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Herrick renovations underway with minor glitches

BY ASHLEY PADDOCK
MANAGING EDITOR

Renovation to Herrick Memorial Library began last May after being tabled for six years due to a lack of financial backing, according to Associate Dean of Libraries and Director of Herrick Library Stephen Crandall.

"The project has been on the books since before the World Trade Center went down," he said. "We received a gift from a long-time Alfred donor...a member of the original Herrick family."

With that funding, Crandall explained the "huge push toward the process of developing other donors." Dozens of letters were also sent out seeking architects for the project.

QPK Design of Syracuse, N.Y., sparked the interest of the library committee. The company's transformation of a Woolworth's five-and-dime store into a vibrantly colored library in Ithaca impressed the group.

QPK was selected and worked closely on plans with the renovation committee consisting of library staff, University Relations representatives, and one student and faculty representative, according to Crandall.

"We were almost to the process of starting to build, but we lost a donor," said Crandall. "The renovation had to be stopped until we could identify other sources."

The plans were tabled until the summer of 2004. Director of Capital Operations and Legal

Affairs Michael Neiderbach and former Vice President of University Relations Michael Hyde determined available gifts the University had to fund Herrick's renovations, said Crandall. The renovations have been fully funded by monetary gifts and donors.

New renovation features

The project is somewhat smaller than the original. The previous plan called for additions to the current structure. However, with less money to work with, the current renovations focus more on internal improvements.

"The inside will be all new, but no additional space has been added," Crandall said of the newer set of plans.

New features to Herrick will be revealed in the Fall 2007 semester. These include some major and minor changes to the pre-existing layout of the facility.

New roofing, ceilings, windows, doors and lighting will be installed and façade repairs will be made, according to Crandall. The 50-year-old material was in need of an update and will help cut maintenance costs.

Crandall and Dean of Libraries and Director of Scholes Library Carla Johnson walked through a mock-up of the new and improved Herrick.

To create a more appealing atmosphere to study in, a café with metallic surfaces and floor-to-ceiling windows will be featured to the right of the main entrance.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY PADDOCK

After a six-year delay, renovations on Herrick Library are underway. While the building itself will not expand, new features include a cafe and study space.

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Battling bias: New online reporting system makes debut at Alfred

BY ABIGAIL GRIFFITH
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Have you ever felt persecuted due to your race, religion, beliefs or sexuality, but were too afraid or nervous to tell anyone? Now Alfred University students have the option of anonymously reporting such bias-related incidents online with the University's new Report It! system.

Prior to AU Report It!, students usually had to report cases of persecution or discrimination to a faculty member. The new online form gives victims of bias-related incidents the ability to report them through the use of an easy online survey. Before completing the questionnaire, students are asked whether they would like to submit their answers anonymously or confidentially.

Director of Student Activities and Coordinator of ALANA Affairs Dan Napolitano said that it is important for students to understand the difference between these two options.

"An anonymous report helps us get a sense of problem areas that need greater education but ... cannot lead to any action against any accused person," he said. "To follow up with any direct action we need someone to confidentially step forward."

Napolitano stressed that both forms provide "extremely useful information" about the campus climate toward equality and bias.

Napolitano first saw the need for an online system like Report It! during the 2005 ALANA Reunion.

"The idea had been floating around for a few years, but during the [reunion], the need really hit me," he said. "Alumni spoke about being discriminated against by professors and staff, but they just kept it bottled up."

Upset that there was no way for these victims to share their stories anonymously, Napolitano encouraged the creation of the new form.

A committee was formed shortly thereafter.

Resident director and advisor to Students Acting for Equality Andrea Burch researched other schools' reporting systems extensively, to give committee members a logical jumping-off point. Napolitano, University Webmaster Judy Linza and AU Information Technology Services all worked together to create the current form.

According to Dean of Students Norm Pollard, the creation of Report It! was a way of making the bias-related incident reporting system more effective and easier for students to utilize.

"We try to have a number of different mechanisms that students can report bias with," said Pollard. "This just gives everyone another option."

Pollard also hopes that the form will provide a new choice for those students who are leery of taking legal action for bias-related incidents.

"[Going through the legal system] is a very serious, deliberate and powerful process," said Pollard. He said he anticipates that this new method of reporting prejudice will provide an alternative way to effect change within the Alfred community.

In order to make the campus more aware of AU Report It!, faculty and students will be working together throughout the semester to market the program.

Both Pollard and Napolitano said they hope to involve a variety of student-run organizations, including S.A.F.E., in their promotion of the new form, as well as in their current efforts to curb discrimination.

Students should expect the system to become a lot more visible around campus as the year progresses.

"Bias incidents will not be tolerated on campus," Pollard asserted. "Even one incident is too many."

Pollard said that the new bias-related incident reporting program will also promote education about and prevention of bias-related conflicts. He said he believes it is important that people understand that the program isn't all about reacting, but also about

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Saxon injured during home opener

BY ERIN BRUMMER
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The Alfred University football team opened their season at home on Sept. 9, against Pittsburgh, Pa. based Thiel College. Thiel is nationally ranked in the top 25 for Division 3 schools, so a win against Thiel promised a positive start to the 2006 season.

The Saxons more than beat Thiel; they sent them home with a 14-0 shutout. However, this opening win was overshadowed by the injury of an Alfred player.

In the beginning of the second half, sophomore tailback Julio Fuentes sustained a neck injury. He was airlifted to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, where he has since been in the Intensive Care Unit. His condition is classified as "guarded," which means that he is still undergoing evaluation.

Fuentes, a native of Olean, NY, is a criminal justice major at AU who is known for his work ethic on and off the field.

"Julio made me better on the field, because when he worked hard, he made everybody else work hard," said junior tailback

Elmer Newsome.

The Friends of Saxon Athletics are organizing a fund-raising effort on campus and among alumni to aid in Julio's recovery. They are also extending their efforts to Julio's hometown in Olean, where they are working with local fund-raising groups.

Donations may be sent to Friends of Saxon Athletics, in care of University Relations, Alfred University, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. On the check, indicate that it is for the Julio Fuentes Recovery Fund.

"All we are thinking about right now is Julio. Our thoughts and prayers are with him," said Coach Murray. These sentiments are echoed throughout community by faculty, friends and fans who hope that Julio will make a full recovery. ○



JULIO FUENTES

PHOTO BY KARLI-MARIE REYES

Built in 1880, the Wellsville Creative Arts Center has been refurbished with furniture, including doors, cabinets, chandeliers and stained glass windows salvaged from buildings in the area. For more on the WCAC, see story on page 8.



Senate’s relevance within reach

“How do you plan to make Student Senate relevant?”

This was a question asked repeatedly of presidential candidates Jessica Henderson, Jason Weeks and Jeff Golden during last spring’s Student Senate election period.

This year, with Henderson at the helm and Weeks serving as publicity chair, the Senate executive board has pegged the need to become more relevant as one of its key concerns.

After years of declining attendance, increasing chaos at meetings and a reputation as little more than the central bank for student organizations, this is the most valid concern of all.

Add to that the fact that AU is a campus known for having an alarmingly apathetic student population, and you wonder why anyone would want to sit on the Senate executive board.

But Henderson and Weeks do. And so do Vice President Jessica Cabrera, Secretary Laura Findlay, Treasurer Lauren Mastin and Finance Director Danielle Sayegh. Each individual carries with them a passion for Senate that does not disappear after the meeting adjourns on Wednesday evening.

The problem is that they are in the minority of students who feel this way.

This year, more than ever before, the Senate executive board recognizes this general climate of apathy, and by stating outright their intent to increase Senate attendance by 20 percent this year, they have taken the first step in bridging the gap between students and Senate.

Publicity is not the only answer, however. While logos, concerts and information campaigns may get people into Nevins on Wednesday nights, there is a good chance that these will not be the people who enact positive change and adopt Senate as their own passion. These probably will not be the people who make Student Senate relevant.

This is because relevance is about doing meaningful work, and it is about doing it in a professional manner. Under the current system of Senate representation, where virtually any club or organization can obtain a voting card within a year, many meetings that have the potential (and the leadership) to be productive degenerate into free-for-alls where the debates cycle endlessly but very little is accomplished on the Senate floor itself.

The consequences of this are twofold. With an ineffective Senate, members of the executive board need to pile even more onto their already full agendas to ensure that anything gets done. And when senators are themselves ineffective, they take their enterprise even less seriously, feeding the cycle of apathy.

What, then, can be done?

President Henderson has already taken an excellent step by conceiving of and forming a Strategic Planning Council. The intent of this body is to steer the practices and, ultimately, the future of Student Senate. There could be no better group to spearhead a restructuring of Senate practices that will ultimately lead to a professional, meaningful, effective and, yes, relevant organization.

By accepting the challenge of changing the campus culture from the ground up and examining the practices of successful governing bodies at other colleges and universities, the Strategic Planning Council will find its options to be virtually unlimited.

An excellent jumping-off point would be a reexamination of the system under which students are represented in Senate. If the number of senators is decreased and the very position of senator is one gained through an electoral process, representatives will take their tasks more seriously by default.

It may also be worthwhile to change the venue where Senate meets. While Nevins Theater accommodates a large group, the space itself is not conducive to productive discussion. The same logic that governs business meetings indicates that senators will be more focused and productive if they are seated around a table where they can make eye contact with their peers – as opposed to making eye contact with the back of their peers’ heads.

A dress code would provide another excellent way of putting senators in the professional mindset. It is hard to take yourself (or anyone else) seriously when everyone at Senate is dressed in hooded sweatshirts and pajama pants. Even if the code required little more than business casual – say, a button down shirt instead of a graphic tee – it would be a big step toward improving atmosphere and, as a result, efficacy.

Under its current executive board, Student Senate is taking steps toward becoming an organization that has real meaning for members of the campus community. By taking full advantage of the assets already available to them and by accepting the challenge of building energy and professionalism in a climate of apathy, Senate has the opportunity to reshape the way AU views campus government and set the tone for years to come. ○

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Embracing heritage through language

Being a Hispanic woman brings me such great pride each and everyday. I am proud of my culture along with its language, food, music and accomplishments.



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STAFF WRITER

Growing up my parents initially spoke to me in English. The reason why they decided to teach this first as opposed to teaching me my native language of Spanish was they did not want me to feel left out or inferior to anyone in New York simply because of language. They just wanted me to be able to fit in and not have a difficult time in school.

Their intention was never to deny me of my culture. That is why they made sure they would speak to me in Spanish as well. I was able to understand Spanish, but I was never pushed or forced to reply back in Spanish; I always responded in English.

As I got older, my English continually got better, but Spanish was something I could never master verbally.

I know as you’re reading you’re probably thinking, “well why didn’t you just learn?” It was very and still is hard for me to be able to learn a language that I should know. It’s like teaching someone English, or an old dog new tricks. It can be difficult.


As a Hispanic, I am embarrassed that I still have not been able to master my native language. Sometimes, I am not even comfortable around other Hispanics who know our language well because sometimes I get ridiculed for not being able to speak the language.

I am forever grateful that my parents taught me English and they had the best intentions with my upbringing. However, as an adult, I have to try to take the time and explore my culture in a different light, besides with pride. At Alfred University I have enrolled in a few Spanish courses, which have helped me immensely, because within these courses, the professors make students speak Spanish.

I see this experience as simply an opportunity to improve myself and to seek help in order to reach my goal of being able to embrace my heritage even more. ○

Facebook is outside your window right now

Rob and Lucy are now friends. John is doing homework. Caitlyn is no longer single. Karli-Marie is writing a column for the Fiat. I just thought you’d like to know what all of your friends are doing at any given moment, every day of the week. You don’t? Turns out you’re not alone.



KARLI-MARIE REYES
A&E EDITOR

For those of you who haven’t been tuning in to the latest Internet uproar, here’s what you’ve been missing.

On Sept. 5, Facebook, the ever-popular social-networking site, unleashed several new features, including “News Feed” and “Mini Feed” to their growing community. The unexpected backlash was unprecedented.

In Facebook’s excitement about the new changes, it appears they overlooked the opinions of their users. More than 600,000 of Facebook’s 9.5 million users protested the implementation of the new feeds, myself included. Hundreds of anti-feed groups popped up with names like “The New Facebook is Stalkerific!” and “New Facebook making stalking easier since 2006.” I even bought into the hysteria, founding my own group “Facebook is outside your window right now.”

Although the information being shared was available before, the new format allowed for easy viewing of friend’s Facebook activities, too easy for some. Many users interpreted this as an invasion of privacy, and an invitation to stalkers.

Facebook’s founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg responded in a blog entry on Sept. 6, to subdue the burgeoning virtual mob. His message however seemed one of placation, rather than action.

“Calm down. Breathe. We hear you,” said Zuckerberg. “We’re not oblivious of the Facebook groups popping up about this... Test out the products and continue to provide us feedback.”

It was not until users threatened a national Facebook

strike, to be held on Sept. 12, that Zuckerberg changed his tune.

In another blog entry dated Sept. 8, Zuckerberg made a public apology, admitting that with the release of the new features did not give users the information, input or the privacy control they needed.

“We really messed this one up,” said Zuckerberg. “Somehow we missed this point...This was a big mistake on our part, and I’m sorry for it.”

After hours of coding, Facebook righted their wrong. New privacy features give users control over exactly what information they want to share with whom.

Content and relieved by Zuckerberg’s message, users called off the strike. Most users have returned to their normal Facebooking habits.

I, on the other hand, am not so easily appeased.

This latest move by Facebook is only a small piece of a bigger picture. Facebook is expanding, and this time bigger doesn’t mean better.

To keep its users safe, and to stay in control who joins, Facebook requires a .edu e-mail address, or an e-mail address associated with one of the companies now part of their community.

However, Facebook is now looking to extend their reach even farther to include ‘regional networks.’ To do this, there are plans to discard the .edu requirement.


This time, however, Zuckerberg is attempting to include the community in Facebook’s decision-making process.

While I appreciate the sentiment, this doesn’t make me feel any better about the future of Facebook. Call me a skeptic, but I see Facebook taking a turn for the gutter.

Those of you who remember the original Myspace know it wasn’t always a breeding ground for porn stars and child molesters. It seems clear to me that another step to expand Facebook is another step down the path to depravity on the web. I don’t know about you, but that’s not a step that I’m willing to take. ○

Water by Maybelline: Cheap cosmetic care found right in front of you

Good skin does come in a bottle -- your water bottle.



JESSICA HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

So, while hundreds of skin care products crowd the shelves of stores, the best skin care product is right under the faucet. Do not get me wrong. Skincare products are important to the upkeep of nice skin, but water is essential.

Water moisturizes skin, gives it glow and slows down the aging process.

And as it keeps skin fresh and young looking, it also does a lot of good inside our bodies.

Water works as a cushion for joints and protects our spinal cords from shock absorption.

Water also helps regulate body temperature, so when the cold weather meets us in a couple weeks, remember that drinking water will help your body go from the cold outside to the warmth indoors with ease.

Dehydration is a major health risk and is caused by not drinking enough water. Well, what is enough? This is probably common knowledge but you will be amazed if you actually think about your average water intake. It is probably not as much as you think.

If you notice you are getting more headaches and feeling more fatigued at the end of the day, low water intake could be your problem. It is important to realize that water transports oxygen and nutrients to your cells, so you can help your body make that an easier process by drinking more water.

To find out how much water you should consume daily, multiply your weight by 0.04 and multiply the product by two. The final number will be equal to the number of cups that you should put into your body daily, through either food or drink. You should try to get at least half of your daily recommended servings by drinking actual water.

Lastly, if you are overweight, it is recommended that you add one glass of water for every 25 pounds that you are over your recommended weight. Water is a helpful weight loss tool because it helps your body metabolize fat and it can serve as an appetite suppressant.

While water is vital to moist, flawless and flat-out nice skin, so are a few other things. If you wear makeup, always remember to remove it before you wash your face. Sound crazy? Well, it is not.

Use a make-up remover wipe, pad or baby wipe (yes, baby wipe) and then cleanse your face. After removing makeup and cleansing your face, use a toner to even out your skin tone. Apply an overnight moisturizer and you are set for the night.

In the morning, just splash your face with cold water and put on a light day cream.

If you are on a budget, do not worry, these products can be purchased cheaply.

Here are my recommended “on-a-budget” skin care products:

Dollar General Makeup Remover Cleansing and Moisturizing Tissues-\$2

The Body Shop Vitamin C Hydrating Facial Cleanser-\$14

Dove Moisturizing Soap Bar-under \$2

The Body Shop Grapeseed Hydrating Toner-\$10

The Body Shop Day/Night Vitamin E Moisturizing Cream-\$12

Water-Priceless

So drink up, and don’t hesitate to invest a little money in your skin. Taking care of your skin now will pay off in the long run, so do not wait until it is too late. ○

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

While studying abroad, I of course noticed many differences and similarities between another country and my own. One similarity did not come to my attention until I returned to Alfred for the Fall semester. The temporary closure of Herrick Library brings back vivid memories of James Cook University in Townsville, Australia, in particular the library located at the Art Campus. The art students here on our campus have lucked out this time because they still have access to most books that are relevant to the work they do. Unfortunately, other students are suffering more extensively. The books are in theory available to students by placing an order

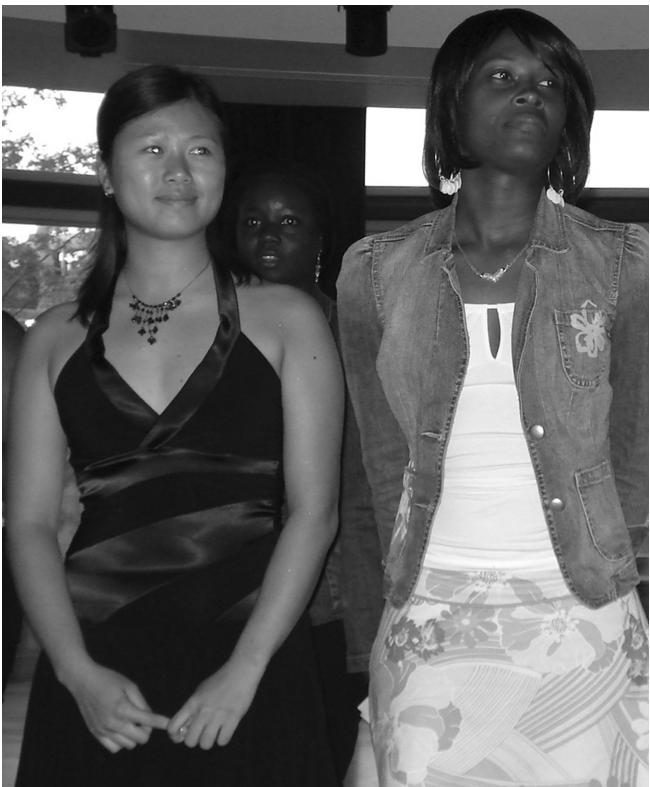
with the library, but in some cases certain books may not be available at all. Not only has the temporary closure of Herrick Library taken resources away from students, it has also taken away one of the most important locations in which students gather to collaborate on projects, as well as to study. While I was at James Cook University I could not empathize with students over the closure of the library because it was not my own community. Now that I have returned to a similar situation I understand the frustration at having something taken away, with not quite enough compensation given in return.

-Jennifer Kelly
Senior Fine Arts Student

Leaders share vision at ALANA dinner

BY APRIL JEWETT
STAFF WRITER

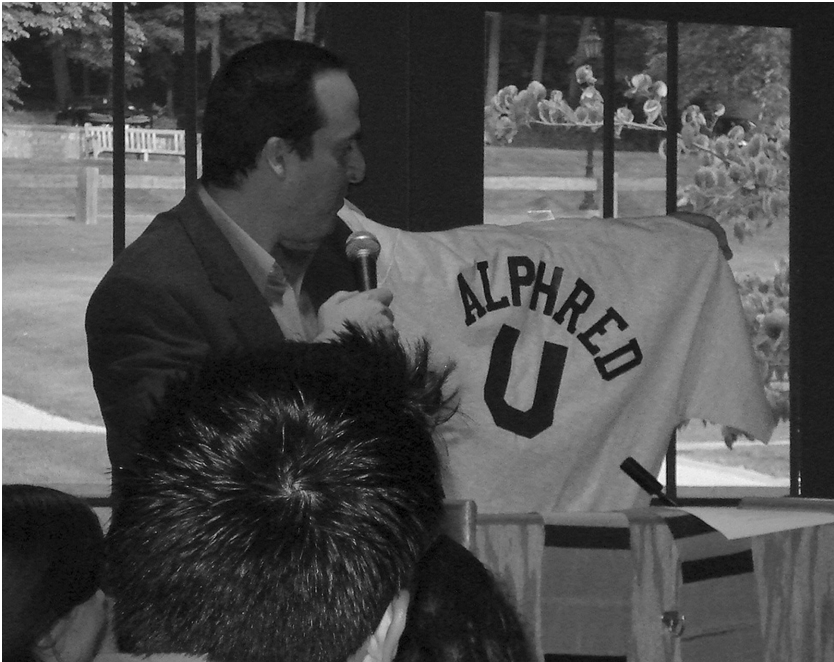
This year’s ALANA Traditions Dinner provided the opportunity for new and returning students and organization leaders to come together, get involved and work toward the shared goal of a campus made better through education and diversity.



The dinner, held on Sept. 8 in the Powell Campus Center Knight Club, was organized by Director of Student Activities and ALANA Affairs Coordinator Dan Napolitano. One of the main purposes of the Traditions dinner is to give leaders of ALANA organizations a chance to share their vision for the coming year. Caribbean Students Association President

Rochelle Green said that you don’t have to be from the Caribbean to be a part of the organization. “The purpose is to teach about the Caribbean,” she explained. Upcoming CSA events include a fashion show and an “Apollo Night” talent showcase for the Alfred community. CSA meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Powell Campus Center Multicultural Suite. Caroline DeLeon, president of Poder Latino, revealed that the organization plans to bring several speakers to campus this year who will lecture about cultural diversity and Latin heritage. Poder Latino meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Multicultural Suite. President of Pacific Rim Bonnie Ye is planning events such as a comedy show and a haiku showcase. She said there may be a dinner taking place in the future as well. Kellee-Sue Henry, president of Umoja, said that she is excited about this year’s AIDS Charity Basketball Game, a fundraiser for HIV/AIDS. Umoja will also host its annual Kwanzaa dinner, as well as a “Yo Momma” contest. If there are any suggestions for the contest, weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Suite. Yarquiry Ferrer Moreno, president of The Taste Buds said that she treats every

meeting of the organization as a cultural cafe where people can eat, have fun and learn about cultural diversity. The Taste Buds are planning a traditional taco dinner before Thanksgiving break. Captain of the Alfred Steppas and Gospel Choir Sha’Leah Stubblefield promised more competition opportunities to her members. She also announced plans for the first annual Alfred Step-Off, a tally show and a faculty show. Charlotte Judd, president of Shades, a women’s support group, said there are still spaces open on the executive board if anyone is interested. Shades members plan to host its annual dinner in November. The group will also host a Spa Day in December where you can get a manicure, pedicure and other pamperings. Shades will also sponsor a bachelor and bachelorette auction in February. Spectrum co-presidents Frank Alegria and Kassie Barrett lead weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Suite. Spectrum was founded with the intention of creating a “safe environment for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders and questionables.” Conrado Bowen of Students Acting For Equality said that while the organization has no set meeting time, he will make sure that gatherings are announced well in advance. S.A.F.E. is an organization for “any group of people that is underrepresented and who is looking for a niche,” Bowen said. Chaz Bruce of AU’s Hip-Hop Troupe was fresh off of hosting auditions for a new squad of dancers. Bruce said that he expects the ensemble to perform a piece titled Hip Hopera, which will be a theater story coupled with hip-hop dance.○



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY PADDOCK
Above, ALANA Affairs Director Dan Napolitano reveals his new clothing line, which received a great response from the dinner guests. Top left, Bonnie Ye and Rochelle Green are honored for their leadership in ALANA Affairs.

Roving Reporter

Getting to know the people you pass on the sidewalk everyday!

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why??



“Patagonia, Argentina; for the amazing scenery and mountains.”
Erik Jezek, Junior
Glass Engineering Science



“I would go to Rome, to experience the art world’s true history.”
Joy Figueroa, Sophomore
Art and Design



“Iceland, it has a different culture and is very secluded. I want to be there for New Years Eve...on top of the world.”
D’Allah Laffoon, Senior
Business



“I would go to Seoul in South Korea. I am from Korea and that is my hometown. I haven’t been there for about two years so I just want to go there to see my family.”
Yeonjin Kwak, Senior
Ceramic Engineering



“Bahamas because it’s where lovers go.”
Eric Anthony Ramos, Freshman
Business Administration

Senate Update Senate Update Student Senate Update Senate Update

BY TOM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

An unofficial meeting of Student Senate on Sept. 6 gave those in attendance the opportunity to glimpse ahead into what they can expect this semester. A lengthy discussion focused on the Safe Ride Program. Interest in its return was expressed, even as senators tried to piece together their memories of last spring’s pilot of the program. Senate President Jessica Henderson also spoke about the “How-To” program that was initiated with last semester’s “How to Camp” event. This year, University students will be able to participate in “How to Swim.” The program is free, but students will have to bring their own little arm floaties to lessons – they will not be provided. Sign-up sheets are available at the Powell Campus Center Information Desk. During open forum, many students expressed concerns about dining service changes. Questions were raised as to whether AVI FOODSYSTEMS, Inc., or the University was responsible for changes. Students also asked whether Powell Campus Center would be open for weekend dining in the winter. Vice President of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter answered some questions. She verified that no students were involved in the process of making the decision about the meal plan. She said that she is more than willing to explain the decision-making process to anybody interested and noted that she can be found in Carnegie Hall. Complaints were also made during open forum about food quality in the dining halls. Among these issues were a lack of salad dressing and an order of French fries that was not vegetarian friendly. Senate President Henderson suggested that any complaints students have should be recorded and dated before being reported to administrators. A frequently-asked-questions sheet about the Dining Services guest meal policy was handed out before the end of the meeting. Senate met officially on Sept. 13, with a larger-than-usual crowd in attendance for the evening’s open forum. After attendance, Senate Secretary Laura Findlay announced that new clubs needed to be added to the attendance list that night. So if you are the leader of a new club and you are reading the Update,

better luck next time, I suppose. During officers’ reports, Publicity Director Jason Weeks revealed the Student Senate’s spectacularly snazzy sigil of sensible alliteration (or, for the less Latinized among us, the new logo). Next, Senate President Henderson welcomed the evening’s guest speakers: Director of Dining Services John Dietrich, AVI District Manager Dave Viveralli and AVI District Marketing Manager Dru Limperos. The three gave a brief presentation on the reasons behind dining service decisions. They explained that since AVI’s yearly budget is based on the number of members and the average use of each meal plan membership, they did not anticipate spending 13 percent more on food and beverages than was budgeted for the year. This increase was caused by the unlimited extra meal swipes used by students last year. Dietrich noted that it is a “rare thing to have unlimited swipes.” The audience responded with many questions and concerns. Some students said they felt that late notification about policy changes made them feel like they had just bought a CD player and discovered after the purchase that it had no buttons. Everyone was respectful and spoke one at a time for each of the three reminders to be respectful and speak one at a time. It was announced that there will be a Student Dining Advising Board that will meet on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. in Powell Dining Hall to discuss making improvements to the meal plan. The Senate then voted to table remaining open forum issues until the next meeting and move on to announcements. Alfred University Rescue Squad addressed the audience about the new amnesty policy on campus. Under this policy, if a student has been drinking and receives medical attention, the school will grant him or her amnesty from punishment. More information on this policy can be found in the AU Student Policy Handbook. On Sept. 23, the Holy Byzantine Mission will hold a student minister training session at 3:05 p.m. in Powell Campus Center. Meetings for the Ski and Snowboard Club will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. On Sept. 20, Student Senate will welcome Steve Crandall and Carla Johnson when they speak about and field questions on renovations to Herrick Memorial Library. ○

Time of transition for CoB

BY CHARLOTTE JUDD
STAFF WRITER

Several changes took place in the College of Business during the summer months.

One of the biggest changes is the trading room that has been installed on the third floor of Olin. Inside is a stock ticker that displays minute-by-minute stock quotes.

Another function of this ticker is that it can display announcements.

Senior business administration major and president of Students In Free Enterprise Sonny Kim said she believes the stock ticker “can be used as a great marketing tool,” especially for clubs and organizations.

Student Managed Investment Fund students will be using the trading room this fall.

Along with physical changes, the College of Business also saw some changes in personnel. Assistant Professor of Finance Adel Al-Sharkas relocated to his hometown in Jordan, where he is currently a professor at American University. He has not left the faculty completely, however. He continues

to teach online courses here at Alfred University. The CoB’s dean, David Martin, stepped down after two years on the job to take a position at Pennsylvania’s Bloomsburg University. Assistant Provost Bill Hall is now acting as interim dean. Presently, Accounting Chairperson Dan Acton is serving his last year here at AU.

The newest addition to the CoB family is Assistant Professor of Marketing William Ward. Ward replaces Professor of Marketing John Howard, who retired last year.

Ward received his doctorate from Michigan State University and his master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Grand Valley State University.

Before his arrival at Alfred, Ward taught at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the American University in Rome and Grand Valley State University. He is also a member of organizations, including the American Academy of Advertising and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. A member of the American Marketing Association, Ward will be advising the organization’s AU chapter.

The CoB has plans to let its students experience what it means to be a business student not only on a

local level, but internationally as well.

Last winter, Professor of Business Frank Duserick and Professor of Management Wilfred Huang led a group of students to Europe, where they visited Germany, Belgium and France. In January, Duserick will return to Europe, this time with Professor of Marketing Amy Rummel. They will take students to Italy.

Associate Professor of Economics Claret Ruane will host a trip to Guam during spring break.

Participants on these trips will receive academic credit.

Students have said they look forward to the adventure that the CoB has in store.

Since his arrival, freshman finance major Hector Colon says he has loved everything about the CoB, especially the professors.



PHOTO BY SHAUN LATULIPPE

The stock ticker in the CoB’s new trading room gives AU students a taste of Wall Street.

“Teachers are very caring,” he said. Colon added that his professors have been very patient and willing to go over work repeatedly, “even if it’s just one student having trouble.”

Colon said that his entire perspective on business has changed since he came to Alfred. He added that he hopes to take full advantage of everything the CoB has to offer. ○

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she said. “It will be interesting to see how students will use these areas.”

Other changes to be worked into the layout include a newer, larger elevator and a 24-hour study room, with access to restrooms and vending machines. This was tried in the 1980s, however there were many problems that needed to be worked out, according to Crandall.

Scholes also had a 24-hour study room, but offered it up to ITS when they had a space constraint. However, ITS has since moved into the third floor of Allen Hall, freeing up the space for a 24-hour study space once again. Johnson anticipates that space to open next fall.

Minor setbacks seen, not heard

Herrick’s renovation progress has seen only minor setbacks. The only glitch seen, and felt by many students around campus, has been an unavoidable one.

Due to flooding in central New York this past summer and the tearing down of the Eastman Kodak building in Rochester, the asbestos abatement personnel were unable to make it to campus until recently. This has caused a problem in getting books off the top floor of Herrick, according to Johnson and Crandall.

Although it was originally promised that all books would be accessible to students, books with call numbers “A” through “KF28” and juvenile books cannot be obtained due to the ongoing asbestos removal. However, in an e-mail sent to faculty, it was announced that the process will be completed by November, with students and faculty regaining access to these books for the spring 2007 semester.

The University faculty have sympathized with the situation and adjusted their curricula to the changes.

“That is helping everyone’s temper,” said University Archivist and Access Services Director Laurie McFadden.

The majority of Herrick’s books and print collection has been relocated off campus, with easy retrieval access when necessary. To obtain needed items, patrons can click on the “retrieve item” button at the top of the Herrick Web site and follow the directions listed.

“This was an unavoidable glitch,” said Johnson. “You can plan to the best of your ability, but when something like this comes up...despite all the best planning, it’s just one of those things you can’t control.”

In the meantime, Herrick’s circulation desk has been moved into Scholes’ previous special collections room. And although

the two library staffs have been forced to work together, great things have come from it.

“It’s like a whole new energy down there,” Johnson said of the collaborative library staff.

With furniture from Herrick and approximately 40 additional computers dispersed throughout Scholes, the space has been utilized to its maximum effectiveness.

Although Johnson said that she has yet to see an overload of students, she said that at present the students using the facility appear to be happy and no one has complained of inadequate means to complete assignments.

Asked about how the students are dealing with the situation McFadden remarked, “They are rolling with the punches.”

The Career Development Center has opened its doors to provide students with study space and wireless Web access. The space, which will be able to serve about 50 students, is open from 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday, according to Crandall.

Librarian expertise

When working on research papers, Crandall and Johnson advise students to begin collecting resources well in advance. Both recommended the use of the libraries’ inter-library loan service and also strongly encouraged the use of resources available on the Herrick and Scholes Web sites.

“I hope students will not be shy in asking for help,” said Johnson. “Come over and talk to a librarian. We can help a lot and lead you to 24-hour resources you can access from your dorm room.”

Other suggestions include checking out the local library downtown, as well as the Alfred State College library.

A suggestion box has also been placed on the ground level of Scholes Library for student use. Herrick has provided pads of paper with prompts for user-friendly comments. Johnson assured

that comments were checked daily.

“Please remember that the inconvenience is temporary, but the improvement is permanent – well at least for the next 50 years,” said Crandall.

For more information about book retrieval and interlibrary loans refer to the Herrick Memorial Library website at herr.alfred.edu. ○

Photo Editor Shaun Latulippe contributed to the reporting and writing of this story.



PHOTO BY SHAUN LATULIPPE

Herrick Library staff member Dave Snyder unlocks the “bookmobile” used to transport items from off-campus storage spaces to Scholes Library for use by students and faculty.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY PADDOCK

Before renovations can continue on Herrick Memorial Library, asbestos will need to be removed from the 50-year-old facility. Herrick Director Stephen Crandall estimates that this process will be completed by November.

Project HOPE CEO to visit AU

BY ABIGAIL GRIFFITH
STAFF WRITER

Alfred University students will have the opportunity to learn firsthand about humanitarian work from one of the leaders in the field.

On Sept. 27 and 28, Project HOPE president and CEO John P. Howe, III will visit the AU campus, meet with students and give the Sept. 28 Bergren Forum, titled “Medical Diplomacy.”

Howe’s visit to campus will be sponsored by AU’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Howe earned his bachelor’s degree at Amherst College before going on to receive his medical degree at the Boston University College of Medicine. He then spent two years serving in the Army Medical Corps and later completed the health systems management program at Harvard Business School.

Howe is the recipient of numerous awards and honors and has recently served as President of both the Texas Medical Association and the Bexar County Medical Society.

He was named president and CEO of Project HOPE on May 1, 2001.

Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for Everyone) was founded in 1958 by Dr. William D. Walsh, who was moved by the horrible health conditions he witnessed in the South Pacific during his time as a medical officer. The project was based during its early years on a famous former Navy ship that was christened the S.S. Hope.

From their aquatic headquarters, Project HOPE completed 11 voyages, during which time they established a variety of medical training and health education programs in ailing nations around the globe. Today, even though the S.S. Hope is retired, its spirit lives

on in Project HOPE’s new land-based program sites located worldwide.

Howe hopes to continue the program’s success and is eager to spread its message of medical education and diplomacy to every continent.

During his visit, Howe will spend much of his time speaking casually with students about his humanitarian work and about the general condition of the international medical community.

Howe is slated to give talks to students in two of Professor of Anthropology Bob Myers’s classes. Howe’s visit will conclude with the

Bergren Forum, which is currently set to begin at 12:10 p.m. on Sept. 28.

While on campus, Howe will join global studies students for a luncheon and also attend a dinner with Phi Beta Kappa members and interested students in the University Honors Program.

Due to Howe’s busy schedule, all times and dates are subject to change.

Please contact Phi Beta Kappa Vice President and Associate Professor of French Cecilia Beach for an updated schedule in the upcoming weeks if you are interested in attending one of Howe’s events. ○

AU Security becomes AU Public Safety

BY MATTHEW BUTTS
NEWS EDITOR

While change has been rampant on the Alfred University campus this fall, one transition that many students are aware of is the change from AU Security to Public Safety.

According to Dean of Students Norm Pollard, “the changes were subtle but much needed for the Alfred community.”

The changes of the department are deeper than a mere name alteration; internal changes have occurred as well.

Chief of Public Safety John Dougherty emphasized that Public Safety’s purpose is to maintain a safe environment for students, faculty and staff, as well as to ensure the safety of the campus and student property. To uphold and better suit these needs, a structure change was forged that ultimately resulted in a new department name.

In previous years, AU Security employed between 30 and 35 student guards. Currently, there are only 15 student guards, according to Dougherty.

The personnel cutbacks were primarily due to an addition of professional safety officers and the concern for student worker welfare. Dougherty said that there have been many high-stress high-intensity incidents that occurred on campus that he believes student guards should not have to deal with. This is where the addition of a professional safety force comes in.

There are two new professional safety officers to serve the AU community. One, Matt Dodge, is an AU alumnus. A certified police officer, he has worked on a part-time basis for the Alfred Police Department.

The second is Mark Woodworth of Hornell. Woodworth is currently enrolled in a police academy.

Now that Dougherty is not the only professional on staff, he says that student guards will work only until midnight on Sunday through Friday evenings, though they can work beyond that on Saturdays.

“It’s not that the student guards didn’t do a good job,” said Dougherty. In fact, he added, 80 percent of the student guards are certified as security guards by New York state.

“The professional staff makes the department more credible,” said Dougherty.

Harassment at AU: Line found?

BY SARAH HARRISON
STAFF WRITER

Most people in Alfred are guilty of it – we joke saying that this small town is the safest place on earth, but is that really the case?

Last spring, a group of Alfred University students set out to answer the important question of whether Alfred is really as safe as we assume it is.

This Campus Action Project team, spearheaded by facilitator Devin White ’06 and advised by Women’s Leadership Center Director Amy Jacobson and Professor of Sociology Karen Porter, brought a group of AU women together with the American Association of University Women.

From this sprouted an investigation that launched into the level of sexual harassment on the AU campus. The study led to the creation of the survey titled, “Finding the Line: Sexual Harassment at Alfred University.”

The survey, which was comprised of a series of questions regarding various aspects of sexual harassment, spread campus-wide via email and was ultimately analyzed to determine the extent of sexual harassment.

The results are finally in, and according to Jacobson, the survey “went amazingly well.” The survey polled a total of 310 participants, representing 14 percent of AU’s student population.

“It would have been nice to have had more [participants,] but the survey still gave good information,” said Lynch. “That information the survey provided us with included an astounding 82 percent who reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment while at Alfred University.”

As shocking as the percentage may seem, Jacobson stated that

According to Director of Residence Life Brenda Porter, AU’s safety department was one of the few college security offices she knew of that did not have a professional staff.

Porter noted another significant change, in that Public Safety will now be under the umbrella of the Division of Student Affairs and part of the Office of Residence Life.

“[V.P. of Student Affairs] Kathy Woughter and [Dean of Students] Norm Pollard did a lot of work to make this happen,” said Dougherty.

“We’ve always had a strong working relationship with Public Safety, but now it’s a slam dunk!” said Porter.

In the mechanics of safety, “Residence Life is the left arm and Public Safety is the right arm,” said Porter. Porter emphasized that the decision to shift Public Safety into the realm of Student Affairs demonstrates the priority that the University places on the safety of the campus and the community.

“If you don’t live on campus or [spend time] on the campus after hours, you wouldn’t see how closely both sectors work together,” said Porter. She reinforced Dougherty’s position by saying that when there was a lack of professionals on the Public Safety staff, student guards, resident assistants and resident directors had to deal with so much that a heavy demand was placed on Security staff and the Alfred Police Department.

With a professional staff, Porter said, the level of respect for the office has been elevated.

“I see the change being more proactive than reactive,” she said. Porter said that she sees these changes as a perfect opportunity for professional development.

Students within the field of criminal justice can gain excellent fieldwork experience by working side-by-side with trained professionals on AU’s campus.

Dougherty said, “We want to have a positive relationship with the community. We like to be out there and be seen.”

For student guard and senior mechanical engineering major Beresford Martyn, the only downside to the change has been the name itself.

“Not too many people know we changed our name,” Martyn explained. “We constantly have to correct people who call us AU Security. It gets annoying at times.” ☐

“any level of sexual harassment is disturbing, but we’re not out of line with the national findings.”

Of the 82 percent, 80 percent of respondents experienced sexual harassment during their first year at AU. Yet there were barely any reports of harassment by authority figures, such as faculty or staff. Both Jacobson and Porter stated that the level of faculty and staff incidences on students was significantly lower than national statistics. The AAUW results reported 18 percent faculty and staff harassment incidents nationally.

The survey did detect that sexual harassment is a significant issue, which means that even Alfred has harassment. “Any report of sexual harassment is too many,” said Jacobson.

Now that the results have been accumulated, Porter stated that the survey was a “preliminary effort” to first assess the level of sexual harassment at AU.

Members of CAP, including Lynch and Porter traveled to Washington, D.C. where they presented their findings along “with a wide scope of other projects,” said Lynch.

As for current projects, there are “several speaking opportunities on campus” planned to address the issue along with “continued leadership opportunities,” explained Jacobson. The Women’s Leadership Center, as well as the CAP team, is also “looking toward the Alfred Community to see what steps need to be taken next” Jacobson stated.

But Porter reiterates that “[they] are still in the preliminary steps,” and the CAP team is planning on further mining the survey data before “presuming what steps are next,” she added.

Both Jacobson and Porter invite all students interested in assisting the CAP team to contact either Jacobson at the Women’s Leadership Center or Porter in the Division of Social Sciences. ☐

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initiating education about diversity both on and off campus.

Freshman art and design student Liana Delatorre said that she remains skeptical of AU Report It!

“I don’t feel that it’s currently really effective because so few people know about it,” she said. “I’d still feel better just talking to somebody in [person].”

Still, Pollard said he is hopeful that the new method of reporting bias-related incidents will be a success.

“At Alfred we strive to be a community that accepts everyone ... all people should feel welcome here,” he said.

Napolitano also said that he is optimistic about the form’s ability to impact campus.

“On a positive note, students overwhelmingly feel this is a safe and respectful community. This tool will assist in reinforcing these ideals and allow us to reach out to those few community members who may not realize Alfred University’s high expectations regarding diversity and equality.”

Anyone who has questions or comments about the new online reporting form can contact Dean Pollard, who said he is very “open to suggestions.” He can be reached by email at pollard@alfred.edu.

The AU Report It! website can be viewed at <http://myalfred.edu> under Resources. Students will need their email address and password to view the page. ☐

Students share 5 stories about 9/11

BY APRIL JEWETT
STAFF WRITER

Alfred University students presented “Stories” on September 11 to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the attacks in New York City.

The day was relived by a handful of students who will never forget the sound of the first plane crash, the smell of the dusty streets, their feelings and thoughts, as well as what they learned.

ALANA Affairs hosted the event that was held in the Knight Club. The stories centered around five students who were influenced by the events of 9/11. The participants openly gave their detailed accounts of the eventful day in their own words.

AU students Bonnie Ye, Jessica Ecock, Jessica Cabrera, Conrado Bowen and Ian Adkins all remember the sounds that changed their lives. For some, it was an explosion, a knock on the door or a scream.

Cabrera, Ye and Bowen were evacuated into the streets from their schools where they watched the buildings burn and collapse by levels. After the buildings fell, junior communication studies major Cabrera remembers running for help. However, no one could help her because no one in the streets knew exactly what was happening. She recalls walking as far as Central Park trying to find a ride home.

“I was trying to find a ride home, but no one could help us,” Cabrera said. “Everyone was everywhere. Everyone was quiet on the streets. Everyone was silent.”

Senior accounting major Ye, whom was going through her own panic experience, was finally able to call home around 7:30 p.m.

“I realized how much I loved my family,” Ye said. The lesson she learned was to “keep in touch with everyone you love because you never know the next time you’ll see them again.”

Counseling graduate student Ecock, from Staten Island, was in Alfred when the planes hit the Twin Towers. She knew

her family was in the city. Being six hours away, she felt helpless not knowing where her family was and how they were.

Unable to connect to her loved ones, Ecock felt guilty for being somewhere safe while her family was in harm’s way. She pointed out that the city had changed after the attacks. The aftereffect was paranoia while traveling on the subway, the tunnels and on the bridges, said Ecock.

“If there was a loud noise, people would stop and pause for a moment and think is this it?” she added.

According to junior marketing and Spanish major Bowen, the rest of that year was “very distorted and didn’t feel real...We were flooded with constant news. News, news, news. Everyone was blaming someone.”

Upon his return to school, Bowen remembers how the streets looked.

“The streets were dusty and the air had a bad, strange smell,” he said.

He felt disrespected by the tourists who came to gawk at the rubbish of the destroyed structures.

Cabrera added that she saw the cheerful reactions of other countries because of the attacks on the screens in Times Square while walking home.

“It still bothers me today seeing them cheer,” she said.

The next 5 stories will feature five coming out of the closet stories. The next event will take place at 12:15 p.m. on Oct. 9 in Nevins Theater. ☐

Looking Ahead... Looking Ahead...

Ade Hall BBQ Blowout

Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ Dinner in Ade Dining Hall

Join Dining Services in an old-fashioned barbecue feast as they welcome back students. Vegetarian options also available.

Peer Educators

Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 6:30 p.m. in Lil’ Alf Dining Area

Join Health and Wellness Educator Pam Schu to help

advocate, educate and make AU a safer and healthier place to live.

Bergren Forum: Snorkeling in Key West

Thursday, Sept. 21 @ 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater

Dr. Gordan Atlas speaks about his adventures with aquatic life in the Florida Keys.

Bring lunch, coffee and tea provided.

Elite Wrestling Association

Friday, Sept. 22 @ 8 p.m. in Davis Gym

Check out the new wrestling group on campus that’s giving AWE a run for their money.

Come see the full nelsons, the leg locks and the romping good times.

Wellsville Creative Arts Center

Monday, Sept. 25

Classes begin, but students may register up until

Friday, Sept. 29. For more details, visit their website

at wellsvillecreativeartscenter.com.

Russell Lecture: Science, Security, and the State

Thursday, Sept. 28 @ 7:30 p.m. in Nevins Theater

Join professor and author Daniel J. Kevles in his talk

about past and present issues in science and society.

Women’s Leadership Center NYC Trip

Friday, Sept. 29

Reservations are due for the Fall Break trip to learn

first-hand about the New York State Supreme Court

from AU Alumna Justice Karla Moskowitz ’63. The

cost is \$80.

Homecoming Football Game & Crowning of the

Homecoming Court

Saturday, Sept. 30 @ 1 p.m. on Merrill Field

Catch all the rip-roaring action offered by the foot-

ball team as they take on Norwich. At half time, catch

the crowning of the King and Queen, to take place at

2:30 p.m.

Caribbean Student Association

General Interest Meetings

Thursdays @ 6 p.m. in the Multicultural Suite

Come learn about Caribbean culture and help plan

the many events put on by this group.

Knitting and A Movie

General Interest Meetings

Sundays @ 7:30 p.m. in the Brick Lounge

Intercollegiate Tidbits

CONDOMS STILL BEST, CHEAPEST FORM OF PROTECTION

(U-WIRE) NORMAL, Ill. - In a perfect world, everyone could practice safe free love. In the real world, love costs about \$3.50 a box, and it might be worth it.

“In preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections, condoms are the best form of protection. In preventing pregnancy, condoms are best used in addition to other forms of birth control if possible,” said Peggy Newman, nurse practitioner for the OBGYN department at Carle Clinic Association in Urbana, Ill.

“But if condoms cannot be used in conjunction with other forms of birth control, they are still 98 percent effective in preventing pregnancy when used from start to finish, every time you have sex,” Newman added. Unlike some other methods of birth control, such as oral contraceptives and IUD’s, condoms are inexpensive, do not require a prescription and are readily available.

In preventing STIs, it is important to understand that the effectiveness depends on the kind of condom you use. Latex condoms are the best way to prevent STIs, and are currently the only types that can prevent HIV. Polyurethane condoms provide some protection, and lambskin condoms, or natural condoms, provide no protection against the virus. “We see a lot of [cases of STIs on campus] and we only deal with students that come to the clinic,” James Almeda, sexual health and peer education coordinator in the Health Promotion Office, said. “We see a large number of students. Genital warts, herpes and Chlamydia are the three that we see the most of,” Almeda said.

STIs are a problem on college campuses because sometimes people feel invincible, or get caught up in a moment, said Newman. “Some people just don’t like the feel of condoms -- I think it spoils the intimacy for some of them,” Almeda said.

Although for some, condoms might be spoiling the fun, according to surveys done by the Illinois State University Health Promotion Office in the spring of 2004, 57 percent of ISU students reported using condoms every time they had vaginal intercourse. However, this does not include oral and anal intercourse, which can also put people at risk if they do not protect themselves, Almeda said.

Condoms can also help prevent some kinds of the human papillomavirus, or HPV, which have been known to cause cervical cancer in some women.

Condoms can be effective at preventing both STIs and unwanted pregnancies when used and stored correctly. Condoms should be stored in a dark, dry place at room temperature.

Extreme hot and cold temperatures and humidity or sunlight can break down the latex, which means it is likely to tear more easily. Condoms should not be left in wallets or glove compartments for more than two weeks, as the material can start to break down.

So what is the best method of birth control and STI protection?

“Well obviously [abstinence] is the best form of protection, or being in monogamous relationships, where you’re only intimate with one person and you know they’re only intimate with you,” Almeda said.

But if you do have sex, “Using condoms are one of the best methods of preventing STIs and unwanted pregnancies,” Almeda said.

HARVARD TERMINATES EARLY ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - Starting next fall, anxious college-bound high school seniors will have one less college to consider as they ponder their options for early admissions -- Harvard University.

According to a statement released Tuesday, Harvard administrators will discontinue early admissions because they believe the school’s current single-choice early action program places low-income and minority students at a disadvantage.

“Students from more sophisticated backgrounds and affluent high schools often apply early to increase their chances of admission, while minority students and students from rural areas, other countries, and high schools with fewer resources miss out,” Harvard Interim President Derek Bok said in the release.

University of Virginia Chief Diversity Officer William Harvey agreed that early admissions programs unfairly discriminate against minority students.

“It gives them a leg up and opportunity to represent themselves and hopefully secure admissions before students who don’t have the resources to do so,” Harvey said.

Under Harvard’s current form of early admission, applicants who choose to apply early may only apply early to Harvard. While the policy is restrictive in that it does not allow students to apply to other early action programs, those students who are accepted are not bound to attend and may apply to other universities through regular admissions processes.

In the release William R. Fitzsimmons, dean of undergraduate admission at Harvard, said many low-income and minority students do not understand that this form of early acceptance is not binding, and choose not to apply because they fear losing the opportunity to compare various schools’ financial aid offers in April.

“Only the more sophisticated students and families look behind the label of ‘early admission’ and distinguish early action from binding early decision programs,” Fitzsimmons said in a statement released by Harvard.

University Dean of Admissions John Blackburn said for some low-income students, early admission is more economically feasible.

“I received an e-mail from a University alumnus who said that she was from a low-income family, and early decision seemed to make economic sense for her, because she only had to file one application and one application fee,” Blackburn said. “We don’t hear that point being made.”

Harvard junior Brendan Mitchell said as a member of the varsity swim team, he was frustrated because the new policy precludes teams from making early offers to desirable recruits.

“I think it’s going to hurt recruiting for us a lot,” he said.

According to Blackburn, this is an “important step” in equalizing opportunities for low-income students, one that will do anything but decrease the number of applications to the Ivy League institution. “I have a feeling that because Harvard is Harvard, it might even increase the number of applications,” he said.

U. PENN CALLED MOST GAY-FRIENDLY CAMPUS

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA - The University of Pennsylvania may have slipped to No. 7 in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, but the University’s perfect “gay point average” places it at the top of an altogether different list.

National gay and lesbian news magazine *The Advocate* put Penn in a tie for best campus for gay students in its *College Guide for LGBT Students*, released last month.

The book used 20 factors to determine the “gay point average” of 100 schools. Determining factors include whether the college has a policy not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and whether its police force is trained in LGBT sensitivity.

Among the colleges listed, only Penn and the University of Southern California scored a perfect 20. More students are coming out during middle school and high school, according to Allison Subasic, director of Penn State’s LGBT Student Resource Center. And when it comes to finding a college where they will feel comfortable and welcome, “they have all sorts of questions,” she added. The guide -- the first of its kind, according to Advocate editor-in-chief Bruce Steele -- aims to answer those questions.

Bob Schoenberg, director of Penn’s LGBT Center, said that Penn’s high ranking is “an affirmation of the positive work we’ve been doing over the last several years.”

“There’s probably not a larger or more beautiful LGBT center on any college campus,” Schoenberg said. But he was reluctant to use the word “perfect” in regard to Penn’s relations with its gay community. “There’s a downside to receiving a perfect score because people might think we’re perfect and we’re not. We can’t be complacent or rest on our laurels,” he said. “There’s much more work still to be done.”

That work includes making University policy more friendly to gays, securing more funding for the LGBT Center and getting more housing and academic options for gay students, Schoenberg said. Still, much has improved at Penn since 1982, the year Schoenberg started at the center, he said.

“There was much more open discrimination then,” Schoenberg said, adding that as the world has gotten more progressive, so has Penn.

Now, “in general I would say that most Penn students are at worst indifferent,” while many are supportive of the gay community, Schoenberg said. Such a climate was “unimaginable in the ‘80s,” he added.

Steele agreed that many of the criteria the guidebook used to judge universities didn’t exist 20 years ago.

“It’s only been in recent years that colleges have been making a concerted effort to make LGBT students feel welcome,” he said.

But because the criteria had to be the same for all the schools ranked, schools with greater resources for gay-friendly initiatives were ranked better, Steele said.

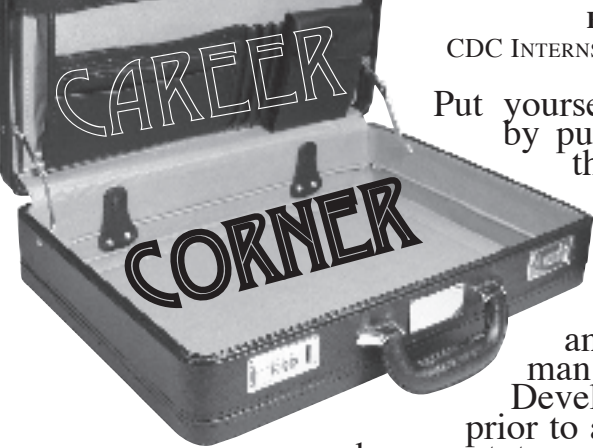
According to Steele, the Advocate guide “cannot begin to address the subjective experience” a student might have on a particular campus. For Steele, the book’s value instead lies in its objective cataloging of gay-friendly resources and policies.

College senior Alexis Ruby-Howe, who is a lesbian and head of the Queer Student Association, said she did not seek a particularly gay-friendly campus when she was choosing a college, but feels “lucky” that she ended up at Penn, which she called tolerant and welcoming.

But Ruby-Howe acknowledged that “seeing a same-sex couple holding hands is always going to turn heads,” whether the nature of this attention is positive or negative.

Ruby-Howe said she has heard “horror stories” concerning gay students at other colleges. At Penn, “I feel comfortable every day to be who I am,” she said.

Show ‘em what you’ve got: Dazzle employers with business cards



BY KYLE TOROK
CDC INTERNSHIP AND CO-OP COORDINATOR

Put yourself ahead of your rivals by putting the cart in front of the horse: print your own business cards and give employers a palm-sized peek at your initiative and creativity. I got this idea from an enterprising young man who came to the Career Development Center last week prior to a networking event. He’d made a prototype sheet of cards with his contact information and little else. With some staff suggestions, he revised it as a miniature, streamlined resume, something no other newworker had.

Seasoned interviewees may gasp to read of such a ploy. Urban career counseling legend tells of ill-advised applicant attempts to stand out: t-shirts emblazoned with their faces; retina-searing resumes on Fireball Fuschia stationary; once, a horror story of a man in a chicken suit.

A business card, though, is simple, classy and easy to make, and much more appropriate than a homemade cake whose frosting begs “HIRE ME.”

To get started, make a template in a word processing program; business cards are 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Include your name and relevant contact information, such as your permanent or college address, phone (if it’s cellular, note that!) and email. Throw your school and major in the mix and, if it’s 3.0 or higher, your GPA.

The real selling point will be your applicable skills. Major-appropriate skills (e.g. accounting, geology) are important, but consider also leadership, communication and writing skills, three areas that are lacking in all industries. Nunchuk, bow-hunting and computer hacking skills – not so appropriate for this venue.

To finish it off, print the sheet on card stock and find a paper cutter in a campus office. The CDC and Student Activities each have one, which you’re welcome to use. When you show up at your next networking event, you’ll show your rivals up and be remembered without having resorted to serenades and macramé.

Culinary Delights the Cheap College Kid Way: Spinach and Feta Pizza

BY JESSICA BARNTHOUSE
FEATURES EDITOR

Let’s face it—everyone likes home-cooked food, but don’t we all miss it when we go off to college? Cooking on a low budget and with few supplies is seriously not as hard as one might think. Read on, for I will now show you the ways a culinary master (with minimal income), such as myself, has found survival in this college jungle we call “Alfred.”

So let’s make pizza. No, not DiGiorno. Real pizza that’s actually kind of healthy for you.

You will need:

- 1 14.5 oz can of diced tomatoes (I like to get the kind with the garlic, basil and oregano already in it for added flavor)
- 1 package of crumbled feta cheese
- 1 teaspoon of dried basil and 1 teaspoon of dried oregano (may not be necessary if diced tomatoes already comes with them)
- 1 package of baby spinach
- 1 pizza crust (or pizza dough)
- 1 pizza pan (very cheap—good investment)
- Other toppings of your choosing

Because baking needs for pizza crusts vary, preheat the oven to whatever setting the crust package tells you to. If it doesn’t say, 400° is a good ballpark figure.

Now, place the crust on the pizza pan. Drain the tomatoes and spread them over the crust. Sprinkle the basil and oregano on top (if necessary). Rinse the spinach and place a layer over the tomatoes. Leftover spinach can be used as a side salad to go with the meal (recipe in the next *Fiat Lux* issue!).

Cover the spinach with the feta cheese, add your other toppings, and throw it in the oven for about 15-20 minutes. I usually leave the pizza in until the feta is a little brown on the edges. And ... It’s done. Wow your friends! Impress your date (God knows it’s been forever since you’ve had one of those)! Someone else can do the dishes.

Because it’s pizza, variations are a breeze in that you can always change the toppings to get a new taste. Some of my favorites include:

Sautéed garlic and mushrooms
Roasted red peppers
Green bell peppers
Grilled eggplant

Don’t be afraid to experiment—this is pizza we’re talking about, so it’s kind of hard to screw up. When your friends ask you how you learned such beautiful tricks in the culinary arts, just tell them you were born with such talent. They will most surely be amazed. ☺

AU explores Hispanic heritage

BY BRITTANIE FITZGIBBONS
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Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month. The goal for this month is to educate the community on Hispanic heritage and encourage a celebration of culture.

In 1968 Lyndon B. Johnson declared the first National Hispanic Week.

To help celebrate this month at Alfred University, Poder Latino has organized events and arranged for guest speakers to come to campus. Poder Latino’s president, senior history and Spanish major Caroline De Leon

, said “We plan on getting diversity speakers through out the month. We have several people we are looking into. Keep a look out for flyers around the campus for when the speakers will be.”

Jorge Zeballos and Louis Perego Moreno are two particular speakers that De Leon said Poder hopes to bring to campus.

Jorge Zeballos was born in the United States, but he spent his childhood in Peru. After high school, Zeballos came back to the United States and earned a degree from Rutgers University. He has spoken at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity and the United States

Hispanic Leadership Institute.

Louis Perego Moreno is the founder and director of Skyline Community, which is based in New York City. He is a certified HIV and AIDS educator and diversity speaker.

Poder Latino has also planned a Battle of the Sexes event for the month of October. Groups of all men or all women will compete in different events including 3-on-3 basketball games, karaoke, dodge ball and a three-legged race. This is a day of fun for anyone!

Poder Latino is a group that everyone should feel free to check out. De Leon stressed that you don’t have to be of Latin or


Hispanic background to attend club meetings.

Each Poder meeting centers around a topic of discussion selected in advance by a member of the club. This past week’s topic, for example, was the difference between the word “Latin” and the word “Hispanic.”

Poder also has plans to celebrate El Dio de Los Muertos sometime in early November. This observance, which translates to “the day of the dead,” is a Mexican tradition meant to honor and celebrate the memory of deceased loved ones. ○

Drawn to Diversity hits the road

BY QUINN WONDERLING
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Drawn to Diversity is back, and this year it’s taking the show on the road! Thanks in part to last year’s success, Drawn to Diversity has been invited to Canandaigua Academy, a high school located in Canandaigua, NY, and St. Bonaventure University. Other tour locations are in the works and will be announced soon.

As many of you probably know, Drawn to Diversity is a two-part program that explores one media or art form each spring and then gives entertaining, educational presentations to area schools in the fall. This year’s theme is “Comic Strips,” and the program is already off to a great start.

“The purpose is to expose the area youth to diverse perspectives and cultures while also teaching history in a fun and exciting way,” said Director of Student Activities and program creator Dan Napolitano. “The show also demonstrates that tolerance and acceptance of differences has progressed so much in the past century and sets a positive tone for the 21st century.”

In April, Drawn to Diversity explored American Comic Books, supported by funding from MTVU and Marvel Comics. The upcoming show will feature approximately five to ten students playing

a variety of roles. Audiences can expect lots of interesting costume changes, though the costumes will be somewhat simplified from the spandex suits featured in last year’s comic book superhero-themed stage show. This year’s program will also be slightly different than last year because it will be intended for younger children.

“This is a great opportunity to learn about different cultures through the means of cartoons and comics, which we all have read at one point in our lives. It is also a great chance to act like a kid again and learn a lot along the way,” said graduate student Darnell Thompson, who played the superhero “DT” in last year’s show and worked to make the idea of Drawn to Diversity a reality. “What better way to learn about diversity than by exploring comics, which you are already familiar with? Everyone can relate to the topic we are discussing.”

Students Acting for Equality coordinated the program. Napolitano and S.A.F.E. have said they hope the program would make comic fans acknowledge ignorance and stereotyping of the past to fully appreciate the progress of the day. The program was created in reaction to an outcry by the student body after realizing that diversity education is needed in rural areas like Alfred, as well as in more highly populated cities, and so far everyone is very pleased with the results.

“I was really happy to hear that Drawn to Diversity will be happening every year,” said junior Logan Kjep. “After seeing the show last year, I’m not surprised that other schools are welcoming the program. It makes me proud of AU for advocating diversity—it’s an important message for any school or organization to hear. It affects everyone.”

Students are encouraged to get involved, and the group is working to bring in some impressive speakers. Students should stay alert for more information to come. ○

Audience’s eyes opened to *Inconvenient Truth*

BY JILL BALZANO
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With its raw data and intense images, *An Inconvenient Truth* is a riveting theatrical experience. It is one that is both educational and eye opening.

I must admit although I went with high hopes, I was concerned this film would give me horrifying flashbacks to high school science class. However, after about 10 minutes my fears were gone and my eyes were glued to the screen.

Al Gore delivers an impeccable look into the issue of global warming. He is a compelling, clear and humorous speaker, introducing himself with the comical line: “I used to be the next president of the United States.”

One must not agree with, or even like, Gore to appreciate the seriousness of the matter and see his passion for spreading awareness. Despite the few shots taken at the Bush administration, which were delivered

with excellent comedic timing, Gore keeps politics out of it.

The film focuses on the issue at hand: global warming is a real threat caused by us and we need to do something about it now. The audience does not get tricked into a film with a hidden agenda.

Gore’s clear delivery of information and use of vivid visual aids are shocking and effective. A cartoon polar bear slowly drowning would make any one, regardless of age, a bit upset. On top of the few entertaining pieces (he steals a clip from Futurama), Gore provides picture after picture of the destruction caused by global warming. Audiences are familiar with the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, and reliving these images is one way that Gore helps his audience understand how serious the matter is.

An Inconvenient Truth brings global warming into perspective. Gore is not debating whether global warming exists. That issue is a moot point. However, he is bringing important information to the surface.

Glaciers are melting at an alarming level. Extreme flooding and drought are happening across the world. The permanent frost in Alaska is rapidly melting. Gore opens the eyes of the audience to these global matters.

This documentary could have easily been boring, and therefore ineffective; it was anything but. Gore is entertaining and interesting. He is completely convincing in his speaking and there is no doubt to his extensive knowledge on the issue. He presents personal stories about almost losing his son as a way of connecting to his audience. It is easy to relate to his personal accounts of understanding how important it is to protect our planet for the future.

Gore points out that there are only two industrialized nations left who have not ratified the Kyoto Protocol (an effort to fight global warming). The United States is one of them. This shameful fact adds to the will of audiences to do something. The country needs to be concerned with issues other

than terrorism.

This is a movie everyone should be required to see. Global warming is an important and alarming problem and too many people know nothing about it. This is an issue as much about ethics and morals as science.

Not surprisingly, this film motivates action. Within thirty minutes of returning home after seeing the film, my roommates and I had set up a paper-recycling bin in our apartment. People across the nation should be doing this as well, and they will if they see this movie.

Al Gore wants Americans to realize from this movie that something needs to be done. The film pushes the audience to admit to the problem and take action.

Gore quotes Winston Churchill, and I don’t think it can be said any better: “The era of procrastination, of half measures, of soothing and baffling expedience of delays, is coming to a close. In its place we are entering a period of consequences.” ○

SAB Road Trips: The Low Down

BY JESSICA BARNTHOUSE
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Is school starting to stress you out? Is the Village of Alfred, however quaint, beginning to make you feel cramped? Do you ever wish you could just ... get away? Well guess what?! You can! Student Activities road trips are here!

After spending an afternoon talking with Director of Student Activities and ALANA Affairs Dan Napolitano, I now have the low down on how you can hop on board the bus for some fabulous weekend excursions.

Are you a sports fan? Well get ready, because according to Napolitano, many chances to attend major league sporting events are going to be offered this year. We’re talking the Buffalo Sabres, Cleveland Cavaliers, Buffalo Bills, Cleveland Indians or Toronto Blue Jays, and the Rochester Red Wings—all with prices amazingly discounted for us poor college kids.

Other outings include a shopping mall trip scheduled for Saturday, November 4 (if you have a mall location recommendation, email Student Activities secretary Nancy Banker at bakern@alfred.edu) and a New York City excursion during mid-semester break.

Napolitano also hinted at the possibility of a skydiving trip being opened up to students interested. Talk about a way to release academic frustration! But hold your parachutes, because he also added that such a trip would need to be much more extensively researched and student liability would have to be discussed. Regardless, students interested in such an adrenaline rush should contact Alyssa Blittersdorf at alb6@alfred.edu for more information.

Any of the trips sound appealing? Simply drop by the Student Activities Office in Powell and sign up with Nancy Banker. Sports fans, be aware that the deadline to sign up for many games is in October, so you might want to get a move on in reserving a seat.

These excursions are a great way to spend some quality, healthy time away from Alfred, while also enjoying new sights or an exciting game. And who knows? You might even find a date for the following weekend while in transport to your mini-vacation destination.

After all, as Napolitano sentimentally states, “Because the bus usually consists of a mix of students, staff, faculty and community members, it is a great place to meet new people sharing common interests. We put the ‘a’s’ in ‘bus.’”

BASIC brings music ministry to campus

BY ABBY TRIPP
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Alfred University’s Brothers and Sisters in Christ promise an evening of “top-notch music” with a message of faith when Hamden, Conn.-based Christian rock ensemble Holyfire performs on the AU campus.

The concert, which will be held on Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Powell Campus Center Knight Club, will feature music that runs the gamut from serious rock beats to mellower ballads, according to BASIC member and concert organizer Michael Wanberg.

Wanberg, a graduate student in electrical engineering, said his efforts to bring Holyfire to campus began about a year ago when he met lead singer Justin Kendrick and his wife and bandmate Chrissy at an event in Syracuse. Right away, Wanberg said he had an interest in bringing the group to campus.

Holyfire will be the second contemporary Christian act to play the campus in as many years. Last fall, BASIC organized a performance by Tara Leigh Cobble

at the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse.

“This is kind of a different style,” Wanberg said of Holyfire’s rock orientation.

While Wanberg acknowledged that Holyfire is definitely a Christian band that runs a music ministry, he wants audiences to know that they do not fit the “stereotype” of Christian musicians.

“Sometimes Christian music gets a bad rap for being too bubbly and not addressing the real issues in life,” he said.

Wanberg stressed this was not the case with Holyfire.

“They talk about their lives,” he said. “It’s not fluff.”

Wanberg also stressed that Holyfire’s music ministry is a “nonthreatening” one that focuses less on preaching and storytelling and more on performance.

“They do talk about Jesus, but a great deal of that is done through their music,” he explained. “They live their message.”

The concert is free, and everyone who attends will be entered in a drawing for some high-tech door prizes including a DVD player and an iPod Nano, Wanberg noted. ○

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14. IN LATIN AMERICA A FAVORITE CATCHING GAME IS PLAYED WITH THIS

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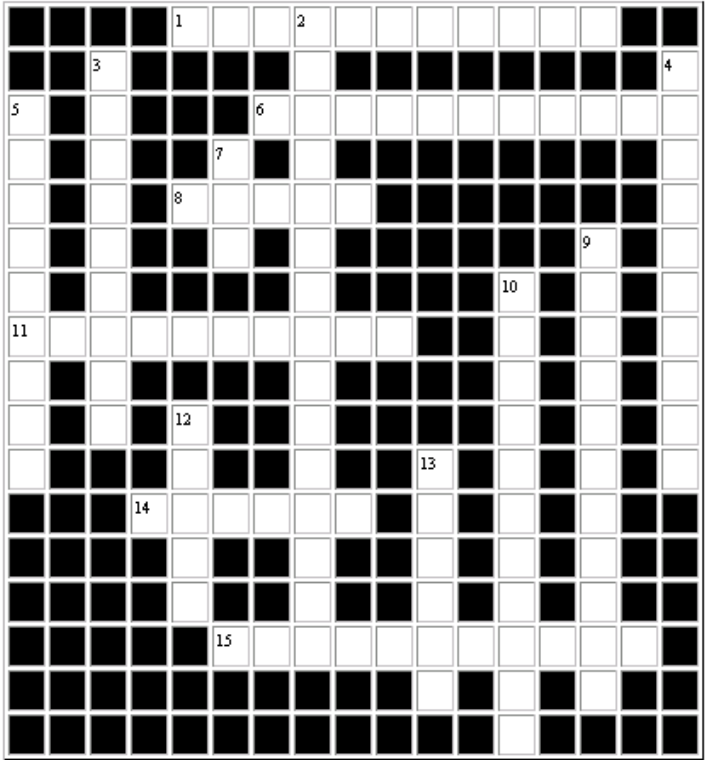
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10. AS OF 2000 WHICH IS THE LARGEST GROUP OF CENTRAL AMERICANS IN THE U.S.?

12. MEXICO’S FLAG DEPICTS AN EAGLE WITH THIS ANIMAL IN ITS BEAK

13. OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF THIS COUNTRY

Hispanic Heritage





PHOTOS BY KARLI-MARIE REYES

BY KARLI-MARIE REYES
A&E EDITOR

After much anticipation, the Wellsville Creative Arts Center welcomed community members to tour the facility and get a taste of things to come at its grand opening on Sept. 9.

It is hard to tell that the center was slated for demolition just over a year ago.

“I have to save that building,” thought founder Andy Glanzman while driving through Wellsville one day. He knew that if the building were demolished there would be a negative effect on the community.

So, he bought the building.

According to Executive Director Marshall Green, the classic 1880 building was renovated from top to bottom and refurbished with cast iron radiators, marble, stained glass windows, floors, cabinets, chandeliers and doors, all salvaged from buildings in the area.

After the long reconstructive effort, the center is finally ready to make a positive impact on the community.

Building the center from the ground up has been an exciting learning experience for Assistant to the Director Delaney Persons.

The mission is clear—to provide community members with top level education and share high quality learning experiences in a safe environment. We want to see the center become a fixture in the community, said Persons.

“The Wellsville Creative Arts Center exists to enhance the quality of life for the people in our community,” according to the mission statement on their website.

The center offers a smattering of classes, including ceramics, drawing, painting and cooking. As well as workshops, a coffee house, a live music venue, as well as a banquet hall, are available for special occasions.

Cooking classes will be held in the center’s state of the art kitchen. We’ll make a social evening out of it, said cooking instructor Dianne Chandler. The class will help create the meal

together, then sit down to eat together, like a family.

“There’s nothing like feeding people,” said Chandler.

The drawing and painting room looks out onto North Main St., doused in sunlight.

Painting instructor Rick Minard got involved in the project because he knew the community needed more than just Wal-Mart or Kmart. But, it’s tough to go outside the community to see music and artists, said Minard.

As a huge music fan, Music Events Coordinator Pete Schneider always knew that this was a project he wanted to get involved in. Pulling in acts from Boston, Pa., Buffalo and Rochester areas is just the beginning.

We want audiences and performers focusing on the music, not on drinking. We want to make the center family friendly, a place where an underage crowd can still have fun and take part, said Glanzman.

The center is a comfortable place that’s nearby, a perfect venue for jazz, bluegrass and folk music artists, among others. According to Schneider, the center is just going to keep expanding.

Even in its early stages, the center is pulling in artists like Jim Donovan, of Rusted Root. Donovan is set to host an afternoon workshop on ecstatic drumming, dancing and song.

“It’s all for the community,” said Schneider “It’s a dream come true.”

Within five years, Green wants to see the art sector moved to an annex, and for the center to become an epicenter for art.

Internships for Alfred University students are available at the center on a limited basis. Those interested should contact Kevin Jacobs at the Career Development Center.

With so much on the horizon, it is clear that good things are in store from the Wellsville Creative Arts Center.

Classes begin on Sept. 25 and registration runs throughout the first week of classes. For more information on workshops, classes and upcoming events, you can visit the website at Wells villeCreativeArtsCenter.com. ○

Lee’s random jokes get big laughs

BY AMY PUTNAM
STAFF WRITER

Forty-five minutes late, Pete Lee, breezed into the Knight Club and quickly had the crowd in an uproar of laughter.

“Do you ever drive without your pants on?” was just one of the random jokes that Lee seemed to spurt out when he took to the spotlight.

His energy was intoxicating and I got caught up in it. I was soon laughing so much my stomach hurt when he announced that his father was the gym teacher, and he spent his childhood watching him in very short, tight shorts.

Lee came to entertain, and entertain he did. His relatively clean performance inspired some audience members to join in. He included the crowd without straying from his act, which included the mandatory “Alfred jokes” and some fancy dance moves.

When I asked students for their general opinion, the consensus was that Pete Lee was one of the best stand-up acts we have had on campus in recent history.

“Pete Lee is a very versatile comedian, that’s why I brought him to Alfred,” said sophomore biology major and comedy chair of AU’s Student Activities Board Liz Daniello. “He had some great material, which made me fall over laughing.”

Not everyone liked Lee though; junior Caitlin Biemer thought the comedian was too vulgar.

“You don’t have to drop below a standard to reach someone’s expectations,” she said. “You can be funny in an educated way.”

When interviewed, Lee was very responsive and personable.

He has been in stand-up business for 10 years. He said he began his role as a professional comedian in his freshman year of college.

Lee got his start when his friends wrote down anything corny or different in a “quote” book. To get his material he thinks of true stories and works off of them.

Lee said his inspiration is Nick Swardson, a writer for Adam Sandler.

Lee’s career is an impressive one that included being runner-up in the 2002 Comedy Central Stand-Up Challenge and playing a part in the recent film *A Prairie Home Companion*.

“You look fat when you cry,” was Pete Lee’s signature line, which he used to close his act with. Although he received mixed reviews from the AU students, he lit up the room with his energetic vibe. ○

Nicholasleichterdance: The union of passion and elegance

BY AMY PUTNAM
STAFF WRITER

Sept. 9 was a night to remember in the Miller Performing Arts Center’s C.D. Smith Theater as the lights went down and the tribal music went on.

An array of movement came to the dance floor when Nicholas Leichter, Aaron Draper, Jared Kaplan and Naima Bigby Sullivan performed a series of sensual paired dances. These dances were executed with a sense of extravagance that succeeded in capturing the audience’s attention.

The modern and interpretive dances of nicholasleichterdance were an outstanding display of motion with a splash of color. It was riveting, sparking thoughts of intense emotion and intimacy.

The audience seemed to be transfixed when the dancers came onto the floor. The company performed a unique and interesting plethora of well-choreographed moves that complimented each other superbly.

Their movements seemed jerky at first glance, but when you stepped back and took in the whole picture the dancers flowed together in a river of coherence and grace. The production was passionate and uplifting.

Each dance segment seemed to tell a story. Some spoke with a more slow and sensual tone, using more tradition-

al dance moves. Others were fast with incorporated street moves. They worked with perfect unity, forming many unique positions with their bodies.

Above all, I found the second and last dances to be the most intriguing.

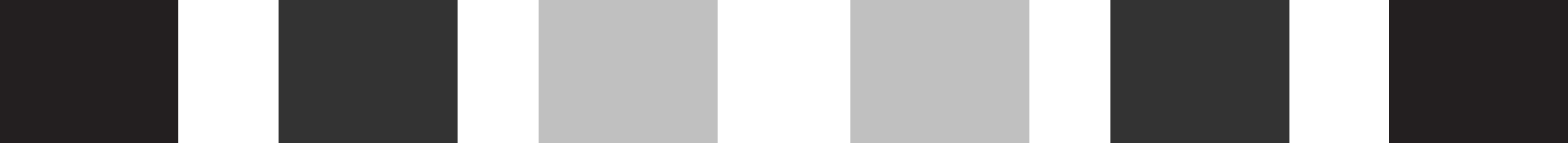
The second of the four dances was a provocative pairing of couples sharing with us the story of a lover’s quarrel ending in a reconnection of what was tarnished.

The last dance was full of amazing music with a twist. All four performers wore leather skirts while moving and twisting as one.

“I really liked the contrast between the different dances. The first one was community driven, the second was personal and intimate, the third was unique, and the last one was different because it challenged norms,” said sophomore fine arts major Sharee Allen.

The nicholasleichterdance company travels and gives dance workshops in hopes of expanding the performance experience. The company has performed in over 40 cities across 16 states and nine countries so far.

This dance performance was an excellent example of fine art. I think we will all anticipate their next performance at Alfred University. ○



AU Sports

No AL East drama this year

BY STEVE BARZ
STAFF WRITER

With the 2006 Major League Baseball season coming to an end there is a noticeable difference in the teams competing for spots in both the American and National Leagues.

The most noticeable difference is the fact that there is no battle between the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox for the AL East pennant. This, of course, is because the Red Sox have hit a major slump since the end of July and have fallen completely out of the playoff picture.

As a loyal and avid Red Sox fan, I am particularly angry with some of the moves the front office has made since winning the World Series in 2004. It all started at the end of the 2004 season when they let Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe and Orlando Cabrera leave via free agency.

The dismantling of a World Series championship team continued at the end of last season when first baseman Kevin Millar signed with Baltimore, followed by the trading of Bronson Arroyo to Cincinnati.

The real heartbreaker was when Johnny Damon signed with the Evil Empire (i.e., the Yankees).

To top it off, the front office failed to make any significant moves at the trade deadline.

All of that, coupled with some huge injuries to key Red Sox players such as Jason Varitek, Trot Nixon, Tim Wakefield, David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez, has pretty much eliminated the Red Sox from October baseball for the first time since 2002.

But give credit to the Yankees as well: they went out and acquired left-handed slugger Bobby Abreu from Philadelphia at the trade deadline, and have been playing well ever since his arrival in New York.

With all of that said, there are still some exciting races throughout Major League Baseball as the season's end approaches rapidly. In the AL Central there is a three-way race for the division title and for the wild card slot. As of right now, the surprising Detroit Tigers have a slim lead in the wild card race over the Minnesota Twins and the defending World Series champion Chicago White Sox.

This one should go right down to the last week of the season, but I like Detroit to hold on and win the division with Minnesota winning the Wild Card. I like the Tigers' pitching too much to go against them, while Chicago's pitching isn't half of what it was last year. As for the Twins, they are only the hottest team in baseball since the middle of June.

As for the AL West, I like Oakland to hold on out there, as they have a nice lead over the Angels of Anaheim.

My early pick to win the AL Cy Young award is, naturally, Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins. This is a no-brainer. The guy has been so dominant all year long that I don't think you can give the award to anyone else. He will probably finish the year with 22 or 23 wins and an ERA under 3.00 -- incredible numbers. Not to mention he leads the AL in the three major categories that are looked at to decide the Cy Young: wins, ERA and strikeouts.

Voters will have a much harder time choosing the AL MVP than they do the Cy Young. Despite all the Red Sox DH David Ortiz has done for the team this year, I can't give him the AL MVP award due to the lack of team success this season.

As much as it pains me to say this, I think the AL MVP this season will be Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter. But I don't necessarily think he deserves it.

My vote would go to Minnesota Twins' first basemen Justin Morneau. I think that if you take Morneau out of the Twins' lineup their offense would struggle. On the other hand, if you were to take Jeter out of the Yankees' lineup they could still flourish with all the superstar talent they

have.

As for the National League races, there are two worth mentioning. The NL West race between the Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants should be a good one, but I like the Dodgers to pull away in the next few weeks here.

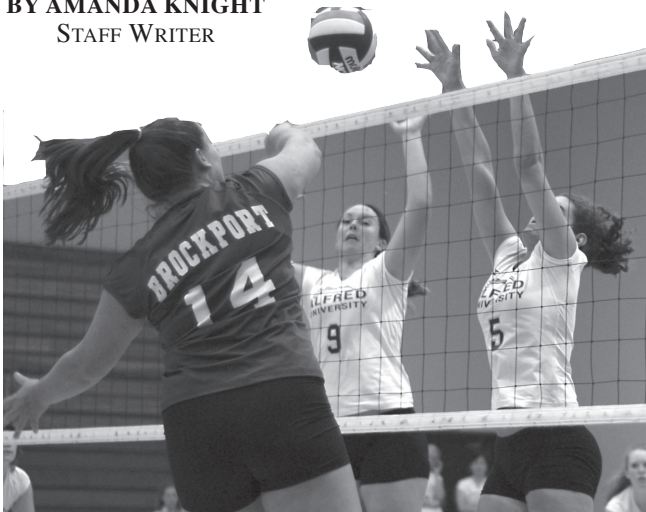
The NL wild card race is just about anybody's game. With five teams within 4.5 games of the wild card leading Padres, this race should come down to the wire. I think this will come down to the Padres and Philadelphia Phillies, with the Phillies winning behind my NL MVP Ryan Howard and the fact that they have a little easier of a schedule down the stretch.

As I said, Ryan Howard wins the NL MVP, squeaking it out over last year's winner, St. Louis Cardinal Albert Pujols. As for NL Cy Young, I like St. Louis's Chris Carpenter to repeat as the winner by default because of a lack of really good pitching in the NL this season.

Those are my picks for the Major League Baseball postseason and the four major awards handed out at the end of each season. There should be some exciting pennant races down the stretch this season, even without the usual race between the Yankees and the Red Sox. ○

Struggles not stopping Saxon VB

BY AMANDA KNIGHT
STAFF WRITER



The Alfred University volleyball team's record is 1-6 as of Sept. 13. The Lady Saxons competed in the Elmira Tournament and finished with a 1-4 record.

The team lost their opening match to Elmira, 3-0 (30-7, 30-11, 30-16), and also fell to Hamilton, 3-0 (30-13, 30-28, 30-20).

The Lady Saxons defeated York College 3-0 (30-21, 30-22, 30-26) Sept. 9 before losing to Fairleigh Dickenson-Florham 3-0 (30-25, 30-12, 30-28). The girls played well against both teams, but their talent shined through in their York College contest.

Against Elmira, freshman outside hitter Janelle Brandow and sophomore right side hitter Katie Lane with four kills each led the team. Freshman setter Danielle Van Cott had eight assists and two service aces; freshman libero Shannon Mather really hustled and had seven digs and freshman middle hitter Meghan Barry added three solo blocks.

"The Freshmen have really helped the team and have great leadership skills," said senior middle hitter Sarah Berry.

In the defeat by Hamilton, Barry and Lane led the team with four kills each. During the game, Van Cott worked hard to set a team-high of eight assists. In addition, Berry had two service aces; Mather had six digs and Barry also had two solo blocks.

"By the end of the tournament, we really came together as a team," said Berry.

Berry expressed that Elmira was their hardest competition at the tournament. Elmira had the home advantage, and is a very experienced team. Berry also commented that the Saxons were improving as the tournament progressed.

Brockport defeated AU Sept. 12 3-0 (30-20, 30-28, 30-23).

"Any other year Brockport would have killed us but we played well and kept up with them," said Berry.

The second match against Brockport was close. The girls were putting forth all their effort to try and beat Brockport. Until the end, the Lady Saxons held their own against the competition.

"The team has a lot of potential," said Barry. "We're still figuring things out. We don't have the team dynamic, but hopefully time will solve that problem."

Coach Dyring expected a tough match out of Brockport. The team also knew they would be facing tough competition.

"We had problems getting kills and gaining momentum," Dyring said.

The Lady Saxons played Medaille College Sept. 13, and were defeated 3-1 (30-13, 30-13, 28-30, 30-18). Berry led the game with seven kills, two service aces and two solo blocks. Senior outside hitter Tracy Haskell played strong, contributing five kills. Mather had a great defensive game with ten digs.

"It was an evenly matched game, however problems with communication and service errors gave us a problem," said Dyring. "We look forward to turning things around and winning at Hilbert College tomorrow."

Even though the team is struggling, Coach Dyring expects they will come together in the next few games.

It is a young team with four freshmen, two sophomores and two seniors. Barry is accurate in saying the team has great potential. The girls have a lot of heart and skill; it is just a matter of time before it all comes together, she said. ○



Saxons Taking Each Game In Stride

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The Alfred University men's soccer team still has the thought of being conference champions on their minds.

Senior defender Zach Wise said, "We would obviously like to improve our record form last year, and make the NCAA tournament."

On Sept. 6, the Saxons took on Cortland at home in a downpour. The game started out promising for Alfred, as senior midfielder Jarett Sanatar scored only three minutes into the match. His point was followed by a goal from freshman Tom Honan, extending the Saxon's lead 2-0. In goal senior Brian Middleton made three saves for the Saxons.

The second half saw a comeback from Cortland, as they matched Alfred's two goals. At the close of overtime play, the score remained stagnant, resulting in a 2-2 tie.

Senior Dave Suddaby remarked, "The first half of the Cortland game was excellent. We were fired up and working hard. Our intensity dropped off a lot during the second half, but

that problem was dealt with and the success was seen in the Penn State-Behrend game."

Indeed, whatever problems the Saxons experienced against Cortland disappeared in the Penn State-Behrend contest. The men's team left Merrill Field on Sept. 11 with a 2-0 shutout.

Junior forward Adam Long put Alfred on the board in the 23rd minute, assisted by senior Bobby Linaberry.

Early in the second half Linaberry added an unassisted goal to secure the shutout for the Saxons. Making two saves for Alfred was senior Jim Roberts, who played all 90 minutes in goal.

"We dug in and kept up the intensity in the second half of that game and got the result we needed," said Suddaby.

Next Alfred took on non-conference opponent SUNY Oswego on Sept. 13. Unfortunately for the Saxons, the momentum from their shut-out of Penn State-Behrend did not carry over into this contest.

AU scored first, with a goal by Linaberry. Oswego was able to answer the opening goal with two of their own in the first half, plus added a third in the second half.

Alfred opened its conference play on Sept. 16 at Utica College. Results from this matchup were not available at press time. ○

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Rammacher Shines as Alfred Pitches a Shut-Out in Football Home Opener

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If their Sept. 9 showing against Pittsburgh, Pa.'s Thiel is any indication, this year's Alfred football team will be a defensive juggernaut. Not only did they shut out one of the top-ranked teams in the nation, they did it by forcing Thiel to completely rework their game plan.

"I feel that the turnover on the 10-yard line and us capitalizing on it was the biggest play of the game. With the lead we forced them to pass and they prefer the ground game," Head Coach Dave Murray said after the game.

"It was a great win for our program. Anytime we can beat one of the better teams in the nation, it's huge for morale," he added

The game's major plays included an early Thiel fumble on their own 10-yard line, which set up a touchdown pass from junior Paul Keeley to senior receiver Matt Gibbins, along with a 36-yard touchdown pass to freshman receiver Jared Manzer early in the second half.

The game was decided with three minutes remaining when senior Nick Gatto made an interception on the Thiel 49-yard line.

This was a fitting end to the game, as the entire defensive unit was outstanding in shutting out one of the better rushing offenses in DIII football.

"It was a true unit out there, they all played together very well," remarked Murray.

Even so, there were a couple of standouts in Saturday's game, one being junior cornerback and punter Josh Rammacher.

Not only did Rammacher kick absolute bombs for the punt unit, his name was a constant over the loudspeaker on defense.

"It was my first start [on defense], so I was pretty nervous," Rammacher said.

"Having 140 guys

on your team makes everything more competitive and during the scrimmage I brought my best and won the corner spot," he explained.

"I just know that I have to do my job each week. And with this game, our defensive line put so much pressure on their interior that they had to kick it outside, and that gave me a lot of opportunities," Rammacher added.

Although Rammacher said he agreed with Murray about the plays of the game, he also added a particularly heartfelt circumstance for their outstanding second half performance.

"When Julio [Fuentes, the sophomore linebacker injured in Sept. 9's game] went down we knew we needed to rally around him, and when the offense made that huge drive, it was a massive boost for us," he said.

Fuentes's replacement, junior Elmer Newsome, also had a huge game by stepping up when he needed to.

"It's nice to have someone like Elmer step in. He rushed for 1200 yards last year and he really stepped it up when Julio went down," Murray said.

Along with having a ton of depth on their sideline, the Saxons also have another key weapon: a veteran quarterback at the helm.

"Paul [Keeley] is like a coach on the field for us. He started every game last year, including a lot of big games. He has two jobs: to get us into a good play, and keep us out of a bad one," explained Murray.

Keeley's experience showed throughout the game as he made good decision after good decision in a tight defensive match-up.

The outlook for the season is bright, even as the Saxons use the old cliché of "one game at a time."

"We have a great group returning. We just want to play one game at a time, including a big one next week at St. Lawrence. We have to stay focused on what we're doing and play a better game than we did last week," said Murray.

Those values were echoed by Rammacher, who said, "We have a whole team concept. We have a lot of faith in each other, and we need that to win each week. The team goal is to make the playoffs, but right now we're taking it one week at a time."

"This team works extremely hard, we had a tremendous preseason. You can't say enough about team chemistry and right now this team is still developing that," Murray said.

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Exuberant fans voice their support from the stands.

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Lady Saxons try new defense

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The Alfred women's soccer team has been busy on the road.

A rainy tournament on Sept. 2 and 3 in Susquehanna, Pa., proved to be tough competition. The women dropped a match to Susquehanna by a score of 0-1, and to Lycoming by an overtime score of 2-3.

The weekend of Sept. 9, the team traveled to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y..

"We had equal skills to the RPI team and we played well. There were some small breakdowns though; we just need to be stronger," said Jennifer Enke, second year coach for the team. RPI defeated the Saxons 4-0.

There has been a change of formation in regards to defense, which has proved to be a challenge. Previously the team used a diamond-shaped, four-man defense. A benefit of the diamond is having the sweeper, one man who acts as a last line of defense before an attacker hits the goalie.

In the last four competitions, rather than the normal diamond, the girls played a flat line of

defense with four defenders.

One can assume that a team may need some time to adjust and feel comfortable with such a change. For the next few games the team will go back to their original defense plan.

"Ithaca is our first conference game and we have high expectations for such a strong, fast team. We will play Ithaca with the diamond shape, but I expect we will go back to the flat back. We just need to work on it," said Enke.

This is a big switch for the team, but according to Enke it will create more offensive opportunities, which is exactly what the team is lacking.

Freshmen and transfer students make up the bulk of the team with 16 girls. Freshman Nicole DePietro, who was athlete of the week Sept. 11-15, has been making contributions.

"She is quick and fast with and without the ball. She is physically tough, playing aggressively and winning during ball contact. On top of everything she has a nice low rocket of a kick," said Enke.

Freshmen Heidi Skinner and Samantha Hallberg and seniors Triona Moynihan and Chelsea Hall are playing attack for the team. These pliable players are

constantly being moved around, playing front or mid lines. Their adaptability is making the team more solid, enhancing ball control and focus.

"We have a strong core mid-field," Enke said confidently.

Other new members bringing skill and leadership to the team include freshman Val Sherwood. "She is confident and very verbal and is seeing a lot of playing time because of it," said Enke.

Jane Capotosto, a transfer from Alfred State College, has "strong ball control and is friends with everyone on the team," Enke said.

Enke added that freshman forward Heidi Skinner has added "a needed spark to the team."

A large number of returning seniors make up the core of the team.

This group of players has stuck with the team through some serious changes since their freshman year.

All the seniors are key players, giving both physical and verbal support to the team. More than half of these experienced players are creating the core of the starting line-up.

Anchoring the defense are the only returning juniors, Brittany Higgins and Yiacha Winters.

The Lady Saxons had their

first conference game against Ithaca College on Sept. 16. Scores were not available from this game at press time.

The ladies will play at home against Pitt-Bradford on Sept. 19, the University of Rochester on Sept. 25 and RIT on Sept. 27. ○

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