrew Johnson by one vote in the 1860s. □

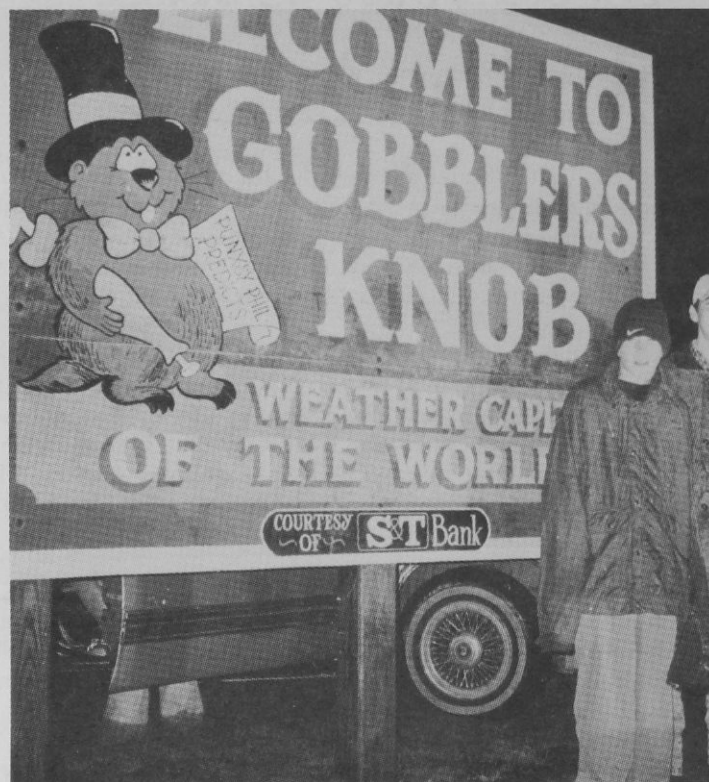


PHOTO BY JASMINE LELLOCK

A large sign welcomes people to Gobbler's Knob, where Punxsutawney Phil makes his annual prediction on Groundhog Day. The annual event, held in Punxsutawney, Pa. is a local spectacle and Phil's prediction is noted by people across the country.

Track gets 2nd try

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Members of the AU track team have been granted a second chance.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. has asked the Athletic Planning Committee to reconvene to reevaluate the program, said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jerry Brody.

"It's what we've been hoping for," said Andy Corman, a member of the track and field team.

Brody said there are three reasons the decision was made to reconvene the committee. He said student requests, a high amount of interest from the applicants for next year and the vacancy of the head coach position all contributed to the decision.

First, students at a recent Student Senate meeting suggested reevaluating the track program.

Student Senate President Mike Pellicciotti said he is very pleased with Senate's part in the process.

If the decision is made to reinstate track, "I love the fact that Senate played a major role in bringing it about," he added.

Team Member Gianna McManus said the petitions and the enormous amount of support from students and faculty helped persuade administrators to take another look at the program.

Second, the Enrollment Management Team suggested cutting track would have serious implications.

Susan Strong, vice president for Enrollment Management and associate provost, said the applicants for the 1999-2000 academic year show a higher interest in track than in past years.

Five percent of applicants in the fall of 1997 listed track as an activity, said Strong. The number in the fall of 1998 was similar.

Twenty percent of students who applied for admission for next year

listed track as an activity, she added.

"The applicants' high level of interest exceeds recent history and certainly the expectations," Strong concluded.

Strong said the information in itself is sufficient to reconvene discussion of the decision.

However, Strong added there was another factor that also influenced her suggestion.

"I found... that track participants tend to be highly motivated, highly qualified students who are clustered in our engineering and science programs," she said.

"I simply concluded that it was not in anyone's best interest to proceed without requesting reevaluation of the program's interest among the student body and role in student experiences at AU," Strong concluded.

Third, Brody said it is more feasible to restructure the track program because the coach position is vacant. He said that, while the University cannot afford a full-time coach, a part-time coach for track and field may fit into the budget.

There was little reaction in last week's Senate meeting when Brody announced the decision. "I don't think people realize the implications," Pellicciotti said. "This is a great step toward bringing back track."

Members of the track and field teams are also pleased.

"I'm glad... It's a glimmer of hope," McManus said. "It's a move in the right direction," she added.

Corman said he hopes track is reinstated permanently and not just for a few years. "I'd hate to leave and see other people go through the same hassle," he said.

McManus said she hopes the committee's decision is to reinstate the program. And if they decide not to... "We're not going to give up," she said. □

Jordan's King Hussein dies

BY KELLY KNEE

Leaders from around the world gathered in Amman to mourn the loss of King Hussein of Jordan in a state funeral that echoed the impact that Hussein had on world politics.

Leaders from more than 30 countries attended the funeral services, including U.S. President Bill Clinton, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

Russia's ailing president Boris Yeltsin defied his doctor's orders and flew to Amman for the funeral. Yeltsin is recovering from a recent hospitalization for a bleeding ulcer.

Hussein returned to Jordan on Feb. 5, after a stint at the Mayo Clinic in the United States, where he was undergo-

ing a last attempt to treat his lymphatic cancer.

The King spent his last days in the King Hussein Medical Center in Amman, where he remained on life support until early Sunday morning, Feb. 7.

King Hussein was esteemed for his work in promoting peace in the Middle East.

In a statement made before leaving for the funeral in Amman, President Clinton said, "When peace finally comes to the Middle East, his name will be on it."

Many of the world leaders who attended the funeral were also interested in meeting the newly crowned King Abdullah, Hussein's eldest son.

In a brief address to the nation, Abdullah pledged to continue the work that Hussein had started, and to continue promot-

ing peace in the Middle East.

Locally, the student reaction to the death of King Hussein was mixed.

A number of students on the AU campus were not aware of Hussein's importance and presence on the world political scene. Students were also unsure as to what impact Hussein's death would have on their lives.

Some students were not aware of the scope of Hussein's influence, but were aware of his death, and the importance of his work in promoting Middle Eastern Peace.

Other students were well aware of the importance of Hussein in international politics, and were concerned that his death would cause setbacks in the pursuit of Middle Eastern peace. □

What happened to Alfred's Arby's?

BY KELLY KNEE

Students driving into Alfred in hopes of getting an Arby's Roast Beef sandwich will be greeted not by a welcoming "5 for \$5," but by an empty building instead.

The Arby's franchise in Alfred has been closed, after only a year in operation. The circumstances under which the franchise was closed are still under debate.

The owner of the franchise, Steven Carlson, said that the

volume was too low to support the cost of maintaining the franchise. Michael Snyder, the owner of the building in which the franchise resided, said unpaid rent led to the closing of Arby's.

Carlson said the Alfred franchise was only doing one third of the business that an Arby's is expected to do. "We wish we could have stayed, but the volume was too low," Carlson said.

In addition, Carlson speculated that lack of participation from the University, coupled with the

opening of several new dining options on campus, contributed to the lack of customers.

Carlson also said that a high structured overhead, and problems with the landlord of the building were also determinants in the decision to close the franchise in Alfred.

Snyder points to another reason for the closing of the restaurant.

He said that after several years of negotiations concerning



Fiat Lux staff debates trial

Citizens of the United States are very divided over the impeachment issue. Accordingly, so are the members of the *Fiat Lux* editorial board. We think everyone has different opinions about the events of the past year. As a result, we wanted to share our many opinions with you. The following are the opinions of individual members of our editorial board.

- I'm happy Clinton will finish his term. I don't think the man has the morals I think people should hold themselves to, but he runs the country well. His "scandal" seems like nothing when compared to Watergate and Teapot Dome. He never should have been impeached, even though he helped himself get into the position. We have too many problems in this country to simply worry about who's sleeping with whom. Let's move on, please.

- Clinton is disgusting and selfish. He comes from a generation of people who were told they could do whatever they wanted and that only their own pleasure mattered. This spoiling shows in his attitude towards his power. Perhaps he shouldn't have been impeached, but it angers me that he represents our country to the world.

- Who cares? It's finally over.

- I'm rather disappointed in the decision that was made. It seemed to be so obvious that he was lying, but no one has the guts to stand up to him and get rid of him. I think it is a great mistake to let him off. It shows everyone in the country that lying is okay and that if you have power then you can lie all you want.

- I am happy that the vote came down as it did. Convicting the president of charges brought about as a result of a sexual witch-hunt would set a very disturbing precedent in the United States in relation to one's privacy.

- It makes me sick that our society was so fixated on the scandal while other, more important things were going on. I feel horrible for Chelsea. Imagine how humiliated she must feel.

- It was democratic. Just because someone goes to trial does not mean he will be convicted. Everyone knows Clinton did something wrong. He dodged a bullet... O.J. Simpson did the same thing with a couple of million dollars.

- It was a complete waste of time! What was the impression we gave to other countries? How stupid must we look right now?

- I wonder if people were this frustrated with their elected representatives when Andrew Johnson was impeached. On one hand, we can be excited that we got to see an impeachment in our lifetime. But we must also be embarrassed that we elected the House managers who made fools of themselves, and did not even convince a majority of the Senators.

Editor's Note:

I wanted to clarify our policy regarding letters to the editor. Anyone may write a letter to the editor and submit it to the *Fiat Lux*. However, we will not print unsigned letters. Last week, we received a letter to the editor which will not be published because it was signed "A voice of many voices." Please feel free to share your opinions on our editorial page, we simply request that you take responsibility for those opinions by signing your name.



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COLUMN

Students discuss the issues



BY MICHELLE PANCOE

When you walk into a dining hall during one of the peak times or wander down academic alley between classes, you see quite a few students and you remember just how many people are on this campus.

But often, when you attend educational programs, you will be forced to realize how many of those people do not attend those programs.

This is why I expected a skimpy crowd when I went to the presentation by Students for Students. The improv troupe from Franklin and Marshall College performed Feb. 6 to a packed Knight Club.

The group specializes in improvisational skits dealing with issues faced by college students.

It was founded when a student at the college died from alcohol poisoning and his friends wanted to prevent similar

tragedies.

The size of the crowd was the first surprise of the night. I passed it off to catchy advertising and the promise of a VCR and CD player being raffled off.

I became a little nervous when the facilitators of the group announced that after a short skit, the performers would stay in character and answer questions.

My first thought was sympathy for the group. It was Alfred! No one was going to ask questions.

So at the end of the first skit, members of the group asked questions. Then, to my surprise, an AU student raised his hand with a question.

By the time the group moved on to another skit, several students had asked questions.

The participation by AU students only increased as the improv troupe presented skits on several college-related issues.

It amazed me to see so many students, not only there, but actively participating in an educational program.

And people seemed to enjoy it.

Through skits on sexual assault, eating disorders, drinking, homosexuality, prejudice and watching out for your friends, AU students expressed opinions, raised moral and ethical points and interject comments. I was impressed. I was proud to be an AU student.

I have seen AU students be apathetic, refuse to attend anything remotely educational and sit and stare at presenters who ask for participation from the audience. Now I have seen the other side.

This column is not just a random story about what I did one evening. We tend to criticize students for not caring, and I wanted to point out that they do care.

I also think something needs to be said about the great advertising for the presentation, including the signs on stakes leading to the campus center.

And kudos to the group from Franklin and Marshall College for making a tough group get involved. □

COLUMN

Honors program deserving of rank



BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

In the recent student opinion surveys, AU's Honors Program came out on top, well above the national average for private schools.

This comes as no surprise for most of us in the honors program.

Honors at Alfred is unlike any other honors program in the country. Ten percent of the student body participates in the honors program, which is more than any sports team on campus.

The honors students here take seminars at night, in addition to their regular classes. This means that we can take seminars in things completely unrelated to our majors, as opposed to simply taking hard-

er courses in our majors. The seminars don't fulfill any requirements; they're taken strictly for fun.

Since I came to AU, I have taken courses on The Double, criminology, the Walt Disney Company, and journal writing.

I have watched and analyzed movies, visited a prison and eaten dinner at my professor's house.

I have learned about art, psychology and literature, and I have had fun doing it.

I have taken the four seminars required to graduate with honors, but I'm planning to take another one next semester. Many people take more than the required amount. With seminars that teach about meditation, cooking and movies, who wouldn't?

In addition to the seminars, honors students are given the chance to attend cultural events, usually in Rochester.

We take a van of fifteen students to see plays, musicals and orchestras.

On the way, we stop for dinner at Thai or Indian restaurants. For many students, the honors trips are their first exposure to the customs and cuisine of other cultures. It is also a rare treat as a broke college student to see a good performance.

Before I graduate with honors, I will have to prepare my thesis. The thesis can involve anything I choose, but no matter what, I'm sure I'll put a lot of time and work into the project.

The honors thesis is the perfect way to sum up four years of broad learning. I'll be forced to consider carefully what I'm interested in, and what I want to present. I'll have to draw conclusions.

I'll have to think... and isn't that what honors is all about? □

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Knight Club policy needs more thought

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the article in the last *Fiat Lux* announcing a new policy for admission to Student Activity events in the Knight Club, I would like to mention a point that may have been overlooked when the policy was drawn up.

We have an underage son who is taking a class at AU as a part-time student, as are quite a few other high school underage students in the area.

Each of these students is required to pay the same student activity fee that full-time students pay, but because they are not full-time students, they are not issued student ID cards.

As I understand the new policy

that was published in the *Fiat Lux*, none of these students would be able to attend a Knight Club event even though they are required to pay the activity fee. This does not seem fair.

My understanding is the new policy was written after an incident at a Knight Club event involving an underage high school student who became unruly.

Perhaps, since the inappropriate behavior was the problem, a better way to avoid such occurrences in the future would be to carefully monitor patrons as they enter the event and not allow people who are clearly inebriated, unruly or otherwise exhibiting inappropriate behavior to go in whether they are over 21 or have a student ID or not.

The Knight Club events, because they are alcohol free, are a safe way for our younger community members who are attending classes at AU, (and even those who aren't) to experience another facet of University life. The more welcome these young students feel, the more likely they are to choose Alfred University to attend upon graduation and the more they are to recommend it to their friends.

The new policy is a case of throwing the baby out with the bath water. Addressing the real issue, the inappropriate behavior, not the age of the students, would be the elegant solution.

Hope Zaccagni
Alfred, NY

...Arby's

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the construction of the building an agreement was reached between himself and Carlson.

Snyder said that a good rent offer, plus a percentage of the profits were agreed upon, and the franchise was opened.

However, problems soon arose, because, according to

Snyder, rent payments were not being made on time, due to the fact that the franchise was not doing as well as Carlson had expected.

There was very little control exacted over the operation, which led to the franchise missing payments to the owner of the building, Snyder alleged.

However, Snyder said he was still paying mortgage on the building.

The problems with the late rent payments led Snyder to serve Carlson with a demand of payment, upon which Carlson opted to close the franchise and leave the building.

The lack of rent payments by Carlson led Snyder to file a lawsuit, seeking payment of the back rent.

In response, Carlson said he would also be filing a countersuit against Snyder. □

Simons new APD Chief

BY CARMEN ANDREWS

The Village of Alfred has a new police chief.

On Jan. 1, Police Officer John Simons became the new Chief of Police. Simons replaced Randy Belmont, who is now Allegany County Sheriff.

"Chief Simons takes responsibility and meets my expectations. He demonstrates initiative and is great at problem solving," said Village Mayor and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences William Hall.

Simons said he grew up in Cuba, N.Y. and joined the army after graduating from high school in 1986.

From there, he attended Alfred State College and later attended the Chautauqua County Sheriffs Academy to become a police officer, he added.

Once an officer, Simons said he returned to Cuba, where he served his community for six years.

Three years ago, Simons joined the Alfred Police Department.

"Chief Simons is doing alright, and the force is more than happy that he filled the position," said APD Sergeant Bruce VanDruff.

VanDruff added that the major concern among all officers was for the new chief to be an insider.

"We needed someone familiar with Alfred, and Chief Simons fits the position well," he said.

Simons explained he works hard

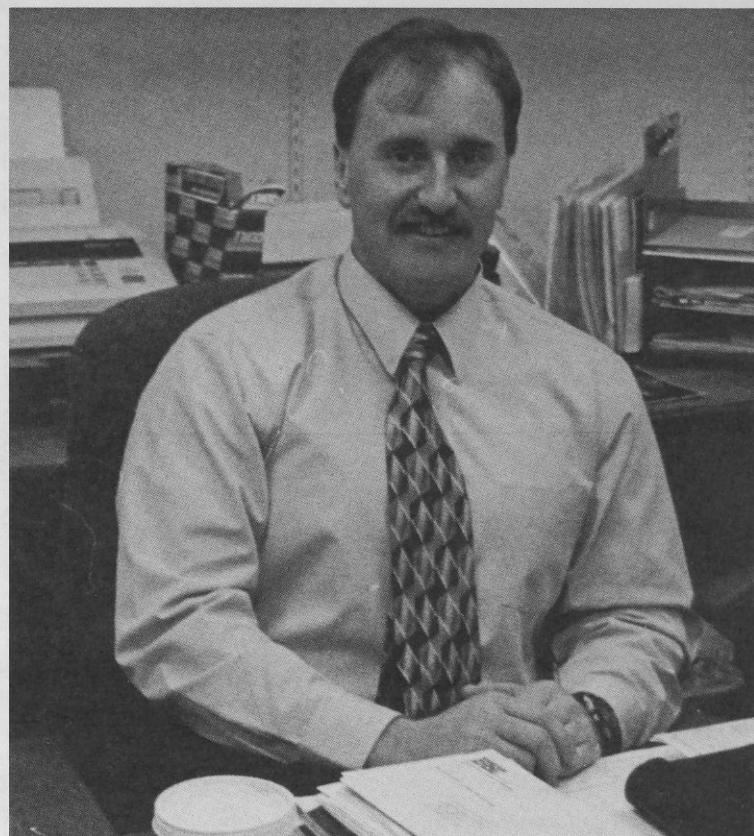


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to uphold his new responsibilities. He said some of his duties are to oversee policy procedure and lend an open ear to the community.

He said he also wants to serve the people of Alfred to the best of his ability and to help his officers do the same.

His focus is to maintain the service-oriented standards APD has always honored, he added.

However, Simons said his goal is for the Village police officers to be friendlier to the community.

"I want to get the officers integrated into the community in order to provide the people better service," he said.

Besides serving the community, Simons explained he enjoys the outdoors, especially boating, water-skiing, hiking and fishing. □

Best-selling author Cahill speaks

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

"The task of the historian is to raise the dead to life," said Thomas Cahill.

Cahill, who spoke at May commencement last year, presented "Raising the Dead to Life: the Historian's Task" at the annual Russell Lecture sponsored by the Division of Human Studies.

"It is not an accident that the heart of the word 'history' is story," Cahill added. He said historians bring the people of the past to the living.

Cahill stressed that every person, great or small, has a story to tell and those stories cumulatively make up history. "History can only be the accumulation of biographies," he said. "We may find history in... poems, half-literate remembrances and out of the way chronicles by those whom the world did not consider important." He discussed some of the historical figures he has researched.

"I spent many weeks reading and re-reading Patrick's few pages of autobiography," he said of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

Patrick's first biographer, a

monk who wrote of him 200 years after his death, tried to make him a "better saint than any other," Cahill said. He added he was dissatisfied with the biographies he had read of Patrick.

"I decided to remove the 'saint' from his name... Surely he didn't grow up with his mother calling him that," Cahill said. He went directly to the only remaining documents actually written by Patrick, when he was an old man.

"He was no wonder worker, no magician," Cahill concluded. He drew a picture of Patrick as a spoiled brat in the Roman Empire who was kidnapped into slavery in Ireland. "He thought his parents' Christianity was silly," Cahill said, but in his woeful circumstances, he began to change.

Patrick condemned slavery as immoral, and he persuaded the Irish to give up human sacrifice. "With the help of the impossible Irish, he gave his strange life a meaning and a purpose," Cahill said.

"If Patrick were to appear to us suddenly, we would find him strange, and he would find us strange," Cahill said, explaining the differences in clothing and customs between our cultures.

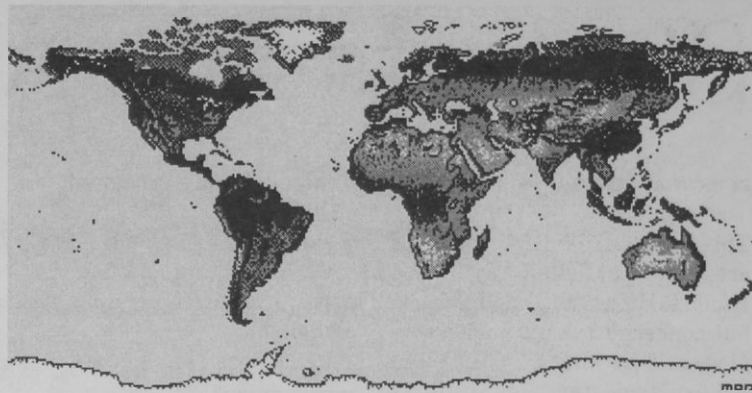
"But beneath the differences lies our common humanity... Because we are all flesh and blood, we are more like Patrick than unlike Patrick," he said.

Cahill also discussed King David, who wrote some of the Psalms of the Bible, and Alexander the Great, whom Cahill thought was not so great.

Sometimes a historian grows to loathe the people he is studying, Cahill said. "Down the whole course of history, the invincible warrior with the raised sword has been the archetype of the human race," he said. He said he could not share those values. He said Alexander was a brutal man in search of "power, honor and fame."

Cahill spoke about his popular "Hinges of History" series, which currently includes the books *How the Irish Saved Civilization* and *The Gifts of the Jews*.

He wouldn't divulge the subjects of his upcoming books because he said the topics might change. "The world might be better off with a few less books, so I don't plan to add too much," he added. He also said he didn't want them to become textbooks. □



WORLDNOTES

LOCAL:

Equipment was stolen from the McMahon computer lab the night of Feb. 11. A two GB hard drive was stolen, along with other hardware. A reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the guilty party and recovery of the equipment.

- The Alfred University television open house will be this Friday. The event will mark AUTV's start-up in the campus center.
- Meet the Candidates Night for Student Senate president and vice presidential candidates will be held at the Senate meeting Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theatre. Elections will be March 1 and 2. Watch for the *Fiat Lux* election issue coming out Feb. 26.

NATIONAL:

American Airlines pilots, prohibited by law from striking, have been calling in sick for over a week. As of press time, more than 1,700 flights had been cancelled as no one was available to fly the airplanes.

A United States district judge will be fining the Allied Pilots Union. The fine is expected to be over \$10 million. The fine does not help ease travelers' frustrations. They were stranded in airports nation-wide.

- There is a possible breakthrough in preventing AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Penn State University researchers have announced that they have found an experimental microbicide that is expected to protect against both HIV and the sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.

If the microbicide works, women could use it and not have to worry about whether or not their partners wear condoms. However, the microbicide does not protect against pregnancy.

- An ABC News poll of 12 to 17-year-olds shows that while 62 percent believe they could grow up to be president of the United States, only 17 percent say they would actually be willing to be president.

A major newspaper has reported that Taiwan will be sending the United States a shipment of highly radioactive nuclear waste to be disposed of. The shipment is scheduled to arrive in the United States in June. Politicians are concerned that such waste could be used to develop nuclear weapons, which is why they want the waste.

INTERNATIONAL:

Two Libyan suspects in the 1988 bombing of PanAm Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland may be tried for their role in the tragedy.

Libya reportedly has accepted a joint United States-British offer to send the suspects to the Netherlands to be tried under Scottish law. Over 250 people died in the bombing.

- Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern has ordered Irish Republican Army guerrillas to disarm if they wish to have a part in a new Protestant-Catholic parliament.

The IRA has been waging terrorist war against Great Britain and Northern Ireland. For the peace process to continue, Irish and British authorities want the violence to stop.

- Afghani leaders deny asking Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden to leave the country.

The denial came after bin Laden had disappeared. Mullah Mohammad Omar, the Taliban leader of Afghanistan, said it would have been against the dignity of Islamic brotherhood if they had turned bin Laden over to anyone.

The United States wishes to try bin Laden for the August bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

- Fighting broke out again between Eritrea and Ethiopia. Both sides said the other shot first.

The fighting began again despite an earlier cease-fire agreement.

Fiat Lux General Meetings are on Mondays at 12:30 in the Student Organization Suite in Powell.

Students rate AU programs and services

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The results are in. AU students are very satisfied with the Honors Program and libraries, but concerned about health services and parking.

Last semester, 752 students returned the student opinion surveys distributed with pre-registration materials.

The items students rated most satisfactory were the Honors Program, class size, attitude of faculty toward students and the University in general. But the survey allows for some comparisons.

The compiled results include the results from two years ago, as well as the average among students at private schools across the country.

The average response from AU students was higher than the private school average on 72 percent of the items.

"I think it's good," said Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jerry Brody. "It showed student satisfaction is at a level above the private school average, he added.

Brody also said he was pleased that the University in general was rated above the private school average. "I'm very pleased with how we compare as an institution.

"Overall, I think it showed that most students are pleased with their experience here at Alfred," said Mike Pellicciotti,

Student Senate president.

Pellicciotti added that the items ranked low on the survey, such as parking and health services, have both been discussed in Senate.

"It shows that Senate is the

Have you ever experienced discrimination by a member of the campus community based on your ethnicity, religion or gender?

Yes-11.5% No-88.5%

—according to the Student Opinion Survey

voice of the student body," he explained. Pellicciotti said he is also pleased with the increased satisfaction with student government.

Paul Strong, director of the Honors Program, also said he is pleased with the results.

He said the satisfactory level of the Honors Program is a tribute to the faculty members who teach the Honors seminars each year.

Brody highlighted several items of interest on the survey.

Food service made a significant improvement over two

years ago. "It's a major turnaround," Brody noted. He said he thinks the change is due to both the employees of Fine Host and the corporation itself trying hard and being responsive to input. "The quality has continued to improve," he added.

Another department within Student Affairs that showed improvement is Residence Life. Several items relating to that office made improvements including the availability of student housing, rules and regulations and services and programs.

"The leadership in those areas made a concerted effort to improve," Brody praised.

Brody admitted that responses to some of the items on the survey suggested a need for improvement.

The large drop in satisfaction with health services did not escape Brody's notice. "It is a very significant concern of mine," he said.

Even though parking services rated lower on the survey, Brody said it was not as urgent a concern because the drop from two years ago was not as substantial and because parking is not as essential. "Health is a critical issue," Brody stated.

Brody said he intends to hold focus groups to listen to concerns of the students about the health services. He said, though he has heard some reasons, he is unsure why students rated the

health center as low as they did.

"We have to get a handle on why," Brody emphasized.

Some of the concerns Brody said have been brought to his attention are the elimination of cold relief packs available from the residence hall staff, and the difficulty in getting prescriptions.

Brody explained that St. James Mercy Hospital discontinued the cold packs because of the possible legal consequences of providing medication to students who had not been to the health center.

Have you ever experienced discrimination by a member of the campus community based on your sexual lifestyle?

Yes-4.3% No-95.7%

—according to the Student Opinion Survey

By law, prescriptions can only be written by doctors or nurse practitioners. St. James Mercy abides by that law, Brody explained.

Two years ago, when the last student opinion survey was completed, the health center

was under the management of Collegiate Health Care, a national provider of health services for college students.

Collegiate Health Care provided cold relief packs and allowed registered nurses to write prescriptions under certain circumstances.

Many of the changes students find frustrating are actually a result of sounder medical practices, noted Brody.

The responses related to AOD education and Greek life only confirmed the importance of strong directors for both programs, Brody said. He noted that both programs lacked directors when the survey was administered.

A new director of AOD Education has been hired and "I think we should see that bounce back up," Brody said. Brody also said he thinks as soon as a Director of Greek Affairs is hired that item will also receive higher ratings.

Other items Brody said he is pleased with are career-related items, cultural programs and college-sponsored social activities.

"I think the University did very well," Brody concluded. "There are areas we need to work on."

Norm Pollard, director of the Counseling and Student Development Center, and Registrar Larry Casey oversaw the administration of the Student Opinion Survey. □



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Excerpts from the Student Opinion Survey

Item (Students were asked to rate items on a scale of one to five)	Number of Responses	Average Response AU '99	Average Response AU '97	Private School Average
Honors program	103	4.27	4.17	3.90
Library facilities and services	659	4.04	3.94	3.70
Variety of courses offered	726	3.91	3.87	3.59
Student union	578	3.66	3.64	3.40
Personal security/safety on this campus	727	3.93	3.74	3.68
Availability of student housing	659	3.68	3.63	3.43
Opportunities for involvement in campus activities	702	3.97	3.89	3.74
This college in general	730	4.16	4.10	3.93
Athletic facilities	628	3.63	3.71	3.43
General condition of buildings and grounds	734	3.89	3.77	3.70
Student voice in college policies	659	3.35	3.21	3.17
Cultural programs	160	3.86	3.71	3.72
College-sponsored social activities	499	3.81	3.71	3.68
Residence halls rules and regulations	671	3.25	3.01	3.14
Food service	640	3.06	2.93	2.96
Residence hall services and programs	543	3.55	3.38	3.46
Job placement services	78	3.65	3.46	3.56
Campus media	680	3.54	3.46	3.46
Attitude of the faculty toward students	730	4.18	4.16	4.12
Student government	598	3.45	3.40	3.41
Concern for you as an individual	732	3.68	3.64	3.69
College orientation program	552	3.75	3.63	3.81
Class size relative to the type of course	732	4.20	4.19	4.27
Personal counseling services	115	3.88	3.95	3.65
Racial harmony at this college	700	3.58	3.47	3.68
Religious activities and programs	527	3.30	3.27	3.59
Student health services	428	2.91	3.37	3.52
Parking facilities and services	420	2.22	2.26	2.85

Note: The above excerpts from the survey are sequenced based on the difference between AU's 1999 responses and the average response among surveys at private schools.

The items listed below are local items and no private school averages are available.

Campus entertainment	664	3.81	3.71
Campus sponsored clubs and organizations	639	3.78	3.71
Greek life	424	3.45	3.44
General condition of residence halls	625	3.40	3.26
Services provided by SAVAP	379	3.40	N/A
Services provided by the Alfred Police	559	3.33	3.27
Ethnic minority support services	375	3.28	3.16
AOD Education programming services	520	3.21	3.34
College Support for Greek life	382	3.12	3.17

Cameras debut in APD cars

BY CARMEN ANDREWS

Because of a \$25,000 state and federal grant, the Alfred Police Department has been enabled to purchase some items to help them serve the community better, said Alfred Chief of Police, John Simons.

So far, video cameras, recording devices and microphones have been bought, said Simons. Simons said that APD is still deciding how to use the rest of the grant.

Simons explained the new equipment will be used for evidence, officer safety and officer training.

Currently, one of their two patrol cars has the video equipment installed. The other is slated to have the same upgrades, added Simons.

Sergeant Bruce VanDruff of the APD said the cameras are being used to record traffic violations, fights, accidents and loud noise parties. He added they are continually finding new uses for the equipment.

AU student Domenic Argentieri said, "I don't mind [the camera system]. It should be helpful and it should provide protection for the police officers, who provide protection for us."

Inside the patrol car, there is a video camera attached near the vehicle's rearview mirror. The camera has swivel capabilities, which give it a wide range, said VanDruff.

Next to the camera, there is a

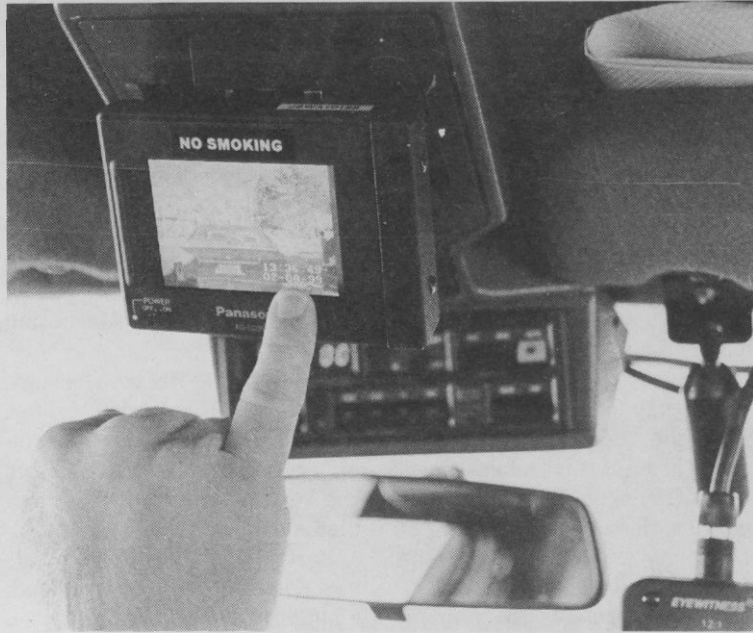


PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

The Alfred Police Department can now record everything that occurs during the course of their patrols using their new camera systems. These recordings can be used as evidence in a court trial, if needed. Limited access to the tapes ensures that no one can tamper with any of the recorded footage. Both AU patrol cars will soon be equipped.

small TV screen, so the officer can see what is being recorded, added VanDruff.

The videotapes are in a recording device in the trunk, explained VanDruff.

VanDruff also said that only a few people have access to the tapes and the tapes cannot be recorded over or erased.

The tapes can record six hours of footage and, once full, they are stored in a locker inside the police station, said VanDruff.

Officers wear microphones to

record conversations, Simons said. Simons also added the microphones are especially helpful for domestic disputes, which occur inside a home, out of the camera's view.

"I think it's a good idea as long as everyone knows about it," said Sabrina Harrison, an AU student. "The microphones and video equipment work as another check on the police."

VanDruff said, "Everyone better watch out what they say to the police because they will be on camera." □

Senate UPDATE

BY JAY WEISBERGER AND STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Student Senate is the smart person's choice to get the "inside track" on campus doings. At least that was the case at the Feb. 3 and Feb. 10 session.

The first big news came from President Edward G. Coll Jr. at the Feb. 3 meeting. He showed students the plans for development of the Buffalo Crushed Stone land that the University will be taking over.

Coll said it will take five million dollars and four to five years to complete the development.

When it is finished, the land will contain an outdoor amphitheater, practice fields, basketball courts, a track, a clubhouse, outdoor trails for hiking and biking and sculpture gardens.

Also at the Feb. 3 meeting, Senators voted that Senate can pass resolutions. A resolution has been defined as a way for Senate to express its opinion in a strong manner.

The Food Committee announced Feb. 10 that campus vending machines needing it were being repaired, the committee announced that the Lil Alf Cafe will soon be serving Nathan's hot dogs, a New York City favorite.

Also coming to Lil Alf will be Candyopia, which will sell bulk candy to students.

The new Chief of Police for the Village of Alfred, John Simons,

also addressed Senate Feb. 10.

Citing the need for feedback from the college community, Simons opened the floor to questions.

Simons tackled student concerns about Alfred State College security getting full police power. He explained that the ASC force only has that power on their campus. They are not supposed to patrol anything but their campus, Simons said.

Also Feb. 10, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jerry Brody presented the results of the student opinion surveys [see article page 4].

Brody announced that Coll has asked the Committee on Athletic Planning to reconsider its decision to discontinue the track program.

The Safety Committee noted that the stairway by Shults and Davis will soon be fixed and that a bright light mounted on Myers Hall will be repointed. It was also reported that parking violations on campus are going to be strictly enforced.

There was a concern raised as to whether or not AU Security needs another car for escorts. However, getting another car is not economically feasible. It was then suggested that perhaps a car could be used from Motor Pool.

The Multicultural Committee brought up the upcoming Festival of Nations and the Spirit Committee also gave details for their spirit week.

A student raised a concern about use of the fitness center by ASC students and sports teams outside of assigned slots.

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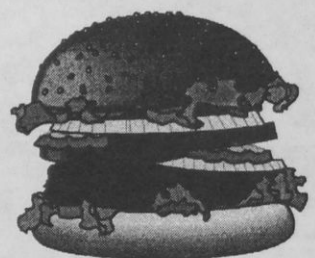
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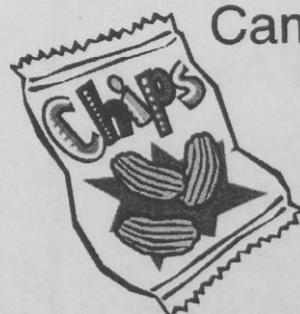
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Student to produce play Ads get attention

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

AU often showcases student directed theater productions.

For Luke Jacobs, a senior performing arts major, *Women and Wallace* will be the first production that he has orchestrated.

In his own words, "I am not a new-comer to the Alfred University stage."

Jacobs has performed in eight AU productions since his freshman year, starting with *Tartuffe* and most recently *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and *Reckless*.

Jacobs explained his effort to produce the play will serve as his senior project, and he is receiving help from other seniors who are completing their senior projects, as well.

Wayne Montminy, a senior performing arts major, is contributing in the capacity of technical director and stage designer. Senior History Major Ben Link is the master carpenter and costume designer for the show. Montminy noted that originally, Danielle DiPillo, a senior performing arts major, was supposed to be the director, but she decided to enter the music industry instead.

"On this particular project, construction proves to be an exciting challenge in that the set involves a series of moving platforms that interlock," Link said, "Creation of these platforms has to be precise so they

will fit together perfectly."

The play is a collaborative senior project similar to the senior shows produced by art and design majors, Montminy said. Montminy has also been involved in many AU productions: *Under Milkwood*, *The Country Wife*, *Macbeth* and *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, to name a few.

"On this particular project, construction proves to be an exciting challenge in that the set involves a series of moving platforms that interlock."

—Ben Link

"My undertaking for *Wallace* is quite a stretch for myself. I have never designed a set or lighting arrangement before," Montminy said. There are 20 scenes with 10 different settings, he said. Montminy received a Nation Merit Award for his sound design in *Macbeth*, featured at the American College Theatre Festival.

Jacobs said Jonathan Marc Sherman wrote the play in 1990, when the writer was 18 years old. It was originally written as part of a national contest for young playwrights—which it won, he said.

Since then, Sherman has gone on to write *Sophistry*, *Serendipity*, and *Serenity* and *Jesus on the Oil Tank*.

There are eight characters in *Women and Wallace*. The main character of Wallace is played by freshman Liberal Arts major Chris Stawairz.

The Mother and Wendy are played by freshman English major Laura Randall, Jacobs said.

The play follows Wallace's life from the time he is six years old, through his adolescence, until the time he is 18. His mother dies at the beginning of the play, and the rest of the story-line deals with Wallace trying to relate to women, Jacobs added.

"It's a serio-comic play," he explained.

"I've wanted to direct this play since my senior year in high school. I love the script, and I think it has a great mix of comedy and drama, and a lot of well written characters," Jacobs said.

However, the budget for the production is very limited, he added. Casting was done last semester, he said, and rehearsals started the first day of classes this year. Rehearsals are held six nights a week, four hours a night, he said.

The show begins at 8 p.m. and runs from Feb. 24 to 27 in the CD Smith Theatre of the Miller Performing Arts Center. □

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

It has become a traditional activity for the staff of the Crandall Health Center to sponsor a Wellness Fair every March.

This year, the health center asked for the help from the Alfred University chapter of the American Marketing Association.

Rosetta Brown-Greaney, director of the health center, worked with the AMA to develop a marketing plan to promote the health center and its scheduled events.

Part of the promotional strategy, spearheaded by Tom Wood, a junior business administration major, was to employ the senior design class of Jae Barclay, instructor of graphic design, to create eye-catching publicity posters.

There are five students working on the posters.

Each is a senior ceramic art major: Karen Eberhardt, Allyson Heitzman, Amy Glossner, Amanda Reinschmidt and Patricia Briza.

Eberhardt said the process begins with the initial meeting with the client to understand their needs, discuss costs, and determine specifications for the posters.

St. James Mercy Health, the parent of the health center, is backing the project, financially, Brown-Greaney said.

Each designer does his or her own sketches, Eberhardt said, and it usually begins with "mind-mapping"—writing down word associations for the project in order to generate ideas.

"Out of those sketches, we pick the most promising ideas," she said.

Wood explained, "In the case with the health center, one poster will promote the center itself, and three different posters, with matching table tents in the dining halls, will promote the Wellness Fair."

Eberhardt added that each designer develops a more advanced sketch to show the client for his or her approval and to get feedback. This helps narrow down the selection, she said.

The ideas that the client has chosen will be refined and made into each final poster, she said.

"It's hard to say how many times it will be necessary to meet with the client. That depends on how satisfied he is with the work," Eberhardt explained.

Brown-Greaney praised the students' work as "a great opportunity to illustrate the talent of Alfred University's students."

John Howard, professor of marketing, and AMA's faculty adviser, said, "It offers the students a chance to work with a client and out-source to 'professionals in their field.'" □



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No shadow: Groundhog sees early spring

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

Trudging through the six or more inches of solid mud, with drizzle dampening our clothes, we followed the oversize paw prints for about a mile uphill to Gobbler's Knob.

Accompanied by Senior Ceramic Engineers Joshua Hertz and Matthew Bogart and Junior Art and Design major Christine Zuba, I was on my way to my hometown.

Having left AU a little after midnight, my companions and I drove the four hours to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, the "Weather Capitol of the World."

Our mission: to arrive in time for the Groundhog Day festivities and especially for Phil's prediction.

Punxsutawney area radio personality Larry McGuire predicted that Phil's pronouncement, delivered in "groundhogese" would determine the fate of our weather.

"If Phil sees his shadow, that means there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, spring is just around the corner," he explained.

We arrived at the scene at 5:30 a.m. to a crowd of tailgating, mudslinging, and all around partying people. The crowd was equally composed of college students and bundled-up families.

Obviously, we were not the first ones to arrive. In fact, local resident Mary Lou Burkett, said she was awakened by people cheering and music playing as early as 2 a.m.

Witnessing several fights and miniature bonfires in the mud-soaked parking area, we pushed our way through people with tall umbrellas in order to get a good view of the stage.

The activity on stage was centered on Phil's home, a maple stump with little swinging doors.

Chris Lash, Master of Ceremonies for Groundhog Day, gyrated on stage to loud versions of "Mony, Mony" and "Shout." Then, Lash introduced us to his eight-year-old son, Corey, who performed a dance number with his 21-year old sister, Lisa Hornack.

"Who wants six more weeks of winter?" Lash bellowed. The crowd cheered and booed, lifting homemade posters, which sported slogans such as "We Love Phil" and "Punxsutawney or bust."

Hertz said one young woman even removed her shirt to encourage the groundhog to come out of his stump.

The Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce indicates that the event, based on a German Candlemas Day tradition, has been going on for over 100 years.

"If Candlemas Day is bright

and clear, there will be two winters in the year," proclaims the traditional poem.

For Zuba, this was her second trip to the event. She recalled her first visit freshman year.

"The people here are crazy. Last time I came, someone proposed marriage on-stage and a mob of people chased after a man in a groundhog suit," she said.

This year, some of the "crazy" stuff included a man from Hawaii who played ukulele on-stage and a group of men who impersonated the Village People.

"I just got word that there are over 15,000 people here. That's the biggest weekday crowd ever!" Lash announced.

We joined in with the yelling and dancing, even performing the "Chicken Dance" and "YMCA."

Representatives from dozens of local and national radio, TV, and newspaper media captured the event, which included a fireworks display.

Just before 7:23 a.m., the official time of daybreak and Phil's proclamation, the members of the Inner Circle made their way through the crowd.

Sporting black top hats and tuxedos, the local representatives of the Groundhog Club took the stage in order to discover the official prediction, delivered by Phil, "the Prognosticator of Prognosticators."

After the formal introduction

of the members and the traditional explanation of the ceremony, the groundhog handler, Bill Deeley, brought Phil out of his stump.

Phil whispered to the presi-

dent of the club, Bill Cooper, who gave the decision to the translator of groundhogese.

Phil's prediction? Spring is just around the corner—he didn't see his shadow. □

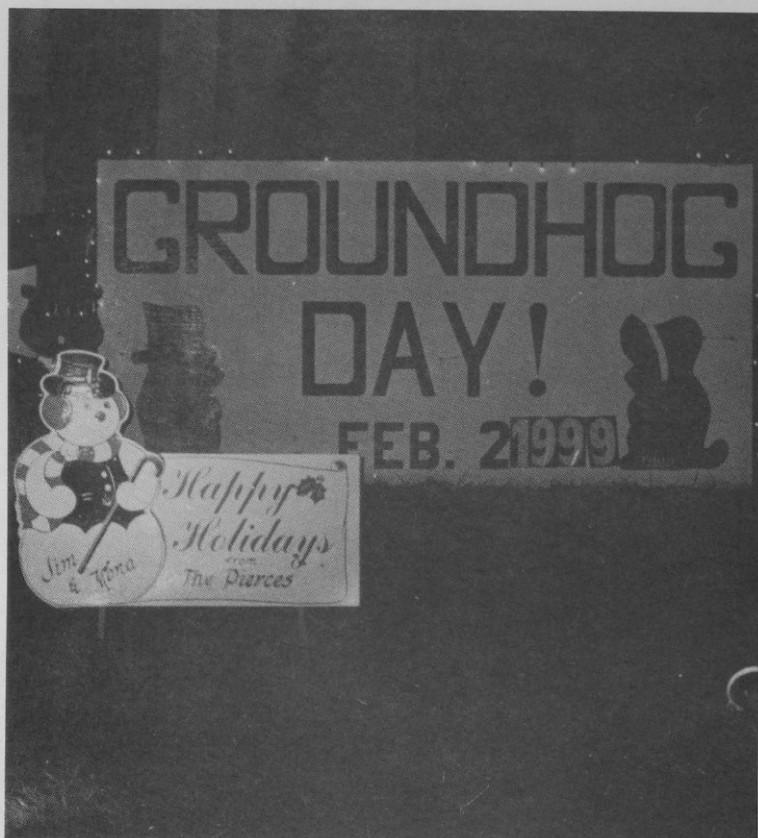


PHOTO BY JASMINE LELLOCK

Residents of Punxsutawney, Pa. go all out for Groundhog Day. Home of the famed groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, the annual events draws large crowds of families and college students. Folklore says that if Phil sees his shadow, winter will continue for six more weeks. This year, however, Phil didn't see his shadow. Spring could be around the corner.

Forster remembers Alfred

BY CONNIE EBINGER

Former AU student and Academy award nominee Robert Forster recently returned to Alfred to receive an honorary doctorate degree and to deliver the mid-year commencement address.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. invited Forster to speak at Commencement after meeting him at an alumni event in California last spring. Forster attended AU for three semesters from 1960 to 1961.

Out of everything he learned at Alfred, Forster mentioned two things that have made a big difference in the way he lives his life.

One is training with the ROTC program, where he learned how to read maps and incorporate good

organizational skills into his everyday life.

The other was the realization that not only did he need to care for himself physically, but also spiritually.

He quoted from a book his mother had sent him while he was a freshman: "If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one of them to buy white hyacinths to feed my soul."

Forster's interest in acting first began in his senior year at the University of Rochester.

"There was this girl," he said. "She wore a black London Fog raincoat and high heels. She was involved in a play; I got involved in the play."

Forster later married her.

His career, spanning more than

30 years, includes numerous film and TV credits. Most recently, he received an Academy Award nomination for playing Max Cherry in Quentin Tarantino's *Jackie Brown*.

Some may remember him from movies such as *Reflections in a Golden Eye*, co-starring Elizabeth Taylor and Marlon Brando, and *Medium Cool*, in which Forster played a TV newsman.

As for future roles, he would like to play more good guys.

"I was stuck for 13 years doing bad guy parts. Tarantino gave me the opportunity to play a good guy and I'd like to play more of those," he said.

Forster said acting is easy.

"I can do it, kids can do it. How hard can it be?" □

University marks sit-com holiday Festivus

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

Alfred recently celebrated its first annual Festivus Feb. 3-7. A joint effort of the Student Activities Office and Student Activities Graduate Interns Jen DeCicco and Amy Gaudet, Festivus is based on a *Seinfeld* episode.

The winter holiday is intended for those who do not celebrate any of the other winter holidays, said DeCicco.

The purpose of the celebration was "to get people's attention. Every year the office sponsors Winterfest and no one knows what happens," DeCicco commented.

What happened over the week included many *Seinfeld*-inspired events, said Gaudet. On Feb. 3, Wing Night featured episodes of

the show.

Thursday's events were *Seinfeld* soup night at the dining halls and a *Seinfeld* trivia contest, hosted by Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and head of the department of communication studies.

DeCicco remarked, "There was a good crowd for the contest."

On Friday, the Union sponsored a Gala to help raise money for the local fire and ambulance departments, said Gaudet.

Saturday was the big day for the event, beginning with the Feats of Strength jousting and bungee run event held in the campus center.

A West Indies Cultural Cafe was held, followed by the roommate game, said DeCicco.

Gaudet explained, "The Resident Directors got people from the residence halls to participate. Overall, it was really fun!"

Students for Students, a theater troupe from Franklin and Marshall College, sponsored by the Counseling and Student Development Center and the Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Program, performed in the Knight Club. Finally, the Student Activities Board presented a Coffeehouse with Rose Polenzani.

"We're hoping to make this a tradition," said Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano. "We invited the cast [of *Seinfeld*] to attend the event, and Jen and Amy put a lot of hard work into coordinating it," he said. □

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Skiing offers winter fun Saxon men rolling

BY JESSICA WILLIAMS

Tired of hibernating all winter long, sitting inside with nothing to do, hiding from the cold, wind, ice and snow?

If you live in Alfred, you know that winter seems to last forever. So why not go outside and actually enjoy the snow? Try a winter sport like downhill skiing.

I have been downhill skiing for as long as I can remember. As soon as I learned how to walk my mother strapped me in skis. Now, winter is my favorite season. I live for cold weather and three feet of snow.

So if you want to enjoy winter instead of complaining about slipping on the ice and shoveling snow, I recommend skiing. Here are some tips to help you start skiing.

First, you have to make sure

that you stay warm. Whenever people learn how to ski for the first time, they always "bond" with the snow. You're going to fall, so it is very important to wear a waterproof jacket, snowpants, gloves and a hat or headband to cover your ears.

Layers are very important to stay warm and comfortable on the slopes.

"If you are not warm while skiing, it is never any fun," said Skier Lisa Adler. "The best way to stay warm is obviously to wear a lot of clothes."

I suggest wearing long winter underwear in addition to sweatpants and a sweatshirt or sweater. Don't forget thin sock liners and thick wool socks over them to keep your feet warm.

Before you can swoosh your way down the mountain, you need to get some skis. I recommend

renting them for your first year of skiing. You never know if you are going to stick with it or not.

Just because you have skis, it doesn't mean you are ready to go down the slopes. You may think that you do not need lessons—that you are too cool or only kids take them. If you only listen to one thing I say, listen here: take lessons.

"Many adults, college students and high school students take lessons nightly," said Chick Carlucci, director of Swain ski school. "The college nights are very popular."

While skiing, one of the most important things to do is have fun and keep your spirits up. It always takes a while to learn how to ski, so keep practicing.

Soon, you will get the hang of it and be on your way to fun filled snowy days. □

BY ANDY BERMAN

The AU Men's Basketball team started out their season 4-7, on pace for a dismal season. But as season's end approaches, the team is clicking and has won eight of their last 10.

"We threw in more trapping and more aggressive defense," said Head Coach Jay Murphy. "The seniors are starting to step it up."

Not only is the team clicking on the court, they are also clicking off the court. "The team is like a family," Murphy said.

The turning point, in Murphy's opinion, was after the home game at Nazareth. Nazareth was 7-7 and had recently beaten the Saxons in overtime by one point at Nazareth. The Saxons came out flat and were beaten pretty handily.

After the game, Murphy called a team meeting to talk some things out.

"I told the guys you can't live in the past, but you can learn from it," Murphy said.

Since then, the team has won four of its last five and is in position for an ECAC tournament bid,

which was one of the team's goals since the beginning of the season.

The team is coming together.

"This is one of the better teams I've had in the 16 years I have been coaching," Murphy said.

Murphy also credits some of the success to the McLane Maniacs. The Maniacs are a group of 10-20 students who dress up and cheer on the Saxons, at home and away.

Murphy said that the team really enjoys their enthusiasm, and it rubs off on the players. "It adds a lot to the atmosphere," he said.

Next year will be a different story for the Saxons. They are joining the Empire Athletic Association. The league will be made up of Nazareth, R.I.T., Elmira, Ithaca, Hartwick, St. John Fisher and Alfred.

"We will be having more home games on the weekends in the new conference," Murphy said.

Joining the league will also give players more opportunities to earn individual honors, like all-league or rookie of the year awards.

The winner of the conference also gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. □



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Lisa Valitutto (34) and Margaux Benoit (30) play against R.I.T. The Saxons won the game 56-53, led by 17 points from Valitutto. The women's team lost to Houghton Saturday, 74-49, ending a solid run by the Saxons, in which they won three street games. The team has been starting three freshmen, which has the team optimistic for future seasons.

Women's b-ball stays upbeat

BY ANDY BERMAN

If you told first year coach Michelle Finn that she would be starting three freshmen at the end of the season, she probably would have laughed at you.

Now, that is hardly the case.

"I came in and there were five quality freshmen," Finn said. "These girls will be my core for the next three years."

Lisa Valitutto is one of those freshmen. She is averaging 13.1 points and 9.5 rebounds a game. Valitutto is still learning her new position as a post player, moving from 3-guard.

"She is a great player and has made a huge impact," Finn said.

Amy Ratchuk has also made herself known to opponents. Ratchuk, who is averaging 12.6 points a game, was highly recruited by Finn.

Ratchuk played two months with mononucleosis. She sat out awhile, and is coming back with a vengeance.

"Amy played a great game at Fredonia," Finn said. "She is at about 90 percent, which is pretty darn good."

"I didn't have the greatest first half to my season because I was always tired and had no energy. Now since I've been better, I feel a lot stronger in my game, especially my three-pointers," commented Ratchuk.

Tracy Lincoln is also turning into an excellent player. "Tracy is a terror on defense," Finn said. "She makes things happen with her defensive play."

"We are young and still getting used to each other," Finn said. "There is so much potential that hasn't been tapped yet."

Though their 8-13 record isn't the greatest, the team is still optimistic.

"We can still qualify for NY States," Finn said. "We are trying to finish up strong, for pride and respect."

It has been a topsy-turvy season for the Lady Saxons. The team fin-

ished last semester at 3-5. Things started to look like they would turn around. Then the team fell into a 6-game losing streak.

"Our season was a little shaky," Ratchuk said. "We started off pretty good, but then we hit a huge slump. Towards the end of the season we did better and went on a three game winning streak."

"We were struggling," Finn said. "Games were close; we just let a few things slide in the end."

At this season's end, Finn has her work cut out for her. Though she may have a great group of young players, she is losing senior starter Liz O'Connor.

"She does a great job. We will miss her," Finn said.

Also, Finn and the Saxons will join the very competitive Empire Athletic Association next year.

"I think next year we should win more games because we'll... all still be together," said Ratchuk.

"We should be successful the next couple of years," Finn said. "We have the talent; it's there." □

Saxon scores

Men's Basketball

•Alfred 72, Keuka 63
Filosa 18 pts., Stedman 15 pts., McKinnon 14 pts., 10 rebs.
•Alfred 78, R.I.T. 68
Filosa 18 pts., Smith 14 pts., 7 rebs., Stedman 13 pts.
•Alfred 107, Elmira 93
Filosa 35 pts., Quinlan 21 pts., Smith 18 pts., McKinnon 7 rebs.
•Alfred 84, Medaille 72
Quinlan 23 pts., Filosa 17 pts., 8 assists, McKinnon 8 rebs.
•Filosa named ECAC/Upstate NY Weekly Honor Roll (2/1)
•Quinlan 9th on all-time scoring list with 1,311 pts.

Women's Basketball

•Keuka 68, Alfred 59 (OT)
Valitutto 30 pts., 14 rebs., O'Connor 12 pts., Ratchuk 11 pts.
•Alfred 56, R.I.T. 53
Valitutto 17 pts., Ratchuk 17 pts., Lincoln 10 rebs.
•Alfred 72, Medaille 58
Valitutto 17 pts., Ratchuk 15 pts., Lincoln 9 assists, 7 rebs.
•Alfred 67, Hilbert 38
Ratchuk 19 pts., Valitutto 14 pts., 11 rebs.
•SUNY Fredonia 73, Alfred 61
Valitutto 19 pts., 19 rebs., O'Connor 15 pts., Kushner 7 assists
•Ratchuk named ECAC/Upstate New York Rookie of the Week (2/1)
•Valitutto named ECAC/Upstate NY Weekly Honor Roll (1/24)

Men's Alpine Skiing

•Syracuse Invitational: 1st
Walsh 1st giant slalom, 4th slalom, Engle 3rd giant slalom, 3rd slalom

Women's Alpine Skiing

•Syracuse Invitational: 3rd
Overbake 3rd giant slalom, Lord 5th slalom

Men's Track and Field

•Rochester Relays: 3rd of 6
Corman, Kohler, Kulzer, Winkky

2nd in distance relay (10:59.88), Louis and West 2nd 35 pound weight relay (20.62m), Compson 4th in 40m hurdles (6.0)

•Syracuse Relays
Lickfield 3rd 55m hurdles (8.02), Scheiber 5th triple jump (12.61m), Sabato 5th pole vault (3.70m)
•Lickfield qualified for ECAC Championships in 55m hurdles

Women's Track and Field

•Rochester Invitational: 2nd of 7
Ares 1st 400m (63.18), Boadi 2nd 1500m (5:18.60), Brewer, Callen, Boadi, Ares 1st 4x400 relay (4:27.67), Nourse, Bonner, Taillon, Martin 2nd distance relay (14:55.99), Brewer 3rd 50m (7.28), 5th high jump (1.47m), Gaydos 4th 400m (66.66)
•Ares set a new school record in 400m (63.18)
•Boadi set a new school record in 1500m (5:18.60)

Men's Swimming and Diving

•Hartwick 143, AU 97
T. Striker 1st 100 fly (55.84), 1st 500 free (4:55.67), B. Striker 1st 200 free (1:46.95), Kerwin 1st 100 back (55.50), Dobe 1st 3m Diving
•LeMoyne 128, Alfred 111
Berman 1st 1m Diving (182.35), T. Striker 1st 100 free (48.13), B. Striker 1st 500 free (4:58.91)

Women's Swimming and Diving

•Alfred 124, Hartwick 117
Darmott 1st 1000 free (11:34.15), 1st 500 free (5:33.98) Kachmar 1st 50 free (26.80), 1st 100 free (58.02), H. Ligerman 1st 400 I.M. (5:08.39), 1st 100 fly (1:03.59), Brooks 1st 100 breast (1:10.96)
•Alfred 147, William Smith 77
Darmott 1st 1000 free (11:29.50), 1st 500 free (5:39.03) Picarella 1st 200 free (2:04.35), Jeitler 1st 1m Diving (186.974), H. Ligerman 1st 200 fly (2:29.02), Burke 1st 200 back (2:21.53),
•LeMoyne 153, Alfred 88
Kachmar 1st 200 free (2:09.84), Picarella 1st 100 fly (1:03.47), Brooks 1st 100 breast (1:09.79)