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WORLD NOTES



LOCAL

Hot Dog Day is this Saturday, April 26. •Preliminary schedules come out this week.

NATIONAL

A crowd at the site of Oklahoma City's Federal building stood silent in remembrance for 168 seconds Saturday, one second per victim of the Federal building bombing two years ago. •Searchers in Colorado may have found the wreckage of a U.S. warplane that disappeared while on a training mission April 2. The plane was reportedly carrying four 500-pound bombs. •Pennsylvania's Villanova University banned its bookstore from carrying Cliffs Notes after a petition was signed by more than 90 faculty members.

INTERNATIONAL

Israeli prosecutors decided Sunday against indicting Prime Minister Netanyahu for influencing political appointments. •Astronomers discovered a third tail to Comet Hale-Bopp last Friday. The previously undiscovered tail is reportedly a thin, straight jet of sodium. •Researchers at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass. published Friday their discovery of how the AIDS virus penetrates the cell.

PERSONALITIES

STEVE HARPST



Steve Harpst may have a snowstorm during his senior year of high school to thank for his job as director of Student Activities and Powell Campus Center.

The snowstorm prevented Harpst from visiting and applying to AU. Years later, he decided he wanted to be involved in college student development and came to AU for its College Student Development graduate program.

He finished his degree just as the then-director of Student Activities was leaving, and he was hired for the job.

Harpst has now been here for five years—longer than any other place since he left home for college.

Before coming to Alfred, Harpst had a business in Utica that did concert promotion.

He decided he loved the entertainment business, but he missed the student interaction in it he had had in college, he said.

"You're trying to make money and not get sued," he said of the concert promotion business.

Harpst said this way he has all the benefits of the entertainment industry plus the student interaction.

He said he enjoys seeing the outcomes, the learning process, and the enjoyment of students.

Harpst can usually be found in Powell. "I average about four hours of sleep a night. That's the time I'm home," he said.

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

William Hall will serve as acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences until a permanent dean is found.

Hall, professor of sociology and chair of the division of social sciences, will take over after Christine R. Grontkowski's resignation takes effect June 30, Provost W. Richard Ott told faculty last Friday.

"I feel enthusiastic about the new responsibilities," said Hall.

Hall was chosen from five candi-

dates selected by the LAS Faculty Council. Vicki Eaklor, Arthur Greil, Gary Ostrower and Robert Williams were also considered for the position, said Becky Prophet, chair of the LAS Faculty Council.

According to Ott's memo to the LAS faculty, each candidate "brought a great enthusiasm, a strong sense of commitment to the College and a willingness to serve the College and the University."

Ott said the criteria were: administrative experience, demonstrated success in prior work and ability to work with fac-

ulty and administration.

Hall said he has been chair of the division of social sciences, administered the criminal justice program and been Mayor of the Village of Alfred.

Hall also said he is confident he can work with the faculty and administration.

Hall's role will be to "keep the college moving forward," said Ott.

"I'd like to maintain the quality of our academic programs," said Hall. He said he is not interested in developing an agenda which would be left for the new dean.

Retention is another issue Hall said he would like to address. He said "developing a solid academic program that will keep students here" is one of his goals.

Hall said he did not foresee more conflict between his roles as dean and as mayor than there was when he was a faculty member.

"There's no conflict of interest... inherent in the two positions," he said.

In his memo, Ott said Hall was his recommendation for the position, and the President instructed him to offer the position to Hall. □



PHOTO BY CARA STEIN

AU freshman Scott Livingstone and his friend Brendan Pendergast perform at SAB's Open Mic Night April 19 in the Knight Club. Livingstone and Pendergast took first place in the contest. Junior DeAnne Smith took second place with her readings of poetry and a short story, and freshman vocalist Claire Hedden tied for third with CDC director John Carvana, who sang and played a guitar.

Student gets punishment

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The AU judicial board has barred freshman Jason Killian from attending AU in the fall for possession of explosives, said Killian.

Killian, a 19-year-old electrical engineering major, said of his sanctions, "I believe I am being used as an example."

Killian was arrested on March 26 after the Alfred police found two quarter-sticks of dynamite in his room in Barresi Hall.

He said he felt he was being blamed for the reported explosions on campus, as well. "I was not responsible for any of the numerous bombings that were going on," Killian said. "I had nothing to do with them."

Killian said he brought the explosives on campus to show his friends what they looked like.

He said early in the semester he

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Professors stressed by tenure requirements

BY NICOLE LEBO

College students must deal with stress caused by research papers, group projects, exams, roommate problems and extracurricular commitments. But what is it like to be a professor?

The stress of juggling research and teaching and the pursuit of reaching tenure affect professors' lives, their work and the students who learn from them.

Provost W. Richard Ott said the primary function of a professor is to know the material, have a desire for the students to know it and work with the students in learning it. To do this effectively the professor must remain active in their field as well as have a talent for teaching, added Ott.

Susan Strong, vice president for enrollment management and Associate Provost, said the goal at AU is to create a well-informed, well-researched team of professors who do not lose sight of the main objective, which is to be a motivated and motivating professor. Strong said, "It is the ethos of this institution to more heavily focus on teaching as compared to research."

But there is a published work requirement for all professors.

Most professors choose to do the bulk of their work on sabbatical so they have large chunks of uninterrupted time. Gary Ostrower, professor of history, for example, has been on a yearlong sabbatical finishing up the rest of his book. The

book has been a work in progress for six years.

"Over the last six years, after research was complete, I wrote three to four chapters. During my sabbatical I have written eight more chapters," said Ostrower.

Pamela Schultz, assistant professor of communications studies, said, "It is stressful to complete the research that is expected when, due to other obligations of being a professor, there is little time."

Johanna Crane, assistant professor of chemistry, said research is often pushed onto the back burner to make time for class preparation since teaching is her main objective. "If I don't prepare for a class 30-60 students who sit there with their mouths dropped in boredom will know it. If I don't do my research only I know it."

Most assistant professors try to polish and publish parts of their dissertations to meet publishing requirement. Research and teaching simultaneously is the next logical step on the academic ladder, said Ott. He said the largest source of stress for AU faculty is the stress they put upon themselves and not the stress caused by the research requirements.

Ostrower said stress is not always negative. He said fear is a motivating force to push people to perform better than they otherwise would. "The stress involved could cause nothing more serious than suicide," said Ostrower jokingly. But stress in moderation is necessary to do good work, he added.

"I thrive under pressure. I would be a basket case without stress," Ostrower said.

Ostrower also joked that if professors are too stressed out by the demands of academic life they could change their professions to something like skateboarding.

Ostrower may not have all of the stress experienced by other professors. He is one of many professors who has his job secured for the rest of his life by tenure.

Although there are reviews every five years following the granting of tenure, a professor has never been terminated after a bad post-tenure review, said Ott.

Gaining tenure is viewed as a difficult process and one-third of the applicants are not invited to stay here at AU after a seven year trial, said Ott. Only one-third do make tenure and the remaining third leave voluntarily, said Ott.

Tenure is a device that allows professors job security for a lifelong term as long as they remain within the guidelines of the school. It began 80 years ago nationwide in institutions of higher learning to ensure freedom of ideas within the classroom. It allows professors to teach what they want, in the style they prefer without the threat of repercussions such as losing their job.

Fiona Tolhurst, assistant professor of English, said, "Tenure makes room for the freedom of ideas. It can rid the classroom of stale

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Quick fix for Senate

While Student Senate certainly has many strengths, there are four aspects of it that need to be examined.

First, the relationship between the Senate executive board and PolyPro may need some clarification. As it now stands, the director of PolyPro serves as publicity chair of Senate. Why is this, as it puts the chair of an organization receiving Senate funding on the Senate executive board?

Recently, the Senate established a limit on how much a Senate presidential or vice presidential candidate may spend on a campaign. The Senate also stipulated that all campaign publicity must be done through PolyPro.

The Senate also reduced allocated funds to an organization during the last budget proposal cycle because the organization proposed to use Sun Publishing for its publicity rather than PolyPro.

The executive explained that because this was a new organization, they should start off using PolyPro rather than any other business.

And, of course, all postings in residence halls and some other buildings on campus must have either a PolyPro or an Office of Residence Life stamp on them to prevent them from being torn down by staff members.

There is a term to describe this situation—Socialism.

Basically, give me PolyPro or give me zilch.

Debbie Nall, PolyPro director, claims PolyPro is capable of creating diverse and impressive fliers, posters and such.

While this may be absolutely true, it does not change the fact that Senate has given PolyPro a monopoly on campus, and nobody seems to care.

Which leads us to our second point, a recurring sentiment in Senate—apathy. While the executive board is usually passionate about the issues they raise, it is safe to say that a majority of the Senators attending really don't care.

There are certainly some who do take an active interest, but most simply vote yes or no and move to close discussion.

This was very apparent during the last budget cycle. There were cuts made in some budgets where comparable cuts were not made in others, but nobody noticed. In fact, the budgets were approved so quickly that there wasn't really time for anyone to notice—if they even cared to.

That's the third aspect: the overhead projector. Before its appearance we could look at hard copies of proposed policies and amendments. Now, it is the only means of visual communication.

One would think that after weeks of hearing, "Could you move your heads?" or "Please go back to page three," someone might have asked the executive board to hand out hard copies again.

The overhead can still be useful as a guide for the executive board, but handing out copies would allow Senators to browse through the proposals at a sub-light speed pace.

And if wasting paper is an issue, place a recycling bin at the back of Nevins so the copies can be recycled at the end of the meeting.

Speaking of recycling, there may be a problem with Senate executive board members serving on more than one executive board, our fourth point.

The current Senate Constitution forbids only the president from serving on other organizations' executive boards. But this allowance could cause problems and accusations.

Take Jim Kostiw. He's the Senate finance chair and president of Residence Hall Council.

Kostiw serves on the finance committee and has influence over RHC's budget, along with an RHC representative. This gives RHC two voices, one being very influential in the budget hearings. While we are not saying that Kostiw would ever use such powers for ill, we cannot say that such situations would always go untapped.

This is an ambitious Senate executive board. They have already restructured the Senate to improve efficiency, passed an honor code, and have begun to address such issues as campus safety and residence hall renovations.

But there are kinks in the processes that need to be ironed out. If not, questionable situations will continue to arise—and many Senators will continue not to care. □

COLUMNIST

AU: It ain't about drinking



BY JONATHAN BAUM

It is rather common to hear students complain that there is nothing to do in Alfred. In fact, it's practically the gospel.

Many even equate the apparent boredom to high usage rates of alcohol and drugs.

Hell, if there ain't nothing else to do, why not go to some party and get wasted?

Yes, I drink sometimes, but to say it is necessary in order to have a good time? Maybe I'm missing the point.

It has always been my belief that most of the fun of partying came from either hanging with friends, joking around, playing

games or meeting people. Can this happen with alcohol present?

Sure. Sometimes it even adds to the fun.

But I'd hate to think that I can't have a good time with friends without the assistance of foreign substances.

In fact, I know a good number of people who don't drink or do drugs who are some of the most fun-loving people I've ever met.

I'm not pointing to alcohol as the world's greatest evil—it has its place.

But to say there is nothing to do here in Alfred is crazy. And to use that claim in order to excuse behaviors bordering on and including binge drinking is just plain absurd.

What are there, about 100

clubs and organizations on campus? What is there to do here? Comedy acts, concerts and coffeehouses, movies, bowling, blowing glass... hell, star gazing—the list literally goes on and on.

This isn't to say that because these activities exist, people shouldn't drink. I'm not about to say that it is never fun to drink (responsibly, of course—seriously).

But to blame AU's supposed lack of entertainment offerings for one's own irresponsibility is a bit ridiculous.

If people truly can't find anything interesting to do here at Alfred, including organizing their own activities, they shouldn't get loaded.

They should transfer. □

COLUMNIST

GPA housing policy ill-advised



BY STEVE WAGNER

I'm glad the University is concerned about students' grades, since a college student's GPA is important to stay in school and to get a job. However, there is another major factor governing most students' lives—money.

Right now, AU's policy is that students with a GPA less than a 2.0 in the previous semester cannot move off campus.

Keeping students on campus who have less than a 2.0 GPA is not necessarily in the students' best interest.

The intent is good and the University should be concerned about its students' grades. But there must be alternative ways that do not cost the student enormous amounts of money.

If students even half-heartily hunt for an off-campus room, they can find one that is significantly cheaper than even the freshman residence halls. That fact is clear.

However, according to the housing contracts, students cannot

move off campus if they were in poor academic standing the previous semester. While this makes sense in the fact that no one knows what the current semester's grades will be at housing sign-up time, it does not promote an increase in grades.

If first semester sophomores' GPAs slip under a 2.0, they will not be able to move off campus without paying extra money until they are seniors, no matter what grades they get.

Even a 4.0 second semester sophomore year would not affect their standing. True, a student can appeal the decision after spring grades are released, but by that time all the cheap apartments are gone. And true, a student could break the contract midway through junior year, but that would cost \$500.

If a student takes this option and does finally get off campus, the University then drops the student's financial aid \$500.

There seems to be a recurring flow of money to the University from the student's pocket—supposedly all for the student's own good.

In addition to the housing

requirement, all students except seniors, graduate students and Ford Street residents are required to pay for a meal plan. The cheapest of these plans, the 10 meal plan, will cost about \$1,200.

That is for one semester or three and a half months. More importantly, that works out to over \$320 a month—ridiculously more than college students would spend on their own.

The University has to realize that college students cannot afford to pay for outrageous room and board and need to move off campus where the rates are reasonable.

Most sophomores look forward to junior year because they can move off campus. The savings in money, along with the feeling of independence, is very important to most college students.

Keeping a student on campus for three of four years because of one semester with a low GPA is not right.

The funny thing is, none of this touches on the issue of whether living on-campus is actually conducive to better grades. That's an entirely different argument. □

Congratulations from the *Fiat Lux* staff to former *Fiat Lux* editors Chad Bowman and Darcia Harris, and to former *Fiat Lux* production managers Javier Morales and Jenna DeFranco on their respective engagements.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RA says *Fiat* ignored angle of story

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to the article written about the Norwood fire. I am a resident assistant in Phillips. I was at Norwood when the fire department was surveying the suite and asking the students if they had any injuries.

The article seemed to be saying that Liz Sclafani made a bad decision sending Jon Tollerup to put out the fire. I disagree. This may not have been the perfect textbook response to the situation, but Jon is an adult and could have said no when she asked. Liz made a quick decision that probably kept Norwood from burning down.

As to your reporting that Liz

allowed her residents to go back into the building, she did not announce to the students that it was okay to go expose themselves to smoke inhalation. In fact she does not recall giving permission to reenter Norwood at all. She didn't know there was smoke in the upstairs suite and she had no idea to what degree the fire had progressed. The students could have made an educated decision themselves not to enter a smoke-filled room.

I believe the *Fiat*'s coverage of this incident while basically factual, left out a side to the story that was important. I also felt this article was demeaning to Liz who in my year of working with her has

demonstrated great care and responsibility as an RA. I hope that in the future the type of reporting done at the *Fiat Lux* will not disregard the feelings of those whom they report about.

I want to commend Liz for quick thinking and thank her for a decision that kept a building on this campus from possibly going up in flames. The alternate possibility of this fire's destruction could have been a far worse problem than the speculation, of people who were not even there, about this situation not being handled to perfection.

Sincerely,
Andrea Rosselle
Class of '98

Correction

Admissions is seeking four to six student interns. The number was misreported in the April 9 issue of the *Fiat Lux*.



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Bergren covers Alfred's feminist history

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Unlike other early coeducational schools, AU's environment was egalitarian right from the start, said Associate Provost Susan Strong in a recent Bergren Forum.

Strong also discussed the Seventh Day Baptist's founding of Alfred in the April 17 forum, "An Egalitarian Spirit: Alfred's Earliest Days," which was attended by a medium-sized crowd in Nevins Theater. The speech was the first in a series she plans to continue next year based on her doctoral dissertation, which focused on Alfred's history.

Critics are looking again at many early coed colleges which were considered advanced and realizing that those schools were also conservative, said Strong.

While they did accept women, women were taught to take subservient positions, restricted from public speaking and expected to follow the separate spheres ideology, in which women occupy domes-

tic roles, she said.

AU's environment, however, was egalitarian. "It was natural for men and women to be educated together, natural for women to seek suffrage and natural for women to speak publicly," she said. A past president's wife even led a group of female students to vote illegally, she said.

A "tangled connection" exists between the Seventh Day Baptists, who founded Alfred and AU in the early 1800's, and egalitarianism, said Strong. The Seventh Day Baptists valued social reform and education but had no ideology of equality, she said.

Early ideas of feminism grew instead partly because of the rural environment, said Strong. Shared labor on farms, dense kinship, an independence stance and liberal community theology supported the "egalitarian spirit," she said.

For instance, as opposed to an urban setting where men were expected to work outside the

home, most students came from farms where labor was equal and everyone worked together.

In addition to feminist ideas, the rural area of Alfred in the early 1800's also protected the Seventh Day Baptists' way of life. They celebrated Sabbath on Saturday, which made them a minority in urban areas and therefore put their members at a risk for loss of faith in those areas, said Strong. AU remained rurally based until 1895, she said, when the college almost failed and had to be opened to urban students.

This rural base is even a reason for AU's small endowment, said Strong, since at that time the college had no urban wealth to draw on, only money from typically poor rural families.

The development of AU was also slowed by the ambivalence of the Seventh Day Baptists toward higher education. They believed in basic education for all, said Strong, but were suspicious of higher education. □



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

Associate Provost Susan Strong spoke about AU's history of equality between the sexes at the April 17 Bergren Forum. Strong's speech was based on research she did for her doctoral dissertation.

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threw one of the sticks of explosives out his window on a dare, but it was the middle of the night and no one was around. Killian said he admitted this to the judicial board.

Killian said he does not think the University is concerned about his education. "I think the University is more interested in finding scapegoats to take the heat off them."

Andrew Posner, a freshman biology major and Killian's former roommate, said Killian was not responsible for the explosions on campus because he was in the room or out of town when some of them occurred.

Matthew Woodhams, a freshman computer science major who also lived in Barresi, said he thinks Killian is being used to set an example. The administration is "laying down all the trouble on him," and ignoring the other incidents, he added.

Pat Schwartz, director of security, said she did not think Killian was used as an example but said the explosions basically stopped after he was charged.

"No student is used as an example," agreed Tomas Gonzalez, acting director of Residence Life.

If he were responsible for the explosions, he would take responsibility, said Killian. "I wouldn't lie about it. If I did it, I did it," he said.

Killian appeared before the AU judicial board April 3. "I was very cooperative," he said.

Killian said the judicial board found him guilty. He is not allowed to return to AU in the fall, but may be allowed to come back in the spring of next year, he said.

He said the board decided he could finish the semester at AU as long as he did not live in a residence hall. Killian said he is also on disciplinary probation as long as he attends AU.

Killian said he appealed the decision.

"I don't think I'm a threat to the community," Killian said. He said a considerable number of the residents in Barresi signed a petition on his behalf. "Apparently, they don't think I'm a threat either," he said.

Woodhams said he does not

think Killian is a threat to campus.

"He's responsible enough and intelligent enough not to mistreat the explosives he had," he said.

Posner said he would not feel unsafe if Killian were still his roommate.

Woodhams spoke in Killian's behalf in front of the judicial board and started the petition.

Killian said he included the petition with his letter of appeal. He met with Dean of Students Jerry Brody April 17 about the appeal.

His appeal was denied, Killian said.

"I believe the sanctions are harsh for what I've done," said Killian. "It would be fair if I had actually been putting people in danger."

"It's unfair," said Woodhams. "He's an engineering student—interrupting his studies for a semester will really interrupt his coursework." Woodhams said he thought probation or a fine would have been appropriate.

"The sanctions depend on the individual situation," said Brody. Brody said he could not discuss the specifics of the case because judicial proceedings are confidential.

Brody said sanctions administered by the judicial board are dependent on a number of factors. He said the same crime could get different punishments because of factors such as the accused's prior judicial record, show of remorse or whether the board thinks the individual is telling the truth.

Brody also said the circumstances of the offense are taken into account. "It's almost never the exact same situation," he said.

Tomas Gonzalez, acting director of Residence Life, agreed. "Each case is heard on its individual merit... There are no set sanctions for any violations," he said.

Gonzalez said he could not comment on the specific sanctions either. "Between Jason's privacy rights and the University's rules, I can't talk about any specifics of the case," he said.

Opinions differ on whether or not Killian is a threat to the community.

Schwartz said she did not know Killian well enough to determine whether he is a threat to the campus. "I think what he had could be a threat to the campus," she said.

Killian said the explosives are

not that dangerous. "If a person with common sense uses it, no one will get hurt," he said.

A quarter-stick of dynamite exploding is "equivalent to about 10 gallons of gasoline," said a dispatcher for the Allegany County Police Department.

"It's something that could kill somebody," agreed an official at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Killian said he had the explosives on campus with no intention of harming someone. "If I did end up hurting someone, I would probably end up feeling worse than they did," he said.

Killian was arrested almost a month ago. He said when he returned to his room from classes on March 26, there were police officers searching his room. He said they put handcuffs on him and thoroughly searched his room.

"It was very disheartening to see the whole thing," said Killian.

The police confiscated the two sticks of explosives, two rolls of wire, a roll of speaker wire, a container of wire ends, a burnt out control box from a lamp, a roll of duct tape and a tube of epoxy, Killian said. He said these were not supplies to make a bomb, but items he used to repair car stereos and for his engineering classes.

Killian said he was charged with possession of fireworks and allowed to return to his residence hall Wednesday night. Thursday, Sue Smith, judicial coordinator, told him he was a threat to the community and could not remain in his residence hall, Killian said.

Killian was arrested by the Hornell Police Thursday night.

The charges against Killian were increased to a higher felony because the devices were defined by the ATF as explosives rather than fireworks, Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont said in the Apr. 9 *Fiat Lux*.

Bail was set at \$3,000 by Judge William R. MacCrea, and Killian was released on bail early Saturday morning, said Killian.

Brody said if a student is suspended for a semester, the student would have to reapply the following semester, and re-admission would not be guaranteed.

Smith could not be reached for comment. Killian's former resident assistant chose not to comment. □

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research and stale teaching." It also allows the teaching of a "wacky" honors seminar, she said.

While working toward tenure, the professors themselves are graded. They are judged on the basis of student and peer evaluation, amount of campus activity and the quality and quantity of their published works.

The pooled information, or "shine sheets," are reviewed yearly for feedback, said Ott. At the three-year mark, a tenure forecast is given as to their future potential. If it is a positive review, the professor continues to strive for tenure. If it is negative some professors choose to leave, while others work with a mentor to increase their chances of obtaining tenure.

Those who choose to stay go through an academic initiation for a total of seven years. Intellect, conduct and ability are closely monitored and sometimes even scrutinized.

One untenured assistant professor who wished to remain nameless to avoid jeopardizing his/her tenure path, said political ties that are essential in gaining tenure seem hypocritical. "Tenure, which was established to guarantee free speech, is only gained after seven years of silence. The tenure track indoctrinates you to not speak up and to be very conscious of the politics. You don't forget that once you have reached tenure."

Christine R. Grontkowski, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said, "More often than not, professors do their best work after tenure." She explained that insecurity at the pre-tenure stage stifles the development of cutting edge ideas. Post-tenure professors shine, having only their own expectations to meet, she said.

Tolhurst said AU is more humane to their tenure-track professors than at Texas A & M, where she taught previously. Other schools that are more focused on just published work have to lessen the value they place on teaching and advising.

No one is sure how students react to professors' stress.

Strong said, "By and large professors protect their students from witnessing their stressful experiences."

Some people believe students emulate the way professors deal with their stress. For example, Tolhurst suggests that the non-competitive nature of tenure track professionals is reborn in the students' attitudes toward their own work, as students set their own goals rather than learn in a cut-throat atmosphere.

Karen Porter, associate professor of sociology, said students benefit to see a professor struggle to meet all their demands. They can learn from role models how to handle integrating a child with a career.

Grontkowski had positive words to offer. She said, "Life never gets easier, but as you mature you better learn to cope with it." □

NEWS BLURBS

- Seniors Jonathan Baum and Amy Ofmani were presented with the Dean's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Life at the annual Student Senate awards banquet. The ALANA team was recognized as the most improved organization, and sophomore Jennifer Kneuer received the Outstanding Senate Representative Award.
- Melany Dow, a senior business administration major, was named Outstanding Student in this

region for 1997 by the national BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network. Dow earned the award for her work as the president of GAMMA and as a certified peer educator.

- Keith R. Hall, assistant secretary of the Air Force and director of the National Reconnaissance Office, will deliver the commencement address for graduation Saturday, May 17.
- Two AU professors as well as several doctoral students were awarded research grants from the Lea R. Powell Institute for Children and Families. They will use the grants for research that focuses on the problems of children and families.

Former attorney general speaks at AU

BY TERESA VINCENT

A former attorney general of the United States stressed citizens' involvement in politics as a key in creating a better future for America during a recent speech in Susan Howell Hall.

Edwin Meese, attorney general during the Reagan administration, said people should participate in government "not just at election time, but all the time."

Meese gave his lecture, "America at the Crossroads," last Wednesday night.

Meese said the American government should pursue three goals. The first is the "enhancement of freedom" through greater involvement in self-government.

The second is to help create and maintain a stable and peaceful world.

The third is to build a society that will provide the greatest number of opportunities for growth and development as possible.

To attain these goals, Meese advocated a return to the policies

and ideals of the Reagan administration, such as the strategic defense initiative, which he said would create a better system of defense with the use of long-range ballistic missiles. He also suggested increasing America's armed forces.

He mentioned adopting a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which would make it mandatory for Congress to pass a balanced budget for each fiscal year, as another important issue.

Meese also said five changes could be made to strengthen America.

The first change would involve cutting the tax rate or an overhaul of the tax system. Meese said Americans spend so much on taxes each year that "The Fourth of July is the first day we're working for ourselves."

The second change would be an expansion of state and local government. This change would allow citizens to get to know their representatives personally, as well as being able to see firsthand the effects of important

issues, Meese said.

Thirdly, he advocated preventing Congress from bypassing the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. This amendment states that property can only be taken after due process under the law.

The fourth change would involve creating a foreign policy that is "coherent, cohesive and consistent" as well as making an adequate budget to create new military technology. Meese also said the United States should let countries deal with problems within their own boundaries.

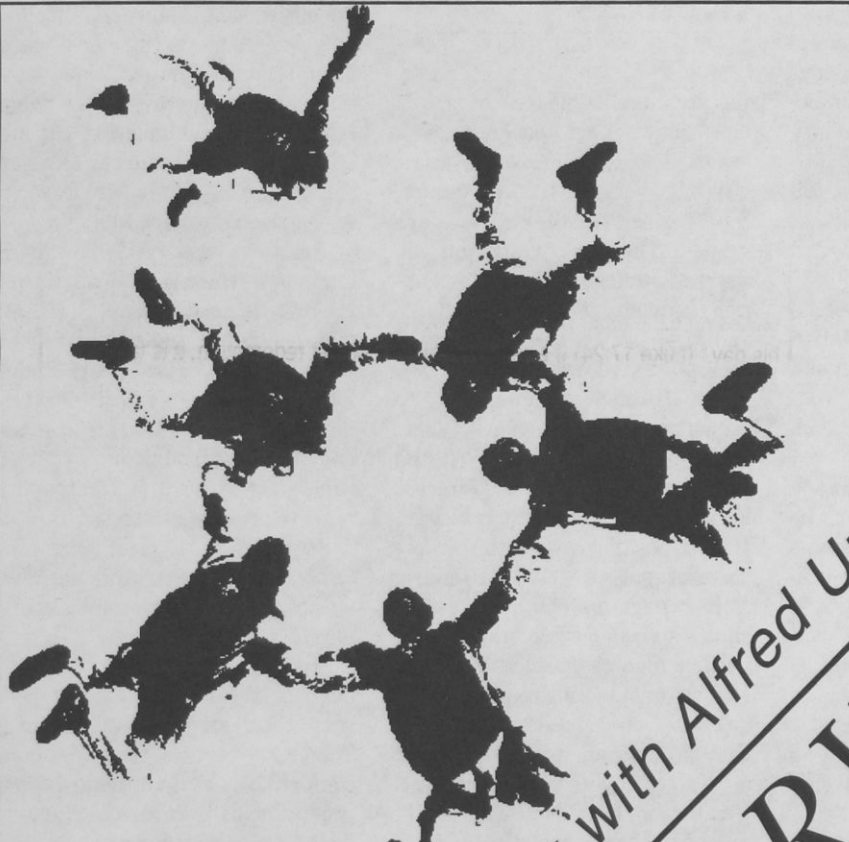
For the fifth change, Meese said the United States needs to stop the abuse of judiciary power. He said this final change is required because many judges who are appointed for life and have no constituents overstep their bounds and make judicial decisions based on their personal feelings about an issue.

Meese also answered questions for an hour on such topics as former President Reagan's health and scandals in the Clinton administration. □



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Former Attorney General Edwin Meese speaks to a crowd in Howell Hall April 16. Meese stressed the role of the individual in government.



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Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The Senate cabinet will include representatives of each type of student organization in the fall, after Senators unanimously passed a cabinet restructuring plan at their meeting last week.

The Steinheim will also be finished by next year, said Christina Lombardi, Senate president.

There will be nine councils, according to the new restructuring plan, each composed of different types of student organizations. The councils will be Academic/Professional, Entertainment, Greek, Media, Multicultural, Religion, Residence Life, Recreational and Community Welfare.

Each Senate organization has been assigned to a committee and a representative must attend council meetings twice a month. Each council will elect someone to attend Cabinet meetings on their behalf.

The cabinet will serve as a liaison between organizations and the Senate Executive Board, said Lombardi.

The renovations of the Steinheim are scheduled to be completed in June, Lombardi told Senators. She said the wiring and phone lines will be put in over the summer, and the Steinheim will be dedicated in October.

Lombardi said the Senate Executive Board would like to write a newsletter to keep the Trustees aware of what is happening on campus. She said she will ask the Trustees what they think of the idea during the May Trustee meeting.

The Honor Code will be written on the charter, the web site and included in catalogs, said Mike Christakis, chair of the Academic Affairs committee.

The SUGGESTIONS vax account has been discontinued, due to little use, said Lombardi. E-mail SENATE with suggestions.

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AU to celebrate 26th annual Hot Dog Day



FILE PHOTO

Former AU students Doug Belcher and Sal Mangiafico enjoy the mud in the wheelbarrow race during the 1994 Mud Olympics. The Mud Olympics, held annually on Tucker Field, are a Hot Dog Day tradition for Alfred University students.

Hot Dog Day '97

Thursday, April 24

8 p.m. *The Mikado*, C.D. Smith Theater, Miller Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 871-2828. Cost is \$5 general admission & faculty/staff, free to AU students with ID.

Friday, April 25

3:30 p.m. Honors Convocation, McLane Center. Following the Convocation there will be a reception in the McLane Center lobby.

5 p.m. Shabbat Dinner, Hillel House followed by services at 6:30 p.m.

6-8 p.m. Ice Cream Bash, Davis Gym. All the ice cream that you can eat! Admission is \$2.50. Sponsored by SAB and SVCA.

8 p.m. *The Mikado*.

9 p.m. Casino Night, Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, sponsored by AOD and RHC. Free admission.

10:30 p.m. Pirate Theater, Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Free.

Saturday, April 26

10 a.m. Fun Run, starts at the band stand on Main Street. \$10 entrance fee.

11:30 a.m. Mud Olympics, Tucker Field. Teams sign up at the Powell Information Desk.

11:45 a.m. Alfred Lions Club

Chicken BBQ, Alfred Fire Hall. \$5 complete dinner, \$4 chicken only.

Noon Hot Dog Day Parade & Carnival Kick-Off, Main St.

Noon - 5 p.m. Hot Dog Day Carnival, Main St. Games, food, prizes, entertainment, fun and of course, hot dogs! Proceeds from all activities go to local charities.

1 - 3 p.m. Kosher lunch available at the Hillel House.

2 p.m. AU Men's Lacrosse vs. Ohio Wesleyan, Merrill Field

8 p.m. *The Mikado*.

8 p.m. "80's Rock—Music in the

Video Age," a multimedia presentation by Barry Drake. Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. Free admission. Sponsored by SAB.

10 p.m. SAB Coffeehouse presents Salty Pretzels, Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. Free admission.

Sunday, April 27

11 a.m. Passover Brunch, Hillel House.

1 p.m. AU Women's softball vs. Elmira, Tucker Field.

3 p.m. *The Mikado*.



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Alfredians enjoy a Hot Dog Day in the 1980s with cotton candy. This year will be the 26th annual Hot Dog Day held in Alfred. Alfred State College will be involved in this year's Hot Dog Day celebrations, a change from the past few years.

Cult Awareness 101

"Heaven's Gate" seems to be a top story in all the papers. The suicide of the members of this group is all the more tragic when we realize that God's word, the Bible, clearly warns against such beliefs and practices. If people don't know their Bibles, we can see how easily they can be misled. We would like to give you some basic Biblical guidelines to protect you from becoming entrapped by a cult:

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2. "God... spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, but has in these last days spoken unto us by his Son..." (Hebrews 1:12) If a religion is based on special revelations to a modern-day leader, it is false.
3. "For as the lightning, that lightens out of the one part under heaven, shines unto the other part under heaven, so shall also the Son of man be in his day." (Luke 17:24) If a religion claims a secret redemption, it is false.

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Non-traditional students organize group

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Curriculum changes and a lounge top the list of improvements that a new group, the Non-Traditional Student Network, would like to see on campus.

The group started meeting in February after many conversations among non-traditional students, said Rhonda Willitt, a senior psychology major and non-traditional student. "We were commiserating over things that would be advantageous to this campus."

Such a group is important for the unity of non-traditional students, said Laura Black, an AU student who tried to start a similar group last spring. "We

need to have support—you need to talk to someone of your own age with similar problems."

According to NTSN, a non-traditional student meets one of these criteria: is 23 or older; lives outside the village of Alfred; has a family situation different from typical college students, such as being married, having dependent children or being domestically partnered. Using the age criteria alone, nine percent of the campus is non-traditional, said Willitt.

Some of the campus changes the group would like to see pertain directly to non-traditional students, though others would help the entire student body, said Willitt.

A lounge would be a home away from home for the non-traditional students, said Willitt. A phone with message board, by which people could contact the students, would help when their children get sick or spouses have problems, she said.

Making part of the game room in the Powell Campus Center into a non-traditional student lounge is a possibility, said Steve Harpst, director of student activities. He has been exploring alternatives for the room because it has been under-used and there have been problems finding a consistent supplier of good video games, he said. Harpst said he is still open to other suggestions and is wait-

ing until this summer to make more definite plans.

Willitt said the group also hopes to solve curriculum problems, which include availability of classes which are only offered once a year and getting locked out of classes. This is a problem in particular for non-traditional students, who may begin school in the spring semester, missing classes only offered in the fall, she said.

Also, difficulties in finding courses for a track II major are a problem, said Steve Pockey, a junior English major and non-traditional student.

The group is waiting to bring up curriculum problems until a new dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is

chosen, said Willitt.

Orientation is also an issue for the group. The group figures it takes a traditional student a few months to get acclimated to college-life, while it takes the non-traditional student two semesters, said Willitt.

To help, NTSN will give a presentation to new students during orientation. The purpose will mainly be to let students know who the group's members are and that they are available to help, said Willitt.

The group has had four meetings since February and is planning one more before the end of the semester. Next semester they plan to have two information meetings before holding an election in October. □

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- Outstanding Female Actor in a Comedy Series
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Student alcohol and drug abuse a problem

BY SABRINA HARRISON

There are fliers all over campus advertising social events sponsored by Residence Life or the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education.

Jillian Perez, a sophomore business administration major, said she wonders if these events serve their purpose, when many students disregard responsible messages and turn to binge drinking and drug use on and off campus to occupy their time.

Drug and alcohol abuse on campus is a problem at educational institutions nationwide. According to a Harvard School of Public Health study, 84 percent of students surveyed reported drinking during the school year. Forty-four percent of those students qualified as binge drinkers.

In terms of drug abuse, seven percent of college students in the Northeast use marijuana at least once a week and 34 percent of students have used marijuana at least once, according to the same survey.

AU faces similar problems. According to an AU CORE alcohol and drug survey conducted by AOD two years ago, Alfred ranks about five percent higher than the national average for the number of students who drink once a week. For marijuana use, AU is twice as high as other schools in the Northeast.

Perez said it is easy to obtain drugs and alcohol on campus.

"Kids sell drugs to other kids, and anyone who's under-aged can get alcohol just by letting an older kid get it for them. It's like a silent network... but everyone knows where to get it from," she said.

Ian Neuhard, director of AOD, said it is difficult for students to obtain alcohol in town unless they have a good fake ID. He agreed however that most students obtain alcohol from friends who are older. Neuhard also said students who have connections in their hometowns bring marijuana back to sell or use.

Perez blames the problem on the limited choice of activities on campus. She said the use of alcohol and drugs on campus correlates to the fact that while AU does offer a great deal of activities geared toward the student body, they do not offer enough variety.

Residence Life, Student Activities and AOD provide alternative non-alcohol events on campus. Residence Life tries to incorporate social activities that create an atmosphere of learning as well as enjoyment, said Tomas Gonzalez, acting director of Residence Life. One way this is achieved is through resident assistants' programming in the residence halls, he said.

AOD also offers many events throughout the academic year in an effort to promote healthier lifestyles. These activities start before Orientation and continue right through graduation, said Neuhard.

Perez said she does not believe the University does enough to combat alcohol and drug abuse by students. She concedes, however, "I don't think there is anything they can do... some [students] are so stubborn they won't stop unless something happens to them."

Tracy Smith, an RA and moderator of BACCHUS, an organization of peer educators, said she believes the University is committed to examining the problem of alcohol and drugs on campus. She said the

University has taken many positive steps in the last few years towards education, especially with the assistance of Neuhard.

Peer education is thought by many to be the best way to help students with drug and alcohol problems.

President of the University of Notre Dame, Edward Malloy, said, "There is no replacement for peer efforts to make a smarter, healthier environment."

Neuhard agreed. "From what we know about student development theory, peers have the strongest influence on college students of any group," he said.

Lynn Stachewicz, adviser for Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles, an organization of peer educators on campus, said some students think alcohol and drug use on campus is prevalent because they think it is part of the campus culture.

Peer groups are effective because they involve people of the student's own age expressing concern for the individual, whereas RAs and professors often represent power and authority figures, she said.

Besides peer groups, RAs also play a role in creating a healthier campus environment. Smith said RAs foster a healthy atmosphere by demonstrating to students that it is okay if they do not drink. Like peer groups, RAs accomplish this by offering activities in which students can enjoy themselves without the presence of alcohol and drugs, she said.

Some colleges are using more severe measures to reduce the amount of alcohol and drug use on campus. Last year, Appalachian State University in North Carolina established a policy which allows police to search student rooms without their permission or a warrant, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The policy was passed because the school's drug laws had been ineffective.

There were 38 incidents of alcohol-related violations of University policy and seven drug violations on campus during the Fall 1996 semester, but Gonzalez said he does not believe AU should adopt a policy similar to Appalachian State's.

"There are certain reasons staff has to go into rooms, if there is an emergency, but we're not storm troopers. Martial law is not what we want," he said.

Eric Gremli, a sophomore education major, agrees with Gonzalez.

"They shouldn't search for [alcohol and drugs] unless it's a big loud party and it's obvious something wrong is going on," he said.

Pat Schwartz, director of security, said she also agrees that the University should not adopt such stringent search policies. Schwartz only condones the practice of searches in the face of "a really serious problem," but asked, "When do you draw the line?"

As universities nationwide wrestle with issues pertaining to alcohol and drug abuse on campus, Gonzalez seems confident that AU students will emerge victorious over the temptation of experimentation. Gonzalez noted that students may experiment with alcohol and drugs but eventually realize that the purpose of their time at AU is to obtain an education and to be involved in activities where leadership can emerge.

"I really do think that the Alfred student is a pretty sophisticated student compared to others," he said. □

Panel discusses sexual assault

BY MEGAN ALLEN

One in four college women will be sexually assaulted, and one in eight adult women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

A panel which included the Alfred police chief, a counselor and an administrator met with students April 10 to discuss the problems of sexual assault and domestic violence.

"How Safe Are We: Panelists Discuss Violence Against Women on Campus and in the Home" drew a medium-sized audience to Susan Howell Hall.

Members of the panel were: Randy Belmont, Alfred police chief; Sue Smith, associate dean of students and judicial coordinator; Cathie Chester, counselor and SAVAP co-supervisor; Jason Rix, an area police officer who speaks to students about date rape; and Leslie Gooch-Christman, director of Allegany County Domestic Violence Task Force.

The panel was organized by Robin Arian, a senior sociology major, and Jessica Greeley, a junior sociology major. Both are currently interning with the Allegany County Domestic Violence Task Force.

"We realized in our internship how widespread and prevalent violence against women is," said Arian.

Greeley added students have a "false sense of security."

They organized the panel because they wanted to be part of the resolution, not the problem, said Arian.

Every week in the U.S. 2,000 rapes are reported, said Rix. However, the actual number of rapes is approximately six times higher, he said, since so many are not reported.

During the 1995 calendar year one forcible sex offense at AU was reported through the Alfred Police Department and three students reported sexual assaults to

the counseling services staff. These numbers may overlap.

"Even if we had a rape center in the middle of campus, it would be underused," said Chester. Victims often don't come forward because it is normal in trauma to not want to tell anyone, she said. Also, in 75 percent of cases alcohol is involved, which makes the victims feel like it was their fault, she said.

Taking the assailant to court is "tough," said Belmont. In the grand jury session, for instance, the victim must sit in front of 25 to 30 strangers and describe the assault in detail into a microphone. "I can't imagine" describing a rape in court, Belmont said.

AU students have the option of pressing charges through the University and/or the police department. Going through the University's judicial system can be "less traumatic," said Chester. In a few months the university can find a resolution, while it may take the justice system years, she said.

The University's judicial process is educational, not penal, said Smith. "It is not to judge or punish behavior, but to look at why it is not productive." University sanctions include community service, counseling and suspension.

The University can accommodate the victim more than the police can, said Smith. For instance, they can provide guards for students to classes and alternative housing on campus. In response to an audience question, she said the school's sexual misconduct policies apply to students on and off campus.

One student questioned the overall message that pressing charges through the University was better than through the police department, when it means the assaulter could victimize someone else.

"I would love to have every rape victim come and report it, but it is a difficult task," said Belmont.

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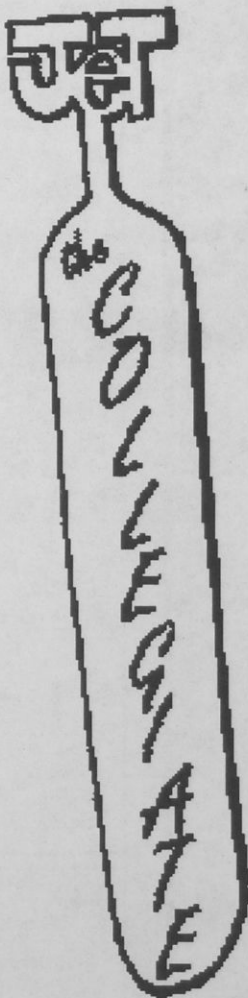
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Men's tennis having even season

BY STEVE WAGNER

The men's tennis team is in the middle of a .500 "non-league" season. The team did not travel to the conference tournament and therefore will not be ranked in the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

However, the team has won over Keuka College, Penn State-Behrend and conference opponent Washington & Jefferson.

Head coach Brian Friedland said he is "pleasantly surprised" with the team's performance.

Tennis teams need to rank their players in order to create a

match line-up. This year has required some shifting from match to match.

However, the team leader, freshman David Clay, has consistently been the number one singles player.

The number two spot would belong to sophomore Bill Mulfinger, but he has been struggling with illness all season. Stepping up to the number two spot has been senior Darren Greschuk.

The next two spots are taken by senior Stanley Kim and sophomore Jeremy Pierce. The fifth spot is under constant competition, said Friedland. Seniors

Joe DiCarlo and Clark Dickerson have both played in the fifth rank.

Unfortunately, only four of the above seven were able to attend the PAC championships this past weekend for a variety of reasons, said Friedland.

"I decided not to go on that long of a trip missing my top players," said Friedland. The match was held in Bethany, Pa.

As part of the PAC, Alfred teams often are forced to travel long distances to games and matches. The biggest concern among students is often missing classes.

The irony is, at least in tennis,

the PAC is "not as competitive as the ECAC," said Friedland.

The ECAC is made up of many of the teams AU competed against before the move to the PAC.

Friedland is familiar with AU, but not the PAC. This is his first year in Alfred since 1991 when he stepped down as the tennis coach.

The team's next match is an away game against non-conference Ithaca College this afternoon.

Currently, the team's win-loss record stands at 3-3, with five games left to play in their season.

RESULTS

Men's Lacrosse

• Alfred 8, Geneseo 2
Goals scored by: Schreck (2), Hiney (2), Kaufman (2), Blount (2); Heckman had 18 saves
• Hartwick 14, Alfred 7
Goals scored by: Hiney (2), Kaufman (2), Schreck
• Alfred 17, R.I.T. 13
Goals scored by: Hiney (8), Schreck (2), Blount (2), Kaufman, Caughey; Heckman had 17 saves

Women's Lacrosse

• Alfred 13, Fredonia 11
Goals scored by: Calkins (5), D'Aurio (3), Lamendola (2), Reynolds (2)
• Alfred 14, Gannon 13 (OT)
Goals scored by: Calkins (6), Lamendola (3)
• Alfred 11, Nazareth 8
Goals scored by: Ordorica (4), D'Aurio (3); Bruder had 11 saves

Men's Track & Field

• Ithaca Invit. (4th place)
200m: 1st Johnson (22.76); 400m: 2nd Johnson (49.75); hammer: 2nd Homrighaus (42.26m), 4th McConnell (40.70m)
• Alfred Invitational (1st place)
steeple: 1st Weigandt (10:17.0); shot put: 1st Valitutto (12.69m), 2nd Homrighaus (12.60m); javelin: 1st Valitutto (41.58m); 110m hurdles: 1st Devir (16.7); long jump: 1st Beyer (5.64m), high jump: 1st Devir (1.73m)

Women's Track & Field

• Ithaca Invit. (8th place)
800m: 4th Olson (2:25.3*); 1500m: 5th Olson (5:00.1*); 200m: 3rd DeRoche (27.81); hammer: Sobocinski (23.2m*)
• Alfred Invit. (3rd place)
400m: 1st Olson (1:03.4*); 3000m: 1st Olson (11:17.7); hammer: 1st Sobocinski (21.58m); triple jump: 1st Callen (9.74m)

Women's Softball

• Hilbert 12, Alfred 11
Ayling went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and 3 RBI
• Alfred 15, Hilbert 4
Stuart had two hits; Ayling went 3-for-4 with 3 RBI
• Alfred 11, Pitt-Bradford 0
DeFranco threw a shutout with 6K, gave up 4H, 1BB; Williams went 2-for-3 with 3 RBI; Clemons had 2 hits and 2 RBI
• Alfred 11, Pitt-Bradford 7
Higginbottom got the win; DeFranco went 3-for-3 with 1 HR and 2 RBI

* denotes school record

SCHEDULE

Men's Tennis

4/23 4 p.m. Ithaca
4/25 3 p.m. Fredonia
4/26 12 p.m. R.I.T.
5/1 3 p.m. Elmira
5/3 12 p.m. R.I.T.

Men's & Women's Track

4/24 Penn Relays
4/26 PAC Championships

Men's Lacrosse

4/23 7 p.m. *Nazareth
4/26 2 p.m. *Ohio Wesleyan
5/3 2 p.m. *Cortland

Women's Lacrosse

4/24 4:30 p.m. Niagara
4/26 4 p.m. LeMoyne
4/29 6 p.m. *Geneseo

Women's Softball

4/24 3 p.m. St. John Fisher
4/26 1 p.m. Geneseo
4/27 1 p.m. *Elmira
5/3 11 a.m. *Wash. & Jeff.

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Gemini (May 23 - Jun 22)

Beware of the Scrunchie Snatcher and the killer green bean.

Cancer (Jun 23 - Jul 22)

Colorful spiral pasta will come to you when you least expect it.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

Stay away from the Johnny Marzetti case-role—it's been singing recently.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

You discover that, if you can't actually get

sleep, Coffee Coffee Buzz Buzz Buzz Ben & Jerry's is the next best thing.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Unusable Fiat quote, "Looks good, plays bad," becomes your new motto. Some guy might have rewarded you with a balloon, but we'll never know.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22)

And I thought I was the bally-table king!

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

The future can be yours when you get an Alfred State of mind.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 22)

You saw all three

showings of Beavis and Butthead Do America and now you can't stop going "hehehe...fire"

Aquarius (Jan 23 - Feb 22)

Graduation is drawing closer and you still haven't been successful in obtaining a Super Sticker in the TWAA. Better start looking harder.

Pisces (Feb 23 - Mar)

Change Hot Dog Day to Fish Fry day.

Aries (Mar 23 - Apr 22)

That big creepy crawly spider is not real... honest.

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The top ten explanations for comet Hale-Bopp's third tail...

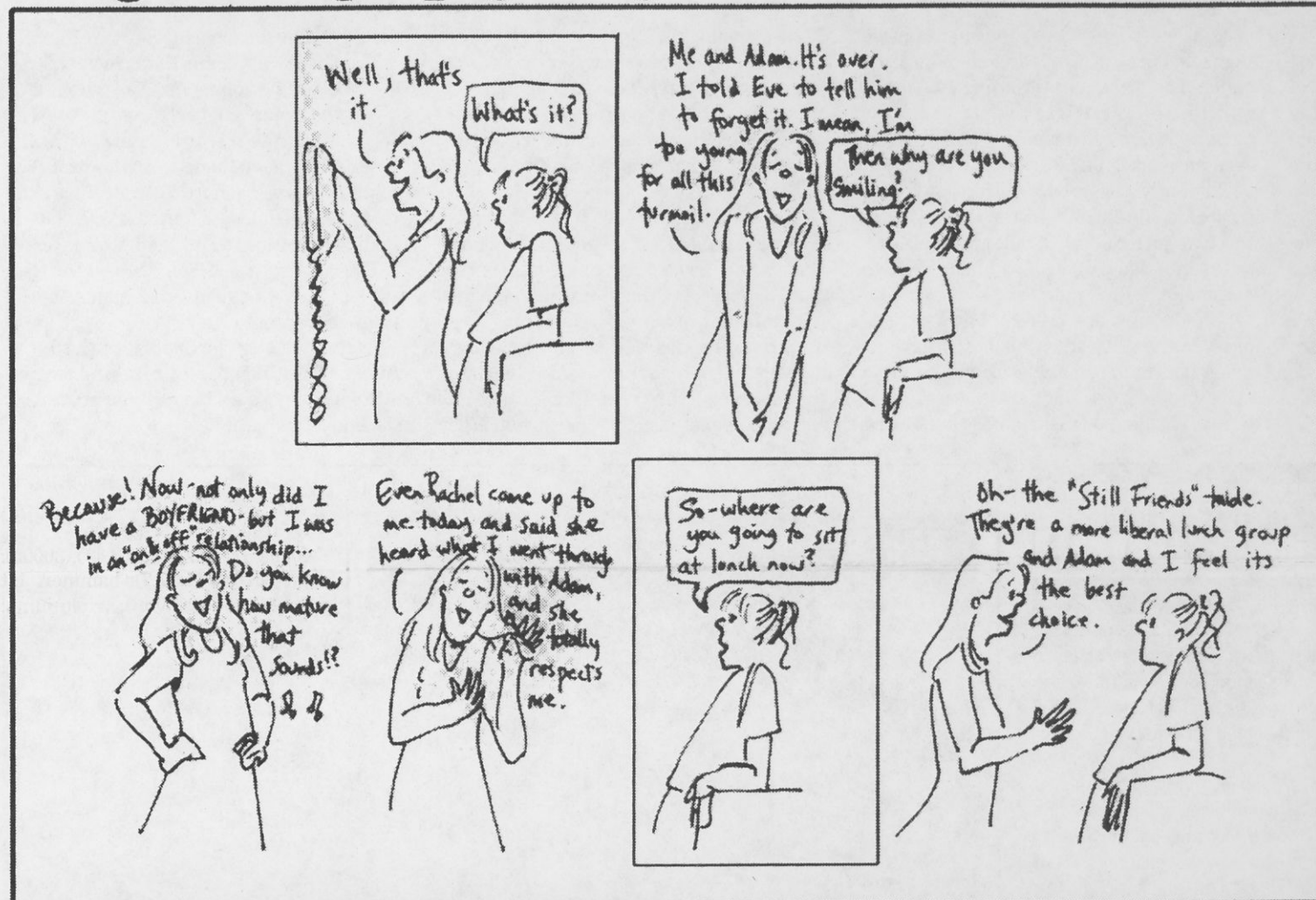
10. Hey, what was that about a space ship?
9. Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
8. Added at the last minute at the request of Mr. Clean
7. Grandma's chili
6. Tradition...tradition!
5. Sunday night's X-Files
4. Interstellar highway flares
3. Comet passed too close to Chernobyl
2. Failed cloning experiment

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COLUMNIST

Cartoonist reflects on years at Alfred

BY MARIA CORDARO

Over the last four years, the Alfred community has had a glimpse into my college life through my Daydreams. My character Marla has been through and been a witness to many of life's blunders and annoyances that come with being a student at Alfred University.

From my first Fiat Lux issue freshman year where Marla discusses dining hall food to my last few where Marla deals with senior year, job hunting and graduation, I have tried to find humor in the most typical situations as well as make a few comical statements about campus occurrences.

Marla has changed a lot over the last four years, but none more than the change she underwent in order to get to Alfred.

My cartooning days began in junior high where I spent my homeroom doodling notes to put into my friends' lockers. At that time my characters were all clueless little cave people with funny

names, all representing each one of my friends (and a few enemies).

My character's name was Burpy. (Please keep in mind I was only 12 at the time.) She was a small but sneaky trouble maker who often presented the illustrations of the events in the notes (more commonly called gossip).

I continued through high school with my cartoon soap opera as I kept my friends up to date on each others busy lives.

During my senior year of high school, when my friends and I had decided what colleges we would be attending, everyone told me that I should go to school for cartooning.

Of course, Alfred does not have such a major, but this did not bother me. I did not wish to make a living at this—merely have some fun with it.

My goal was to publish them while I was in college in the school's paper to give me some ventilation from my schoolwork. There was only one problem with my plan...what college student is going to want to read about a brat-

ty cave girl named Burpy? I decided that it was time to change my character's image.

I began drawing her in modern clothes and took her hair out of the pig tails. I left her feet bare though as reminder to her cave girl days. (besides, drawing the toes is the fun part)

The last change I needed to make was her name. I had considered such names as Matilda or Maxine, but none seemed to fit. I wanted something close to my name without actually having to use it. The answer to my dilemma came during my last high school assembly.

While reading off the senior list, my principle misread the "i" in my name for an "l" thus saying "Marla Cordaro will be attending Alfred University in the fall."

At first I was angry that he had said my name wrong and I began doodling my anger into a cartoon to stuff into my friend's locker. But as I drew the light went on in my head and I realized that my principle was right; Marla would attend

Alfred University.

Now, after this time has passed, it is nice to see how much Marla has changed here at Alfred—both physically and mentally. Her hair is longer and she is neater now. Her jokes have changed over the years from clichés, such as the bad dining hall food, to more informed jokes, such as guest speakers who mysteriously disappear.

It has been fun as well as a challenge to come up with new ideas issue after issue, either by finding humor in something on my own or over-hearing comments from others. I hope I have entertained people and not insulted anyone. (I won't mention the princess and the frog here.)

At the moment I have no plans to try to syndicate my cartoon, but someday I may change my mind. Marla has a strong place in my life here and I hate to see her die. When you remember the good times here at AU, I hope laughing about my Daydreams and Marla's silly remarks will be included in your memories. □

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The Mikado performed on Alfred stage

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* has come to AU. The 19th-century English musical is being performed at the C.D. Smith III Theater from April 23 until April 27.

The Mikado is an upbeat comedy which includes actors, dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists.

The selected instrumentalists from AU's concert band and orchestra are led by Gail Lee, assistant professor of music. Luanne Clarke, assistant professor of voice and chorus, conducted the general chorus and individual solos.

The original musical was set in the Japanese Mikado empire and was a satire of 19th-century English society. The script has

been modified to be set in the fictitious town of Titipu. Also it is now more "Alfredian," with American references and jokes, said Steve Crosby, director, associate professor of theatre and chair of the Performing Arts Division.

In the fictitious setting, it is illegal to flirt, and the penalty is decapitation. Two of the main characters, Yum-Yum and

Nanki-Poo, fall in love, so Nanki-Poo must die at the hand of the Lord High Executioner Ko-Ko, who incidentally is engaged to Yum-Yum.

Little does anyone know that Nanki-Poo is the emperor Mikado's son and is running away from an arranged marriage. This is what causes all the commotion and excitement.

"It's light and uplifting," said

Clarke of the musical. The plot is also easy to follow, she said.

According to one of the stage managers, Andrea Saladino, a junior performing arts major, "Nearly 50 people have worked [either] on the set... [or] in weeks of rehearsals."

Crosby described the musical as "wacky, fun and Alfredian—perfect for Hot Dog Day weekend!" □

Segues soon to graduate four, including founders

BY NICOLE LEBO

The words "Sweet dreams are made of this..." are sung by seven women, filling the air. They are singing a cappella, using their voices to harmonize or represent the instrumental sounds in the music.

The Segues have undergone many transformations since their beginning, changing from eight women to 18 men and women, then back to seven women.

Soon the group will undergo another change as the two founders, Jennifer Corrado and Peira Moinester, graduate in May.

"The three remaining members can

make it work even though it might not be the same," said Corrado, an education major. The group is also losing two other seniors, Evelyn Trzeciak, a business administration major, and Kari Jermansen, a political science major.

Currently the group's direction comes from Corrado and Moinester, though "once the ball gets rolling, it is a group effort," said Amberlee Edgerton, a junior English major and Segues member.

"The Segues are losing a lot of experience, but we like it so much and have so much fun that it would be stupid for us to stop just because they are leaving," said Claire Hedden, a freshman art major and

Segues member.

The Segues started in the spring of 1994 when Corrado and Moinester met in acting class, said Moinester. The following day in a chorus rehearsal the two stood together and harmonized like magic, she said.

"It was instantaneous," said Corrado. "We just blended well together." Soon the Segues was formed, singing songs off the radio a cappella (without accompaniment).

Members bring in possible songs and the group decides if they can be sung a cappella. "It is hard," said Moinester, "because now every song I hear turns into an a cappella song." The group then

arranges the voice parts.

The songs vary from 1950s rock and roll to 1990s techno songs, said Corrado.

As the year comes to a close, The Segues plan to record a CD with the money they have made over the past four years. "It will be hard to coordinate the groups' schedules to get it done, but it would be well worth it," said Moinester.

The last day to see The Segues—as they are—is Hot Dog Day at 2 p.m., on the stairs of Carnegie Hall.

Corrado leaves the band with this bit of advice: "The quest is to make music and make it happen. As long as you start it, it can end anywhere." □

REVIEW

Concert entertaining

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The sounds of tubas, piccolos, drums and other instruments filled Holmes Auditorium in Harder Hall for the concert band's spring concert.

Marc Sackman, assistant professor of music, conducted 40 instrumentalists in the April 11 performance.

The concert began on a positive note with John Philip Sousa's *Liberty Bell*. The march was an upbeat beginning to the concert. Its strong beat and contrast in dynamics got the concert off to a good start.

Ken Lampl, a professor at Juilliard School of Music, attended the concert to hear a performance of his piece, *Statiphony*.

The piece was atonal, which means it was not written in a key.

Atonal music may require a con-

siderable knowledge of music to compose, but its reliance on dissonance makes it difficult to listen to for an extended period of time. The piece used tension successfully, but never seemed to resolve the tension.

The performers exhibited a great deal of professionalism while they were playing, but it seemed lacking when several of them chose to remain on stage during the intermission.

John Williams' *Far and Away* was my favorite piece. It was very melodic, but had a lot of variety to keep the audience's interest. It also featured solos by an oboe, a tuba and a flute.

Königsmarsch, a piece by Richard Strauss, demonstrated the band's versatility. The piece showed good contrast in tempo, dynamics and phrasing, and conveyed several different moods. □

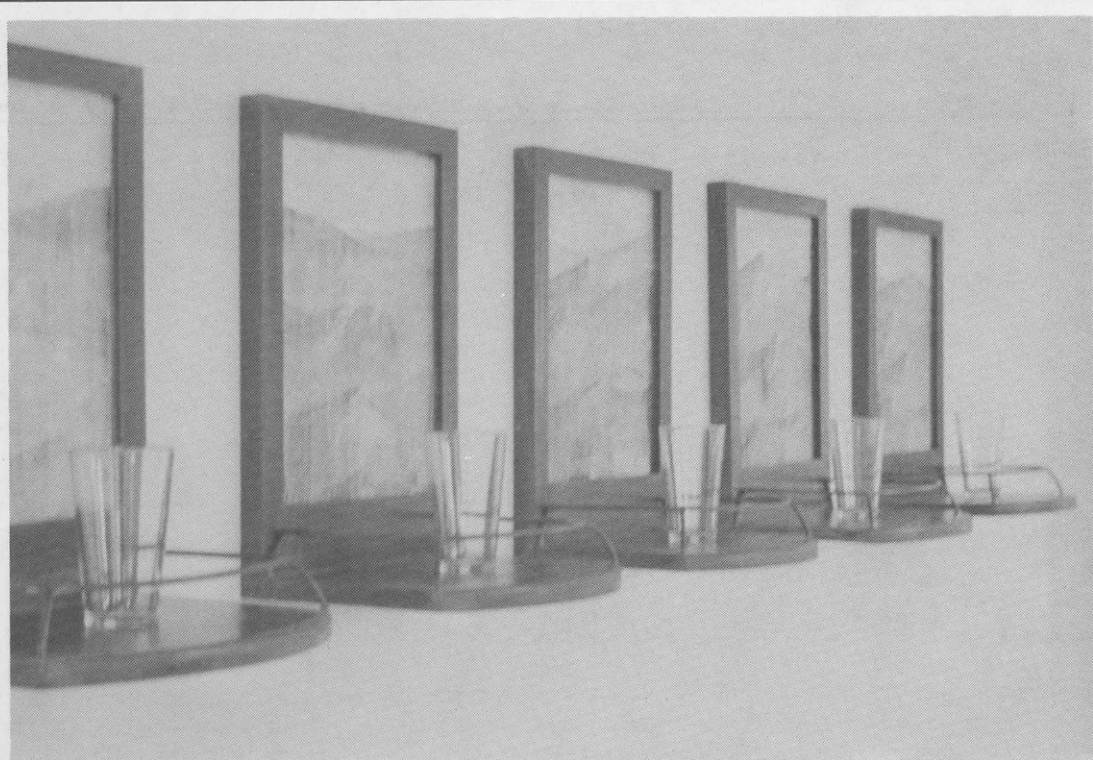


PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

A work of art by an unknown artist graces the second floor of the old bookstore. The piece, one of many unlabelled pieces, was a part of the Alternative Space Festival, organized by the Student Art Union. The April 18 festival featured pieces of student art spread through 24 Alfred sites.



BY JASON GRAY

Tomorrow night, April 24 at 8 p.m., fiction writer Tobias Wolff will read from his work in Susan Howell Hall. I first read his short story "Say Yes" in a creative writing course during my freshman year.

"Say Yes," a story from his second collection, *Back in the World*, is a brief but powerful story about a husband and wife and the idea of whether or not they really "know" each other. It is a story that has always stayed with me, a

story that resonates every time I hear the words "man and wife."

The story opens with the couple washing dishes together—tranquil enough. But right from the beginning, something is very wrong.

They talked about different things and somehow got on the subject of whether white people should marry black people. He said that all things considered, he thought it was a bad idea.

"Why?" she asked.

Sometimes his wife got this look where she pinched her brows together and bit her lower lip and stared down at something. When he saw her like this he knew he should keep his mouth

shut, but he never did. Actually, it made him talk more. She had that look now.

The story ends with ... well, I won't spoil it for you. Perhaps Wolff's best known book is *This Boy's Life*, a memoir of his teenage years, fleeing across the country with his mother and winding up with an abusive stepfather.

It was made into a movie starring Robert DeNiro as the father and a young Leonardo DiCaprio as Toby. It is a beautifully written book, and I can remember my eyes watering at the end from the story's last image and the way it made me want to write, myself.

It ends this way:

The air grew clearer as

we climbed, and colder. The curves followed fast on one another as the road took the snaky shape of the river. We could see the moon now, a thin silver moon swinging between the black treetops overhead. Chuck kept losing the radio station. Finally he turned off the radio, and we sang Buddy Holly songs for a while. When we got tired of those, we sang hymns. First we sang "I Walk to the Garden Alone" and "The Old Rugged Cross," and a few other quiet ones, just to find our range and get in the spirit. Then we sang the roof-raisers. We sang them with respect and we sang them hard, swaying from

side to side and dipping our shoulders in counterpoint. Between hymns we drank from the bottle. Our voices were strong. It was a good night to sing and we sang for all we were worth, as if we'd been saved.

I encourage everyone to come to the reading Thursday night, and also to next week's reading by fiction writer and essayist Matthew Goodman, on Tuesday April 29, at 8:00 p.m. in Susan Howell Hall.

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