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Phillips, Myrie set for runoff

Student Senate elections produce no clear majority

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The tight race between Ian Phillips and Maurice Myrie for Student Senate president came to an anticlimactic conclusion Wednesday as neither was given the position.

The result of the elections for both president and vice president were withheld, the lack of a clear majority winner causing the campaign to go to a runoff.

The runoff, or second round of voting where only Phillips and Myrie will be considered, will determine the winner of the presidential race.

“Even though there is a clear winner for vice president, we want to hold the results until we know who the winner is for the president,” said Kristen Sclafani of the elections committee.

She did, however, announce that there were 290 votes counted, representing about 14 percent of the AU student body.

The fact that this election was so close meant that just a few votes might determine the winner.

“It’s sad,” said Myrie. “More people need to vote.”

Phillips and outgoing President Matthew Washington agreed with Myrie, also urging students to go out and vote.

“[The results] show that people who voted value both candidates equally well,” said Washington. “We will have to wait until next week to see who the winners are.”

All of the presidential and vice presidential candidates met a week before the election to answer questions from two faculty members and the audience.

Vice presidential candidates Andrea Veras and Kathleen Kiely were the first to be grilled by Frank Duserick, interim dean of the College of Business, and Gail Walker, professor of psychology.

Kiely, a sophomore, was first

asked what the key issues facing the Senate are. She said there are simple things to address and student issues to deal with.

Veras answered back saying she thinks the issue is representation and that she “want[s] voices to be heard.”

As the vice presidency is a title to be held seriously, the candidates were asked what they had done to make sure they could handle the job.

Veras and Kiely said that they had sufficient time and could handle the responsibility, and both had spoken at some length with executive board members.



MAURICE MYRIE

VS.



IAN PHILLIPS

The flaws of the candidates were also addressed. Each had the same answer, saying that they are involved too much in campus activities sometimes.

“It’s about getting excited about too many things at once,” said Kiely.

The most important issue,

however, is what plans both candidates had in case they won, and what changes will happen around the campus.

“I want everyone to have the same level of respect,” said Veras.

She wants to make sure that there is a true representation of the campus.

Kiely saw it differently, saying, “I want things to be more visible around campus.”

This means bands, student run clubs and various other campus-wide events should be publicized more than what is currently being done.

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Not Dasher, Dancer, Prancer or Vixen



PHOTO BY MONICA EDMISTON

Zachary Wickham plays a reindeer alongside Noah Morgan in the Dance Performance, *Deliciously Disparate*, on Feb. 21 in Miller Performing Arts Center. The performance was choreographed by AU faculty, students and Noel Reiss, a Marlin and Ginger Miller Resident Artist.

AU’s PR firm nationally recognized

BY MIRANDA VAGG
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Alfred University has been in the news again! Alfred University and Carnegie Communications of Westford, Mass., came up winners at the 19th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards.

Carnegie Communications coordinates AU’s

student recruitment and marketing campaign.

A newspaper insert for Alfred University won a silver medal in competition among institutions its size of approximately 2,000 to 4,999 students. AU also won certificates of merit for its TV commercial and overall campaign.

The winning newspaper insert, a single sheet about the size of a newspaper folded in half, was placed along with sales flyers in the *Buffalo*

News and the *Democrat & Chronicle* in Rochester.

“It was seen by hundreds of thousands of households in western New York,” said Sebastian White, May 2003 graduate of Alfred University and a current employee at Carnegie Communications.

The advertising campaign was Alfred University’s first venture using mass media to promote the University, according to Director of Communications Sue Goetschius.

“I’m excited our advertising campaign materials won the awards,” said Goetschius. “To have them recognized by our peers is pretty exciting,” she added.

Carnegie Communications was hired over a year ago by the University for a variety of purposes, according to White.

The company was hired to develop an integrated marketing campaign that would provide prospective students, alumni and others with consistent images of the institution through various media outlets.

Admissions view books and brochures, a billboard in Rochester, a pair of television commercials and the award winning newspaper insert comprise the majority of Carnegie’s campaign.

“The promotional campaign that began in the fall is the first step in increasing our visibility in our primary market,” said Goetschius.

The long-term goal of the new marketing strategy is to increase the amount of applicants to the University as well as have a higher number of enrolled students.

Such as with many smaller institutions, Alfred University faced several challenges when it came down to marketing the University to prospective students.

“One of the challenges Alfred faces in marketing itself is that it shares its name with the town

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Balloon-poppin’ fun

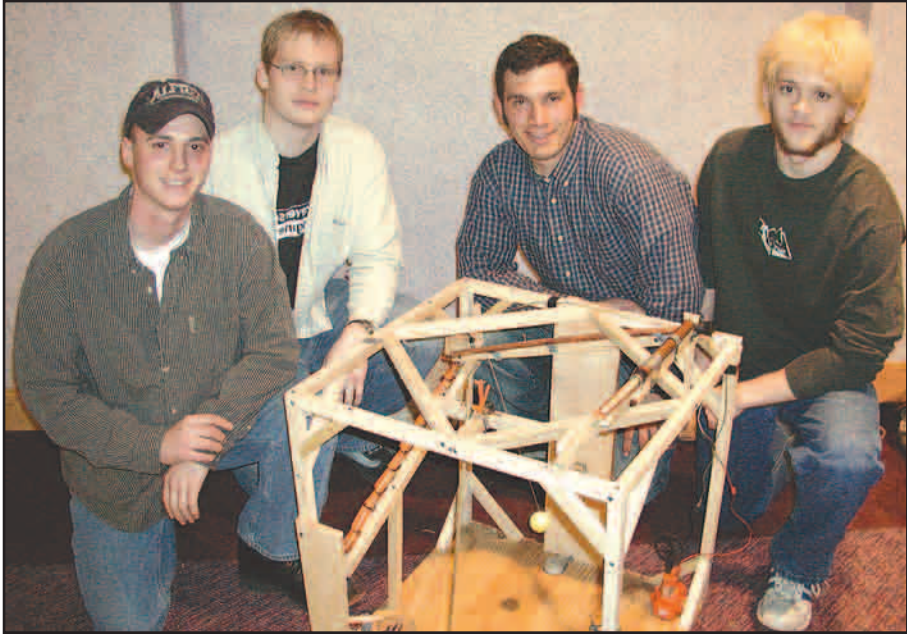


PHOTO BY BRYAN SICK

Team Bloop Bloop 101 took first prize at the Rube Goldberg Competition on Feb. 23. The event, which is part of National Engineering Week, pitted four teams against each other in a race to which team could pop a balloon with the fastest setup time and in the most steps. Bloop Bloop 101, which is comprised of, from left, Grant Brown, Martin Klingensmith, Jamie Lain and Mike Bradley, finished their 102-step process in 44.6 seconds to take first place.

Who is the lord of his ring?

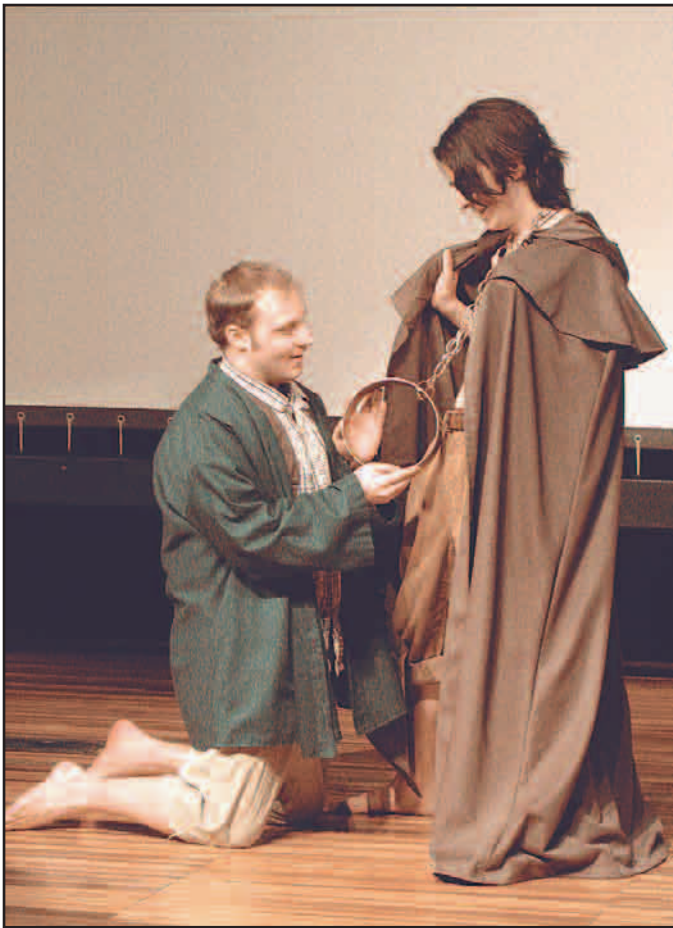


PHOTO BY HEATHER MUCKLEY

Sam Gamgee, played by Casey Lumbr, got down on his knees to check out the enormous ring hung around the neck of Frodo Baggins, played by Brett Amey, while professing his love.

University, village coexist for ideal college town

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Part 1 of 4

Nearly seven decades ago, writer Henry Seidel Canby commented, “Surely it is amazing that neither history, nor sociology, nor fiction, has given more than passing attention to the American college town, for surely it has had a character and a personality unlike other towns.”

The idea of the college town as a unique institution is especially true in Alfred, where the birth of the community itself preceded the establishment of the University by a span of only three decades.

Where college towns exist, however, issues inevitably arise. In fact, one Web site, titled College Town Issues, is solely dedicated to the concerns of everyone associated with communities where colleges and universities play major roles in political, social and economic functions.

The problems faced by college towns across the United States vary depending on the demographics of both campuses and communities. For Alfred, a rural community housing two institutions of higher education, the situation is unique.

During the period from late August to mid-May, the village sees its population triple as a result of the two schools’ students.

Furthermore, Alfred itself is fairly isolated. These factors make the relationship between town and gown, so to speak, a vital one.

Decisions made by local government and businesses shape the lives of students, and the actions of the schools’ administrators and students tend to impact the greater community.

The campus at Alfred State College is largely self-contained, with a number of opportunities for dining available to students. Hence, some business owners have indicated that the ASC population is less consequential to the local economy.

AU, however, provides fewer options to students, driving them to depend more upon the services of local establishments.

Because of AU’s extremely

cohesive bond to the village of Alfred, a number of issues arise.

Students become more conscious of local business and politics than they might on a larger, more self-contained campus.

Local law enforcement and politicians focus a greater amount of energy on the actions of students when they are off-campus.

Many property-owners depend on student tenants as major sources of income.

Business owners find themselves relying on students and faculty members to put food on their own tables.

In essence, any time that a decision is made on either the village or university level, it creates a ripple effect that impacts even those located outside of the immediate sphere of influence.

From there, every group affected has a distinct opinion on both the decision and its consequences.

In the past, a number of these choices helped shape the relationship between the town and the University. Presently, more issues are on the table.

Each topic stands to mold the bond between campus and community, whether for better or worse.

In the coming issues of the *Fiat*, several of these concerns, including effects of the Greek ban and the possible expansion of Herrick Memorial Library, will be put under the microscope.

As the opinions of politicians, business owners and community members are considered, a clearer picture of the village’s stance will emerge.

The same will no doubt occur when the ideas of AU students, administrators, faculty, and staff are brought to light.

From that point, an examination of proposed solutions to current questions will become possible.

Ultimately, what will emerge is an illumination of the path that AU is headed down as it attempts to reconcile its own needs and wishes with the demands of the community that gave birth to it. ○

Fiat Lux

Alfred community should support same-sex marriage

As Black History Month comes to a close, let us not forget the lessons of Martin Luther King Jr.

When the rights of any group of Americans are curtailed with no foreseeable remedy, civil disobedience can become the only effective recourse.

It ranks our sense of righteousness to see disregard of our nation's laws and a local office supplanting the will of its state and federal counterparts.

Despite that, we believe that the issue of gay marriage is one that, although less severe in the sense that it involves less violence and organized persecution, deserves the response it has received from mayors in San Francisco, Calif., and, more recently, New Paltz, N.Y.

That response, of course, is the allowance of same-sex marriages in those towns despite state laws in California and New York mandating that marriage is, by definition, between one man and one woman.

By whose authority does a government set requirements for rights and preclude part of its citizenry from the possibility of meeting those requirements?

The only standard that finds gay couples inferior to their straight counterparts in any scenario other than a moral or religious one is outdated at best, and moral and religious legislation has no place in our diverse society.

Before, the final determination of the definition of marriage was left up to states. Despite the fact that few provided for anything other than marriages between a man and woman, it still seemed like it was possible to work within the system to achieve equality.

Now, however, with Bush going so far as to push for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to deny the benefits of legal marriage to non-traditional couples, the future is perilously close to falling into more restrictions, rather than rising above them.

In the face of this type of federal adversity, civil disobedience is not just an acceptable option – it is almost a necessity.

Think about it for a second. Our president is not only calling for an end to same-sex marriages, he is calling for it to be written as the 28th change in the most fundamental source of law available to us. This would be only the second time in history that an amendment placed restrictions rather than giving the public greater freedom, the first being prohibition.

Yes, there is a negligible chance of said amendment actually making it through Congress and into the Constitution. However, it is our duty to let our congressional representatives know that not, only do we not want these or similar changes made, we will actively oppose them with our votes.

Earlier, the question was posed of who authorizes the government to categorically deny a portion of the populace rights it gives to others. The answer: all of us.

As a group, we determine what bounds are placed on our government. No matter how disenfranchised, disillusioned or apathetic we feel, we must take an active role in fighting for all of our equality of rights lest our inaction be misinterpreted as approval.

While asking for the most ideal action on the part of the government in Alfred, that is, to give its sanction to same-sex marriages, would be demanding and largely unrealistic, we call upon the community of Alfred to let its voice be heard in support of same-sex marriages.

Act, if not to support the gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgendered people that call Alfred their home, then as a measure of support for any group that has its rights abridged unjustly, so that you will not find yourself unsupported in the same situation down the line.

The change starts with you. O

The Fiat will be taking a short break between issues. With spring break and our annual conference in New York City, there won't be a new Fiat until March 30. In the meantime, good luck on mid-terms and enjoy your spring break.

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Fiat Lux Opinion

Gov't has no role in marriage

President George W. Bush's stance on gay marriage has excited a bevy of cheers and jeers from organizations and coalitions across the nation.

But ignored in the media circus is the larger question of whether any level of government should, in fact, have any hand whatsoever in the issue of marriage.

The influence of the federal and state governments on marriage and civil unions is generally felt through tax legislation and benefits including easier transfer of property and clearer rules on inheritance.

Until as recently as last year, the differences in taxes associated with marriage were largely negative. Referred to as the "marriage tax," penalties were ascribed to married couples living in the same household that weren't applied to their unmarried counterparts.

The Bush administration has successfully sought to eliminate these impediments, indeed attempting to encourage the legal act of heterosexual marriage.

While destroying barriers preventing the collection of entitled legal benefits was good, the fact remains that there should be no benefits extended whatsoever.

The act of marriage is a personal decision involving morality and religion, with a very questionable benefit to the community and nation.

Tax breaks because of dependants, for example, are valid because those providing for others are sparing the community the

resources of doing the same.

No one has been able to pin down a boon of widespread marriage, besides some intangible moral feeling of righteousness.

By obeying its Puritan heritage and limiting the scope of marriage to only single-partner, heterosexual unions, the government comes perilously close to the establishment of religion.

The solution is for the government to stop the legal recognition of marriage in any form.

It may sound radical, but only because most of us have been thoroughly indoctrinated in our current system.

Property transfer breaks should apply to any residents in the same household, regardless of matrimonial status.

Inheritance should rely on the court and notarization systems currently in place to handle such matters outside of legal marriage. It's a matter of individual, not government, responsibility to make it crystal clear how you want your estate divided post-mortem.

That established, let's go ahead and eliminate questions about marital status from governmental forms.

A fringe benefit of that would be eliminating a lot of the paperwork and bureaucracy involved with marriage.

It's up to the individual whether he or she wants to have one life partner or 10 and of whichever gender they prefer. No status, exemption or right should derive from that choice. O



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Fiat updating for Senate, congressman

Fans of Student Senate, rejoice. You have not been forgotten; this is for you.

Sometimes the Opinion page needs filler worse than News. But this isn't worse than news. No, this is better.

The *Fiat* is trying something new. We hope you'll like it.

With write-ins causing runoffs, Matt Washington leads us still and Rob Baynes is readier for transition than any vice president ever – I know that much and I've only been going to Senate for one semester.

We have until Wednesday evening to reveal in the glory that is the 2003-04 exec board, then we who care will get adjusted to a new one.

Now scan up the page. To the top. Check the date.

Couldn't have turned out much worse for a biweekly paper, especially since spring break and our annual trip to New York City will push the next issue to a delivery date of March 30.

The tense – agreement trauma of a paper that arrives four days after hard deadline is bad enough for elections that end on delivery Tuesday, and now throw in a visit from a congressman on the eve of delivery.

So how will you get that deep and pithy coverage of Senate elections that you require but come between *Fiat*s?

How will you find out about that oh-so-quiet forum with our U.S. Congressman held in Howell Hall a day before the issue's delivery – fiatlux.alfred.edu.

That's right, folks. We have a Web site, and we're starting to think we know how to use it.

As I write this, you can read the last five

years of *Fiat Lux* gold.

When you read this, you will be able to go to the Web site and read a story about a meeting between Rep. Amo Haughton and over 100 Southern Tier leaders.

By Thursday, we will post the results of Senate elections followed by interviews with the newly elected president and vice president.

We are not sure yet how far we will take it, but don't worry, we aren't going to stop any presses.

Well, here we are and there is room for Student Senate highlights after all.

Students were enraged over the cancellation of December graduation ceremonies.

Ryan Chavoustie gave up his golden nametag at the end of his term, then got it back, as no one else ran for finance chair.

Bagel knives were found to be sharp. Matt Washington got to relieve himself during committee time.

Kerry White held her cool exterior and used the word "apropos" appropriately.

Gamer's Guild elicited moans at roll call with its "At least we're not art students" comment.

Physical Plant will meet with the next president.

James Enderton gracefully lost to Amanda Bartman for a finance committee position.

Don't forget, now. This is a column. I have to have an agenda for this. No meandering, no rambling, no nonsense. No more space to fill. No problem. O



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Marriage issue a smoke screen

President George W. Bush called for a constitutional ban on gay marriage last Tuesday.

Bush, who said he would support the state's right to do what it wants to do about gay marriage on the 2000 campaign trail, reversed his stand claiming that "unless action is taken, we can expect more arbitrary court decisions, more litigation, more defiance of the law by local officials, all of which adds to uncertainty."

When the same issue was posed in 2000 to Dick Cheney, whose daughter is a lesbian, he replied, "people should be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to enter into. It's really no one else's business, in terms of trying to regulate or prohibit behavior in that regard."

When pressured about the official flip-flop on the issue, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that "his views have always been well known on this very issue."

Bush's change of heart on the issue comes at quite an opportune moment. With a recent Gallup poll showing Bush trailing both of the Democratic contenders in hypothetical matchups, the Bush administration is making it quite clear that it will not move to the center, as it did in the previous campaign, but rather it will try to appeal to and energize its conservative base.

With attacks from the Democrats mounting on

all sides over issues like the deficit and the shrinking job market, Bush has been eager to move the debate to less concrete issues, where he can appeal to his Midwest power base by

touting ideology about family values rather than trying to defend his dubious economic and military history.

Bush's switch to an agenda of non-economic, domestic policy shows that support for his deficit spending and jingoism is fading.

Bush has been on the defensive about his time in the National Guard, his handling of information before and after 9/11 and the flagrant cronyism of the Iraq reconstruction.

The Democrats are asking questions that people want answers to.

Since he has no good answer, his decided strategy seems to be "change the subject."

It's always been known that Bush has a soft spot in his heart for the religious right. During the 2000 primaries, he kicked off campaign in South Carolina at Bob Jones University, an ultra-conservative religious college most notable for its homophobia, anti-catholic hysteria and opposition to inter-racial dating.

During his speech at BJU, Bush stated that he would "look forward to publicly defending our conservative philosophy."

Note the use of the word "our." O



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Roving Reporter:

Did you vote in the Student Senate election and why not?

QUESTION AND PHOTOS BY BILL KRAMER

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"No, I felt that my vote didn't matter."

Erika Richter
Undeclared

#17B66

"No, I couldn't find the third floor in Powell."

Michele Moskaluk
Public Administration

#17B68

"No, I felt I hardly knew the candidates."

Justin Moynihan
Computer Science

#17B67

"No, I didn't even know when they were held."

Allison Heneghan
Art Education

#17B64

"No, I didn't get around to it."

Brandon Wermel
Communication Studies

Have a fantastic spring break!!!

What impact will Nader have in 2004?

No Democrat has ever done as much to get a Republican elected

As the 2004 elections loom closer, Ralph Nader’s announcement of his presidential intentions could be a devastating blow to the Democrats’ hopes of unseating Bush. Routinely blamed for thieving what would have been Gore’s winning votes in 2000, he poses even more of a threat this time around.

Not only are Democrats fighting against an incumbent, but their strength and conviction when discussion shifts to “the issues” leaves much to be desired. One of Bush’s most recent tactics has been criticizing Kerry’s (the apparent fore-runner) unstable opinions. The typical politician, Kerry advocates whatever happens to be in vogue during any given season, be it war or civil liberties.

Well-known as an “extreme liberal” to put it blandly, Nader stands a real chance to take a larger percentage of the Democratic vote than in recent attempts. He has good ideas and the power to inspire change, which make him extremely appealing to hardcore Democrats and disaffected, idealist Republicans.

The cherry on top, though, is what the increased prominence of a radical would do to the nation’s politics. His ability to effect said change is absolutely nonexistent. In a House set up with so much power in the hands of Republicans, nothing Nader could do would squeeze a bill through Congress.

With Nader in the race, voters get to choose between fantastical idealism, Kerry (most likely) as his pragmatic alternative and an incumbent who has stable convictions and the power to see them through, whether the voter agrees with them or not. In light of this situation, Nader’s most ardent enemies are likely to be those who share his political views.



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STAFF WRITER

Nader is fond of noting that the Constitution never mentions political parties. However, there was no question in Madison’s mind that they would, and needed to, evolve. As inefficient and corrupt as parties are, there is a trade-off to be had: productivity and greater democra-

cy (by the strictest definition of the word) or options and individuality?

Americans have time and time again thrown in their stock with promoting a greater democracy through the mobilization of greater numbers of people. Our own College Democrats have shown this predominant lean through their continual efforts to register voters in Alfred. In an apathetic age, this kind of mass mobilization can only be accomplished with a cheat sheet. If you don’t know the issues, it’s okay. Vote with your party’s ideology.

Nader knows full well that he has no chance of getting elected. He will only serve to confuse the vote and hand the election to an incompetent dictator because he happens to be the most practical, consistent option. The only good this stunt might pull will be to shift more attention to the Democrats, but it will do much more to damage Kerry’s campaign when it comes down to the power of numbers in the fate of our nation. ○

Nader a welcome face to political campaigns

“Relax and rejoice,” Ralph Nader told jittery Democrats last week while announcing his presidential bid. I believe Ralph is right. Furthermore, his candidacy may be the deciding factor in a Democratic victory, as well as a check to make sure that victory doesn’t come at the cost of key Democratic values.

Ever since the fudge-up in Florida that was the 2000 election, Nader has been the subject of more Democratic ire than any figure outside of George W. The irony is that in a perfect world Ralph Nader would be a great candidate for the Democratic ticket. One look at his record shows a man who has work has had a tangible and positive effect on almost every citizen. That Nader and Bush, men poles apart in most respects, share the spotlight on progressive hate lists is a twist of fate that deserves closer scrutiny.

The case against Nader goes as follows: In 2000, Nader received 97,488 votes in Florida, the deciding state in the race, where Al Gore lost by a mere 537 votes. So, the thinking goes, Nader siphoned votes off of Gore and is largely responsible for the Bush victory. With Nader in the race, this could happen again.

This is a compelling argument. Did Nader cost Gore the election in 2000? I think the answer is arguably yes, but Democratic bungling is just as culpable.

As for Nader’s effect on the upcoming election, any Democrat who listened to his announcement speech should have had their fears allayed. As he explained, polls

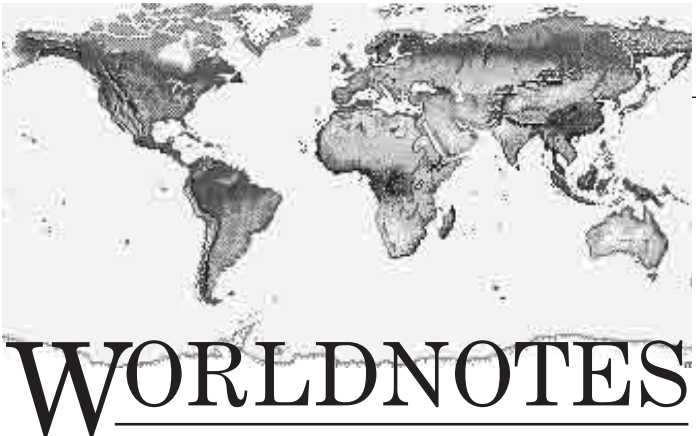
show that 45 percent of past Nader voters were Democratic, 25 percent Republican, and the rest wouldn’t have voted at all. Nader said he will not attack the Democratic nominee, and doesn’t expect many Democratic votes. If you’re a Democrat in a swing state, but like Nader, you would obviously be foolish to vote Nader. On the other hand, the 25 percent Republican Nader voters could unseat Bush.

The number of these voters is also likely to increase, as an incumbent party tends to have more defections than an opposition party.

Most importantly, I believe Nader’s campaign will act as a necessary check on the Democratic Party. Time and again I’ve heard about strategies to reach out to “Nascar Dads,” this election’s most courted demographic. Defined as socially conservative southern white males, “Nascar Dads” appears to be a euphemism for the Dixiecrats who jumped aboard the Republican ship with Nixon’s racist and sexist Southern Strategy a half century ago.

The Democratic Party has been talking about its need to win in the south. What most analysts fail to mention is that the south stopped voting for Democrats largely because Lyndon Johnson supported the civil rights movement. I’m worried that the pursuit of southern votes will drive the party right on fundamental social issues, selling out the majority of its constituents. Nader’s candidacy will help keep Democrats from letting a reactionary minority hijack the party.

Given this, I don’t see how he can do anything but help the Democratic candidate. In the coming months, I look forward to the smug grin Republicans get at Nader’s mention dissolving into a much more concerned look. ○



Local

Guy Ludlow, two-year-old son of AU Education Professor Brian Ludlow and wife Wendy, was one of 20 finalists in the “Wildest Baby” competition during the “Babies Gone Wild” week on the nationally syndicated *Live With Regis & Kelly*.

Although Guy didn’t ultimately win the call-in vote competition, his mother had no regrets.

“It was a lot of fun,” said Ludlow. “I had so many people come up to my everywhere – the grocery store, mini-mart, movie theater, gas station, play practice, school, AU – and tell me they voted. How great to know so many got involved.”

• Ticket sales for the April 16 Grammy-nominated Black-Eyed Peas with co-headliner Cee-Lo Green are being opened to the general public as of March 2 at the Powell Campus Center on the University campus and the Orvis Activities Center on the Alfred State campus.

Student tickets are \$20, with the cost being \$25 for non-students. Additional information can be found by calling (607) 871-2230.

• Thirty students from the AU chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be participating in the national 11,000-student Collegiate Challenge on its yearly trip to Deland, Fla., from March 6 to 14.

The students earned the money for their trip through fundraisers and community projects including raking and painting. The money will go towards travel expenses and a donation to the host affiliate program to defray construction costs.

Entering his second year as advisor, David Snyder was encouraged during last year’s trip to see the results of the students’ efforts.

“Probably most gratifying,” said Snyder, “was seeing children at the home that our students had built the previous year – they were thrilled to see our bus.”

National

A sixth-grade student from Belpre, Ohio, was suspended Tuesday for bringing Sports Illustrated’s latest swimsuit issue to school with him.

Belpre Middle School Principal Kathy Garrison claimed that Justin Reyes was violating school policy on nonverbal harassment and possession of lewd or suggestive material.

Reyes was suspended for three days after he and his mother, Nicole Reyes, refused to accept an alternative punishment: spending two days at a separate school where students from several local schools are sent when they get in trouble.

“It’s not like it was Hustler, Playboy or Penthouse,” the boy’s mother told the Associated Press. “The punishment doesn’t fit the crime.”

• A Wichita, Kan., woman died Wednesday of an apparent heart attack while watching the crucifixion scene of *The Passion of the Christ*.

The film was stopped as a nurse in attendance tended to Peggy Scott, who was 56.

“It was the highest emotional part of the movie,” a spokeswoman for KAKE-TV told Reuters.

A crew from the station was at the theater for the special morning showing of the movie.

• A 36-year-old man was arrested by federal agents Thursday on charges of threatening to kill Kobe Bryant’s accuser and prosecutor.

Cedric Vaughn Augustine is being held in Denver’s city jail without bail.

Augustine was charged with 26 counts of attempted extortion, making interstate threats, making threats using the U.S. mail and making threats to use fire or explosives.

Augustine allegedly left a message on Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert’s answering machine saying, “Anything happens to Kobe, something will happen to you ... We will hunt you down.”

• A Weyauwega, Wisc., teen has been accused of committing murder simply to see if he could get away with it.

Gary Hirte, a senior at Weyauwega-Fremont High, was charged last month with killing 37-year-old Glenn Kopitske.

The murder sent shockwaves through the town of 1,800 where Hirte was a scholar student, a star athlete and an Eagle Scout.

“He wanted to see if he could do this,” sheriff’s Capt. Steve Verwiel told the Associated Press. “It was like a challenge for him. I would attribute it to arrogance.”

International

A former Japanese cult leader was found guilty and sentenced to death Friday for, among other crimes, organizing a nerve gas attack on Tokyo’s subways in 1995.

After an eight-year trial, Chizuo Matsumoto, who goes by the name Shoko Asahara, was found guilty by the Tokyo District Court for his Aum Shinrikyo cult’s killing of 12 people in the attack.

Many of the thousands who were made ill in the sarin gas attack still suffer with headaches, breathing problems and dizziness.

Asahara was also responsible for a similar attack a year earlier that killed 15 people.

• Sao Paulo, Brazil, police are looking for the killers of nearly 60 animals at the Sao Paulo Zoo.

Fifty-nine animals have been killed with high doses of rat poison over the past month.

Joao Carlos Meirelles, a Sao Paulo state minister, has ruled out the possibility of the deaths being accidental due to such high dosage.

Among the animals killed are an elephant, dromedaries, monkeys and porcupines.

• The body of Macedonia’s president was recovered from the wreckage on the scene of a plane crash in a remote mountainous region of Bosnia.

In addition to Boris Trajkovski, eight other passengers were killed in the crash.

“There are no survivors,” rescue team coordinator Mirsad Teskeredzic told Reuters Friday. “The bodies have been found in the wreck.”

• Kirkenes, Norway, has a crab infestation like no other. Monstrous Red King Crabs, numbering well into the millions, are advancing south, destroying ports along their way.

Locals have asked for government assistance in combating the crabs, which can be as heavy as 25 pounds each. But fishing concerns complicate matters, as the meat is very valuable.

The crabs are alien to the region — Joseph Stalin brought them to Europe in the 1930s.

The crabs are about as popular with Norwegians as was their transporter. ○

Burdick shares stories about growing up

BY MIRANDA VAGG
STAFF WRITER

Reminiscing about family and friends was one idea that threaded its way through the Women’s Studies Roundtable on Feb. 20.

Carol Burdick, adjunct emeritus assistant professor of English, presented the topic “Growing Up in Alfred: Confessions of a Faculty Brat,” in which she not only talked about how deeply embedded her family is and was in the Alfred community, but also about how the role of women has changed over time.

Burdick retired from Alfred University in 1999 but continues to teach at least one course a semester.

The title of her speech gave the impression that her “confessions” were going to be seedy. Burdick, however, put an end to all such rumors early on in her presentation.

“I’m sorry, they’re not very scandalous,” she said.

The lack of scandalous material did not seem to be a problem for audience members, though.

“The title is what drew me in to hear C.B. talk. She is a fabulous story teller and it was well worth my time to hear what she had to say about her life in Alfred,” said Marie Candelora, senior elementary education major.

Burdick’s stories about her quirks as a child

and the history of Alfred, including the weather, brought on laughter from the crowd of approximately 25 people, in the midst of more serious topics, such as World War II.

“I’ve divided the main topic into several lesser ones,” she said.

Those lesser topics included stories about the seasons and weather, church, school, World War II and some thoughts about a few Alfred characters, including Burdick herself.

Burdick admitted in her presentation that “Growing up in Alfred” was originally written for other purposes.

Originally it was written to “amuse an Alfred University alumni meeting,” according to Burdick

However, during her previous presentation of this subject, Burdick left out certain “truths” because many of the faculty that attended the alumni meeting remembered both of her parents.

“While I tried not to lie, I omitted many truths which would have revealed a darker side, a side I need to speak about briefly since this is Women’s Studies and a place where we learn to speak truthfully,” she said.

As the main point of Burdick’s article came to the forefront, mingled with anecdotes from her childhood and onward into her college experiences and sex or the lack thereof, the idea of feminism rang loud and clear.

“The Women’s Studies program here at

within the University.

“A team from Carnegie came to campus to learn about what people love about Alfred, what drew them to the place and what keeps them there,” said White.

The effort was to make the marketing campaign as accurate and representative of real life at Alfred as possible.

The campaign, “Be Yourself,” explores the uniqueness of everyone at Alfred University.

“There is an immense amount of individuality on campus,” said White. “Students are generally pretty unique and are able to be themselves on campus, hence the tagline, ‘Be Yourself.’”

The campaign was not designed to only attract prospective students and differentiate Alfred University from other colleges, but also provide a unified look for alumni and fundraising activities, said White.

There was a recognized need for such a campaign as this. Alfred University President Charles Edmondson and the Board of Trustees have committed to the effort for the next five to 10 years.

“To date, the funding has primarily come from various grants and from the president’s discretionary account,” said Goetschius.

In the future, funding for advertising and marketing for the University will be balanced against

Alfred University is an outgrowth of feminism,” she said.

The program’s success is mostly due to a number of women who felt there was a need for a women’s studies curriculum.

Women’s Studies should be nurtured, according to Burdick, by both the administration and the faculty.

Based on her own experience as a divorced mother left alone to fend for herself, Burdick is an advocate of the feminist movement.

“In addition to giving my life the support it needed, the feminist movement earned many rights for women in general,” she said.

Burdick claimed that women are in danger of losing ground on many of the issues that have been “tackled” in the past half century.

She also believes that unless women remain politically energetic, all of their gains will be lost.

“It’s just not enough to be able to wear jeans instead of girdles!” she stated.

An avid speaker, Burdick has given many presentations over the years. Gary Ostrower, professor of history and mayor of Alfred, has been to several of Burdick’s public talks, about seven or eight.

“Not one minute of those talks has been a waste of my time,” he said.

Burdick was invited to give the Feb. 20 presentation by Karen Porter, professor of sociology.

“I was delighted to have her accept my invitation,” said Porter. ○

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it’s located in, as well as with another institution across the street,” said White.

Alfred University and Alfred State College are often confused with one another, making one of Carnegie Communications’ main goals to decipher what made the University unique.

Carnegie Communications began developing the Alfred marketing campaign by looking at different focus groups of faculty, staff and students from all the colleges

The *Fiat Lux* welcomes your opinion. Anyone may write a letter to the editor. Submissions must include name, address, phone number and class year (for students). Letters to the editor should be limited to 250 words; guest columns should be limited to 700 words. The *Fiat Lux* reserves the right to edit all letters for space, clarity, brevity and fair play. E-mail your thoughts to fiatlux@alfred.edu. Submissions should follow the rules of fair play (i.e. get the facts straight).

Elevator Speech

The elevator doors close. You discover the other person on the elevator is the Human Resources Director for the company you want to work for. You have approximately 60 seconds between floors to introduce yourself and make a positive impression. Ready, set, go!

What, you don't know what to say? You need to be prepared for this situation. It could happen anywhere. At a dinner, networking event, career fair, party, information session and the list goes on. First impressions can make or break you as a viable candidate: particularly when time is of the essence.

This is when you need to have your elevator speech ready to go. You may also hear it referred to as your one-minute commercial.

"Everyone should have an elevator ad to introduce themselves. You should be able to express, with integrity and enthusiasm, why you are the right fit for the job or company," according to Kelly McMahon, Progressive college recruiter for the Northeast and Midwest Region.

Before you can practice your ad you need to pinpoint exactly what information you want to include. Things that should be included:

- Your name (no-brainer, but you would be surprised how many people leave this out)
- Class year (freshman, senior, graduate, student)
- Your major
- College/University you attend
- Your strongest skills
- Company name that you are speaking with

After compiling your list of items to include, now is the time to write your basic script. You should end up with something that looks similar to this:

"My name is Nancy Williams. I am a senior majoring in communication studies at Alfred University. I am interested in a career that uses my skills in event planning, public speaking and technology. Can you tell me a little about the opportunities at Alfred University?"

Even better would be to include specific information about the company. The last sen-



NANCY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

tence could be changed to, "I am highly interested in learning about the Admissions Counselor position here at Alfred University."

Specific information regarding a job or internship "lends to a greater degree of communication with the recruiter than a student coming up to a recruiter at a career fair and saying 'What positions are you hiring for' or 'Here is my resume, what jobs are available,'" stated McMahon.

After finishing your basic script, you should practice your speech/commercial. Start by practicing in front of a mirror so you maintain good eye contact. Practice not only by yourself, but also on other people. Test it on your roommate, your friends and professors. Get their feedback.

"Remember to make it natural and always display enthusiasm," according to Jeffrey Taylor, assistant director of internships at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

You want the commercial to flow easily, but not so polished that you race through it. It also needs to have the element of sincerity to it.

"An easy method to use is a checklist. Have the topics/factors that you wish to cover already prepared. What you specifically say does not have to be memorized so long as the points are covered. This way you will sound and appear very natural," according to Taylor.

Remember, recruiters meet with hundreds of candidates during the year and you only get that first time impression once.

"You (the student) want to show the recruiter that you are the right person for their company and your genuine excitement for the position and the company should be able to come through," added McMahon.

Look for the Progressive booth at the Business & Engineering Career Fair on Thursday, March 18, Noon to 3 p.m. in the Knight Club.

✦ *General questions regarding career development can be sent to fiatlux@alfred.edu, attention Nancy Williams, for possible future column comments.* ○

Msuka shares Tanzanian culture

BY NICHOLAS S. MCGAW
STAFF WRITER

Alfred University was given an informal introduction to the East African nation of Tanzania on Feb. 19, when visiting instructor and native Tanzanian Rosemary Msuka spoke for the ongoing Global Studies Roundtable series.

Aided by an overhead and transparencies, Msuka covered a wide variety of Tanzanian topics, ranging from encyclopedic facts and figures to her own personal anecdotes about culture shock in New York State.

"When I told my mother about the snowfall in Alfred, she told me to run away from it," Msuka related at one point, eliciting laughs from locals more used to Alfred's wintry lake effect.

The roundtables, which are hosted in the Powell Campus Center's Knight Club, are a monthly event designed to introduce the community to world cultures. International faculty and students are most often the featured speakers, but domestic students who've studied abroad are also invited to participate. Msuka, who teaches language courses on Swahili at AU, is a member of the former category.

As Msuka pointed out, Tanzania is a nation with many record-holding natural resources. It is home to both the largest mountain and the largest lake in the continent, Mt. Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria, respectively, as well as Africa's largest wildlife preserve, the Serengeti National Park. Recently, diamond and gold mines have also been discovered in the nation. In spite of this, Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world, suffering from massive unemployment and hunger, among other things.

The contradictory existence of a nation with near inexhaustible natural wealth that is suffering from an often-fatal lack of actual wealth is attributable, at least in part, to a number of factors.

In recent decades, Tanzania's large farming population, which contributes 75 percent of the nation's economy, was encouraged to switch from food crops to cash crops, like coffee. Lately, these cash crops have been victim to a failing market, and farmers have become stuck with harvests they can't sell and can't eat.

There is corruption in the government that compounds these problems, as well as a lack of profitable industry. And the diamond and gold mines are owned by foreign powers that ship the profits abroad.

On a personal level, Msuka relayed her family's history and shared some anecdotes on day-to-day Tanzanian life. She is one of five children in a relatively wealthy family who live in the Tanzanian capital of Dar es Salaam. Her father is a teacher, and her mother keeps livestock and poultry. Back home, Msuka taught English as a Second Language courses, a vocation she'll return to after she's finished her Alfred experience.

In Tanzania, greetings are a more elaborate ritual taking up a considerable number of minutes and involving, at the very least, sincere inquiries as to the state of the other party's day. Given this, America's brisk, hello-on-the-go greetings took some getting used to for Msuka.

"At first I thought people must not like me, to be so rude," Msuka said. "But after a while I realized that it's just the way you do things." ○

POLICE BLOTTER
Courtesy of the Alfred Police Department
Covering Feb. 14 – Feb. 24

James M. Jackson, 43, of Hornell, N.Y., was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree on Feb. 14.

Christopher Hall, 19, of Avoca, N.Y., was charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI), having a blood alcohol content (BAC) of more than .08 percent, unlawful possession of marijuana (UPM) and reckless driving for allegedly leaving the scene of a property-damage accident on Feb. 14.

Matthew Krutick, 19, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., was charged with driving while ability impaired, DWI common law and UPM on Feb. 20.

Shawna Foster, 18, of Wellsville, N.Y., was charged with DWI on Feb. 21.

Steve W. Manuel Jr., 21, of Syracuse, N.Y., and **Lance Moore**, 20, of Rochester, N.Y., were both charged with disturbing the peace for allegedly fighting on Mill Street on Feb. 21.

Elizabeth Dietsch, 20, of Southmarysville, Ohio, was charged with disturbing the peace for allegedly removing a traffic cone on North Main Street on Feb. 22.

Stephen P. Wing, 23, of Hornell, N.Y., was charged with a bench warrant for allegedly failing to appear on a previous arrest for DWI and harassment on Feb. 23.

Andrew Kernahan, 21, of Rushford, N.Y., was charged with DWI and having a BAC of more than .08 percent on Feb. 24.

Candidates keep coming and going in Democratic race

BY BRANDON GUSTAFSON
STAFF WRITER

In this election year, a number of names have made the news in the run for president; however, some of them have since died off.

Even with these fewer candidates, AU students are still unable to agree upon who the best option is.

For the Democratic Party, the current race for the candidacy is down to two men.

The current leader is John Kerry, whom the College Democrats noted as more of a "New Deal Democrat."

This means that he stands for things like helping the poor with tax breaks and increasing taxes to the rich.

This also means that he opposes issues like gay marriage.

Michele Moskaluk, next year's co-chair for the Political Science Society, said that Kerry "still seems like the leading man," and will likely continue to be so.

John Edwards is John Kerry's closest competition for the Democratic nomination.

The College Democrats pointed out that "He is a true Populist. He understands [the issues]."

He also seems to be the candidate with the most momentum, as Moskaluk asserted. He has surprised many people, so he is the current person the media is focusing on.

One candidate that has disappeared is Howard Dean. He was the Democratic front-runner but recently decided to drop out of the race. The Democrats seem to think negative media coverage was the reason.

After the Iowa caucus back in January, the media portrayed him as having lost and that he conceded in his speech but, as the Democrats point out, he was actually "rallying the troops."

The College Republicans admitted that the Democrats have "raised a number of very good issues that the American public needs to be aware of and have been instrumental to promoting democracy."

They feel that the opposition that the democrats are bringing in will help to bring about a good campaign on both sides.

That leaves one major candidate, incumbent George W. Bush.

He is trying to be reelected and many, like Moskaluk and the College Republicans, believe he will do it.

The College Republicans seem to believe that Bush is going to make New York a battle ground state this election, a feat that has not been accomplished in two decades.

Moskaluk said that Bush also has the economy on his side. The polls that show Bush just losing to the Democrats are all prior to any real attempts from the Bush campaign.

A wild card in this year's election is Ralph Nader. Nader ran under the green party flag for each of the last two major elections and this year he is running as an independent.

Some people accused him of being a spoiler in 2000 and are worried about him doing it again.

Moskaluk brought up a number of points on Nader, including, "Dean has already discovered that there is not a large desire for an extremely liberal president."

The election has already shown one upset in the Democratic Party and the president losing support. In November, when the election occurs, the best candidate will truly be seen. ○

Monologues focus on broader issues

BY NICHOLAS S. MCGAW
STAFF WRITER

Alfred University hosted, for the third year in a row, a benefit performance of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* on Feb. 14 and 15.

For a third year, a considerable amount of money was raised for local groups dedicated to combating violence against women, and for a third year, Ensler's play was performed to a packed and enthusiastic audience at Harder Hall's Holmes Auditorium.

The performances, as is usual in an amateur, volunteer production, varied in terms of depth and skill, but all were characterized by an enormous conviction toward the material and a boundless enthusiasm, and all were effective.

By most standards, Alfred's production of *The Vagina Monologues* was a roaring success, but as a reviewer, I must admit to some reservations about the source material.

Ensler wrote *The Vagina Monologues* in 1996, basing them on over 200 interviews she conducted with women whom she asked James Lipton-worthy questions about their vaginas, including "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" and "What would your vagina say?"

The play became a surprise hit. Celebrities including everyone from Glenn Close to Alanis Morissette have taken part, and Ensler toured with the production across the country, performing to ecstatic audiences everywhere she went.

A book, an HBO special and a star-



PHOTO BY HEATHER MUCKLEY

Sixteen vagina warriors participated in Alfred's third annual production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*, produced by senior Fenna Mandolang and directed by junior Lindsay Gilbert.

The V-Day movement has been an out and out success, raising an enormous amount of money for a cause you'd have to be a Neanderthal to not get behind.

The dedication and passion those who participate in V-Day exhibit is stunning, and it is one of the most impressive grassroots feminist movements since the demise of the ERA. But I think the creative work that spawned it is problematic, and often shallow.

The Vagina Monologues itself is the dramatic equivalent of a bumper sticker.

The play is a potpourri of separately titled segments covering a variety of issues centered on the titular female reproductive organs.

While individual segments were often touching or funny, the overall effect was rather diffuse.

Anita Saunders was particularly poignant as an elderly woman who never got over an embarrassing experience, and Megan Ramsey got a lot of laughs as a Cockney woman at a Vagina Workshop.

But when a graphic description of sexual torture during the Kosovo conflict followed a strident denouncement of cold stirrups at gynecological exams, I felt the play was treating the two obviously worlds different problems as if they were equivalent.

The Vagina Monologues avoids tough political questions. It condemns women being tortured during wars in far off countries, but is silent on wage discrimination in America.

It goes for the kind of feminism that focuses on fixing the obvious problems of far off lands while avoiding our more complex domestic ones.

Tellingly, the *Monologues* are silent on abortion, but stridently against Indians throwing acid in women's faces. Who isn't?

This equivocation may be a factor in the play's massive success, though. *The Vagina Monologues* has become the new face of feminism precisely because it prefers broad sloganeering to thoughtful discussion, and there is a place for that.

But when a creative work is the basis of a movement as important as V-Day has become, I wish it would spring from more fertile ideological ground. ○

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When it was the presidential candidates' turn to answer questions, one of the first was what they were most proud of.

Myrie talked about being a role model to his younger brothers, saying that his twin brothers are valedictorian and president of their fifth-grade class.

Phillips, the current publicity director of the Senate, said that his proudest moment was risking arrest by bringing a dangerously intoxicated friend to a hospital from a high school party.

Both candidates have shown that they accept the responsibility that they may have next year and want to involve the students more.

"If we can get a formalized vote [about issues students face], then we can get people to listen more," said Phillips.

Myrie's primary concern with the campus that he wishes to address if he's president is to make people take action. The student body needs to take actions to get anything accomplished, he said.

Just like the vice-presidents, they were asked about how they can make a true representation of the campus.

Myrie said that he would not only make himself available to the students, but the faculty as well to create better communication.

Phillips took another direction, saying, "I think we should have the voice," implying that under-represented groups should also express their opinion.

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Argument against gay marriage unfounded

BY NICHOLAS S. MCGAW
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Last week, President George W. Bush announced his support for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. In his view, an amendment is necessary to stop so-called activist judges from broadening the definition of marriage to include gay couples.

This announcement comes as the latest divisive political maneuver in what is shaping up to be a national debate on the definition of American culture and gay Americans' place in it.

Public opinion appears to be firmly against gays having the same marriage rights as straights, but fuzzy on the reasons why most people are so uncomfortable with it.

Polls consistently show a majority opposed to gay marriage, but they also show a majority in favor of according increased legal protection on gay families. The difference seems to be semantic, and stems, in my opinion, from an inability to differentiate between the concepts of religious and civil marriage. As the party of the religious right, this has put Republicans in the odd position of spearing the movement for what they should philosophically sneer at as social engineering.

I believe that in a fair and logical debate the argument against gay marriage would be exposed as religious at its core, which is fine for personal ethics, but historically hasn't held up as a solid basis for public policy. President Bush has as much as acknowledged that in his amendment announcement.

At its heart, the push for a constitutional amendment barring gays from ever receiving the right to marry is an act of desperation on the part of people who are realizing they have no legal recourse.

The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which

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defined marriage for federal purposes as the union between one man and one woman and allowed states to refuse to recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere is, according to Bush, not strong enough to withstand an activist judiciary.

This fear of an activist judiciary was a constant theme in Bush's announcement, and the term must make the average American wonder when and why good courts turned bad. The truth of the matter is that the judiciary is just doing what it has always done. It's called judicial review, and it's one of the chief pillars of our nation's famed checks and balances.

The courts are well within their rights to strike down legislation that violates the Constitution, regardless of the popularity of that legislation. It is a check against what our founding fathers called the tyranny of the majority, and an acknowledgment that just because an idea's popular, it isn't necessarily right.

When Bush says that the Defense of Marriage Act isn't strong enough to withstand judicial scrutiny, what he's admitting is that Congress passed an act that is quite likely illegal. The constitutional amendment is, in this case, the last refuge for those who don't believe they can win a legal argument.

Bush has said that while he opposes gay marriage as such, he isn't necessarily opposed to state and local recognition of civil unions in order to accord many of the rights and responsibilities of marriage on gay couples.

His stance is misleading for a number of reasons. First, the current language of the proposed amendment that's working its way through Congress would also make it illegal to accord marriage-like rights on gays. In other words, if

the amendment passed as is, it would make civil unions like the ones performed in Vermont illegal. It would vastly reduce the rights gays currently have.

Even if this were not true, state and local recognition of civil unions is not enough to give gays the rights most people think they are entitled to. Without federal recognition of gay couples, they will never be afforded the more than 1000 tax breaks and incentives married couples currently enjoy. Although gay families pay into the social security fund just like any other American household, they can be denied benefits.

Bush likes to talk about leaving no child behind, but if his amendment were to pass, he would be leaving behind the children of the over 1 million gay child-rearing households in America. These children would forever be barred from receiving the fundamental protections that their contemporaries in straight households take for granted.

In the end, some analysts have been calling the gay marriage debate a red herring. The likelihood of a constitutional amendment being passed anytime soon is very small, as even its supporters have acknowledged. The last constitutional amendment, finally ratified in the 1990s, had been introduced over a century before.

Regardless of the issue's practicality, it seems to be shaping up as the chief culture issue in the upcoming election, much to the dismay of anyone concerned with more concrete policy issues.

I think Ralph Nader, whose irrelevance affords him convictions major candidates are denied, put it best when he said, "I think that this should not become a major issue in the campaign because none of the candidates should be boorish enough to oppose love and commitment under stable relationships." ○

Congressman visits AU

BY AARON MARGULIS
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Congressman Amory "Amo" Houghton and noted business leader Erland "Erkie" Kailbourne kicked off a series of economic forums to be held throughout the Southern Tier with an appearance at Howell Hall yesterday.

They were introduced by President Charles Edmondson and University trustee Erick Laine.

The forum was expected to include discussions of job retention strategies and ideas for job creation in the struggling 29th Congressional District.

Laine, chairman of the Board of Alcas Corporation of Olean, spoke to the need for such action for the Southern Tier business community.

"We are losing jobs rather than gaining jobs, losing industry rather than gaining industry," said Laine. "We are looking for ways to reverse [these trends]. It's not easy, but with the right ideas and energies, we think it can be done."

Laine said that Houghton is looking for opportunities to engage with those most interested in solving the area's economic problems.

"Amo has been working on this for over a year," said Brandon Gardner, director of the 29th Congressional District.

The focus of the discussions will be the retention and creation of jobs, according to Mickey Brown, community development director of the 29th Congressional District.

"This is part of Amo's continuous effort to reach business leaders," she said.

Gardner said on Friday that this forum would be "predominantly for Allegany and Cattaraugus counties," and that Houghton would participate in more forums this spring.

"Amo Houghton asked to have a chance to speak to a cross section of Southern Tier business and political leaders," said Laine.

He also remarked that he and

Houghton have a longstanding relationship, and he credited several people from AU with organizing the event.

President Charles Edmondson, Vice President of University Relations Michael Hyde and Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Sylvia Bryant were among those who brought Houghton to campus.

"Regional development of the Southern Tier has been [Houghton's] area of focus for a long time," said Bryant.

Susan Goetschius, director of communications, gave a rough list of invited groups including the Allegany County Economic Development Board, the Committee of 44, the Empire Zone, county legislators, deans from other institutions of higher learning and business leaders.

As of Friday, there were 103 letters accepting the invitation and about 27 declining. Everyone involved was pleased by the response.

"We've had really good response across the region," said Bryant.

According to Goetschius, there was no press release regarding the meeting because it was not open to the general public.

Houghton has served in the House of Representatives since 1987 as a republican, according to his biography page on the House Web site.

As the former CEO of Corning Inc. a company his family started, he is the only person serving in the House to have been CEO of a Fortune 500 corporation.

In 2002, according to Forbes Magazine, he was the wealthiest person in the House of Representatives.

Goetschius said Kailbourne grew up in Wellsville, that he is the former president of Fleet Bank, that he led the effort to keep the NFL Bills in Buffalo, and that he was acting CEO of Verizon Cable for a number of months.

Look for a story on the meeting, including a brief interview with Rep. Houghton on the *Fiat Lux* Web site, <http://fiatlux.alfred.edu>. ○

Students get checks from record companies

BY BREE BERNWANGER
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Interested music buyers were required to sign up on the settlement's Web site by March 3, 2003.

The suit began in October 2000 when the attorneys general of 43 states, including Texas, consolidated numerous class action complaints against major music distributors including Virgin Records America, Sony Music Entertainment, BMG Music and Tower Music.

The lawsuit alleged that the companies illegally fixed and controlled prices of music products and used "minimum advertising price" programs.

Companies were charged with overpricing CDs by amounts between 20 and 25 cents.

"It is a conspiracy of the companies to get together and fix prices in such a way that stores at the retail level would have to participate in that scheme, or [the companies] would pull the product," said Tom Kelley, spokesman for the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

Rather than face the high costs of litigation, both parties agreed on a settlement in the summer of 2003. Companies were required to pay a total of \$143 million to settle claims.

"The unit price overcharged per CD averaged between 20 and 25 cents, which is not a lot on one CD," Kelley said. "But if you add it up over years of time, and if you buy CDs regularly, it comes out to a lot more. We calculated a price of \$14 for the average."

Due to this calculation, almost half of the settlement money will go to claimants in the form of checks in the amount of about \$14 each. The rest will go to distributing CDs and other recorded music products to each participating state. ○

If you want cheap and accessable, check out the Bath Salvo

BY JESSICA PYLE
STAFF WRITER

The Bath Salvation Army is an accessible, exciting and certainly affordable shopping option for all Alfredians.

It may seem a far drive, especially since the famous Op Shop and the Hornell Salvation Army are much closer. But, rest assured, the trip to Bath is worth it; it is no ordinary rummage sale.

This wonderland of used clothing, furniture, toys, exercise equipment and other stuff is housed in a store the size of a supermarket. The initial walk through the front door is almost too much to handle. A vast sea of unknown items is sprawled out for what seems to be miles.

The doorway lands you right in women's wear, which goes on forever. Along the wall, towards the back of the store, there is a section full of blankets, rugs, bed sheets, etc. Behind the racks, following the back of the store is the furniture department. They usually have a great selection of dressers, desks, dining-room sets, couches, comfy chairs and end tables.

On the wall above the living room furnishings, there is an assortment of wall hangings. In this mix there will often be religious inspired art, prints of mountain or beach scenes, corny kitchen plaques, framed Disney movie posters and velvet paintings of dogs and country singers. This section is an excellent representation of the random hodge-



PHOTO BY JESSICA PYLE

Sophomore BAFA student Natalie Marcus came out of the Bath Salvation Army with a full cart of new-to-her clothes.

podge that creates such a great thrift store.

Located in the back corner is the children's department, full of clothes, and more importantly, toys. These playthings are unlike the glossy brand new ones that can be bought at the local corporate giant stores; these toys were already once loved. Many of them are childhood antiques, reminding us how much better toys were when we were younger.

Kitchenware and gadgets take up an entire wall, which then flows into accessories like scarves, ties, belts, hats and bags. There are four aisles of shoes and a sizable men's section, including long racks of big and tall.

All of the clothing is organized first by color, then by size. The store resembles an enor-

mous rainbow that repeats over and over again. Their prices are great, and they always have a half price sale on selected items. Unlike the Hornell Salvation Army, the clothing is generally in much better condition, much better quality and I have never found stained boxer shorts that cost five dollars.

When my friend Natalie and I recently went to Bath, we stopped first at a Dunkin Donuts across the street from the Salvation Army and got sugared up for our shopping spree. We spent about three hours in the store searching for clothes, bags, toys and whatever else caught our eye.

Natalie found a red leather jacket that resembled the one Michael Jackson wore in the "Thriller" video and I found a red, wide band, elastic belt with a four-inch wide metal butterfly buckle. We had a lot of fun sifting through all the humorous, trashy, eighties, cowgirl clothes; they are easy targets for jokes. In the end, we collectively spent about \$60, and left with five bags of new stuff.

Anyone that has been to the Hornell Salvation Army may be reluctant to go to another thrift store. I suggest that you give this one a try; its clean, the clothes are nice, the employees aren't rude and it is really fun to sift through everything and then find a sweater that you really like for only two bucks.

Whether you love bargain hunting, name brands, tacky or trendy, you can find it all on the color-coded racks at the Salvo.

Directions
Take Interstate 17/86 east until you come to the Bath/Hammondsport exit. Make a left

of the ramp then follow the road through the first light and make a left turn into the plaza parking lot. You can't miss it: it's huge. It takes approximately 40 minutes from Alfred. ○

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Passion movie a masterpiece

BY MICHAEL WANBERG
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CONTRIBUTORS

Silent. Eighty college students. Silent.

The power of *The Passion of the Christ* is best understood when the credits begin to roll and an audience of 200, including 80 college students, remains frozen in their seats.

The newly released film is a depiction of the last twelve hours before Jesus Christ was crucified. Beginning in the gardens of Gethsemane and culminating with a glimpse of the resurrection, the film is meant to accurately portray these events in accordance with the Bible.

The film is masterfully crafted. The blending of the beautiful score and cinematography with brutal torture sequences makes for a uniquely picturesque film.

The exclusive use of Aramaic and Latin contributes to the authentic feel of the film. Also, the placement of flashback scenes provides the viewer with a chance for a deeper appreciation of the plot intricacies, as well as emotional release before it can become unbearable.

The Passion of the Christ was produced, directed and financed by Mel Gibson. One of the landmark figures in Hollywood, Gibson felt compelled to take on this project. He explains it this way: "I'm not a preacher, and I'm not a pastor. But I really feel my career was leading me to make this [movie]. The Holy Ghost was working through me on this film, and I was just directing traffic. I hope the film has the power to evangelize... Everyone who worked on this movie was changed."

Though Gibson was not a lead or supporting actor in this film, he couldn't resist a cameo appearance. Or rather his hand couldn't. Gibson's hand does appear, though viewers were probably too entranced by the nail that it was holding to notice.

But Mel Gibson isn't the only big name on the playbill. Actor Jim Caviezel (*The Count of Monte Cristo*, *Frequency*) was chosen for the role of Jesus Christ. Regarding the rigors of assuming the role of the most famous man in history Caviezel said, "Without a doubt, the hardest film of my career. I separated my shoulder carrying the cross... during the scourging scene, I was accidentally hit with the whips... and it was then that I began to really understand what



PHOTO PROVIDED

Jesus, played by James Caviezel, holds his cross during the highly-controversial Mel Gibson-directed *The Passion of the Christ*.

was happening."

Two of the largest supporting roles are filled by Monica Bellucci (*Matrix Reloaded*, *Tears of the Sun*) and Maia Morgenstern.

Bellucci plays Mary Magdelene, a former adulteress whom Jesus saved from being stoned to death. Morgenstern was chosen to take on the role of Mary, the mother of Christ.

"I don't want people to play the blame game," Gibson said. "It's about faith, hope, love and forgiveness. That's what this film is about. It's about Christ's sacrifice."

Jesus Christ "was beaten for our iniquities," Gibson said. "He was wounded for our transgressions and by his wounds we are healed. That's the point of the film. It's not about pointing the fingers."

A faithful portrayal of a short, though vitally important, period in the life of Jesus Christ, this is a disturbing film, an emotional film and a compelling film.

And yet it is also a work of art. *The Passion of the Christ* is so powerful that it can render an entire audience speechless.

Silent. Eighty college students. Silent. ○

Exercise prevents weight gain

BY BARBARA STARBUCK
THE CHRONICLE
DUKE UNIVERSITY

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — To exercise or not to exercise?

That is the question Mike Hauser, assistant research professor of medicine at the Center for Human Genetics, asked himself two years ago when he made the decision to participate in a ground-breaking exercise study at the Duke University Medical Center's Center for Living.

As a father of young children and as a genetics researcher who spends the majority of his time at work sitting in front of a computer screen, Hauser wanted to change his sedentary lifestyle and be able to once again play with his kids.

"The study targeted sedentary folks," Hauser said. "I'm on the faculty at Duke and I write and I sit in front of my computer all day, and there's not much activity in that. But now, it's nice to be able to get out and be more active with the kids — I have young kids — and it helps to be able to run with them."

Two years later, Hauser has lost 10 pounds in fat and continues the regular exercise regimen that he began as part of the DUMC study. Now, a healthier Hauser knows that the answer to his question clearly is to exercise.

The study in which he participated, dubbed Studies of Targeted Risk Reduction Interventions through Defined Exercise, was instigated by the questions of how much exercise is needed to prevent weight gain and how much is needed to lose weight, said primary investigator for the study and cardiologist Dr. William Kraus.

Supported by a \$4.3 million grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and published in the Jan. 12 issue of Archives of Internal Medicine, the trial provided the first scientific basis for moderate exercise as a method for preventing weight gain. In addition, the study found that any further exercise can lead to additional losses in weight and fat.

"It is common wisdom that the more exercise you do is better," said Kraus, who is also the director of clinical research at the Center for Living. "But nobody had done a controlled study... like this before."

For the study, researchers randomly placed 120 overweight and sedentary adults into one of four exercise groups. The control group was required not to do any exercise whatsoever; two groups, differing in the intensi-

ty of the workout, exercised the equivalent of either walking or jogging 12 miles per week; and a fourth, high dose and vigorous intensity group exercised the equivalent of jogging 20 miles per week.

Hauser was in the high dose, vigorous intensity group. This meant that his regimen consisted of burning 2,000 calories per week at 75 percent of his maximum exercise intensity. So at 6:30 a.m., four days a week, Hauser headed to the gym, where researchers monitored his performance and encouraged him to continue working out.

"It was gruesome at first," Hauser reminisced. "It was very difficult to get into it at first. But the nice thing was that during the studies, they had people at the gym for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening — it was as if you had your own cheering section. They were like a surrogate for the nagging friend, who would not let you get away from exercising."

By measuring changes in weight, body composition and waist circumference, the researchers found that all participants who exercised, lost weight and those who exercised the equivalent of 20 miles per week, lost more than those exercising the equivalent of 12 miles per week.

In particular, the high dose group experienced a 3.5 percent weight loss, the low dose group experienced a slightly greater than 1 percent weight loss while the control group showed a 1.1 percent weight gain. In order to isolate the weight effects of exercise from those of a diet, participants were encouraged not to alter their dietary habits.

Clinical Research Coordinator and member of the research team Brian Duscha emphasized the importance of exercise in order to prevent weight gain.

"Americans are very result oriented — whether you take a pill or exercise, people want to see results," Duscha said. "But if you don't do anything, you actually gain [weight]. People would say that's not a big deal but [over a lifetime] it creeps up on you. To prevent weight gain and not just weight loss is an important—perhaps even the most important — aspect of the paper."

Kraus just recently secured another five-year grant to continue this exercise research. In the upcoming research, 20 of the original participants — Hauser included — will continue to be monitored in order to explore at what intensity and what amounts they choose to exercise on their own volition. ○

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What's with all these meatheads buying beer on a Monday night?

MEATHEADS!!

15 fricken' minutes to buy a 5 gallon cake around here. And my Big Ugly is cold now!

Whuh? Today is MONDAY?

Don't look at me...

I'm going to pay with Dirty Dollars!

"Declining Balance," stupid...

You have managed to defeat me, the foul, conniving, ruthless, unlikable, fiery, evil... er..... treacherous and... Um... impervious goblin magistrate of... stuff...

Take the Cheese and cake and leave me be!

Stale Cake

Moldy Cheese

We came all this way for cheesecake, not cheese and cake! Your sign said free cheesecake, so give me cheesecake!

The following scene has been removed due to inappropriate content, not because of a lazy artist. Unfortunately, no cheesecake was gained from the resulting actions. Useless Informations: Cheesecake was said 3 time in panel 3

BY DUSTIN ACOSTA

SHOWER BOY!

>Sigh<

Dude! You're naked!!!

No, I'm a superhero.

See ya in Chem.

Sketch

The madness comes a month early for high schoolers

March Madness is still several weeks away but the most exciting action on the court is just beginning.

No, it's not on any NBA or collegiate court. It's in the high schools around America, or at least New York.

I had the chance to attend the Section V Seeding Banquet on Feb. 21 at the Clarion Riverside Hotel in Rochester, N.Y.

The ceremony kicks off one of the most exciting seasons in sports — high school sectionals.

I've been to NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL and all different events at the collegiate level, but I don't think anything matches the excitement of a high school sectional game that means something.

I think the thing that makes it so exciting is the fan involvement. But the difference is they are more than just fans.

It seems that, in the case of high school teams, there is something more to it than just being a fan as someone would for a professional or collegiate team.

With high school teams, the fans feel they have a

vested interest in the team, almost as though they are part of it. Being that many of them are students, they have grown up with the players and have known them their entire lives.

With college teams, true, you are also a student of your respective school but, unless you're at a small school, you probably don't even know the players, at least not personally.

And the relationship with the actual players is even more distant once you hit professional sports.

There's also the factor of motivation. These players are truly playing for the love of the game. There are no huge contracts, no scholarships, it's just a bunch of kids playing ball because they can.

I actually got the chance to be the public address announcer for a couple sectional games last year as Alfred University hosted the Class DD semifinals.

I can honestly say that that night was the most excitement I had ever seen in the McLane Center.

Fans came from Genesee Valley in Belmont, Elba, Canisteo and Geneseo to cheer on their high schools.



BRYAN SICK
THE BUZZ
SEASON TWO

Film brings ‘Miracle’ Olympics to life

BY CASEY LUMBRA
STAFF WRITER

You don't need artificial effects like big fancy explosions or computer generated people to have a good movie, all you need is a *Miracle*.

The film starts with the opening credits, bringing you on a visual time line to the 1980s in preparation for the 1980 Winter Olympics.

For those who remember this time the United States was in a steady confrontation with the Soviet Union. We watch the life of the U.S. Olympic hockey team from the first day of practice until the match up with the Soviet Union team.

The United States was never expected to stand a chance in the Olympics. When compiling the team all it wanted to do was not be embarrassed.

However, head coach Herb Brooks, played by Kurt Russell, wanted the gold and, with his unorthodox ways of coaching, set out for that goal.

He is driven to win after being cut from the 1960 team and feels he needs to gain what he missed out on.

It's not all about hockey, though. The team was a representation of the United States where, at one point in time, it was in shambles but was able to come together to overcome any obstacle. The off-ice time was just as important as the on-ice time.



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Director Gavin O'Connor coaches his team of young actors — most of whom are making their motion picture debut — through a complex scene.

We see the struggle within the team itself and the struggle the coach makes with the team and with his wife at home.

This was possible due to the magnificent acting by mostly no-name actors.

Russell played an amazing role. I watched an interview with some players from the Olympic team and they said he played Brooks perfectly, plus, being a hockey player in the past, I would believe it.

The filming itself was well done. It was very simple yet very affective. The on-ice shots were flawless to any hockey fan's eyes. I already knew who was going to

win the game based on the real life event but, the way the movie portrayed it, I was still biting my nails until the end.

Disney did a great job of keeping true to the actual events and not making it a fancy Hollywood movie.

I was a bit worried that it would turn out to be another *Mighty Ducks* movie but, luckily enough, it was far from it.

There is nothing fancy to this film; it's uncomplicated, which made it one of the most effective films I have seen in a while. You don't even need to be a hockey fan to enjoy it.

It brings back the life of the time period and shows you the way it was and, for those who lived the events, it gives them a nice stroll down memory lane.

This was a very intense time for the United States and the film portrayed it very well and will give pride to anyone who watches it despite all of the things people might not agree with.

Anyone who appreciates good filming must see this movie as well as those who lived through the time period. ○

Both games were played in front of a capacity crowd that made several times more noise than McLane has ever heard in recent memory when the Saxons were on the court.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about high school athletics though, in combination with all the other factors, is how close fans are to the players and the impact that they make.

At high school games, you won't be sitting 80 rows off the court. If you want, you can have a front row seat and cheer to your heart's content.

And with that proximity between the athletes and the fans comes an increased intensity with the fans cheering.

Over the many, many Wayland-Cohocton Central School games I have attended between my time in high school there and the games I have covered for various local media since, I have become a firm believer that players feed off of fans just as much as the fans feed off of the players.

While I can think of several that demonstrate this point, one particular game comes to mind.

About two years ago, I attended a Wayland-Cohocton game at Honeoye Falls-Lima.

First of all, I was just amazed at the amount of Wayland-Cohocton faithful had made the half-hour trip up to HFL. With the amount of fans Wayland-

Cohocton had, you would have thought it was a home game.

HFL had a much more talented team that year, however, the Cougars couldn't put Wayland-Cohocton away.

As the game was going into the fourth quarter, the fans were really getting fired up following a few questionable calls by the officials.

The players noticeably fed off of this energy, interacting with the crowd, encouraging it to make even more noise, to show HFL the Wayland-Cohocton was well-represented.

This just continued throughout the remainder of the game as the crowd hit its peak in the final seconds, with Wayland-Cohocton down by three.

After motioning to the fans to keep up the intensity, senior guard Andrew Crawford drained the game-tying three-pointer as time expired.

Wayland-Cohocton went on to win that game, as well as many others that I saw an energized crowd for.

I will be watching that Wayland-Cohocton team, as well as several other locals, in the coming weeks and hopefully they don't disappoint.

Regardless of who wins these games, I am confident there will always be a rocking atmosphere for high school sectionals. ○

Bonds' marks deserve an asterisk

Why is everybody sweating a little star on a piece of paper?

This little star mind you, is nowhere near as big as the forearms of Barry Bonds or Gary Sheffield.

The asterisk is smaller than the pills major leaguers are popping and it's smaller than the head of the BALCO needles they stick into their veins.

Why does Barry Bonds care about that little dot, or why does he care so much about Rockies reliever Turk Wendell accusing him of steroid abuse?

Why was Bonds on television demanding that Wendell confront him to his face?

It should be easy to say it to his face. Since the late '90s, Bonds' face has swelled up like David Wells' backside. Is it just me, or does he now have muscle in his nose?

"It's really about another chance for the media to jump all over a man they love to hate and a player they love to discredit," said Bonds in a TV interview.

The media did not discredit Bonds when he was a slim gold-glove-winning outfielder for the Pirates.

When he first started winning MVPs he was stealing bases and hitting to all fields.

Now that he is in a ballpark with a preposterously short right field wall, he pulls the ball with his massive vein-popping arms and breaks records.

Well, ever since Barry broke Mark McGwire's single-season home run record, there has been a lot of attention on steroids in baseball.

The origin of the asterisk in baseball comes from 1961. That was the year that Roger Maris broke Ruth's single-season home run record, when he hit his 61st

home run in the 162nd game of the season.

When Ruth played, there were only 154 games per season. The asterisk was placed next to Maris' record because it took him the extra eight games to break the record.

What was unfair about that asterisk was that Maris was playing night games. He had to hit against the screw-ball. Maris traveled to the west coast for games.

When Ruth played, a ground-rule double was considered a home run. Most of all, Maris broke the record all

while being under the lens of a media that would have preferred to see Maris's teammate Mickey Mantle break the record instead.

Maris's hair began to fall out in clumps during this time. The asterisk next to his record is quite unfair.

Bonds on the other hand had quite a bit of help hitting his 73. With a league depleted of good pitching — especially lefties — by over-expansion, Bonds was hitting homers off of scrubs.

He also had the added help of a juiced baseball, ridiculously short outfield walls, and a little nutrition company named BALCO.

So let me present to you, Barry Bonds new home run record: 73*. While we're at it, lets put one next to his latest MVP*.

It sickens me that idiots like Jim Rome are pronouncing this man the greatest player of all time.

This season Bonds will pass his godfather Willie Mays on the all-time home run list. Anyone who thinks Bonds is better than Mays was need never watch the game again.

In fact, lets put an asterisk next to Rome's name because he is a part of the problem. His tirades where he gushes over Bonds, kissing his fanny for an entire radio or television broadcast, are what steroid-using major leaguers are

looking for.

America loves the long ball, and juiced balls and juiced players are the way to get it done.

If Rome loves the long ball and Sammy Sosa's corked bat so much, then let him have it. He can also have this while he's at it: Rome*.

Heck, we could stick an asterisk next to comments Bonds leaves in the paper.

What about when he said: "Test me any day of the week."

Well let's stick an asterisk in there because the brotherhood of the players' union doesn't allow anyone to take a urine test. So isn't that a convenient statement?

When Bonds' trainer is indicted because he gave steroids to ballplayers, there still is no way of getting him to take a leak into a cup.

So, lets put an asterisk next to Bonds' statement* and his urine*.

Why not put an asterisk next to a few over-inflated ERAs? Or what about the home runs that former solid player, turned slugger at the age of 33, Luis Gonzalez hit.

There is no fountain of youth in baseball that turns a line drive hitter into a 33-year-old home run champ. He hit 57* home runs in 2001, are you kidding me?

The point isn't whether or not baseball has a steroid problem. Every player that retires these days can't wait to put out a book that condemns the leagues substance abuse policy.

The point is that one of baseball's best players is immune from interrogation because we have a Gestapo-like players union ready to bust anyone's head if anyone asks if they were juicing.

This isn't a witch-hunt; it's a fact hunt. I understand that is not the opinion of everyone in the media, just the opinion of the greatest sportswriters ever*.

Editor's note- Alex Raskin was not on any sports writing enhancing drugs while writing this article. And if he was, good luck getting him to go in a cup. ○



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...Stein

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While it may be an area that needs work, he still only accounts for 10 percent of the team's turnovers, which is not too bad considering how many touches a game he gets.

Murphy wants to see the largest improvement in the locker room.

"We don't want him to be afraid of being a leader," said Murphy.

That is the type of sentiment made only about players that a team builds around.

"We want to add another low post presence to complement Stein," Murphy continued.

Even without another dominant man on the block, the Saxons still looks brighter next year.

"I think we can be very good," said Winant. "We have good enough guards. We trust him, and [as we develop] we'll get the inside-out game going for us."

So what does the best Saxon freshman since Devon Downing expect to accomplish over his tenure here at Alfred?

"I just want to graduate," answered Stein. "But I also think we can be a force for the next three years." ○

...Football

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wide receiver Nick Coleman for special teams MVP, Erich Ely for top linebacker, Aaron Myers for top defensive back, offensive lineman Mike Yokopovich for hardest worker, defensive back Jake Rulander for top practice squad defenseman and quarterback Chris Barnard for top practice squad offensive player.

Also, five players were given 2003 Saxon Club Awards for having at least seven outstanding games. They were defensive end Jeremy Batt, defensive end Bill Battaglia, Coleman, Ely and Raynor.

The team's nine seniors, kicker Pat Breuer, Batt, defensive end Doug Mueller, tight end Pat Bell, Coleman, Ely, Gollnitz, offensive tackle Jordan Schmidt and Raynor, were recognized during the ceremony.

THE NEWCOMERS: Alfred is having one of its most successful offseasons recruiting-wise in recent history.

"The number of applicants that are in right now, at this time of year, is well ahead of where we've been the previous five years," said Murray. "So that's a real good sign."

The biggest offseason need in recruiting will be replacing many of the seniors, particularly Raynor because he was involved in every aspect of the team.

As of now, there are two possible replacements for Raynor's position at tailback, Lee Bates, a transfer student from Morrisville Community College, and freshman Chaz Bruce, who saw action in two games, totaling 92 yards.

Another position of need is at quarterback where

Ron Duliba will be a senior next season. While Murray is high on Barnard, he is still keeping his eye out for talent at the position in high school.

Alfred will be hosting high school students for one more weekend , the third weekend in March, before deposits start coming in on May 1, guaranteeing recruits commitment to Alfred.

RAYNOR SHINES: In hopes of catching the eye of an NFL team, Raynor has begun working out with Syracuse University seniors with the same goal.

"Because he's hooked up with Syracuse, every team will have a close look at him," said Murray. "All his testing at this point is right there with all the Syracuse kids so they welcomed him with open arms up there."

Raynor finished his career with his name scattered throughout the University record book. He holds school records in single-game rushing yards, career rushing yards, single-season rushing yards per game, career 100-yard rushing games, single-game and career points scored and single-game and career rushing touchdowns.

He finished his collegiate career with a Team USA MVP performance at the Aztec Bowl in Cancun, Mexico, scoring on a 42-yard run and kicking a field goal and four extra points in the losing effort.

While it is doubtful that Raynor will squeak into the final rounds of the NFL Draft, it remains a good possibility that he could catch on with a team as an undrafted free agent.

"I would think that it's a long shot for Jesse to make it to the next level," said Murray. "But Jesse's a kid that has always come up pretty big when the odds are against him. I don't think you'd ever want to underestimate a kid like Jesse Raynor." ○

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Saturday, Jan. 14	
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Men's team results — 1, Syracuse 4, 2, Cornell 6, 3, Rochester 7, 4, RIT 8, 5 , Alfred 11 , 6, Morrisville 12, 7, Buffalo 14, 7, Ithaca 14, 9, St. Bonaventure 17, 10, Hobart 19, 11, Binghamton 21, 12, Geneseo 24.	
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Alfred	2 12 .143
Hartwick	1 12 .077

Friday, Feb. 13	
ALFRED (61) Hallett 6-11 1-2 16, Andolina 3-10 0-0 8, Stein 6-15 2-4 14, Lemasters 4-11 1-1 10, Clemenson 1-4 0-0 2, Nober 4-5 2-3 11, Winant 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-56 6-10 61.	
ITHACA (72) Andruskiewicz 8-13 4-4 21, Schulz 7-12 7-10 21, Whetstone 0-0 0-0 0, Houck 2-4 0-0 6, Bellis 3-11 5-6 13, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Roth 1-4 0-0 3, Kulbera 1-2 0-0 2, Ahmad 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 25-52 16-21 72.	
Halftime — Alfred 34, Ithaca 27. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Alfred 26 (Stein 13), Ithaca 38 (Andruskiewicz 10). Assists — Alfred 7 (Andolina 3), Ithaca 17 (Whetstone 5). Total fouls — Alfred 15, Ithaca 16.	

Saturday, Feb. 14	
ALFRED (46) Hallett 0-9 3-3 3, Lemasters 3-8 3-4 9, Clemenson 0-9 0-0 0, Andolina 3-8 3-5 10, Stein 9-16 4-4 22, Snyder 1-3 0-0 2, Nober 0-7 0-0 0, Winant 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-60 13-16 46.	
ELMIRA (64) Wilder 4-14 4-4 12, Davis 6-13 1-6 14, VanDerlyke 3-8 3-3 11, Robertson 1-3 0-0 3, Crittenden 3-8 0-0 6, O'Brien 0-1 0-0 0, Barry 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 4-9 1-2 9, Dimeo 3-9 1-2 9. Totals 24-65 10-17 64.	
Halftime — Alfred 23, Elmira 27. Fouled out — Crittenden. Rebounds — Alfred 43 (Stein 12), Elmira 48 (Davis 20). Assists — Alfred 5 (Lemasters, Nober 2), Elmira 17 (Wilder, Dimeo 5). Total fouls — Alfred 13, Elmira 17.	
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Friday, Feb. 20	
NAZARETH (81) Groot 6-13 1-2 14, Taylor 5-10 0-0 11, Shipley 5-9 8-13 18, Slakas 1-1 3-4 5, Smith 6-15 0-6 12, McMahon 0-0 0-0 0, Orlicz 0-0 2-2 2, Davis 0-1 2-2 2, DeBlois 4-9 0-0 12, Tyszka 0-0 0-0 0, Peterson 0-0 2-4 2, Fladd 0-2 3-4 3. Totals 27-60 21-37 81.	
ALFRED (72) Clemenson 4-10 0-2 9, Andolina 3-5 2-4 10, Hallett 4-13 3-4 12, Stein 8-10 3-5 19, Lemasters 5-7 3-5 14, Nober 0-2 0-0 0, Winant 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 2-8 4-4 8. Totals 26-55 15-24 72.	
Halftime — Nazareth 37, Alfred 43. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Nazareth 42 (Shipley 13), Alfred 36 (Hallett, Williams 6). Assists — Nazareth 8 (Slakas, Smith 3), Alfred 9 (Clemenson, Hallett 3). Total fouls — Nazareth 20, Alfred 23.	
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Saturday, Feb. 21	
RIT (74) Martin 2-4 3-4 8, Goff 3-7 2-4 9, Foote 3-9 1-2 7, Youngblood 1-4 0-0 2, F. Snyder 1-3 0-0 3, Shore 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Hill 0-0 0-0 0, Pozzi 0-0 0-0 0, Zawodzinski 1-1 0-0 3, Bacon 9-10 1-2 19. Totals 29-52 12-21 74.	
ALFRED (62) Andolina 3-9 2-2 9, Hallett 0-7 2-2 2, Stein 2-10 14-17 18, Lemasters 2-10 4-4 8, Clemenson 5-11 3-5 15, J. Snyder 0-0 0-0 0, Nober 2-5 0-0 4, Winant 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 17-59 25-30 62.	
Halftime — RIT 33, Alfred 28. Fouled out — Foote. Rebounds — RIT 39 (Bacon 6), Alfred 37 (Stein 10). Assists — RIT 20 (F. Snyder 7), Alfred 7 (Stein 3). Total fouls — RIT 21, Alfred 20.	
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Empire 8 Standings	
Conference	
Team	W L Pct
Ithaca	13 1 .929
Fisher	12 2 .857
Hartwick	10 4 .714
Elmira	6 8 .429
RIT	5 9 .357
Nazareth	5 9 .357
Utica	4 10 .286
Alfred	1 13 .071

Friday, Feb. 13	
ALFRED (37) M. Coddington 3-8 4-5 10, Knoll 2-5 0-0 4, Buck 1-7 0-0 3, Mastin 0-7 0-0 0, Sampsell 2-9 5-10 10, Weidner 0-0 2-2 2, Polmanteer 1-5 3-5 6, T. Coddington 1-2 0-0 2, Lass 0-1 0-0 0, Bradley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 10-45 14-22 37.	
ITHACA (79) Andruskiewicz 8-13 4-4 21, Schulz 7-12 7-10 21, Whetstone 0-0 0-0 0, Houck 2-4 0-0 6, Bellis 3-11 5-6 13, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Roth 1-4 0-0 3, Kulbera 1-2 0-0 2, Ahmad 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 25-52 16-21 72.	

Naz flies away with win

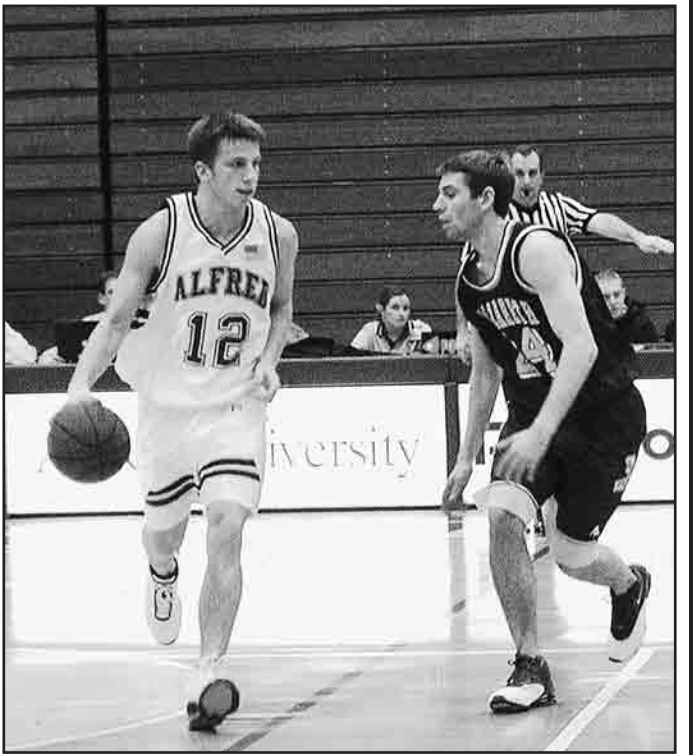


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Sophomore guard Chris Lemasters brings the ball upcourt against Nazareth's Richard Orlicz in the Golden Flyers' 81-72 win over the Saxons at the McLane Center on Feb. 20. Lemasters played the entire game, netting 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Saturday, Feb. 14	
Gawronski 2-7 2-4 6, Poole 2-5 0-0 4, Swatling 1-7 2-2 4, Kusy 2-3 0-0 4, Cleary 8-13 2-2 20, Schwartz 3-5 0-0 6, Sanvidge 2-3 1-2 7, Kelly 4-5 0-0 11, Przybysz 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 0-2 1-1 1, McKicker 1-3 0-0 2, Micho 5-7 0-1 10, Brennan 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 32-64 8-12 79.	
Halftime — Alfred 25, Ithaca 47. Fouled out — T. Coddington. Rebounds — Alfred 35 (M. Coddington 11), Ithaca 41 (Swatling 10). Assists — Alfred 7 (Buck 3), Ithaca 23 (Swatling 4). Total fouls — Alfred 15, Ithaca 17.	

Saturday, Feb. 14	
ALFRED (47) Knoll 6-13 1-2 13, Buck 1-6 1-2 3, Mastin 3-12 0-0 8, Sampsell 3-11 5-7 11, M. Coddington 4-10 2-2 10, Weidner 0-1 0-0 0, Cobbert 0-0 0-0 0, Polmanteer 0-6 0-0 0, T. Coddington 1-4 0-0 2, Lass 0-0 0-0 0, Bradley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-63 9-13 47.	
ELMIRA (53) Bedford 0-10 2-4 2, Harrington 1-4 1-2 3, Brunskill 2-4 0-0 4, Parker 3-19 8-10 14, Eaton 2-5 2-2 6, Cote 2-4 2-2 8, St. Croix 0-1 0-0 0, Lopez-Pitts 2-3 1-3 5, Haker 0-2 0-2 0, Seroka 1-4 3-6 11. Totals 16-64 19-31 53.	
Halftime — Alfred 21, Elmira 20. Fouled out — M. Coddington, T. Coddington. Rebounds — Alfred 55 (M. Coddington 16), Elmira 46 (Parker 9). Assists — Alfred 11 (Sampsell 4), Elmira 11 (Bedford, Eaton 4). Total fouls — Alfred 23, Elmira 14.	
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Monday, Feb. 16	
KEUKA (65) Everson 4-7 0-2 8, Pozzi 1-5 3-3 5, Dorman 3-9 0-0 8, Baker 7-22 2-3 16, McTamney 2-4 0-2 5, Ploettner 2-2 3-7, Chadwick 1-3 0-0 3, Chaffee 1-3 0-0 3, Heale 1-3 0-0 2, Berwanger 1-4 4-4 6, Elliott 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 23-62 14-19 64.	
ALFRED (80) M. Coddington 6-7 3-5 15, Knoll 6-10 2-4 14, Buck 5-13 2-2 16, Mastin 2-4 0-0 5, Sampsell 3-7 13-19, Polmanteer 1-2 2-3 4, T. Coddington 3-6 1-2 7, Foster 0-0 0-0 0, Bradley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-49 23-29 80.	
Halftime — Keuka 29, Alfred 41. Fouled out — Everson. Rebounds — Keuka 40 (Baker 8), Alfred 28 (Knoll 9). Assists — Keuka 11 (Baker 3), Alfred 20 (Buck 7). Total fouls — Keuka 26, Alfred 19.	
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Friday, Feb. 20	
NAZARETH (57) Gagliardi 5-10 4-6 14, Shipley 8-13 3-7 19, Homer 3-6 0-0 6, Eichas 0-2 0-0 0, McGivern 0-4 0-2 0, LaBrecque 0-0 0-0 0, Denniston 1-1 0-1 2, Burgess 0-4 0-0 0, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 1-3 1-2 3, Pagano 5-16 2-2 13. Totals 23-59 10-20 57.	
ALFRED (49) M. Coddington 6-9 1-1 13, Knoll 4-11 6-6 14, Buck 1-10 2-2 5, Mastin 0-2 0-0 0, Sampsell 3-10 2-2 9, Weidner 1-2 0-0 2, Polmanteer 1-4 0-0 2, T. Coddington 1-2 0-2 2, Kelly 0-3 2-3 2, Foster 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-53 13-16 49.	
Halftime — Nazareth 24, Alfred 15. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Nazareth 40 (Shipley 11), Alfred 40 (M. Coddington, Knoll 9). Assists — Nazareth 11 (Shipley 5), Alfred 10 (Buck 3). Total fouls — Nazareth 14, Alfred 15.	
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Saturday, Feb. 21	
RIT (50) Couchman 8-18 5-6 21, Sergi 1-6 0-0 2, Diallo 2-12 8-10 12, Ermie 0-7 1-2 1, d'Estries 3-7 0-0 7, Lerch 1-3 0-0 2, Paga 0-0 0-0 0, Reeves 0-0 0-0 0, Newberry 1-6 1-2 3, Walsh 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 17-60 15-21 50.	
ALFRED (60) Lass 1-1 0-0 2, M. Coddington 6-12 2-2	

Saturday, Feb. 14	
Robert J. Kane Invitational at Cornell University 5,000-meter run — 1, Matthew McInnes, Toronto, 15:00.65, 2, Ryan Walter, Delhi, 15:56.90, 3, David Cook, Alfred, 16:02.18 , 4, Michael Cook, Alfred University, 16:05.18 , 5, Jon Booth, RIT, 16:08.58, 6, Andrew Dylag, Rochester, 16:17.61.	
60-meter high hurdles — 1, Jonathon Frechette, Cortland, 8.33, 2, Rory Quiller, Binghamton, 8.43, 3, Adam Goldberg, Binghamton, 8.50, 4, Murteza Haidri, Cornell, 8.51, 5, Eric Pedersen, Cornell, 8.53, 6, Greg Hobbs, Ithaca, 8.62.	
60-meter dash — 1, Luke MacInnis, Toronto, 6.94, 2, Daniel Barbarie, Toronto, 6.99, 3, Arthurs Augie, Toronto, 7.01, 4, Nick Wetherby, Cortland, 7.02, 5, Chris Ryer, Ithaca, 7.12, 6, Jason Hart, Cornell, 7.19.	
1-mile run — 1, Aaron Arlinghaus, Cornell, 4:20.31, 2, Chuck Terry, Cortland, 4:23.01, 3, Bryan Jarrett, Cornell, 4:23.75, 4, Curtis Howard, RIT, 4:24.29, 5, Vasanth Coorg, Cornell, 4:25.42, 6, Dominick Rizzon, Morrisville, 4:25.38.	
400-meter dash — 1, Mike Stewart, Unattached, 50.84, 2, Timothy Johnson, Geneseo, 52.42, 3, Joseph Flucus, Binghamton, 52.60, 4, Paul Zalewski, Cortland, 52.71, 5, Chris Calnon, Geneseo, 52.75, 6, Mike Kozak, Cortland, 52.78.	
500-meter dash — 1, Tafari Mbadiwe, Toronto, 1:07.15, 2, David Neal, Cortland, 1:07.23, 3, Justin Hall, Queen's, 1:07.79, 4, Chris Popovici, Geneseo, 1:08.17, 5, Neil Case, Binghamton, 1:08.40, 6, Delroy McEwan, Delhi, 1:09.00.	
800-meter run — 1, Brian Mongeon, Cornell, 1:55.87, 2, Will Seidel, Cornell, 1:57.56, 3, John Lynch, Cortland, 1:58.13, 4, Korey Larson, Erie, 1:58.17, 5, Ross McGowan, Cornell, 1:58.48, 6, Johnny Baez, Cobleskill, 1:58.98.	
1,000-meter run — 1, Justin Wood, Delhi, 2:29.10, 2, Trevor Caldwell, Toronto, 2:29.90, 3, Chris Buell, Houghton, 2:33.53, 4, Jesse Williamson, RIT, 2:36.13, 5, David Borg, Cortland, 2:36.22, 6, Kevin Horvath, MVCC, 2:37.20.	
200-meter dash — 1, Luke MacInnis, Toronto, 22.14, 2, Daniel Barbarie, Toronto, 22.22, 3, Arthurs Augie, Toronto, 23.02, 4, Mike Stewart, Unattached, 23.12, 5, Peter Wheatley, Houghton, 23.23, 6, Murteza Haidri, Cornell, 23.23.	
3,000-meter run — 1, Spencer Morrison, Queen's, 8:44.28, 2, Ryan Bank, Alfred, 8:58.81 , 3, Ross McGowan, Cornell, 9:00.81, 4, Andrew McCarthy, Geneseo, 9:01.10, 5, Ben Feidner, Geneseo, 9:01.73, 6, Travis Cummings, Queen's, 9:01.86.	
3,200-meter relay — 1, Delhi, 7:59.06, 2, Queen's, 8:05.01, 3, Cortland, 8:05.62, 4, Toronto, 8:06.88, 5, Geneseo, 8:16.35, 6, Oswego, 8:18.54.	
1,600-meter relay — 1, Cortland, 3:25.05, 2, Toronto, 3:25.62, 3, Geneseo, 3:32.00, 4, Ithaca, 3:34.51, 4, RIT, 3:34.51, 6, Delhi, 3:34.59.	
Weight throw — 1, Jesse Doty, Unattached, 19.02, 2, Andrew Cloud, Binghamton, 16.90, 3, Mike Scarpa, Cornell, 16.48, 4, Joe Pucci, Cornell, 15.87, 5, Michael Melaney, Queen's, 15.84, 6,	

Todd Wassinger, Binghamton, 15.58.
Shot put — 1, Marcus Matyas, Cortland, 14.97, 2, Chris Willis, Brockport, 14.87, 3, Michael Melaney, Queen's, 14.72, 4, Gabe Fletcher, Binghamton, 14.54, 5, Brian Gillespie, Queen's, 14.51, 6, Zach Knight, Cornell, 14.22.
Pole vault — 1, Rory Quiller, Binghamton, 4.82, 2, Kurt Dunn, Alfred State, 4.80, 3, Jason Wurster, Toronto, 4.65, 4, Doug Creighton, Toronto, 4.65, 5, Tyler, Gutierrez, Cortland, 4.50, 5, Mike Ksionzyk, Binghamton, 4.50.
Long jump — 1, John Gorham, Unattached, 7.23, 2, Jason Hart, Cornell, 7.15, 3, Dave Hawk, Cortland, 7.03, 4, Joe Moore, Moravian, 6.98, 5, Jonathan Martin, Queen's University, 6.95, 6, Bill Woods, Queen's, 6.83.
Triple jump — 1, Bryan Zemaish, Unattached, 15.53, 2, Bill Woods, Queen's, 14.17, 3, Rafiq Umar, Binghamton, 13.73, 4, James Bellew, Binghamton, 13.35, 5, Jason Hart, Cornell, 13.34, 6, Geoff Reyes, Toronto, 13.18.
High jump — 1, Jeff Caton, Toronto, 2.06, 2, Mark Dillon, Toronto, 2.01, 3, Massimo Bertocchi, Toronto, 2.01, 4, Luke Shafer, Binghamton, 2.01, 5, Nick Tillman, Binghamton, 1.96, 6, Alex Vanags, Queen's, 1.96.
Pentathlon — 1, Peter Wheatley, Houghton, 3,313, 2, Kevin Alford, Ithaca, 3,246, 3, Josh Dumond, Delhi, 3,236, 4, Jon Fagan, Delhi, 3,216, 5, Samuel Winn, Oswego, 2,979, 6, John Stanley, Houghton, 2,966.
Heptathlon — 1, Vito Spadafino, Cornell, 4,685, 2, Ethan Albrecht-Carrie, Cornell, 4,481, 3, Hasani Hampden, Unattached, 4,370, 4, Adam Hollier, Cornell, 2,367.

Saturday, Feb. 21	
Marc Deneault Invitational at Cornell University 60-meter high hurdles — 1, Dwaine Alleyne, RPI, 8.35, 2, Murteza Haidri, Cornell, 8.41, 3, Adam Farrell, Cornell, 8.56, 4, Chris Cooper, Hartwick, 8.68, 5, Nate Corney, Alfred, 8.90 , 6, Noel Babin, Mansfield, 9.01.	
60-meter dash — 1, Derek McGough, RPI, 7.14, 2, Chris Ryer, Ithaca, 7.15, 3, Krik Bristol, Rochester, 7.25, 4, Elijah Huling, Hamilton, 7.26, 5, Peter Wheatley, Houghton, 7.27, 6, Kemar Brown, RPI, 7.28.	
1-mile run — 1, Ross McGowan, Cornell, 4:18.45, 2, Josh Wooten, Mansfield, 4:27.12, 3, Pat McGreal, Ithaca, 4:28.53, 4, Jesse Williamson, RIT, 4:29.80, 5, Jon Barnes, Ithaca, 4:29.96, 6, Jason Oswalt, Cornell, 4:30.82.	
400-meter dash — 1, Olamide Harrison, Hamilton, 50.62, 2, Jim Ravener, Ithaca, 50.73, 3, Greg Dusek, Rochester, 50.84, 4, Seyamack Afzali, St. Lawrence, 51.67, 5, Andy Klausner, Hartwick, 52.31, 6, David Tagatac, Cornell, 52.36.	
500-meter dash — 1, James Connolly, Cornell, 1:06.57, 2, Jon Kent, St. Lawrence, 1:06.63, 3, Owen Kellett, RPI, 1:08.56, 4, Jeff Homer, St. Lawrence, 1:08.83, 5, Mike Hakel, Rochester, 1:09.03, 6, Dean Ganskop, RIT, 1:09.28.	
800-meter run — 1, Mike Allen, Cornell, 1:56.05, 2, Will Seidel, Cornell, 1:56.81, 3, Chris Cummings, Mansfield, 1:56.98, 4, Curtis Howard, RIT, 1:58.05, 5, Ryan Fadden, Houghton, 1:58.33, 6, Nick Ruiz, Houghton, 1:58.40.	
1,000-meter run — 1, Joe Otto, RPI, 2:34.09, 2, Marty Blatz, RPI, 2:34.67, 3, Dane Schneider, St. Lawrence, 2:34.88, 4, Andy Dana, St. Lawrence, 2:35.50, 5, Ryan Pollock, St. Lawrence, 2:35.71, 6, Chris Buell, Houghton, 2:35.80.	
200-meter dash — 1, Olamide Harrison, Hamilton, 22.73, 2, Krik Bristol, Rochester, 23.01, 3, Reda Dehy, Cornell, 23.02, 4, Robert Pickels, Ithaca, 23.05, 5, Peter Wheatley, Houghton, 23.07, 6, Elijah Huling, Hamilton, 23.17.	
3,000-meter run — 1, Aaron Arlinghaus, Cornell, 8:38.21, 2, Bryan Jarrett, Cornell, 8:52.03, 3, Vasanth Coorg, Cornell, 8:58.33, 4, John Castilhos, Unattached, 8:59.34, 5, Forrest Dillaway, Cornell, 9:00.78, 6, Ryan Pancoast, RIT, 9:00.80.	
3,200-meter relay — 1, Rochester, 8:06.47, 2, Cornell, 8:10.02, 3, RIT, 8:10.48, 4, St. Lawrence, 8:11.10, 5, Rochester B, 8:11.27, 6, Mansfield, 8:31.57.	
1,600-meter relay — 1, St. Lawrence, 3:26.66, 2, Rochester, 3:28.49, 3, Cornell, 3:29.60, 4, Ithaca, 3:37.37, 5, Mansfield, 3:37.47, 6, RPI, 3:39.30.	
Weight throw — 1, Giles Longley-Cook, Cornell, 19.37, 2, Bryan Tolser, St. Lawrence, 17.53, 3, Mike Scarpa, Cornell, 16.51, 4, Joe Pucci, Cornell, 16.19, 5, Andrew Wunder, Rochester, 16.04, 6, Eamonn O'Neil, St. Lawrence, 15.90.	
Shot put — 1, Zach Beadle, Cornell, 15.45, 2, James McManamon, Cornell, 15.27, 3, Eamonn O'Neil, St. Lawrence, 15.19, 4, Zach Knight, Cornell, 15.08, 5, Steve Butterhof, Hamilton, 14.56, 6, Zach Opsitnick, Rochester, 13.68.	
Pole vault — 1, Adam Sansiveri, Cornell, 4.80, 2, Evan Whitehall, Cornell, 4.65, 3, Steve Robin, Alfred, 4.35 , 4, Ryan VanHalle, Buffalo, 4.35, 5, Kristopher Young, Cornell, 4.20, 6, Jeff Banks, Unattached, 4.20.	
Long jump — 1, Rayon Taylor, Unattached, 6.95, 2, Rich Jones, Cornell, 6.92, 3, Derek McGough, RPI, 6.69, 4, Jacob Merrill, Lock Haven, 6.58, 5, Sam Evers, Thousand Islands, 6.49, 6, Brian Hetzel, Unattached, 6.47.	
Triple jump — 1, Dwaine Alleyne, RPI, 14.98, 2, Rayon Taylor, Unattached, 14.68, 3, Jacob Merrill, Lock Haven, 14.05,	

4, Peter Wheatley, Houghton, 13.48, 5, Brian Lemnex, Lock Haven, 13.08, 6, Sharath Alampur, RPI, 12.93.
High jump — 1, Jim Dempsey, Lock Haven, 2.01, 2, Adam Farrell, Cornell, 1.96, 3, Nathaniel Grams, Cornell, 1.91, 4, Tom Felio, Rochester, 1.86, 5, Jacob Hannah, RIT, 1.81.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK	
Saturday, Feb. 21	
Marc Deneault Invitational at Cornell University 60-meter high hurdles — 1, Hannah Garrity, Cornell, 8.88, 2, Stephanie King, Cornell, 9.01, 3, Sarah Gardner, Houghton, 9.15, 4, Jamie Greubel, Cornell, 9.31, 5, Elizabeth Ferguson, Cornell, 9.55, 6, Carrie Williams, Ithaca, 10.12.	
60-meter dash — 1, Jan Seale, Cornell, 7.78, 2, Elizabeth Ferguson, Cornell, 7.88, 3, Kim Henn, Ithaca, 8.16, 4, Kara Simpson, St. Lawrence, 8.20, 5, Lauren Broadnax, Cornell, 8.23, 6, Stephanie Burt, Cornell, 8.23.	
1-mile run — 1, Kate Boyles, Cornell, 5:03.90, 2, Alyssa Simon, Cornell, 5:07.70, 3, Bridgette Pilling, Ithaca, 5:17.72, 4, Amy Barr, St. Lawrence, 5:17.01, 5, Emily McCabe, Cornell, 5:18.72, 6, Christine Eckstaedt, Cornell, 5:18.96.	
400-meter dash — 1, Shonda Brown, Cornell, 56.82, 2, Christina Cossell, Cornell, 58.50, 3, Jill Crispell, Cornell, 58.74, 4, Katherine O'Brien, Rochester, 59.52, 5, Steph Cadwell, Mansfield, 1:00.23, 6, Shala Wilson, Hartwick, 1:00.38.	

Empire 8 deals with problem of fighting following Naz–Fisher incident

BY BRYAN SICK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The fierce rivalry between St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College was intensified last week as a brawl developed between the two men’s basketball teams in their conference season finale on Feb. 21.

“There was an altercation between players and that’s essentially what happened,” said Empire 8 Commissioner Chuck Mitrano. “I know the reports were that there was fan involvement but there was no fan involvement. It was a physical altercation between players.”

While Mitrano claims that there was no fan involvement, they may certainly have intensified the situation.

“[Our fans] had just been cheering to a point where they kind of crossed the line in terms of their comments toward the players on the floor,” said Peter Bothner,

Nazareth’s athletic director. “And I think that just adds to the fuel on the floor and the intensity the kids were playing with.”

While Alfred certainly doesn’t hope for a similar incident here, the Saxons respect and may even be envious of the amount of fan support that Nazareth had at St. John Fisher, their cross-town rival.

“I think it’s good that they have that fan support, just as long as the fans don’t cross the line,” said Michele Finn, Alfred’s women’s basketball head coach. “I just think the smaller venues need a little bit more security because the fans are so close to the court.”

Major fights like this have become a rarity in the Empire 8, a conference that has a reputation for its sportsmanship.

“I’ve seen kids push once in a while in basketball, but nothing like that,” said Alfred’s athletic director, Jim Moretti. “That was like a donnybrook. It’s exactly

like I’d describe in the middle of the summer when you watch the 11 o’clock news and in sports, ‘Well, we’ve got a big brouhaha in Wrigley Field.’”

Fighting has never really been a serious problem in the conference prior to the incident.

“In my three years as commissioner, this is the first incident of this,” said Mitrano. “I know, on an annual basis nationally, it will happen a couple times a year, but for our conference or our institutions, this is very, very isolated.”

In response, however, Empire 8 schools may need to do more to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

“It’s just a chance to move forward at this point in time and open up communication with all of our conference schools,” said Bothner. “We’ve all got fans like that. Let’s make sure that we all do a better job of keeping them from crossing the line. We also need to, as

administrators and coaches, make sure that the players stay on the bench ... I think it’s just a matter of understanding that it’s a time for us to improve in many aspects of what we do.”

Mitrano echoed Bothner’s view that something needs to be done to prevent fighting on the court in Empire 8 athletics.

“Clearly, education is the critical part of prevention,” said Mitrano. “Nothing’s 100 percent guaranteed. We’re a conference that has been very proactive in education relative to sporting behavior and expectation.”

Three Nazareth players and one assistant coach were suspended for the team’s season finale Feb. 24 against Keuka College, which Nazareth won in overtime, 81-75. Two St. John Fisher players were suspended for the Empire 8 Conference Championships and the team was required to perform 150 hours of community service, according to the *Democrat and Chronicle*. ◊

Star freshman hopes for continued impact

BY ALEX RASKIN
SPORTS EDITOR

If you have ever played a terrible round of golf, you may have ended the round with a nice shot.

That nice shot is pure poison. It makes you think that you can play, and you get your hopes up for the next round of golf; and often, it is worse than the previous one.

Well, if Alfred’s men’s basketball season was a bad round, then what does that make freshman big man Dillon Stein?

He has just won his fourth straight Empire 8 Rookie of the Week — his fifth overall — and now the season ends with just a taste of his future brilliance.

The Saxons are hoping this is not just another nice shot to end a bad round, and it is an actual sign of things to come.

Basketball is a team game, and games are supposed to be fun. One does not play Division III basketball for accolades or endorsement deals.

Alfred’s phenomenal freshman Dillon Stein is fully aware of this. While having a losing season is no cakewalk, He still managed to have a great time.

“It’s great being here with the players we’ve got on this team,” said Stein. “We’re all just looking out for each other.”

Next year, Empire 8 opponents will be looking out for Stein. He had 13.3 points per game this season to go along with 1.4 blocks and 8.1 rebounds per contest, all of these being team highs.

It almost seems unfathomable that a basketball program with the recent lack of success that Alfred has had, being able to land such a talented and intelligent ballplayer.

“I visited a few other schools before I came here. I just didn’t get the same vibe from the other schools,” said Stein. “The guys here were great.”

The Saxon coaching staff also felt the same initial positive inclination.

“My assistant coach [Scott Cooper] saw him play in high school,” explained Saxon head coach Jay Murphy. “He said Dillon had a lot of talent and a lot to learn.”

What has surprised coaches the most is his willingness to learn the things that he has yet to master.

Since arriving in Alfred from North Huntingdon, Pa., he has taken the initiative to play at a higher level.

“He came in here, and just hit the weights,”



PHOTO BY AMANDA CRANS

Freshman center Dillon Stein fights for position against Nazareth’s Ryan Shipley in Alfred’s 81-72 loss to the Golden Flyers on Feb. 20. Following his 19-point effort against Nazareth, Stein was named Empire 8 Athlete of the Week for the fourth consecutive time and the fifth time this season.

said Murphy. “He’s really gotten stronger.”

With the added muscle, he should be even more dominant next season.

“He’s become one of the most dominant centers I’ve seen in a while,” said sophomore guard Chad Winant. “He’s capable of 20/20 [points and rebounds] every night.”

With a young team like the Saxons, someone with that capability is very valuable. However, even though he has made such great strides this season, Stein still has some areas in which he

could improve.

“He could be smarter with his fouls,” added Winant.

Stein did have 11 more personal fouls than anyone on the Saxons this season. Stein, however, is his own harshest critic, refusing to rest on the laurels of his impressive freshman season.

“My biggest weakness is turnovers,” explained Stein. “I need to be smart with the ball.”

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PHOTO BY AMANDA CRANS

Freshman guard Megan Sampsell drives the lane against Nazareth as sophomore forward Theresa Coddington looks on in Alfred’s 57-49 loss to the Golden Flyers on Feb. 20.

Seniors finish careers on winning note

BY BRYAN SICK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

ALFRED — For as poorly as this season has gone for Alfred’s women’s basketball team, with a 5-20 record and only one conference win, a bit of joy came with its conclusion, along with a bit of sadness.

While the Saxons beat the RIT Tigers 60-50 in their season finale, they said goodbye to three seniors who have played all four years with the team, guards Melissa Buck and Brenda Mulligan and center Allison Lass.

“All three of us were pretty much elated in the locker room,” said Buck, who finished with nine points and four assists in her final game. “We got a W. We got it in the Empire 8. It’s good to go out on a W and just know that all the work the past few years has finally paid off for us.”

All three seniors got to start in the game, giving Lass and Mulligan their first starts of the season. It was particularly special for Mulligan who has been out for much of the season recovering from knee surgery.

She also missed most of last season recovering from the same surgery on the opposite knee.

The doctors would not give their OK for Mulligan to play, but she did take the court in uniform for the first couple seconds.

“I know it had to be frustrating (being injured much of her last two seasons) if I put myself in her shoes,” said head coach Michele Finn. “Her knees just kind of gave out on her unfortunately.”

After Alfred won the tip, Finn immediately called a time out to substitute freshman guard Lauren Mastin for the injured Mulligan.

Once the game actually got going, it immediately looked like it would go the same as many this season have. RIT center Karli Couchman hit nine of her team’s first 13 points as the Tigers jumped out to the early lead.

Alfred, however, was able to claw its way back particularly on the strength of sophomore forward Meghan Coddington, who led the Saxons with eight first half points to

go with seven rebounds. By game’s end, she had registered a double-double with 14 points and the same number of boards.

“She is just an all-around great athlete,” said Finn. “Everybody in the Empire 8 knows that. Her teammates know that. She just gives 150 percent every game she comes out.”

The Saxons took a 23-20 lead into the half before defense and the long ball took over in the second half.

Sophomore center Kylene Knoll had five blocks in the second half, seven overall, in holding the Tigers to only 28.3 percent shooting in the game.

“Senior day was the perfect day to be pumped and get a win,” said Knoll. “We didn’t have a great season so we came out and gave it our all.”

Three-point shooting also took fire in the second half, particularly with sophomore guard Michelle Kelly, who was a perfect 4-for-4 from long range.

She hit the Saxons only three in the first half and led the team’s 6-for-8 performance from behind the arc in the second.

The three-point shooting was what put the Tigers away in the closing minutes. After holding just a 53-50 lead with two minutes left, Lauren Mastin hit one of her two threes, putting the game out of reach.

The Saxons are hoping that this game will jump start the team for next season.

“It gives us a lot to look forward to in the postseason,” said Buck. “This gives them a lot of incentive to go into the postseason and be like ‘We can compete with these teams so lets work hard now and come out next year and just get some more Ws and get into that (Empire 8) tournament next year.’”

The team, however, will certainly miss the three seniors, particularly from a leadership standpoint.

“We’re going to miss them tremendously,” said Knoll. “Brenda couldn’t play because of her knee but she was a really great leader. Alison was a great leader. Buck is a great leader on and off the court. We’re going to miss them a lot.” ◊

Coaching search among many offseason happenings

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Even though nearly four months have passed since the Alfred football team has taken the field, the Saxons have been very active in the offseason.

Most notably, the team is going through a transition of assistant coaches.

Offensive coordinator Greg Burton resigned leaving the Saxons in search of a replacement.

The team has already brought in one of over 80 applicants to campus and expects to bring in at least two more before making its decision.

“We’re looking for somebody with a good understanding and knowledge of the game,” said head coach Dave Murray. “Experience on the college level is very important to us — somebody who has a good track record and has been successful as a college coach, someone who works well with kids and is a good teacher.”

In addition to replacing the full-time position of offensive coordinator, the Saxons have brought on a new volunteer assistant coach in Bob McMorris.



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Senior Erich Ely was honored with the 2003 Bob Carley Memorial Award, which is given to the team’s top linebacker, at the annual football banquet on Feb. 21.

It will not be known what particular area the former head coach at Wellsville High School will be coaching in until the team decides

on an offensive coordinator.

Murray, however, is confident that McMorris will be a key addition to the staff regardless of

where he is assigned despite having no prior experience at the collegiate level.

“He’s an experienced coach,” said Murray. “He’s been around a long time. I think that type of experience will lend a lot of confidence into our football program.”

In other offseason news:

AND THE WINNER IS ...: The team held its annual banquet on Feb. 21, handing out awards to the year’s best.

Not surprisingly, tailback Jesse Raynor was given the 2003 Team MVP Award after his all-everything year in which he totaled 1,184 rushing yards, scored 11 touchdowns, hit six field goals and 16 extra points and averaged a team-high 22.5 yards on kick returns. He also came up with 16 tackles on defense and averaged 37.5 yards per punt.

The 2003 Hal Brown Award, which is given to the team’s offensive MVP, was awarded to offensive guard Sean Gollnitz. The 2003 Alex Yunevich Award, for the team’s defensive MVP, was given to linebacker Brenton Brady.

Other awards were given out to

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