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Possible Health Center move is explored

BY REBECCA WURST
STAFF WRITER

Alfred University is exploring the prospect of a new facility for Crandall Health Center, said Rosetta Brown-Greaney, director of the health center.

"The University is in the process of looking at the feasibility of a new facility for both the health and counseling services," she explained.

Matthew Washington, Student Senate president, loves the idea of bringing the services of the health center to the rest of campus.

"It would be more central," he said. "It would be great for cam-

pus. It's a great idea, but because people work there, the school needs to work on parking for them."

Washington commented that when the health center is at one end of campus, it is impossible for someone in the Pine Hill Suites to get there if they aren't feeling well.

"The move would integrate it with the rest of campus," he said.

A new International Museum of Art is in need of space and is looking at the current facility of Crandall Health Center.

According to Gerald Brody, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, the

art museum was the initial reason for looking at a new space for the Crandall Health and Counseling Center, but it has moved beyond that to giving better access to the student body.

"This is, except for Kruson and Brick, a much more central location to everyone," he said. "There is better access."

According to Brown-Greaney, if the Health Center were to move, the school is looking at a more accessible location for stu-

dents.

"The proposed site for the Health Center move is between the Science Center and the dorms of Tefft and Reimer," Brody said. "It will be closer to the dorms."

According to Brown-Greaney, if the Health Center were to move they would still be giving the same confidential services and they are looking at adding space for programs.

She explained that they want to be able to hold programs such

as women's health, sexually transmitted diseases, asthma and potentially bio-terrorism, which they now have to hold in the lobbies of residence halls.

According to Brody they are looking at the possibility of having a multi-purpose room for group counseling at the proposed Health and Counseling Center.

"I am thrilled and excited," he said. "I foresee a far better situation for students." ○

AU to observe Yom Kippur holiday

BY BRANDON THURNER
STAFF WRITER

Starting next year, Alfred University students and faculty will have Yom Kippur, which falls on Monday, Sept. 16, off as a holiday.

"Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement," stated sophomore Lindsay Stern. "It follows Rosh Hashanah by 10 days. During those days God is inscribing people into the book of life. On Rosh Hashanah the book is opened, on Yom Kippur it is sealed."

Registrar Larry Casey said that the schedule change "came to Faculty Senate at the request of President Edmondson in the summer of 2001."

President Charles Edmondson feels that "it's appropriate to recognize Yom Kippur as a holiday and stated that he "was approached by a number of alumni, both Jews and non-Jews alike"

to consider changing the schedule to accommodate the day. The concern of these members of the AU community was that the University had made no effort to respect one of their major holidays, commented Edmondson.

Casey pointed out that the last major schedule change made at AU came about five years ago when the spring semester was changed to begin on a Tuesday, thus allowing students to observe Martin Luther King Day.

The biggest criticism of this calendar change came from AU's science department. Wesley Bentz, professor of chemistry, stated that new labs used to be set up on Friday for class on Monday.

Under the new schedule, however, Bentz said "the length of time to set up a new lab shortens to overnight." Bentz feels this contraction in time causes undue

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A Night of Hispanic Culture



PHOTO BY BETH GREENWOOD

Students perform a traditional Hispanic dance as part of the Raices show March 22 in Holmes Auditorium. Raices, Spanish for "roots," was a show that celebrated Hispanic heritage and dances.

Village of Alfred passes dog leash law

BY ROBERT BAYNES
STAFF WRITER

Do you consider your dog to be a friend?

According to a new law in Alfred, it is now required to restrain your "friends" on leashes when outside with them.

The new law, brought about by a vote at a meeting of the village board, states that a dog must be on a leash at all times when outdoors in the village of Alfred.

Alfred Mayor Gary Ostrower said this all began when a dog broke away from its owner and attacked two smaller dogs. This incident left the owners of the two

smaller dogs angry, and they pursued what has now become a law.

If one were caught violating this law, it would result in a \$25 fine for the first offense and a \$50 fine for the second. If the dog is on private property and fenced in, the law does not apply, explained Ostrower.

Leslie Taylor, assistant professor of psychology, is the owner of a golden retriever named Madison.

"Madison has never attacked anyone," said Taylor, who has an invisible fence around her yard. "All owners would like to think that their dog is nice, but every dog has the potential to snap and become aggressive."

Taylor sees the benefit to the Alfred community, as far as safety is concerned.

However, she does not believe that someone should be fined if he or she is playing with a dog in a large open space, where no harm can occur to anyone.

Bella is a mixture of a black Labrador retriever and greyhound owned by junior biology major Jamie Ward.

"Bella is around people a lot and very friendly," said Ward, who believes that the new leash law is both good and bad. "So many students are getting dogs these days. It can be a scary moment when a

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Students for Social Change Hold Benefit

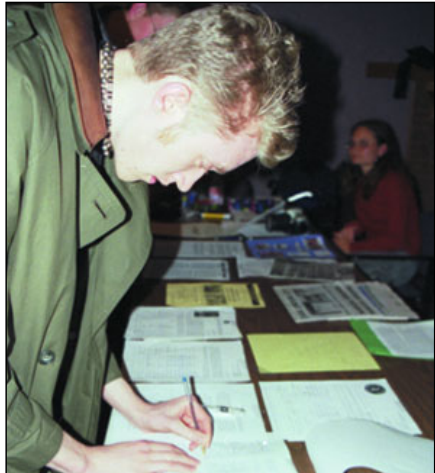


PHOTO BY PHOTO EDITOR ERICA ROBINSON

Freshman Mike Hansen receives information at the benefit held by Students for Social Change. Money raised will go to support anti-racist organizations and Schools, Not Jails.

Israel-Palestinian violence continues to escalate

BY ZACHARY LIND
STAFF WRITER

The actions of a suicide Hamas bomber on Wednesday, March 23, may have pushed Israel-Palestinian relations past the point of no return.

Professor of Religion Thomas Peterson, who designed and teaches a Judaism and Islam comparative religion class, said he has never seen the cultures so poised for conflict.

For the past few months, violence between Israelis and Palestinians has escalated alarmingly. Palestinian suicide bombers have repeatedly attacked Israeli citizens and businesses, meanwhile, the Israeli military has repeatedly attacked

key Palestinian positions.

All this has occurred while Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat have unsuccessfully called for various cease-fires and peace negotiations.

During the last two weeks, the Middle East has experienced a whirlwind of activity. The Arab League summit convened in Beirut with the notable absence of Arafat, due to his continued containment by the Israeli government.

The United States envoy to the Middle East, retired Marine General Anthony Zinni, was in the region trying to broker a peace deal between the two sides.

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Day off questioned

Alfred University values diversity in its community members. That diversity includes differences in age, gender, race, sexual preference, academic major and just about every other difference that may arise between people.

Recently, President Edmondson requested a change in our academic calendar, on behalf of both Jewish and non-Jewish alumni, to recognize Yom Kippur. The last major schedule change occurred about five years ago, and that was to observe Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday.

As we all know, Yom Kippur is a religious holiday, but in no way less important than any other holiday. This is crucial to note.

AU stresses its commitment in its mission statement to providing the kind of learning and working environment that fosters "diversity, tolerance, interdisciplinary work and active learning."

The observance of Yom Kippur came out of the concern that AU had made little effort to respect this major Jewish holiday.

Students worried that they had to make the choice between religious observance and class attendance. However, any professor who refuses to recognize a legitimate student absence due to a religious holiday is demonstrating discrimination.

Discrimination is the issue we really seem to be facing here.

In order to foster diversity and tolerance, everyone in a community must choose to do so. Diversity should cover all differences in thought, beliefs and action, not just those that we can classify on our census forms. Tolerance should not focus on just tolerating differences; it should be a genuine effort to learn from our differences.

So we ask one thing: what designates a major religious holiday? Or for that matter, what designates any major holiday? And where do we draw the line?

We should not have days off of school simply because AU wants to appear politically correct and diverse. To us, diversity is about respecting and understanding our differences, not simply giving the entire campus time off for a day that is significant to only a portion of the community.

Each person has events in his or her life that are significant to them — birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, etc. — and certainly would be expected to do whatever is appropriate to observe them. As a tolerant community, we are expected to understand and make allowances for these important events; the entire community, however, is not expected to put their lives and activities on hold for an event that may be meaningful to only one person.

The same is true for religious observances. Yes, these events are significant for more than one person, but they are only observed by one part of our community.

Instead of forcing AU to put campus life on hold while one entity observes an event, those who think it appropriate should feel comfortable observing while life goes on for the rest.

If individuals do not feel that the larger community understands and supports their observances, then steps need to be taken in this area to educate the community. Simply giving everyone a day off does not solve the problem.

AU has seen a lot of progress in this sense recently as many organizations have held multicultural celebrations. These events bring our differences to light in a constructive way, forming ties between groups of people who might not otherwise come together.

Perhaps the administration and faculty who are concerned about fostering diversity should focus on doing so in a more thoughtful way — not just giving us days off. ○

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COLUMN

Alfred sports fans need ESPN2

BY BRYAN SICK
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Last week brought the country to the start of yet another exciting season of baseball — at least it was brought to most of the country.

The Cleveland Indians and Anaheim Angels kicked off the season last Sunday with an opening day shutout by Cleveland ace Bartolo Colon that was nationally televised. Well, at least televised to most of the nation.

The game, along with the majority of the games that will be aired by ESPN this year, was shown on ESPN2, a channel students at Alfred don't get.

Personally, I certainly would have much rather watched opening day baseball action on ESPN2 than see Connecticut crush Oklahoma in the finals of the women's NCAA Tournament on ESPN, a finish to the tournament that everybody knew was coming before the tournament even began.

ESPN2 is aired by just about every cable company in the country outside of Alfred. I even get the Deuce in my hometown of Cohocton, N.Y., with a cable company that lacks channels like Comedy Central, MTV and basically everything else for that matter. Why is Alfred among the last places in the country to air this popular station?

It isn't just baseball that we are missing out on from this popular sports channel. ESPN2 is most well known for its extensive coverage of extreme sports, such as skateboarding and snowboarding.

The majority of the X Games coverage, an annual event that is continually growing in popularity, is featured on the Deuce.

An increasing number of viewers are growing more interested in these extreme sports than in the traditional sports like baseball and basketball.

Speaking of basketball, regular season NCAA basketball games are also a regular on ESPN2.

Once football season is over, what is there to watch Monday nights? Well if you are into basketball, ESPN Big Monday and Super Tuesday air throughout college basketball's regular season featuring some of the NCAA's great matchups on a weekly basis.

Having ESPN2 just adds to the options for us basketball fans. Who wants to see Duke blow out Clemson when there's a game going down to the wire on ESPN's sister station?

Also, being in Western New York, Alfred has a large number of hockey fans. NHL games are shown on the Deuce several times a week providing entertainment in yet another sport.

ESPN2 features sports entertainment for any kind of sports fan Alfred might have, whether it be the casual baseball fan, the college basketball nut or the X Games buff.

This station is a part of just about every cable company in the country. Why is it still not a part of Alfred's? ○

COLUMN

Taxpayer money should not be wasted

BY BRANDON THURNER
STAFF WRITER

What can \$70 million be used for? Some possible answers include giving the wealthiest Americans a \$1.3 trillion tax cut, funding an Anti-Ballistic Missile shield and backing a war on terrorism.

However, since 1994 Republicans have wasted this amount of taxpayer money to prosecute Bill and Hillary Clinton. The figures provided by the General Accounting Office are astronomical; Independent Counsels Kenneth Starr and Robert Ray combined for a total of \$42 million dollars just probing the Clintons' association in the Whitewater real estate fiasco. This investigation has led nowhere as prosecutors have found insufficient evidence to press formal charges against either Clinton.

Despite the force generated by most Republican members of Congress and elsewhere in the nation's capital, a portion of conservatives has supported the Clintons' throughout their White House years.

Ironically, the Republicans' drive to indict former President Clinton has gone above and beyond any other legal chase in history. According to the Associated Press, the previous record for a prosecuting tab was \$47.4 million spent to examine the Iran-Contra scandal under the Reagan administration.

However, the difference between these two cases was that the money the Democrats spent was spread out through a group of persons and illuminated a controversy of national prominence, not used to look into the personal lives of one married couple.

How can Republicans justify wasting this money on two public figures? For them, there was no other choice as Clinton's policies were a slap in the face to Republican positions.

Clinton approached his presidency using the triangulation method of policymaking. This technique calls for embracing the

ideals of the opposition party. The Welfare Reform Act, which passed on Aug. 22, 1996, would not be reality had Clinton not reached out to the Republican right.

Clinton's willingness to include certain points of the GOP agenda within his own perplexed and angered Republicans. Not only were their initiatives passing, but they were being taken in by a Democratic president. This deferred much of the credit to the Democrats and their commander-in-chief, which left Republicans searching for other policy agendas and eventually landed the GOP on their pursuit to bring down Clinton on a personal level.

A direct result of this decision is the outrageous legal price tag of over \$70 million. Every time a new set of charges were brought forth against Clinton, whether it be Whitewater, the Paula Jones lawsuit or even Monica Lewinsky, costs rose significantly. How could fiscally conservative Republicans stand for these insane expenditures? Perhaps if Clinton's policies proved less effective, the red tape would read a little different.

Amazingly, Clinton has successfully dodged the political bullet numerous times. In his first interview after leaving the presidency with *Newsweek*, Clinton stated that the Marc Rich pardon he granted when exiting office "was terrible politics" and that "it wasn't worth the damage to [his] reputation."

Clinton also revealed his main motives for granting the fugitive a pardon: the Justice department had changed its mind and supported the decision, Rich surrendered his statute-of-limitations defenses meaning the United States could gain much of the money Rich owes if he decides to re-enter the nation and, lastly, Clinton received an appeal from Israel's government and felt the pardon would aid the peace process in the region.

One thing that these excessive legal and court costs should tell Republicans by now is that

Clinton will never sit still long enough to be pinned down. A prime example of this came last year when Clinton decided to move his post-presidential office into the whole 56th floor of the Carnegie Hall Tower, located in midtown Manhattan. The price tag of this venture would have cost taxpayers a whopping \$650,000 per year. Republicans such as Rep. Ernest Istook of Oklahoma, who chaired a House subcommittee overseeing the White House budget, were quick to pounce on Clinton for this lavish use of public funds.

Clinton, however, did not waste time in choosing a new location for his office. The former president chose Harlem as the site of his new office, simply because he felt at home in the African-American community. This debt move and the whole fiasco caused by the proposed move to Manhattan detracted attention from President George W. Bush who was just beginning his term in the Oval Office. This result was exactly what Clinton had hoped for: drawing attention away from his Republican successor and driving the right wing mad in the process was simply part of the overall plan of a master politician.

Perhaps these two qualities of Clinton pushed Republicans to the brink time and again. Through the course of his presidency, Clinton selflessly stood behind those who helped elect him to office, the poor and underprivileged, and stayed loyal to his party at the same time by taking a minor fall for the team and drawing attention away from Bush's move into Washington.

But could two noble qualities annoy Republicans enough to justify throwing away \$70 million worth of taxpayer money? To this Democrat, the thought seems absurd; the GOP more often persecuted, rather than prosecuted, the Clintons. When will Republicans learn? Clinton simply does not sit still long enough to become ensnared in petty political traps. ○

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Task Force

Dear Editor:

When fraternities were first founded over 200 years ago, their purpose was purely academic: to provide a forum for debate and discussion of intellectual pursuits.

Over time, this purpose has shifted to what we now have today: social organizations and, to an arguably lesser extent, service organizations.

While there is certainly nothing inherently wrong with social organizations, Greek organizations nationwide — including some at Alfred — have become the proverbial “black eye” for many schools.

The *Boston Globe* has reported that small liberal arts colleges are “finding that the total costs of [fraternities] outweigh the benefits.” The paper goes on to term fraternities and sororities “socially exclusive and discriminatory, breeding grounds for sexist attitudes against women and places of excessive drinking, alcoholism and property damage.”

What Middlebury College found when it studied the very same issue facing Alfred's new Greek Task Force is that “as society has changed, fraternities have not, and therefore have become

an anachronism. A narrowly defined, fraternity-dominated social life on campus is incompatible with our vision of the future.”

A few weeks ago, I had a lively discussion with a fraternity member who told me that the problems with Greeks on campus stem from a University that is unable to effectively administer the system, effectively blaming AU for every Greek mishap over the years. We're smart kids here — we should know better than that and begin to take accountability for our actions.

I thoroughly support the new Trustee Task Force in their difficult mission. While Alfred has made great strides academically in recent years, it is clear that social and residential life may not have kept up. Now is not the time to assign blame for the failures of our community's social scene, but rather to recognize that changes have occurred at Alfred, like elsewhere, that demand action. Working together towards a positive future is essential to Alfred University before our school itself becomes an anachronism.

Sincerely,
Sebastian White
Class of 2003

Alumna is pleased with Raices show

Dear Editor:

Raices, an exhibition of Latin and Caribbean culture through the eyes of Alfred University students, was an outstanding performance.

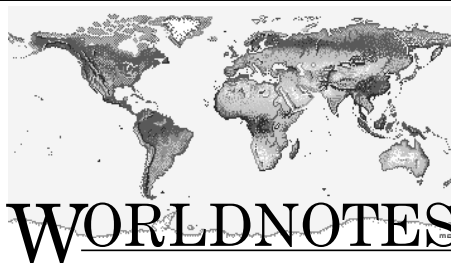
Upbeat music, skilled dancing and soulful poetry offered an entertaining glimpse of a variety of cultures.

With the aid of colorful costumes, the performers slipped effortlessly into their roles, transporting the audience to a place in Latin history.

I hope the students feel the energy invested was worthwhile. It's amazing that Omar Perez, Jassy Ramirez and Asia Pina were able to dedicate the time, energy and finances into the production of Raices.

After experiencing the fruits of their labor, I believe it was time well spent. It was refreshing to see that students still care about partaking in the development of quality programs.

Regards,
Shakima M. McCants
Class of 2001



LOCAL

WSKG-TV broadcast a 30-minute program on Memorials that included an interview with Assistant Professor of Fine Arts Rie Hachiyangi and an excerpt of her March 7th Bergren Forum presentation, “Paper and Life.” The show was aired 8 p.m. last Thursday night.

• Marvin H. Bell, one of Alfred University's most celebrated alumni, will deliver this year's commencement address at 10 a.m. May 18 in McLane Center.

Bell, author of 17 books of poetry and essays, is a longtime member of the faculty of the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa, where he is the Flannery O'Connor Professor of Letters. *Booklist* calls him “one of our finest and most acclaimed poets,” and the State of Iowa named him its first poet laureate in 2000.

“We are delighted that Marvin Bell accepted our invitation to deliver our commencement address this year,” said President Charles M. Edmondson. “His accomplishments as a poet and as a teacher would be an inspiration to our graduates.”

NATIONAL

The current trial of a priest accused of raping a 14-year-old girl 25 years ago may be changing statute of limitation laws nationally. California is so far the only state that has eliminated the statutes of limitation in sexual abuse cases, thus allowing prosecutors to try Rev. Don Kimball in a court of law.

“I've watched law enforcement deal with church authorities for decades, and a monumental change has swept the country in the last few months,” said A. W. Richard Sipe in *The New York Times* last Thursday. Sipe is a retired psychologist who has appeared as an expert witness in more than 50 sexual abuse trials. “Prosecutors are not acting as timidly in the face of the church as they once did.”

• Robert Tulloch and James Parker pleaded guilty last Thursday to the murder of two Dartmouth college professors, Half and Susanne Zantop.

After pleading guilty, 18-year-old Tulloch received the mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. Seventeen-year-old Parker pleaded guilty to being an accomplice and received 25 years to life in prison after testifying against Tulloch.

According to *The New York Times*, the motive was to kill people and steal their bank cards in order to fund a trip to Australia.

• Rev. Ronald Denton Wilson told reporters last Thursday that his father led a group of three conspirators to kill Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at a Memphis motel in 1968. Although Wilson cannot produce any evidence, authorities are still taking it seriously.

“When someone makes a statement like this, you don't just ignore it,” said Jacksonville, Fla. FBI Special Agent Ron Grenier in *The New York Times*. “This is something very serious.”

The FBI in Memphis said it was not yet getting involved. “If credible evidence were developed by the Jacksonville office, substantiating any of the claims by this man that his father was involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, then we might become involved,” said the spokesman, George Bolds in *The New York Times*.

INTERNATIONAL

The Queen Mother's coffin was carried through London last Friday to honor the woman whose lifetime spanned more than a century. At age 101, the Queen Mother died on March 30.

The Queen Mother's coffin was taken to Parliament, where it would stay for four days so people could pay their last respects.

“It's a historical event, and we won't see anything like this again,” said Patricia Spears in *The New York Times*. “The Queen Mother was born at the start of one century and died at the start of the next. She was a remarkable and well-loved woman.”

• Angola's warring generals signed a ceasefire last Thursday that ended over two decades of fighting.

The fighting between the government troops and the Unita guerrillas ended six weeks after the death of guerrilla leader Jonas Savimbi.

According to *The New York Times*, United Nations officials said that the ceasefire is one of the first steps needed to end struggles in Africa.

• Afghan officials announced a new plan to crack down on the growing of poppy plants in their country, which was at one time the world's largest supplier of opium.

The plan is to offer farmers \$500 per acre of the crop that they destroy. However, if the farmer refuses, their crop will be destroyed anyway.

The money for this project is said to be coming from the United States, Great Britain and other western countries that have been pressuring the Afghan government to limit its country's opium production. ○

Task Force meets with Greek leaders

BY PATRICIA STRICKLAND
STAFF WRITER

In response to recent concern that the investigation approach used by the Greek Task Force is biased and unfair, a special meeting was held last Wednesday offering all presidents of Greek organizations the opportunity to meet with members of the task force.

According to several members of the Greek community, only a portion of Greek houses on campus had received a request to speak at the task force meetings. Other houses received no contact from the task force and some felt that it would be unfair to make recommendations that would affect them all without allowing each Greek house the opportunity to represent their organization as well.

Prior to last Wednesday's meeting, Andrew Hay, vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, stated that he felt meeting with each Greek house was a “necessary step in judging the quality of Greek life.” Hay added that Lambda Chi Alpha had sent two e-mails to the task force stating their position and offering any assistance and cooperation needed.

A sorority officer, who wished to remain anonymous, added that she would welcome the opportunity to speak to the task force. “I think it would be great if they would meet with all of our members.” She even offered up a solution to their already overloaded schedule. “I know it would take too much time to meet with every

house as a group, but if each Task Force member met with one house, I think they would meet many of us, hear our concerns, and learn a lot about how we operate as an organization.”

On March 29, Task Force Chair Gene M. Bernstein responded that the task force did not intend to meet with all of the 12 sororities and fraternities on campus, and he offered up two reasons for this decision.

“First, implicit in this concern is the misconception that the task force was created because of the death of Benjamin Klein when in fact that tragedy was but another in a history of Greek associated tragedies that have long troubled the administration and board,” Bernstein stated. “And second, we are not simply studying Greek life as it is today; rather, we are looking at patterns and trends both at Alfred and nationally over the past 35 years or so, when membership in Greek houses at Alfred began a precipitous decline from approximately 45 percent of the student body to the 12 or 13 percent it is today,” he said.

Bernstein later added that given the task force's limited time and their historical focus, meeting with each house “to get a snapshot of what is happening this year was not a high priority.”

However, on April 2 an e-mail was sent to the presidents of all Greek organizations on campus, offering them the opportunity to meet with Bernstein and other members of the task force. The meeting was held the next morn-

ing in the Powell Board Room in the Campus Center at 9 a.m., and lasted a little over an hour.

When asked what prompted the task force's change in decision, Bernstein said: “Not withstanding our focus on the 30-year trend, we could understand that from the Greek leader's point of view it was important for them to meet with us.” Bernstein added that it also gave the task force the chance to explain face to face what they were trying to accomplish.

According to Bernstein, there was a wide-ranging discussion covering specific questions such as: “Why do so few Greeks live in their houses, and so few upperclassmen among those that do? Why isn't alumni financial support greater? What could the university do to help them? Why do [some Greek organizations] harass and intimidate those who have de-pledged?”

Also discussed were more philosophical questions like “what is essential to Greek life and conversely, what could be eliminated,” added Bernstein.

Due to the short notice, not all Greek presidents or members of the task force could attend. Bernstein added that those on the task force that were able to attend were glad they had the meeting. Among those presidents that did attend were from: Lambda Chi Alpha, Klan Alpine, Delta Sigma Phi, Zeta Beta Tau, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Kappa Omicron, Delta Zeta and Kappa Psi Upsilon. ○

The staff of the *Fiat Lux* would like to congratulate Trish and Dan Napolitano on the birth of their son, Noah Daniel, on April 4th at 10:58 p.m.
21" long, 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces

Taylor explains development

BY ROBERT BAYNES
STAFF WRITER

Assistant Professor of Psychology Leslie Taylor gave an informational report on childhood memories April 3 in Nevins Theater.

Taylor and Professor of Psychology Nancy Furlong are doing a study on childhood memories.

"There are several differentiating factors in children's memories that occur as they grow and develop their brains," said Taylor. "One of the biggest events to parents for their 2- or 3-year-old is when they learn to talk."

Taylor explained how language development enhances a child's ability to remember, but memories are made before we learn to talk, too.

Taylor explained that she had dropped a drink while she was spending time with her nephew. Although he could not talk, her nephew proceeded to obtain a towel from the other room and clean it up. So memory before language is possible, but what about hearing?

Developmental psychology studies show that children with hearing impairments recall

memories from about the same time as those without them.

There is a definite change in a child's cognitive activity between the ages of two and five. At two years of age, a child will not talk about him or herself in first person unless prompted to. At the age of five, a child will clearly talk about themselves.

When does this "awareness of one's self" take place? Taylor stated that around 18 months a child has a sense of self-recognition. As language develops a child's communication skills increase as they interact with adults. The child must learn what to pay attention to and how to remember it.

Taylor elaborated on the importance of parents actively talking to their young ones. Studies have shown that the more parents talk and interact with their kids the more talkative they will become.

She showed a video of a child playing with Legos and chatting in fun conversation with adults. The parents began with fun conversation about the Legos and eventually began to ask the child questions about the movie *Shrek*, which they had seen early that day.

The parents' questions were short. Taylor stressed that this was important.

"Short questions will not leave children lost and will allow them more time to speak," she said. Not only was the child demonstrating short-term memory by carrying on a conversation, but discussing the movie was also practicing long-term memory.

What is the puzzle of this childhood amnesia? If one does have a childhood memory, it was probably during a dramatic or intense period.

"Most childhood memories are formed at highly emotional times," stated Taylor. "Most memories do not seem to stick if they are not involved in a schema of events or don't seem to serve a purpose."

Taylor and Furlong already have several children on tape for their study and in the future they hope to have as much as 50.

By studying children as they develop their cognitive skills, Taylor and Furlong hope to find details of the encoding process and changes that take place in the brain as it develops. ○

Gays deserve equal job protection

BY TIM INTHIRAKOTH
STAFF WRITER

The federal government prohibits job discrimination on the basis of gender, race, religion, national origin and disability. However, it says nothing about sexual orientation. As a result, the majority of gay people nationwide can be legally fired or denied a job based on sexual orientation.

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an appeal before the Washington State Supreme Court, according to a PlanetOut.com article by Ann Rostow. This article reports that Mary Jo Davis was fired from her job at a hospital because she was a lesbian. Davis' firing is legal, because Washington state does not include sexual orientation in its job discrimination policy.

Only 12 states offer statewide legal protection from sexual orientation discrimination in the workplace. Although New York is not one of them, there are several municipalities such as Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse and even Alfred that do include sexual orientation in their employment policy.

When Professor of History and Chair of the Human Studies Department Vicki Eaklor, an openly gay professor, came to Alfred University in 1984, sexual orientation was not covered in the University's employment statement.

There was a slow process over several years that led to the inclusion of sexuality in the employment policy. It was only this year that the University gave same-sex partners health benefits, according to Eaklor.

"Most of the homophobia is coming from the top," said Eaklor.

As AU seniors prepare to graduate, entering the workplace is a daunting endeavor in itself. However, being gay can add another obstacle to getting a job. Many gay students are worried about how they will be viewed when they apply and if they will be treated fairly in the workplace.

Shawn Allan, a senior and co-president of Spectrum, Alfred's gay and straight alliance, says, "I have to expect discrimination. I would be naive not to."

This is the reality for many gay people looking for jobs. Discrimination based on sexual orientation is still accepted by the federal government since there are no federal laws that include sexual orientation protection in their employment policies.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., has been a long-time supporter of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act.

If passed, it would include sexual orientation in federal civil rights protection policies according to the article, "U.S. Bills Would Ban GLBT Discrimination," on PlanetOut.com, by Leticia Stein. In the article, Kennedy calls civil rights the "unfinished business of America."

More and more workplaces have adopted gay friendly policies says Allan. He worked at a national chemical laboratory last summer that had a gay support group. Coming out to one's workplace is a personal decision and also depends on the environment.

Bob Owens, an openly gay professor at SUNY Geneseo who recently spoke at Alfred University, believes being honest to his students about his sexuality is imperative.

Eaklor agrees with Owens, saying, "Being open to your students is absolutely important, and it's up to us to let the students know who we are."

Letting students know who the gay professors are "provides resources for gay and straight students and exposes students to different personalities within the gay community," according to Eaklor.

"In the workplace, one should be judged on how well they do the job, not one's sexuality," says Allan.

According to Kennedy, equal rights should be inclusive and protect all American citizens, not a select few. ○



PHOTO BY PATRICIA STRICKLAND

A local pooch sniffs around outside Powell Campus Center. Under a new law in Alfred, dogs must now be leashed at all times when outdoors.

...Leash Laws

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large dog runs up close for your attention ... you never know what could happen."

Ward personally puts a leash on her dog when she knows that they will be around a crowd. What is the downside of this law for the AU junior?

"It will be difficult to continue jogging in the mornings with out tripping over that leash," said Ward, laughing at the possible accident that could occur.

Paul Strong, Kruson distinguished professor of English and director of the honors program, seemed disturbed about the new leash law. Judging by the mural of dogs' photos on his office door and the bulletin board dedicated to "doggy news" set up in Seidlin

Hall, he considers his dog a friend. Strong owns a Golden Retriever named Siena.

"I bought the two unfenced acres away from the road intentionally, so Siena and my kids could play freely," said Strong. "People move to the country, rather than Manhattan, because it's rural, safe, clean and beautiful. There are some things that you should be able to do in a rural area that you can't do in a city; letting your dog roam free on your property is one of them."

He spoke of a time when Associate Professors of English Susan Morehouse, Susan Mayberry and Fiona Tolhurst, along with Strong himself, would all bring our dogs into Seidlin Hall.

"The students loved it," commented Strong enthusiastically. His dog has never attacked anyone, and he doesn't even think it

would attack someone to protect him.

When asked if he knew of a previous law that dogs must wear leashes on Tuesdays because it's trash day, he stated that he did.

"Yes, but how is my dog Siena supposed to know when it's Tuesday? That's a joke," said Strong.

Sophomore Edward Ordway owns a German shepherd/Irish wolfhound mix named Leyla. He goes to Tucker Field and plays with her.

"I don't see the problem with it," stated Ordway. "Leyla has not been harmed, and she does not harm anyone else."

He believed that this law might enforce people to be more responsible for their pets' actions and more considerate of private property. ○

Wells to deliver Riley Lecture

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
PRODUCTION MANAGER

This year's Riley Lecture, "Population, Power and Progress: How Women in Developing Countries are Champions for Change," features Dr. Victoria Wells, epidemiologist and director of the ENABLE Project. The lecture will take place in the Knight Club on April 15 at 4:30 p.m.

The ENABLE Project, part of the Centre for Development and Population Activities, is a five-year, \$50 million effort to improve reproductive health services by working with women's health networks in 10 countries.

According to an AU press release, "ENABLE works with men and women of reproductive age, as well as youth ages 10-24 to provide access to an expanded package of services to meet the needs of women, couples and youth; and to strengthen organizations' capacity to plan, manage and sustain quality gender-sensitive reproductive health services in those countries."

As an epidemiologist, Wells specializes in women's health issues

and AIDS in Africa. She will base her lecture on 25 years of experience in public health in many different countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, El Salvador and Ethiopia. She has also studied, taught and written on many aspects of women's health and epidemiology.

Before becoming involved with the ENABLE project, Wells worked for nine years as director and instructor for the Applied Statistics Training Institute, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wells was selected to give this year's Riley Lecture because her work applies to many disciplines and areas of interest of AU students, including anthropology, biology, environmental studies and women's studies.

The annual Riley Lecture is supported by a gift from Pamela Riley Osborn '62, Patricia A. Riley '65 and Melissa Riley, in memory of their parents, Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley and Charles Riley, who were local activists during their time in Alfred. ○

Come to Fiat Lux meetings!

After Mascot, AU gets Jolt

BY JENELLE SILVERS
FEATURES EDITOR

Ever wish that your computer would do more than eat your essays and term papers? Tired of reading through countless e-mails to find out what's happening on campus? You may have just found your new homepage because the Alfred Daily Jolt turns your PC into a veritable clearinghouse of information you actually use, in all one convenient location.

Junior Suzie Kelly, webmaster for the Alfred Daily Jolt, learned about the site from friends who attend Smith College.

Kelly built the whole Alfred site from a template, an initially formidable task. She now maintains the site, updating it daily with some help from Junior Rachael Lochner, assistant webmaster, who helps with publicity and polls.

Though the current AU Web site offers a wealth of information, the format is cumbersome. Kelly said, "The AU Web site is not made for students. It is aimed at prospective students."

The Daily Jolt is more student-centered by including links of daily interest and addresses student concerns by offering a discussion forum, an online community for students to interact with one another.

"The reason why the Daily Jolt is so successful is that it is run by students, not some corporation

who thinks they know what students need," said Kelly.

The Alfred Daily Jolt, online at <http://alfred.dailyjolt.com>, offers day-to-day content and so much more, with eclectic links allowing you to stay informed, speak your mind or just waste time.

Stay informed. Links of local interest include the Ade and Powell menus and a "what's happening on campus" section. Local weather and links to theater, academic and athletic calendars also serve to keep you informed.

Centralized e-mail resources allow you to check your Alfred, Hotmail, Yahoo, AOL, and YourMom accounts from the homepage without excessive pointing and clicking.

Features useful to most anyone include a marketplace for posting classifieds; local and national job listings; a local food guide with student reviews; a transportation guide with bus, train and plane schedules, maps and taxi cab numbers; a concert schedule listing both local and nearby locations such as Olean, Corning, Ithaca, Rochester, Buffalo and New York City and the local television schedule.

Speak your mind. Though opinions are like bellybuttons in that everyone has one, the Daily Jolt differentiates between the two by offering a forum where sharing an opinion is acceptable and wel-

come; bellybuttons should still remain private. The forums allow students to post questions or opinions and reply to previous postings.

A variety of forums offers a soapbox for everyone. If the local Alfred forum does not address your interest, try the cross-campus, jobs, techie, sports, music and movies or relationships forums.

Quick polls offer another avenue for students to speak their mind.

Waste time. Procrastination links like Free Will Astrology, Sissy Fight and Milky Elephant allow you to waste time pleasantly.

Customization options allow you to create a profile and decide what content you want — or do not want — to see when you visit the Daily Jolt. You may choose a Fisher-Price style icon that will appear in the forums in which you choose to participate.

Kelly is eager to "see how people react to the site, see what they think of it."

In the first week, the site had over 3,000 hits, averaging 50 users each day. Kelly expects to see the numbers go up once people know about the site and use it daily.

Kelly said that she has a lot of fun stuff planned for the future, including a student gallery showcase and a comic strip. ○

Herrick seeks input

BY DAVID SNYDER
CONTRIBUTOR

Herrick Memorial Library will conduct a survey during National Library Week (April 14-20) to assess library needs, appraise patron satisfaction and solicit suggestions for Herrick's coming renovation.

Volunteers from Alpha Lambda Delta, national academic honor society for first-year students, will join library staff members in surveying passersby at the Powell Campus Center lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, April 17-19.

The volunteers will survey undergraduates, graduate students, faculty/staff and community residents on frequency of library use, assessing the importance of various needs, and an appraisal of patron satisfaction. In addition, those surveyed will be asked for suggestions on what they would like to see in the "new" Herrick Library.

Herrick Library is about to embark on a major renovation

project. The library last year announced receipt of an anonymous \$1.8 million gift to upgrade the facility.

Alfred University President Charley Edmondson committed the University to raise additional funds to complete the project. The library will use the suggestions obtained from the survey in formulating final design plans.

"This is a great opportunity for patrons to influence plans for the renovation project," said Library Director Steve Crandall, "We'd like to get as much input as possible from the campus community so that our renovation priorities can be in tune with those whom we serve."

An architect firm, QPK Design of Syracuse, has already compiled preliminary sketches and plans, but nothing has been finalized.

Completing the survey will take only about five minutes. Survey sheets will also be available at the library's front desk during National Library Week.

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STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

BY ALISON SAVETT
NEWS EDITOR

Nevins Theater was packed for the first time in a long while on April 3 for the weekly Student Senate meeting, noted President Matthew Washington.

The reason for the large crowd was the visiting company representative from Hastings and Chivetta, a firm that specializes in athletic sports facilities on college campuses around the nation.

According to Washington, AU is looking into the possibility of expanding the athletic facilities. They would not be changing the current McLane Center, but adding a new building that might include such things as an ice hockey rink, whirlpools and possibly a fieldhouse. But nothing is definite, and the two representa-

tives were on campus for the first of many workshops.

The representatives remained after the Senate meeting ended to discuss what the students wanted.

During the early part of the meeting, two requests were granted for money from the Special Allocations Fund.

Kevin Kline, Adrian Doering-Dorival and Oliver Gantner came to the Senate proposing a budget for Smalltown USA, a party that would emphasize what Alfred has to offer.

"It would break down barriers," said Kline. "We're hoping to start a new tradition."

At the event, which would take place in Davis Gym on April 20, there would be artwork displayed, a graffiti wall and videos, all showing what Alfred can

offer. Senate passed the request and granted \$250 to the group.

The next request came from Lisa Tymann for the Peer Educators. She was granted \$300 for the 1.5K run on Hot Dog Day.

The proceeds from the \$7 entry fee would go to charity.

If your organization wants to participate in the Block Party on Aug. 31, see Vice President Kristen Sclafani for information. Applications are due back April 24.

Spectrum requested that everyone take a vow of silence tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to bring visibility to the harassment, prejudice and discrimination faced by lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people. ○

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stress on science faculty and those who perform the lab changeovers.

Edmondson insisted he took under consideration the concerns of the science department and felt giving Yom Kippur was the "the right thing to do."

The President explained that with "any change you always have some opposition," and acknowledges that this modification will be a "test of [AU's] social cohesion and hopes that we can address these issues in a civil manner."

Allen Grove, assistant professor of English, supports the celebration of all religious holidays and has always given Jewish students the option to make plans to miss class on major holidays without being penalized.

Singing out Yom Kippur as a school holiday "symbolizes a valuing of a religious holiday when AU's schedule has been secular," stated Grove. He feels that by giving students the option to make up work without being penalized is the appropriate solution to religious holidays.

Arthur Greil, advisor of Hillel, AU's organization of Jewish students, attested to the success of Grove's method and confirmed that there has been "no record of a student being penalized for missing class or falling behind on Jewish holidays."

Hillel only asks professors to allow students to make up work and have an excusable absence, confirmed Greil.

Greil also pointed out that "this change did not come from Hillel," though the organization is appreciative of the University's support.

Stern, also a member of Hillel, feels the adjusted calendar bene-

fits students because they will no longer "feel the need to weigh Judaism against their class schedule." Although she was never penalized for missing class due to her religion, Stern is happy that she will not have to worry about the work missed.

Another minor effect this change has comes with Fall Break. Casey explained that students and faculty will still have at least a one day mid-term break in the fall and possibly the normal two days, if Yom Kippur falls on a weekend.

Edmondson acknowledged that "a number of people have [already] expressed their satisfaction because of AU doing this."

Though the decision to give AU students and faculty the day off on Yom Kippur has raised much controversy, Edmondson truly believes it was the right move to make, out of respect to the campus' Jewish community. ○

...Middle East

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The March 23 suicide bomber killed 20 at a Seder in a Tel Aviv hotel. And the following day, the Israeli Cabinet met to consider a response to Hamas' actions, while Arafat called for the implementation of the Tenet cease-fire proposal.

Experts point to an array of different reasons for the conflict, ranging from economic disparity to inherent distrust.

The crux of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict lies in the economic disparity between many Palestinians and their Israeli counterparts and the displacement of Palestinians into refugee camps, said Peterson.

Peterson traces the original conflict back to the fact that essentially "two peoples are claiming the same land," not the fact that the two cultures have different religions.

Many Palestinians belong to lower socio-economic classes in Israel, said Peterson. Although, they are essential to Israel's economy, they are often unappreciated in Israeli communities.

"Palestinians are the day laborers," said Peterson. "That is why they [Israel] haven't closed off the borders."

At a recent AU lecture sponsored by Hillel, a Jewish campus life organization, Middle East expert Dr. Judith Klinghoffer of Rutgers University stated that while there is an economic disparity between Palestinians and Israelis, more important factors include inherent distrust and different government structures.

Klinghoffer, an Israeli, believes this inherent distrust is on the Arab side of the conflict. She said repeated Arab rejection of peace proposals since the Six-Day War is the main reason for this lack of trust.

As for solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, opinions vary widely.

Klinghoffer believes that the only opportunity for peace is through democracy. She said

since Israel is democratic, Israeli officials must please their constituents or run the risk of not being reelected. However, on the other hand, Palestinian government officials do not worry about displeasing their citizens because they hold government appointed, not elected, positions.

Consequently, Palestinians can escalate the violence without worrying about the wrath of their constituents.

Peterson stresses that peace will not occur until both sides see that violence will do more harm than good.

"I think the only small chance for peace is when people understand that the only other choice is chaos," said Peterson.

The outlook for peace is diminishing rapidly, according to many news reports. Israeli and Palestinian forces battled recently at Arafat's compound. Palestinians believe that the Israeli government is trying to kill Arafat, an accusation that government officials push aside as nonsense. In addition, Palestinian suicide bombers have struck three times since the beginning of Passover.

The irony of this past week of upheaval is that despite the continued violence, both leaders have insisted that they want peace.

In a news conference last Friday, Sharon said, "Israel's hand ... is extended toward peace. We have done everything in our power to achieve a cease-fire and an immediate entry into the Tenet process in order to advance any possibility of a cease-fire."

Arafat was recently quoted by CNN as saying, "I would like to reiterate our readiness to work for an immediate cease-fire."

As both sides continue to speak of peace but continue fighting, peace seems to be drifting away. Wednesday's suicide bombing may have finally set the region into war.

Will peace ultimately prevail? "I don't know," said Peterson, shaking his head. "[Now] it is less likely." ○



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David loves opinions, especially his own

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BY DAVID FOGELMAN
FUN PAGE COLUMNIST

Do you know what I love? Other than those old commercials for Diet Pepsi featuring Ray Charles singing "You've Got The Right One Baby"? No, not Busch beer, but that's a good guess. No, not Rosie O'Donnell. I hate her! Where the hell did that come from?!

I guess I'll just have to tell you. I love opinions. I love them in all forms. I love "Pardon the Interruption" on ESPN. I love "Crossfire" on CNN. I love reading political columnists like Jim Hightower, Molly Ivins and Thomas Sowell, even when I dis-

agree with them. *Especially* when I disagree with them.

I even love those guys in the cities who stand on soap boxes and shout opinions at anybody willing to stand around and listen.

The great thing about opinions is that we can all have as many as we desire. In fact, I often have several different opinions about the same topic.

I also love opinions, because they are so simple. An opinion can and must be taken exactly at face value.

For instance, when Tony Kornheiser says "I think Mike Tyson sucks," what he's really saying is that he thinks Mike Tyson sucks. He's not saying, "On February 11, 1990, I would not have gotten knocked out by Buster Douglas, as Mike Tyson did." Mr. Kornheiser's opinion is not a proclamation that he can box

better than Mike Tyson. He's saying he thinks Mike Tyson sucks.

The fact that Mike Tyson can beat up just about anybody in America, men and women alike, does nothing to change the fact that, in at least one man's opinion, he still sucks. He bites, too.

Also, I think Dear Abby's column sucks, whoever's writing it. I think it's a collaboration between some make-believe woman named "Abigail Van Buren" and her daughter, who looks like a cross between Bea Arthur and Janet Reno. Or maybe that's her son.

Anyway, her/their column simply sucks, in my opinion. They once told a third grader to cut off his friendship with a kid who stole, because he's a "bad seed" headed for a "life of crime." In my opinion, no third grader is a bad seed; no eight-year old is evil and wouldn't benefit from some compassion

from a peer.

Does the fact that I actually wrote an advice column that was far worse than Dear Abby's preclude me from criticizing her column? *Hell no* it doesn't! That's what's so great about *opinions*!

If someone ever came up to me and asked what my favorite kind of opinion is, I'd say, "My favorite kind of opinion is a David Fogelman opinion. I love those."

Some of my opinions are unique to me. For instance, I think *The Jeffersons* is the best show in TV history, other than *MacGyver*. I also think that Rickey Henderson is a far better baseball player than Cal Ripken, Jr.

Not all of my opinions are that unpopular, though. I mean, I can't be the only one who thinks bottled water is dumb. In my opinion, people that swear by Evian, Poland Springs, or Dasani are misguided at best, and pretentious at worst.

I'll admit the marketing schemes for these companies are brilliant. They suggest that tap water is lethal, and also that carrying around a bottle of water is stylish and sexy.

The truth, though, is that the minerals and impurities in tap water are pretty good for you, and that the only way for a guy to look more attractive to the opposite sex with a bottle of water is to stick it in the front of his jeans. I know of no way for a woman to look sexy carrying around a bottle of water that I can publish without getting many people in a lot of trouble.

Just because this column is almost over does not mean, under any circumstances, that I'm out of opinions. If you want to hear more of my opinions, I'd love to share them with you. Drop me an email, strike up a conversation, or just stand near me for a few minutes, and I'll give you an earful. ☺

POINT & COUNTERPOINT

No Evidence for Aliens

BY CORY M. BISHOP
POINT

The other day I overheard a conversation in the Li'l Alf. The participants, like trained parrots, were spitting back out the latest trendy facts about alien sightings. I calmly explained to them that there is no evidence for the existence of alien life before throwing my sandwich at them and running away sobbing uncontrollably.

At first it was flying saucers. Then little green men were sighted all over the world. Next it evolved into crop circles. All of these fads in the world of alien investigation have been debunked at one point or another.

Flying saucers are simply illogical. The future of spacecraft is not headed in the direction of dinnerware. While the pie pan makes a nice Frisbee, you won't see the air force testing vehicles shaped like a whisk. NASA is not revealing their new XR-71 cookie sheet spacecraft. The latest space-age advancement that had anything to do with dinner was the spork; and trust me, it is not very effective.

Sightings of little green men might have been believable; however, their waif-like body structure makes me think it was just a bunch of supermodels. I can't see any 'advanced life-form' conquering earth when all you have to do is give 'em a swift blow to their large, misshapen heads. The kicker, though, is that many of these sightings showed these aliens arriving — wearing their grayish white skin, mind you — *after Labor Day*. Yes, the superior race with no fashion sense.

Finally there were the crop circles.

Recently, it was discovered that it was not alien spacecraft that were making these patterns, but rather a group of artists. It was the Blue Man Group, which completely contradicts the idea of little green men. Still, those guys are weird.

I'm not arguing against the idea that there may be life out there in the universe somewhere. Chances are there's some simple form of life on some distant planet in some far off galaxy. I'll keep an open mind about simple, non-intelligent life, like bacteria, fungus or Jesse Helms.

Here's another way to look at it: could you say that any life would be considered intelligent if they traveled billions of light years to come to earth just to take cow heads and anally probe rednecks? I can't think of a single place where that would be held as an intelligent thing to do. Except maybe Virginia.

There are others who think that Stonehenge was built by aliens. They think it might be some sort of message. Sure, they built it out of that wonderful, highly advanced material: stone. They were also great builders; it's practically fallen over. And what would the message be? "Here's a pretty crappy circle. Take us to your leader, Cave Man, we want to probe his anus." What do they expect to find up there? Did they lose the keys to their spaceships?

Now that I have thoroughly convinced you humanoids, it's back to the mother ship, that large rice-cooker shaped object floating above the Alfred sky. Yes Xerxes, I'll analyze those anal swabs just as soon as we land in Virginia again. Pass the cow heads, please.

End transmission. ☺

Aliens do exist!

BY ETHAN KAYE
COUNTERPOINT

It's high time we as a nation sit down with a cup of coffee and face facts: alien life forms from other planets have visited Earth and changed the course of history. There is too much evidence in favor of alien visitations than against it, and people should recognize this.

And I'm not talking about illegal aliens here, people from other nations coming here without green cards. I am not convinced they exist, although I have seen them in movies like Paul Rodriguez's classic *A Million to Juan*.

The "little green men" stereotype is woefully outdated, as most aliens are shape shifters who can vary their appearance at will. Like Michael Jackson. One day he's a cute little kid singing songs like "I Want You Back" and then suddenly BAM! He's Diana Ross all of a sudden! Over the past few years he's started to look like Skeletor, too, so keep an eye on that guy.

Other people in popular culture who may be aliens: Courtney Love, Paul Reubens, Britney Spears' breasts and Marlon Brando, who scientists believe might actually be the planet Neptune in a really clever disguise.

There is proof that aliens have been visiting our planet since ancient times. Paredides, the Greek statesman, wrote in his memoirs "It was the time of the great famine. A flaming boat came from the sky and landed in the square. Men stepped out from the boat and said that they had come in peace. The citizens of the town set on them, tearing them asunder and eating them with a side of peas and some relish from a tray."

And what of the pyramids of Egypt? Ancient marvels of extraterrestrial origin for sure. We can thank aliens for the entire tourism industry of Egypt, because, honestly, there's not much else to do in Egypt. They need to get some water slides or a slushie machine or something.

The scientific community has sadly denied the existence of aliens for years.

They will tell you facts about how the necessary qualities for life aren't found on other planets and how interstellar space travel is impossible and how if you eat too much uncooked pork you can end up with infections and other garbage like that. Stupid experts. It's people like them who got jars taken off shelves, *Mystery Science Theater 3000* cancelled and all that delicious asbestos taken out of our schools.

I say no fair! There's no way you can ignore this evidence! *The Weekly World News* had actual pictures of an alien shaking hands with George W. Bush! I find that rather amazing, since the alien was very naked and Bush would have thrown him in jail for that. Good thing Bill Clinton wasn't in the room, I don't want to imagine what would have happened.

Skeptics, like my esteemed yet misinformed colleague Cory, will ask the question "why do they only abduct rednecks?" The answer is easy, Cory. They like rednecks. Duh.

The debate will rage until public alien contact is made. NASA is constantly monitoring the skies in hopes that aliens will try to send a message to us, but all they've gotten are a lot of messages like "Yur mom!" and "Eminem roolz!" These messages, NASA believes, are not from intelligent life at all, but come from the annoying kids who live in the trailer next to the radar dish.

I for one welcome our alien brethren with open arms. I hope that one day I will be standing on a plateau, representing the whole of the human race as the alien spaceships land in front of my eyes already filled with anticipatory glee.

The mysterious beings will leave their ships and walk to me and I will hold my hand out in the international sign of friendship and say "Hello. I am Ethan Kaye, and I represent the inhabitants of Earth. I hope you come in peace. However, if you don't, I am sadly prepared for an anal probing." ☺

Look! Over there on
Page 7! Horoscopes!

Local author gives reading

BY JENELLE SILVERS
FEATURES EDITOR

Kate Braverman kicked off the 2002 Writing for Your Life Conference on Thursday April 4 with a reading of her recently published novel *The Incantation of Frida K*. Braverman has authored several novels, books of poetry and two short story collections.

Softening the harsh buzzing fluorescence, a small desk lamp illuminated the front of room 114 in Seidlin Hall. Only the last row of lights at the back of the room added any light.

The aisle of the room separated the audience of approximately 50 people equally, with mostly students on the left and faculty and community members on the right.

Louis Greiff, professor of English and chair, introduced Braverman as a "millennial writer" who "negotiates borders."

The Incantation of Frida K is loosely based on the tumultuous life of artist Frida Kahlo, wife of Mexican muralist Diego Rivera. Braverman explained that "the person I chose to inhabit [Frida K.] lends itself to extreme perceptions." As the first woman to be psychoanalyzed in Mexico, Frida

K. and the facts of her life seem to represent prototypical issues of the twentieth-century woman.

Braverman began by thanking the Alfred community, the art school and particular individuals.

With that, and an enormous bottle of Evian at her side, Braverman launched into a dialogue between Diego and Frida. The scene is filled with brandy, and Diego attempts to convince Frida she needs him. "I give your agony focus," he tells her.

Lilting vocal rhythm, flattening at times to something akin to monotone, delivered the passage to the group before pausing to take questions, a technique Braverman explained, to make the evening "more interactive."

Questions about the visual aspect of her writing evoked an explanation of why she writes instead of doing something else, some other art form that is more visually oriented, such as film, painting or sculpting.

Braverman said that in her writing she attempts to minimize the visual, a sense that occupies the prime position in this day and age. She tries to weave in a soundtrack, a scent-track, memory, fantasy and thought. This technique is possible

only through the medium of writing.

In order to focus on the sound, Braverman writes "out loud, because sound is so important."

Another technique to minimize sight, Braverman uses writing exercises. She picks a color, a visual, and writes about the smell, the taste of blue, and the sound. She writes about the dream of blue. She forces the visual image into other senses.

Braverman shared how she had finished the novel but lost the ending. She tried to reconstruct the ending, and although she had lost the magic, she had the essence. She later found the original ending.

"Writing is a tango. You do some, but it must do some," said Braverman.

Taking chalk in hand, Braverman drew a square and illustrated the writers who influenced her: Plath, the Beats and Vonnegut to name a few.

Speaking of inspiration, Braverman said, "It doesn't matter where you get what you get. The important part is what you do with it." O

AU Crew Gets a Special Delivery



PHOTO BY SARAH GUARIGLIA

The AU crew club is now poised for action, as they recently received delivery of their first boat. The team practices at Keuka Lake.

FUN PAGE FORTUNES BY OSTARRO



Mystic Advisor

good, and should kill the President. If they don't like what you're doing, tell them to get lost! You don't need to listen to them; after all, it is *your* head.

♎ Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23) Your concerns over gender biased horoscopes will be rendered forever irrelevant after this week's dining hall mishap.

♏ Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21) You may have finally rid yourself of facial and back acne, but you will no longer be welcome among sci-fi clubs, Internet chat rooms or Star Trek conventions. So, red letter day for you, huh?

♐ Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) Once again, you will manage to successfully cheat Death, this time charging him \$2,000 too much when you sell him an old, rusted-out Reliant K.

♑ Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19) Being exposed to massive amounts of gamma radiation this week means you should keep your anger in check, lest you turn into the Incredible Hulk. The problem lies not so much in becoming a raging green monster, but that your pants will rip off in public.

♒ Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) Time finally catches up to you, but only to deliver a subpoena for assaulting a clerk at Wegman's with a baguette.

♓ Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20) Disappointment accompanies your realization that your amazing time travel adventures into the future were actually just Daylight Savings Time. O

♈ Aries: (March 21—April 19) Despite your best efforts to convince them otherwise, friends will continue to believe you are a robot, and as such should be routinely rocked and socked.

♉ Taurus: (April 20—May 20) Losing at chess to a supercomputer will be awkward enough, but things get even worse when it confesses it's had a huge crush on you ever since 10th grade Social Studies.

♊ Gemini: (May 21—June 21) You'll be unable to make the snow quit, but thanks to certain compromising photos from St. Patrick's Day, you will be able to force it into early retirement.

♋ Cancer: (June 22—July 22) Relax! That lump on your chest is not a tumor. It's merely Quato, the psychic, symbiotic mutant leader of the Martian rebels from the film *Total Recall*.

♌ Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22) Shave those palms and get some glasses, or everyone will know why you've been spending so much time in the utility closet.

♍ Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22) They say you're fat, lazy and no

BY ASHLEY BRENON
A & E EDITOR

"Be radical, radical to the core," said Abigail Allen, one of Alfred University's founding mothers, in a speech about coeducation.

Although Allen began teaching at Alfred more than 150 years ago, students, faculty and alumni are still living by her example.

In her honor, the women's studies community recognizes individuals who promote awareness of women's issues through service and scholarship with the Abigail Allen Award.

"We consider the Abigail Allen Award to be one of the most prestigious awards that any former or current member of our women's studies community might ever achieve," said Karen Porter, a member of the selection committee and professor of sociology at Alfred. "We are delighted that we have so many worthy candidates among our campus community."

Allen, wife of second President Jonathan Allen, worked to create the historically liberal, progressive environment on which the women's studies program is based.

She spent her life advocating coeducation, suffrage and temperance.

Recipients are chosen based on recommendations from faculty, staff and peers. The two most recent faculty recipients and a junior active within the women's studies program serve on the selection committee.

Since 1999 when the award was established, the program has honored Professors Carol Burdick, Sharon Hoover and Porter and Alumni Megan Allen, Patricia Riley, Pamela Strother and Emilie Hardman.

This year the women's studies program honors Professor of Psychology Gail Walker and senior Angie Young for their work to promote women's issues both on campus and beyond.

Walker was the founding coordinator of the women's studies minor in 1982. She coordinated the program for several years and continues to advise women's studies students. Walker teaches several women's studies courses including psychology of women and non-violent crisis intervention.

Just as Allen is a founding mother of the university, Walker could

be considered the founding mother of the women's studies program, Porter said.

Young, a women's studies minor, is the co-president of the Women's Issues Coalition and the co-editor of the *Alphadelphian*. She has worked for off our backs, the longest continuously published feminist news journal in the country, and interned with Planned Parenthood in Hornell. In February, Young produced Alfred University's production of the *Vagina Monologues*.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to be among such great women," Young said.



Awards will be presented at AU's Honors Convocation. Both Young and Walker will receive a certificate and a cash award, and their names will be engraved on a plaque that hangs in the Powell Campus Center.

"Every year when we celebrate the accomplishments of the recipients, we celebrate the accomplishments of Abigail Allen as a tremendous contributor to our legacy of coeducation," Porter said.

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Pye lectures on glass

BY ASHLEY BRENON
A & E EDITOR

The Paul Vickers Gardner Glass Center's fascinating exhibit and lecture series entitled "Glass Art Reflects the Future" made sure its informative and intriguing reputation for education remained intact this past Tuesday as it set the stage for yet another riveting lecture that filled the Palladian room with eager ears and eyes.

According to the Executive Director of the Paul Vickers Gardner Glass Center Margaret Rasmussen, the exhibit that she curates is intended to "suggest that glass art has impacted glass technology during the 20th century."

"The exhibits and lectures are designed to demonstrate that in many instances, historic art glass was a precursor to the development of advanced technical glasses," said Rasmussen.

Students and faculty made the ongoing exhibit an immediate success on March 19, as the opening ceremony drew crowds of artistic and scientific onlookers who came to enjoy free cheese and hot apple cider and stayed to listen to the lecture.

This Tuesday's lectures were given by two Alfred University professors whom Margaret Rasmussen affectionately refers to as "Alfred's glass Olympic champions" due to the fact that they are both world-renowned and highly respected in their fields.

Professor of Glass Science L. David Pye and Professor of Glass Art for the New York State College of Ceramics Stephen Dee Edwards both delivered eloquent and enlightening talks. Each provided unique insights on the exhibit, the world of glass art and science as well as its presence in the Alfred community.

Pye was the first to take the podium. He gave a provocative speech called "The Holy Grail — Vessel of Glass?"

Pye has worked extensively in many fields of scientific glass research including optical properties of non-crystalline materials, phase transitions in glass forming systems, glass melt chemistry and chemical and physical properties of glass forming melts and natural

gases. He has also served as president of the International Commission on Glass, Chair of the American Ceramics Society and Optical Materials Division and Dean of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

Lately Pye has been researching and searching for the Holy Grail, the vessel that Jesus supposedly drank from during the last supper and possibly the vessel that held his blood during his crucifixion.

Pye has set out with Italian glass scientist and professor Angelo Montenero from the University of Parma to find out if there actually is a Holy Grail.

If in fact it does exist, they intend to find it and test it to see if it is, as they suspect, made of glass.

During his lecture Pye spoke about his research and the controversy over whether or not the Holy Grail exists.

Pye touched on other's thoughts regarding what material the Holy Grail might be made of and showed examples illustrating the possibilities.

"Glass has played an important part in the history of human kind," Pye said after his speech. "Both in manufacturing artistically, architecturally and spiritually."

Pye's speech captivated his audience not just because he is trying to solve one of humanity's oldest mysteries, but he is doing it in a scientific way.

The second lecture featured Edwards. He presented his thoughts on "Casting and Blowing Glass."

Edwards' talk consisted of a brief visual definition of what casting and blowing glass entails, followed by a detailed and passionate presentation of what Edwards calls "the leaders in the international field of glass art."

Italian glass blower Lino Tagliapietra and Cheque caster Stanislav Libensky were just two of the many artists whose work Edwards covered.

Edwards appeared alongside these phenomenally talented artists in the slides being shown as he explained his close personal relationship to almost all of them.

Later, he used his factual and didactic presentation of these

REVIEW

Voices on the Verge hits Alfred

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
PRODUCTION MANAGER

Four familiar voices filled the Knight Club when the collaborative folk group Voices on the Verge played to a large crowd on March 23.

While Beth Amsel, Jess Klein, Erin McKeown and Rose Polenzani have performed at Alfred separately before, their tour as Voices on the Verge proved to be a more playful and experimental kind of show.

The women switched between instruments, which included electric and acoustic guitars, tambourines, a clarinet and a makeshift drum made from a chair. McKeown took a few of the guitar solos on her own and others' songs; she seemed to play guitar with her whole body, wrestling with the instrument and leaning into each note.

McKeown, Polenzani, Klein and Amsel each led several new songs, often offering explanations or stories behind the lyrics. Amsel spoke of one such song, "The Warning," and related how she'd performed it with Voices on the Verge before ever playing it solo. "Now I can't imagine doing it without these beautiful women," she admitted.

The show opened with Klein's "Little White Dove," and continued through a set of songs including Polenzani's "You Don't Know," and "The Llama," McKeown's "Softly, Moses," and Amsel's "Louise" and "Come Down."

The four used their vocal talents to complement each other and give new depth to their songs. They often layered harmonies one voice at a time, adding as the song built up. This was especially evident on one of McKeown's songs,

world famous glass artists as a springboard to comment on the work of some of his current students as well as some recent Alfred glass alumni.

His incorporation of their work, alongside the work of some of the more famous artists Edwards has worked with, shows the delicate yet very prominent process of learning and mastering an ancient art form that is available to stu-



PHOTO BY SARAH GUARIGLIA

Musician Rose Polenzani performs as part of the folk group Voices on the Verge March 23 in the Knight Club.

"Lullaby," which borrowed part of Coldplay's song "Everything's Not Lost" for an a capella ending.

The group fielded a few questions from the quiet but enthusiastic audience, including one about the upcoming Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, at which Amsel and McKeown will perform.

Voices on the Verge had been touring straight through from the end of January to their Alfred performance, a fact that elicited several "pity coos" from the audience. The group came together as what

they call "a showcase for up-and-coming artists, performing and collaborating together in a live setting." They released a joint album, *Live in Philadelphia*, last October, but are still primarily solo artists.

A standing ovation brought the musicians back for an encore. They put together an a capella version of "Tainted Love" with audience clapping as percussion, and left the Knight Club with another ovation.

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dents here at Alfred.

This lecture was both edifying and culturally fertile. It really helped the audience understand the purpose of this exhibit.

Pamela Schultz, assistant professor of communication studies, attended the lectures.

"David's quest to uncover the secrets to verify the existence of the Holy Grail was unexpected and proved to be a very provocative

issue," Schultz said. "And Stephen's passionate salute to his work, his students and artists that he feels contributed to the advancement of glass art was interesting, informative and funny. They both covered very important topics that are vital to glass art and science and compliment the exhibit by breaching the gap between the two related but estranged fields." ○

Alfred University celebrates Founders' Day Thursday, April 11, 2002



Alumni Hall was built in 1851 and is the only campus building originally here when the University was chartered

Founders Day Fact List:

Alfred University has always been a co-educational school, dating back to the formation of the Alfred Select School in 1836. Other institutions in the mid-nineteenth century may have admitted women but, for example, would not allow them to study the same courses as men, nor did they allow women to publicly give orations. At Alfred men and women were equals.

Early Alfred was also home to many supporters of anti-slavery and women's rights. Prominent individuals included William Kenyon, Jonathan Allen and Abigail Allen. The College of Liberal Arts was the first academic unit of the University. It began in 1857.

Although A.U. was founded under the auspices of the Seventh Day Baptists (who are strong advocates of education), the University has always been a nonsectarian school that admitted both women and men of any religion, and one of the first schools to admit African-Americans and Native Americans.

The purpose of Founders Day is to celebrate the historic events of Alfred University and the Alfred Community. This year's events are looking at A.U. when it was officially chartered in the year 1857.

The day's events have been organized by the AU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, and have been additionally funded by both the Student Alumni Association and the Fiat Lux student newspaper.

Founders Day Activities

Founders Day Opening Ceremony 8 a.m., Thursday, in the Alumni Hall lobby
Join Omicron Delta Kappa for this kickoff event as they celebrate the year 1857, the year that Alfred University was officially chartered. At this time, there were 478 students attending. (AU began as a Select School in 1836 and later became the Alfred Academy in 1843.) The Opening Ceremony will announce any new or changed activities and events for the Day. Refreshments will be served in the lobby.

Classroom Visits 9 a.m.-11 a.m., in various classrooms
The history of Alfred University and the Alfred Community will be presented by guest speakers. They will be visiting random classrooms throughout the morning to spread the word of Alfred University's chartering and to help students imagine what it would have been like to live during this time period.

Historic Walking Tours of Alfred 11 a.m. and 12 p.m., starting in Powell Campus Center lobby
Join Tom and Margaret Rasmussen for an hour long historic walking tour of Alfred. They will be pointing out buildings of significance as well as entertaining any questions. This was a very popular activity last year at Founders Day and is a lovely way to enjoy the scenery and beauty for which Alfred is known.

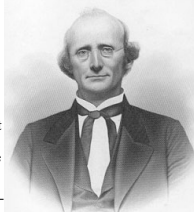
Pioneer Era of Our County 3 p.m., in Nevins Theater
County historian Craig Braack will discuss the railroads of Western New York and Allegany County. The Railroad system made it possible for distant students to study at Alfred and helped revolutionize the types of products and services available in this area.

Alfred in 1857: A Social Revue 8:00 p.m., at Alfred's First Seventh Day Baptist Church

This presentation of music, speeches, prayer, and plays will pay tribute to Alfred University's past as well as the Alfred community's distinct history. Featured guests will be President Edmondson, the Kanakadea Choral, Pastor Patricia A. Bancroft, Dr. Susan Strong, and the Wee Play House presenting an episode of the Centennial Play. This will be a truly entertaining and memorable event!

Founders Day Reception 9:15 p.m., in Parish Hall (next to First Seventh Day Baptist Church)

Please join Omicron Delta Kappa and all other contributors as we close our day of celebration with refreshment and conversation.



William Kenyon was the University's first president. He was a teacher in the Select School and principal of the Academy before becoming president in 1857. He stepped down from the presidency in 1865 and died two years later.

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COLUMN

Island Records boasts variety in its artists

BY MICHAEL TOPP
CIRCULATIONS MANAGER

When you think of Def Jam Records, owned by hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons, you probably think of such artists as The Beastie Boys, Ja Rule, Jay-Z or Foxy Brown.

However, maybe you didn't know that some of today's hottest and rising rock bands are actually on this label as well.

Two of the biggest bands currently on Def Jam's subsidiary, Island Def Jam, are the critically acclaimed Sum 41 and now Hoobastank.

These bands have risen to the pinnacle of modern rock charts but have also been accepted by the mainstream music audience, which is often fickle and primarily driven by a pop sound.

Neither of these bands have boy-band type members with golden locks and snazzy expensive clothing to draw attention to themselves. Both bands have a down-to-earth and normal-guy appeal with a true rock sound that seems to be a lifestyle for the men in these groups.

Island grows its artists, as bands come to the label at young ages to be bred to be superb. Both Sum 41 and Hoobastank have very young artists who were recently completely unknowns.

This youthful quality has been an asset as MTV's TRL audience has gravitated to Island's acts due to their young appeal and new sounds.

Much like Geffen Records was a haven for great rock music in the 80s and early 90s, Island is making its presence known to the world that it is the premier place to bring young and exciting rock bands to the public.

Even with major successes, Island is not without some fail-

ures. One band that has yet to become successful is the basic flop American Hi-Fi, whose one song of recognition, "Flavor of the Week" never did make waves and slid out of sight and mind completely.

Even a band such as Saliva, who didn't necessarily sell a multitude of records with Island, managed to appeal to modern rock stations and have had a good go on the airways, enough that "Superstar" has become a key WWF entrance song.

"Click Click Boom" was featured in two separate movies and "Your Disease" has just recently reached *Billboard's* Top 10 in the modern rock charts.

Maybe you didn't know that some of your favorite bands are members of the Island family. Hard rockers Def Leppard, Melissa Etheridge and Bon Jovi are all signed with this label.

It seems that today in the age of teenybopper music and boy-band mania that bands like Sum 41 and Hoobastank couldn't exist, or at least not thrive.

CEO of Island Records Lyor Cohen has made rock music accessible to the mainstream once again.

Island has the customer-friendly practice of pricing their records at low first-offering prices. The price is \$6.99 for most Island records during their first few weeks. The institution of charging exorbitantly high prices for junk material by most record labels isn't present at this record label.

It is clear that once Island signs a band, it is committed to working with its members to develop them into great and finely tuned musicians who, when released to the public, will bring rock back to life in a time that lacks of quality rock music for our generation. ○

Osho teaches meditation

BY FARIDA FAROUK
STAFF WRITER

The lights are dimmed. Viro Fernando Afable, a Buddhist monk and Zen teacher is ready to begin meditation. He and the rest of the students are seated. They have formed a circle, with some sitting on cushions and others on chairs. Ben Howard, professor of English, rings a bell three times and tells the class the first sitting has begun.

As the students all begin to meditate, the room is quiet, still and peaceful.

Before Zen Buddhist Osho, also known by his birth name Viro Afable, arrived on Alfred University's campus earlier this week, meditation and Buddhism were not widely-known topics on campus.

However, those who are acquainted with the practice of Buddhist meditation cite many benefits.

"Meditation has helped me become more focused in school and helps me take life at a more slower pace," said Du Chau, a first year graduate student who attends Howard's meditation class. "Peacefulness comes from within, whether you are Buddhist or not."

"I've been practicing for three years. I was told by my doctor to take meditation classes instead of medication for my neck pain," said Dave Chamberlain, a landscaper and groundskeeper for Alfred University who also attends meditation class. "I have slowed down more, and I have more patience with my wife and children."

Osho, who has been practicing Buddhism for thirty years, said, "I have more patience, and I don't judge people too quickly."

Meditation has few requirements, but there is a need for silent space, which can be difficult to find in the dead of Alfred winter.

Howard expressed a need for a space on campus for everyone, whether Buddhist or not, to practice meditation. He said, "Many students have found that there isn't a quiet place for contemplation, especially when the weather is cold and they can't find a comfortable place outdoors."

Many students who practice meditation need a place besides their classroom where they can sit, meditate or pray without the everyday stresses interfer-

ing. Even though these students have expressed the need for a space on campus, there haven't been any plans for establishing a place on campus yet.

What else do Buddhists do besides meditation? Although certain sects of Buddhism do emphasize meditation, there are programs such as the eight gates program, which practice Zazen, Zen study, liturgy, art practice, body practice, Buddhist studies, work practice and right action.

Many types of Buddhism exist, including Tibetan Buddhism, Zen Buddhism and Shin Buddhism. Buddhists concern themselves with the Dharma rather than a deity. The Dharma describes truth or reality.

Although Buddhists don't hope for difficulties in life, they perceive hardships as opportunities to learn and grow. Buddhists live by four principal beliefs: 1.) All life is sorrow and suffering. 2.) Humans suffer due to desire and self-centeredness. 3.) The goal is eventually overcoming desire. 4.) Desire can end by the eight-fold path: right belief, intention, speech, action, work, effort, thinking and meditation. ○

Raices show celebrates culture

BY ALVARO VALENTIN
STAFF WRITER

On March 22, the music blaring from Holmes Auditorium could be heard well outside its doors, inviting people in like a house party on the Upper East Side.

Raices, put together by junior Omar Perez and freshmen Asia P. Pina and Jassy L. Ramirez, and sponsored by Poder Latino, was a show about Hispanic heritage and traditional dances.

Tradiciones Nuestras, Our Traditions, was the original name of the show.

"We felt it was too exclusive, and that wasn't what the show was about," said Perez.

Raices, Spanish for "roots," gave a better explanation of the

show.

"It was the real meaning of the show," said Pina.

Perez has been thinking about a dance show for a long time now.

"I wanted to do a show on Hispanic heritage since freshman year," Perez said.

With the added involvement of several new students, Perez saw the opportunity to bring the show together.

"With the exception of three or four people, most of the people had not done anything like this," Perez said. "Most were first year students."

Pina and Ramirez both immersed themselves in this project and helped choreograph three dances.

Pina reflected as to how they

were inspired.

"We watched videos and worked from there," Pina said. Raices also had an elaborate array of costumes, which were all made by Alfred students.

Sophomore Beth Greenwood worked on the skirts and tops for the plena dance. Greenwood was worried that the costumes wouldn't be ready in time so she stayed up the night before to finish them all.

"The worst part was that we had little funding," Perez said. "There just wasn't any money."

Perez enjoyed the costumes. "What I liked was the authenticity of the costumes, the attention to detail," he said.

Freshman Michelle Lopez created the look for Pina and Ramirez in their Flamenco dance.

"Michelle Lopez did our skirts for the flamenco and our makeup too," Ramirez said.

Ramirez and Pina have both expressed interest in doing more shows.

"I always wanted to do something like this," said Pina. "And of course, I want to do more. I know I'll be able to work off of this show and make it bigger and better."

Perez's main goal was to educate. He feels that the show did just that.

Perez noted that he was interested to see how the show would play to the audience.

"I don't think people knew what to expect," Perez said. "This was more then just another salsa lesson." ○

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Visualization transforms marketing design

BY LUIS VASQUEZ
ADVERTISING MANAGER

The power of prototype design using visualization technology and its benefits on the marketing of a product was the subject of a presentation given by Walter Stewart from Silicon Graphics International on March 28.

"Visualization transforms the design process of a product," said Stewart. "It is a real transformation of what we think about visualization technology and how we can use it to bring products to the market."

Stewart became director of Global Marketing for the research and education sectors of SGI Canada in July 2000. He had been manager of market development for education and research for the firm. He holds an honors degree in history from Simon Fraser University and a master's in adult education from the University of British Columbia.

Stewart gave an example of a poorly designed combination of a coffee cup and a CD holder on a certain Volvo car model. After

careful testing, Volvo realized that when a driver reaches for a CD, there is a great chance the cup of coffee could accidentally get spilled over the CD cases.

The company knew about this problem, but because they were using a physical instead of a virtual prototype of the model, it was too expensive to change the design of the model at that stage, resulting in the car being released to the market with the defect.

"The car analogy was a good and relevant way to introduce people to the concept," said senior Shawn Allan.

Stewart also showed a short video that highlighted the main concepts of visual technology and its usage by different industries around the world. One clip focused on a reality center in Australia called RMIT, which uses visualization technology to train students on a variety of subjects.

Another clip touched on BMW's reality and visualization center in Germany, where digital prototypes of cars are created and used way before they hit the streets.

"Less time is required to have a

vehicle ready for mass production," said the commentator from BMW.

Individuality is not necessary to achieve success, according to Stewart. On the examples shown in the video, there were groups of people working collectively for collaborative power and achievement.

"Collaboration doesn't come on post data arrangement, but in the

actual data arrangement," he said. "I want to emphasize that it is not just about visualization. We are moving into a full multi-sensory virtual experience."

According to Stewart, if we visualize phenomena, we can interpret it in different ways, as opposed to being told what the phenomena are.

"In our society, mastery of code is the admission to a select group

who are different from the rest," said Stewart.

Stewart explained the process behind common logic and what we, as humans, perceive as real.

"Reality only exists in complete sentences," he said. "Reality is a linear phenomenon with a single direction."

"I was impressed by his innovative approach," said Allan. □

Forum reveals responsible investing

BY BRANDON TURNER
STAFF WRITER

Socially responsible investing and how it affects both the individual and the economy as a whole was the main issue addressed at the College of Business-sponsored spring economic forum on Feb. 28 in Nevins Theater.

James Booker, associate professor of economics and environmental studies, feels the event is important because it "brings issues of immediate relevance to the university community."

Professor of Finance Abderrahman Robana gave the keynote address of the forum.

"Socially responsible investing considers both the investor's financial needs and an investment's impact on society," while "integrating personal values and societal concerns with investment decisions," commented Robana.

The goal of this type of investing is to favor companies who have demonstrated a commitment to environmental and social responsibility, remarked Robana. The idea of investing in a socially responsible manner was brought about by religious groups who focused on eradicating alcohol, tobacco and military investments from their portfolios, stated Robana.

Freshman Robert Hughes

believes that "investing in a socially responsible manner is a big issue these days." Hughes commented that this type of investing is not covered in the classes he has taken and it is important to know this information as a business major.

David Kowalewski, professor of political science, followed Robana's speech and agreed with his colleague that individuals as well as corporations need to invest wisely and from their hearts.

Robana explained that the recent Enron debacle brought about a wave of "white collar crime in which security fraud, insider trading and obstruction of justice" were commonplace. Due to such recent irresponsible actions, Robana feels that investing in a socially responsible manner is more important now than ever.

Screens are used to simplify the process of socially responsible investing, commented Robana. "There are three main categories of screens: avoidance screens, proactive screens and best of industry," clarified Robana.

Hughes considers "these screens [to be] helpful methods of research" as they assist investors in getting more detailed knowledge about possible companies to add to their portfolios.

Avoidance screens are used to exclude certain types of investments that include products such as tobacco, alcohol or nuclear byproducts. Proactive screens actively search for types of business involved with renewable energy, recycling industries and a positive environmental record. Best of industry screens use multiple criteria in order to compare companies with their competitors, detailed Robana.

Looking to the future, Booker thinks that the forum could be improved through "better publicity and securing Nevins Theater to handle the number of members that typically attend."

Booker hopes that students came away from the forum realizing that "the individual's investment decisions are a statement with real consequences for real people." Each and every choice results in both wanted and unwanted results for all those involved, believes Booker.

Hopefully, this goal was achieved as Hughes felt the turnout was amazing as "the place was packed." Hughes did not expect this many people to attend the event and trusts students walked away with a sense of how to better invest in a socially responsible manner. □

COLUMN

Manage your money wisely

BY MICHAEL TOPP
CIRCULATIONS MANAGER

There is nothing easy about making money and, in my opinion, it really isn't justified to attempt to misappropriate the fame or reputation of another. So, what to do?

"Top(p) Dollar" is the answer.

Why? Well, the use of the surname implies the columnist's personal responsibility to offer something both thoughtful and practically worthwhile. Also, "top dollar" connotes something that can justify a high-price valuation.

So, in this endeavor, I will try to offer some commentary on personal finance that can provide valuable opportunities to expand "smart money" thinking.

One obviously important area of financial savvy is investing. In future columns, I'll explore how one might develop a plan for accumulating investment money and will look at how a person might create a strategy for diversification across various asset classes.

Another area of investing, of course, is equities, namely stocks. As we begin our explorations in this area, it might be useful to cite the analysis of stock market dynamics provided by Princeton University Finance Professor Burton Malkiel.

Malkiel might be best known for his book *A Random Walk Down Wall Street*, if I remember the title correctly. Malkiel offers the kind of empirically stock market financial analysis, which debunks the mythology of momentum investing, or rapid in-and-out stock trading predicated upon very short term stock price fluctuation "trends."

In other words, what seemed to be a very hot stock yesterday or ten minutes ago may just as easily become the "dog" or bust de jour performer at next glance.

So what does all of this mean? Well, if you want to gamble, go off to Las Vegas or Atlantic City. A sound stock market investment approach, however, requires some due diligence and analysis of eco-

nomics fundamentals.

And so, I'm off to Scholes to read the venerable old *Wall Street Journal*.

Fortunately, I found the April 1, 2002 edition of the *Journal* which is particularly well suited for helping to develop a sound forward-looking equity investing perspective.

It contains several articles which can aid in discerning some significant economic fundamentals manifested in the just-completed first quarter.

One of the major developments in the first quarter was the Enron debacle and the resultant spotlight on the reliability of the accounting methods that are fundamental to the financial reporting of a listed company's results and performance.

Steven Vames stated in his article *Credit Quality, Stock Investing Seem to Go Hand in Hand*, the "fallout from Enron case is showing that debt has influence on values."

Vames went on to state that "the first quarter of 2002 was rife with examples of the impact credit has on equities."

Clearly then, anyone who wants to be a responsible, well-informed investor needs to understand the accounting basics underlying a corporate balance sheet. Undoubtedly many companies with overleveraged balance sheets proved to have particularly vulnerable stock price valuations when a recessionary business climate impinged upon them.

Finally, don't simply assume that the apparent emergence of the U.S. from recession signals an all-is-clear kind of investing environment. Jon Hissnath writes in that April 1 *Journal* that while "evidence is mounting that the U.S. economy is barreling out of recession much sooner than expected ... nervous CEOs could slow recovery by continuing layoffs and plant closings."

The bottom line conclusion: there is a great deal to think about in "Top(p) Dollar" investing. □

Getting an MBA can be a good career move

BY JALAL CLEMENS
STAFF WRITER

How difficult or easy it is to get a master's in business administration degree? What are the benefits in doing so?

First, what an MBA is needs to be explained. It is a one- to two-year program that helps graduates expand their knowledge of the theory and the practice of executive management in a corporation or an organization.

The average salary guides estimate that a person can earn more per year with an MBA than with just a bachelor's degree, around \$10,000 to \$30,000 more. Added to the extra money is the increase in the amount of responsibility and stress that comes with an MBA, as job positions will fall more along the lines of mid- to upper-level management.

Unfortunately, MBA programs

are not cheap. The average yearly tuition for an MBA program is around \$30,000. Just like salary, there is a wide range for MBA schools from \$12,500 at state universities to \$50,000 at the top-ranked universities.

If you decide that an MBA is right for you from a cost, lifestyle and a personal point of view, then when should you get your MBA?

Business guru Randall S. Hansen points out that work experience is an important enhancing aspect in an MBA program, so if you have little or none you will get much less out of the program than an individual who has been working for two or more years.

However, it might be better to get your MBA right away, which usually means a shorter program, and avoid the disruption in your life and career.

Hansen also makes the argument that employers may see

MBA degrees with little to no work experience as overqualified and under-experienced.

However, when the economy is tight and the job market is already lacking, there is a greater incentive in staying in school for another year or two and wait for the market to improve while gaining an advanced degree at the same time.

In the end, deciding whether or not to get an MBA and when to get it is a personal judgment call based on where you see yourself in two, three or even ten years down the road.

Only you can make the final decision but don't forget about the many resources offered at Alfred University like the Career Development Center, the College of Business and the graduate office in Alumni Hall that can aid you with this critical decision. □

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Squad bounces back

BY BRYAN SICK
SPORTS WRITER

The Alfred University Saxons came into last Wednesday's game against St. John Fisher with high expectations.

The team was coming off two tough losses to Clarkson in the finals of the Terrence O'Connor Tournament and Hartwick last Saturday. The two teams are each still undefeated and are ranked 20th and 6th, respectively, by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

"[St. John Fisher] is a first-year program," said head coach Preston Chapman. "So we didn't know a lot about them going into the game."

The Cardinals of St. John Fisher came to Alfred with an 0-2 record coming off a tough loss to Utica in which they were tied late in the game before giving up the final two goals, losing 13-11.

The Cardinals started strong, getting a goal in the opening minutes by junior attacker Matthew St. Croix.

After that, the floodgates opened for the Saxons, scoring the next 15 goals to take a 15-1 lead into the half.

The momentum continued into the second half with nine more goals giving Alfred their biggest margin of victory since March 17, 1995 when the Saxons pummeled the Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson University by the same score in the Terrence O'Connor Tournament that year.

"Pretty much everything was going right for us," said Chapman. "Both offensively and defensively, we were applying a lot of pressure."

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test, errors were the story as AU gave up six unearned runs. Leading Alfred were freshman third baseman Kristina Goldberg and freshman infielder Rachel

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Sophomore attacker Dylan Macro led the offensive onslaught with six goals and three assists in the game.

Sophomore attackers David Vail and Trevor Archer and senior midfielder Gregory Gascon also added three goals apiece to the cause, with Vail contributing five assists.

Sophomore midfielder Anthony Fiorelli and senior attacker Adam Gardner each added two goals while five others found the net once.

Senior goalie Kevin Kazmierczak made four saves and allowed one goal before giving way to freshman Nicholas Hohman for the second half. Hohman didn't see much action while he was in the game, saving the lone Cardinal shot they got off in the second half.

With Vail's three goals and five assists, he already surpassed last season's team leading total of 40 points. Vail is now up to 41 with 18 goals and 23 assists with six games remaining in the regular season.

Macro is also well beyond last year's point total of 21 as the Saxons passed the halfway point in the season. He now has 30 points on the season, including 21 goals.

Archer, Fiorelli, senior midfielder Rob Strickland and senior defenseman Steve Scanapico have also surpassed their scoring outputs from last season by the halfway point.

Alfred played at RIT this Saturday and will return home to host the SUNY Geneseo Knights this Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Merrill Field. ○

Porter. Both went 3-for-4 at the plate and scored one run in the second game. In the first game, senior shortstop Tara Harwood scored the lone run. Harwood went 1-for-3 and scored two runs in the second game.

Junior Brandi Backus pitched 3 1/3 innings, allowing four hits. Freshman Beth Glotz pitched the

Team drops two straight

BY BRYAN SICK
STAFF WRITER

The Alfred Saxons women's lacrosse team fell to 2-4 (0-2 Empire 8) on the season with a 14-5 loss to the Nazareth College Golden Flyers last Thursday night.

This was the Saxons' second straight loss since entering conference play, also losing to St. John Fisher last Thursday 11-8.

"We had a tough game against St. John Fisher," said head coach Anne Windover. "We had two or three goals taken back in that game."

To the Saxons' credit, both the Golden Flyers and the Cardinals are very tough teams. Nazareth is 5-2 with double-digit victories over St. John Fisher, Utica and Elmira.

Since their season-opening loss to Nazareth, St. John Fisher has gone 4-0 with a 15-1 thrashing of Buffalo State, a 19-0 shutout of Cazenovia College and a 17-3 victory over Wells College.

"We have a very tough schedule this year," said Windover. "We tried to get rid of all of the easy games on the schedule."

Junior midfielder Katie Sedgwick led the Saxons offensively Wednesday finding the net twice and adding one assist.

Senior midfielder Lindsay deCispeles, sophomore attacker Chris Sanford and senior attacker Sheila Higgins each added one goal to the effort.

The Golden Flyers were led by senior attacker Allison Roberts with five goals and one assist.

final 1 2/3 innings. She allowed four hits and struck out one. In the second game, Backus threw a complete game for the Saxons, striking out three and allowing five hits.

Look for the Saxons in action on Saturday, April 6 when they travel for an Empire 8 conference game at Utica. ○

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With those six points, Roberts broke Nazareth's scoring record with 295 career points on 167 goals and 128 assists.

The main problem for the Saxons this year has been a lack of consistency. They play well for half of the game but lose in the other half.

"We haven't been able to put two good halves together," said Windover. "We played two good halves of lacrosse between the two games but haven't played that way for the whole game."

This was evident in Thursday's game against Nazareth. After

being down 12-3 at the end of the first half, the Saxons played the Golden Flyers to a 2-2 tie the rest of the way.

"We should have a good game Saturday in Utica," said Windover. "Hopefully we'll be able to play two good halves."

After Saturday's game in Utica, the Saxons traveled to Geneseo yesterday to complete their scheduled five game road trip. However the first game of the trip in Ithaca was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Saxons return home Wednesday when University of Rochester comes to Merrill Field. Game time will be 4 p.m. ○

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13 women to the State meet, and nine were involved with setting new records. That's pretty unheard of."

Cary, Jeitler, Martin, Thompson and juniors Melissa McAllister and Lisa Rosa were all named to AU's All-Academic Team.

Davis was named the Empire 8 Women's Coach of the Year at the meet, but he gave the credit to the program.

"It has less to do with me and more about the program," Davis said. "I think it's reflective of the work that the students put in ... I think it really carries over to the men as well."

Thompson upheld the program's expectations at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships from March 14 through March 16.

Thompson said she "felt like such a small fish in a large pond" at first at the national championships. After getting to know other swimmers from New York, Thompson said she felt more like she belonged at the meet. The evidence of that was clear.

During the national championships, Thompson set new records in the 100 and 200 breast-

strokes with times of 1:07.26 and 2:25.78, respectively.

"For having 13 women, our team did an amazing job," Thompson said. "Everyone had to pull their weight, and that is exactly what happened. There wasn't a single woman who didn't give 100 percent in the pool everyday."

Davis agreed. "I've got a big spot in my heart for them," he said. "I've really enjoyed coaching the women's team. It was a very emotional season."

As for next season, Assistant Coach Erika McDonough has been recruiting a great deal, said Davis.

De May said she thinks there will be a lot of improvement in the team next year.

"We are a talented group of women who certainly have a desire to place in the top four at our conference," said De May. "With that in mind, I think that every one of us on the team is going to train hard and strive to reach our goals, both individually and as a team."

Graduating Cary is hopeful for next year, as well.

"They have great potential, and I think that this coming season will be pivotal to the future success of the team," she said. "They can go really far." ○

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100 points behind Ithaca College for each.

Usually the spread between the top team and the rest is at least 200 points, said Brauner.

"So, we ended up scaring the heck out of Ithaca," said Davis.

Taking first place in both the Empire 8 and the State finals was the 200 freestyle relay team of senior captain Pat Kerwin, sophomores Matt McNamara and Matt Weems and junior Carl Schwarting with times of 1:25.19 and 1:24.67, respectively. Freshman Kevin Martin swam in McNamara's place in the finals relay team.

Kerwin took first in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke for the Empire 8 with times of 21.47 and 52.70, respectively.

The 200 medley relay team consisting of senior Andy Huray, Kerwin, Martin and Schwarting took first in the Empire 8 with a time of 1:37.20.

Sophomore Mike Dube took first in the 200-yard backstroke with 1:58.09.

AU's Conference All-Academic Team for the State championships consisted of senior art and design major Dave Berman and senior ceramic engineer major Steve Harvey.

Berman was also recognized as "Diver of the Meet," winning first place in both the 1 and 3 meter diving events.

Harvey said he knew Berman would win the events. "He has such great focus and determination," said Harvey. "I knew that he wanted it more than any other diver there, and they were not going to get in his way."

The 200 medley relay team of Kerwin, sophomore Brendan Miller, Martin and Schwarting placed first with a final time of 1:35.04, which was an AU record.

Kerwin tied for first in the 100 backstroke with a time of 51.61.

Brauner said the team's success at the State meet can be attributed to the fact that they are so "tight knit."

"There was not one team on that deck that was as close to a family as the Alfred Saxons were," he said. "We are a family."

"This year's State meet was the best that I have ever seen 22 men simultaneously strive for a goal and do everything within their power to achieve it," Harvey said. "Every single man on the team stepped up when he had to and did what we needed in the pool and then some."

National Championships

That resilience continued to be evident with the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships on March 21 through March 23.

Four members of the team went to the College of Wooster at University of Miami in Ohio to represent AU. Kerwin, Martin, Weems and Schwarting qualified for the 200 freestyle relay, the 200 medley relay, the 800 free relay and the 400 free relay.

Individually, Kerwin qualified for the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke. Weems qualified for the 200 freestyle.

After being named "Diver of the Meet" at the State meet and making four cuts during the season, the team was sure Berman would be going to nationals. However, that was not to be the case.

In order to qualify for nationals, divers must make either two qualifying scores in dual meets or one in a championship. Then their season results plus two of their best videotapes from each board for the season must be sent to the NCAA judges.

The NCAA judges then re-score the videotaped dives. Combining the new scores with the overall season score, the NCAA takes the top 22 divers overall to compete at nationals.

Berman said the current judging process needs to be reevaluated.

"I think there's only so much you can see from a videotape," he said. "Swimmers make the cut and they're in. Divers make the cut, and there's only a chance that they'll be in. I feel cheated out of the rest of my season."

After going to the championships to support his fellow team members, Berman said, "I'm comfortable that I would have fit in. I wouldn't have been out of my league. But it was fun to go and watch the team."

The four-member team of Kerwin, Martin, Weems and Schwarting placed 24th overall. Brauner spoke highly of

Berman and the four men who went to nationals, saying they were the "team idols."

"Everyone looked up to them," he said. "And they always pushed [us] harder."

With this season over, Davis and the team is looking ahead to next year's prospects.

"It's hard to lose big seniors," said Davis. "But we have to look ahead."

Davis said the assistant coach Jay Morini has been recruiting intensely for next year, and the undergraduate swimmers will be stepping up to keep the team going in the right direction.

The graduating seniors spoke highly of the team's future.

"Freshmen Nick Bradley, Justin Kratz and Kevin Martin all had great state meets," said senior Drew Harrington. "[They stepped up and proved] they will be big contributors to the team in the future."

Kerwin and Brauner agreed that next year's team has the best chance of winning the State meet yet.

"I truly believe that it can and will happen if everything gets down the way we know how to get it down, in and out of the pool," Kerwin said. ○

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tomorrow at 4 p.m. on Merrill Field

**Fiat Sports****Men's Tennis**vs. *Hartwick*

at home Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Men's swimming & diving overcome challengesBY CATHERINE KEVETT
COPY MANAGER

The AU men's swim team worked incredibly hard this season to overcome the odds that challengers stacked against it.

"I think we took advantage of every opportunity we could have taken advantage of," said Head Swim Coach T.J. Davis. "We did so with a lot of people saying that we couldn't. Graduating Todd Striker was a huge thing, but it proved not to be the end of the world for us. I think the person that's probably the most proud of us is Todd Striker."

Davis said the men really became a unified group during the New York State swimming and diving championships, which showed in their second place finish.

"Coming off a spectacular second place finish at last year's State championship meet, our

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first goal was that we were not going to settle for anything less than second place [this year]," said senior Tim Brauner.

State Championships

That goal was apparent in the results of the Empire 8 and the State finals on Feb. 27 through March 2 at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. The Empire 8 Conference consists of six schools: AU, Ithaca College, Hartwick College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Nazareth College and Utica College.

The Empire 8 scores are compiled by taking the preliminary times and scores of the swimmers of the conference schools. The preliminary swimming and diving is done in the morning, and then the State finals are done in the evening.

AU's team placed second in both the Empire 8 and the State finals, and they were only about

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The men's swimming & diving team rejoices after their 2nd place in both the Empire 8 and State championships. The squad went on to place 24th overall at the NCAA Division III championships.

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Team breaks 11 school records Squad works to rebuildBY CATHERINE KEVETT
COPY MANAGER

A positive season for the AU women's swim team last year provided the momentum for another great season this year, in which the women broke 11 AU school records.

"That's amazing," said head coach T.J. Davis. "Generally we break two or three records a season."

Davis mentioned key factors that provided some background for the record-setting season.

The women are individually diverse, but they come together as a team and support each other, he explained.

"The team is a gelled unit," Davis said.

"I think that this has helped us in a tremendous way," said senior captain Greta Jeitler. "I can't remember the women's team being as close and supportive as this year's team is... we are more than a team, [we are] a family."

Davis pointed to the leadership

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of junior Carrie De May and captains Jeitler and senior Kristin Cary.

"Without their great leadership," said sophomore Sara Thompson, "we wouldn't have been so close as a team."

The team showed just how determined they were in the NYSWCAA swimming and diving championships held at Nottingham High School in Syracuse from Feb. 21 through Feb. 23.

Out of six teams in the Empire 8, the AU team came in fourth, a mere half-point behind Nazareth College. The scoring for the Empire 8 is compiled of the preliminary times and scores at the State meet. They are then ranked in comparison to the other Empire 8 schools.

The AU team then placed sixth in the State finals, only a point behind Nazareth.

Davis said he believes "no team performed better athlete by ath-

lete" at the meet than the AU women's team.

Thompson, freshman Morgan Burrows and juniors Anne Martin and De May placed first in the 200 freestyle relay in the Empire 8. They set a new AU record of 1:41.12.

Thompson placed sixth in the 200 individual medley in the State finals and broke an AU record with 2:16.08. She also broke AU swim records in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes.

Junior Cheryl Junker placed ninth in the State finals with a time of 2:16.08, which was four seconds faster than her seed time and broke the AU record.

Burrows broke an AU record in the 100 freestyle with a preliminary time of 54.52.

The women's team broke every relay record during the State meet, including the 200 freestyle relay.

"You can't do that with just two women," Davis said. "We brought

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BY BRENDA MULLIGAN
STAFF WRITER

When things go bad, there's only one thing to do: get better. That's what the AU softball team is working on.

Despite a 0-10 trip to Florida and dropping two games to Fredonia on April 3, the Saxons are looking to redeem the season.

Everyone learned a great deal in Florida, said head coach Jaime Mc Laughlin. The only way to become the best is to play against the best, she added. Many of the teams in Florida were nationally ranked.

Since Florida the Saxons have worked to improve their overall game. They're looking to start things off at the plate.

Mc Laughlin has the Saxons working on having the power and mindset they need.

"This game is 90 percent mental, and being such a young team we really need to learn how to force ourselves to think through

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every situation on every pitch, at bat and in the field," said Mc Laughlin.

Although Mc Laughlin gives credit to the entire team for their efforts, she is putting a little pressure on certain individuals to step up and take control. Good things should come from Tara Harwood at shortstop, Brandi Backus on the mound, Jacque Krycia in center field, Beth MacMichael catching or at third base, Kristina Goldberg also at third base and Andy Crandall at second base or right field.

AU is focused on team unity. In order to do this, Mc Laughlin expects the girls to never give up. It will be important to leave mistakes behind. Learn from them, yes, but also move on. Finding motivation in each other will be a momentum builder for the Saxons.

On April 3, AU lost to Fredonia 9-1 and 7-6. The Saxons played a good second game. In the first con-

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Team finishes fourth at IHSA regional showBY BRENDA MULLIGAN
STAFF WRITER

Turn on to a small road in Cazenovia and you might think that there is no way you're going in the right direction but then you see the stables at Cazenovia College.

The Alfred University equestrian team is becoming quite at home there.

On March 30, the equestrian team competed in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association regional show held at Cazenovia College.

AU finished in fourth place, with three riders qualifying to compete in the Zone II championships April 13 at Skidmore College. Only the top three riders in each event at regionals move on to zones.

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Senior Jen Brown was named the regional champion in open equitation on the flat after finishing first in the event.

Brown also placed third in open equitation over fences.

She will compete in both events at zones.

Everyone rode well at regionals, said Brown. She also said that she knows everyone has to ride their best at zones. She is excited and hopeful of good things to come.

Senior Heather Campbell will also be competing at zones.

Campbell finished third in novice equitation over fences.

Julie Hunt will also be traveling to Skidmore; she finished third in walk-trot.

Juniors Elizabeth Manley and

Nicole Kedron and sophomore Elizabeth Burlinson also competed at regionals in advanced walk-trot-canter. Manley placed fourth, Kedron fifth and Burlinson eighth.

Brown finished the year ranked fourth in the season-long standings among all riders in Zone II, Region II in the open division. Junior Jennifer Rodack finished sixth.

The riders are looking to perform just as well at zones, says Campbell. "There is complete support from the team," said Campbell. She hopes this will propel all the AU riders to the next level—championships.

The top two riders at the zones competition will advance to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships May 3-5 at Cazenovia College. O



Freshman Beth Glotz takes a swing in recent action at Hornell H.S.

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