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World Notes

• local

Dr. Gene M. Bernstein (AU '69) has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees. • A new Commission on Planning consisting of faculty, staff, administrators and students has been created to deal with the ongoing budget difficulties.

• national

Shannon Faulkner, the first woman cadet at the state-supported Citadel military academy, left the school after less than one week of instruction. She blamed "stress." • Representative Mel Reynolds (D-Ill.) was found guilty of having sex with an underage campaign worker. • Jack Kevorkian, the so-called "suicide doctor," attended his 25th suicide last week; no criminal charges have been filed. • According to new Agriculture Department rules, frozen chickens may be labeled "hard chilled."

• international

Questions still surround the defection of two high-ranking Iraqi officials. Two of Saddam Hussein's sons-in-law and their families have received political asylum in Jordan. • Chinese-American dissident Harry Wu returned to the United States; he was deported after being convicted of espionage. • After a suicide bomber devastated two city buses in Jerusalem, Israeli officials are debating allowing known terrorists to be tortured during interrogations. • A new diplomatic team is being dispatched to Bosnia to replace the ones killed in a car accident.

PERSONALITIES

Judy Hartling arrived in Alfred with this year's senior class and has changed jobs as often as some students change majors.

Hartling began her career at Alfred as Associate Dean of



Judy Hartling

Freshmen, a title she lobbied to have changed to Associate Dean of New Students. She's remained a servant of students, adding the title of Acting

Director of the now-defunct C.L.A.S.S. tutoring program in her second year.

"I love the students here at Alfred," she said. "My goal is to improve services to students."

Hartling now directs the state-funded EOP and HEOP scholarship programs and Special Academic Services.

"We need to be able to prove to the state that we're doing an effective job of supporting the students," she said of EOP and HEOP.

This is Hartling's last year coordinating freshman orientation. "My first goal is to survive orientation," she said.

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New students
move in...



...and new faculty
await them.

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New students pack accommodations

500 members in Class of '99, only ten Merit Scholars

BY ALEXIS J. DIAMOND

As new students adjust to college life this week, AU is making its own adjustments to the size and profile of the entering class.

Susan Smith, director of residence life, said on-campus housing is at 98 percent capacity, with space available for about 32 more students.

For the first time in recent memory, there are first-year students living in the Pine Hill Suites and sophomores residing in Barresi Hall.

In Cannon, Reimer and Tefft Halls, freshmen live in common area spaces that have been converted into student housing.

Cristina Paternostro and Jessica Callanan are roommates living in what was once a Cannon common area.

Paternostro said she was very happy with her unusual but spacious living arrangements.

Callanan said she liked her room's two huge windows, "except when a car is pulling out of the parking lot late at night, shining its lights straight at us."

According to the latest numbers available from the Office of Admissions, there are 498 first-year students. Official enrollment statistics will not be available for several weeks.

Peter Fackler, vice president for business and finance, said the size of the freshman class means AU's



PHOTO BY JESS COPE

Incoming freshman and parents ponder President Coll's speech at Opening Convocation after the exhausting process of moving in.

revenue estimates are currently on-track.

Annemarie McGuire, admissions counselor and director of campus guides, said that except for the number of National Merit Finalists, the profile of the freshman class is "basically unchanged this year."

There are ten National Merit Finalists in the entering class. Last year there were 25 finalists. Two

years ago there were 40 finalists.

Paul Strong, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and director of the University Honors Program, said he was not sure exactly why the number of National Merit Finalists declined.

Strong said one of many possible reasons for the decline is that the whole business of higher education has become much more

competitive.

"Other schools may be emulating AU's strategy, luring the National Merit Finalists away. The University is going to be trying to get those numbers back to where they were," Strong said.

National Merit Finalists are students who met or exceeded benchmark PSAT scores and were well-rounded, successful high school students. □

East University St. becomes Saxon Drive at Coll's request

BY JONATHAN SPRINGER

Alfred University is moving, but not far. At its July 11 meeting, the Alfred Village Board approved changing the name of East University Street to Saxon Drive.

The board's action came at the request of President Edward G. Coll Jr. The University plans to change its mailing address to Saxon Drive from 26 North Main Street.

Saxon Drive had previously been the name of a campus access road. That road was renamed Steinheim Drive.

The change in AU's address complements a new format for correspondence which Coll's office released August 16.

The new format, to be followed by departments across campus, centers around a logotype, the words "Alfred University" typeset in a particular font. The logotype exemplifies



PHOTO BY JONATHAN SPRINGER

A new sign proclaiming "Saxon Drive" greets returning students on the former East University Street.

"simplicity and reproducibility," according to the format specification.

The last graphical

logo Coll proposed resulted in a full page ad protesting it in the *Fiat Lux*, a lambasting by

Friday Night Live and a memo from Coll's office beginning "Okay, I give up." □

University saves on faculty

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Despite eleven new faculty hires, AU reduced both its faculty's size and payroll over the summer.

Last year, 170 professors and instructors taught while the University faced a \$587,000 budget deficit.

This year there are 168 faculty members. The total faculty payroll declined by \$156,580.

In addition to the decline in faculty payroll, a four percent pay raise scheduled for this year has been cancelled. The newly created Commission on Planning recommended that the pay raise be deferred to next fiscal year and be increased to five percent.

The losses in faculty strength came as a \$1.6 million deficit was closed over the summer. However, "the budget remains tight," said Provost W. Richard Ott.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. blamed the deficit on unfunded financial aid, aid not covered by state or federal funds.

Last year's hiring freeze continues. In February, Peter Fackler, vice president for business and finance, requested that the University Cabinet hold all personnel vacancies pending Coll's review.

Now, Ott said, "individual personnel actions require the approval of the President [Coll]." Nothing has changed. □

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Letters to the Editor

New scheduling system only first step

DEAR EDITOR:

I was pleased to note that Alfred University has made changes in the timing of class periods. However, as is often true when sweeping reforms are institutionalized, too little has been done and further change is necessary to rectify the University's timing problems.

Indeed, as we witness the spirit of *fin de siècle* again loom over the sentinel pines, how can we refuse to right what was neglected 100 years ago? I am referring to the "English" system of measurements, to which the University ferociously clings, a system abandoned long ago by nearly every nation in the world. The University has much to gain by "going metric."

Disposing of the antiquated "hour" and "minute," the University would measure the passing of time in seconds. In order to calibrate the system to powers of ten, the Alfred day would be extended to 100 kiloseconds from its current 86.4

kiloseconds (an increase of 3 hours 46 minutes 20 seconds).

This would allow completion of 14 old weeks of classes in 12 Alfred weeks—a week is five 100 ksec days of classes followed by two 100 ksec weekend days—equivalent to 13.889 old weeks.

These changes would put Alfred University on the map as the pioneer university in the field of chronological administration.

The University (and Brentwood Stables, as applicable) would form its own time zone, beginning at 12:20:00.00 January 1, 1996, which would be redefined as 00000000.00 seconds, day 001 year 00001 A.L. (*anno luxus*). The twenty minute shift allows Bergren Forum to retain its former position at noon on Wednesdays.

Artificial light would be provided with existing equipment as necessary. Artificial darkness would be imposed by encasing the University (and Brentwood Stables) in an air-supported black kevlar/teflon dome, on which stars would be

painted for the benefit of the astronomy classes.

With the improved 312.857 day A.L. year, the University would see a gain of 2.896 days on the current A.D. year, which would amount to 11.587 days over a period of four years A.D. When used to the students' advantage, these extra days would increase the University's "Graduating Within Four Years" statistic that appears in most college guides, increasing Alfred's reputation as a meritorious institution.

Finally, the accumulation of days allows a gain of one year A.L. every 126 years A.D. Thus, I estimate that by the year 64996 A.D. (63500 A.L.), our carillon bells will eclipse those of eleventh-century manufacture to become the oldest bells not just in the Western Hemisphere, but in the entire world, which is certain to attract a finer caliber student (assuming there is anything left of the human race, much less the carillon).

Sincerely,
Steven E. Pav

Say "Thank You" to AU Rescue Squad

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to recognize a student organization that provides a tremendous service to the AU community and does not receive the attention or thanks it deserves: the Alfred University Rescue Squad.

AURS consists of highly trained, very skilled professionals from the student body. They donate their time as a service to the University and

its students. In this time of "What's in it for me?" they ask nothing for their huge commitment of time and personal expense.

I have worked at five different campuses with squads that range from a full ambulance crew to a squad that has one First Responder. AURS has EMTs as well as other volunteers, creating a quick, thorough and flexible medical response team, one of the

best I have seen and one you will be thankful is here if you are ever in the unfortunate situation of needing its services.

It is my hope that others on this campus will join me in thanking AURS members for their time and hard work.

Sincerely,
Tomas A. Gonzalez
Area Coordinator,
Residence Life

Coll's convocation speech "neither rare nor well-done"

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Last Wednesday, I heard President Coll give the same Opening Convocation speech he gave last year.

It was the same speech he gave the year before that, and the year before that. I've heard that speech four times.

Now, it's not a bad speech. In fact, it's pretty damn good. Once.

My problem is not so much with the content of the speech as with the message sent when the University president recycles a speech.

What message is Coll sending? That it is acceptable to present non-original work at this university?

The University's academic regulations state "each paper submitted should be an original and honest document... Submitting essentially the same paper in satisfaction of two different assignments without the prior approval of the instructors involved is unethical."

Seeing as the entire faculty has heard Coll give this speech for several years and none of them gave permission for a recycled speech, this is suspiciously close to a violation of the academic regulations.

Coll also flirts with academic dishonesty by improperly quoting Fred Allen, a noted American comic.

Coll said, "Television is a medium. It is neither rare nor well done." Allen's original was "Television is a medium because anything well done is rare."

Of course, Coll is not a student. But if a student were to do what Coll did, the

student could be in hot water.

There are also problems with the content of Coll's speech.

He starts with a mention of how almost the entire student body enlisted in the Union Army. That is something to be proud of if you are a Yankee, but if you view the "Civil War" as the War of Northern Aggression, it is less than honorable.

He then reminds us that "no soul is ever saved after the first seven minutes of a sermon" and that he will accordingly be brief in his remarks. Thankfully, he is true to his word and the speech gets ten seconds shorter every year.

There are three main risks to a successful college career, said Coll: television, drugs and alcohol can waste time and money. So can a college education.

Coll informs students and their parents that some people will find their future spouses at Alfred. Some may also be lucky enough to find their future divorcees here.

We are also told that most people today can expect to live to be 100 years old, making their Alfred careers the most important four or five percent of their lives. But what about those centenarians for whom Alfred will represent six or seven percent of their lives? Didn't they pay much more in tuition?

Finally, it doesn't seem unreasonable to offer a new speech each year. Gerald Brody, dean of students, had a new speech this year.

Of course, Brody might have a better speech writer.

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Experience:

1994-95 Assistant professor of biology, Alfred University (one-year position)

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1994-95 Darkroom technician, University of Texas at San Antonio

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1989-90 Darkroom technician, Florida State University



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Experience:

1989-95 Scenic and lighting designer and technical director, Lycoming College

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1975-77 Faculty member, scenic and lighting designer, and technical director, Lenior-Rhyne College



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1994-95 Guest faculty, Sarah Lawrence College

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1989 Teaching fellow, Temple University

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M.F.A. in sculpture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1980

B.F.A. in sculpture, Cleveland Institute of Art, 1977

Experience:

1994-95 Adjunct professor, College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

1992 Visiting artist, Maine College of Art

1991 Visiting artist, Oxbow - School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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1987-88 Visiting artist, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

1987 Assistant professor, Kansas City Art Institute

1983-85 Visiting artist, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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Coming up next Wednesday:
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Fiat Sports

Women's volleyball will host
a carwash this Saturday
from 10:30am to 3:30pm in
front of McLane Center.

New intramural program aims to improve student health

BY DAVID FITZGERALD

This year seven new intramural activities will headline Alfred's recreational calendar.

Last year Alfred's athletic complex played host to as many as 200 simultaneous intramural participants, classes of 40 aerobic exercisers and 300 fitness center users.

In addition to many already popular intramural sports, championship competitions in such areas as frisbee golf, lacrosse and field goal kicking will be available this year.

Ken Hassler, director of intramural sports, recognized a need to promote

student health. He contended that the typical Alfred student is not as physically active as students at other similar institutions. "One of my goals is to generate enthusiasm for healthy lifestyles," he said.

Hassler said students at Alfred engage in intramurals not only for exercise, but for social interaction. "Intramurals have played a part in forming some very solid relationships between students," he said.

However, intramural activities are plagued by inadequate facilities and scheduling difficulties. Hank Ford, Director of Athletics, said, "It is common knowledge that our facilities are

very taxed. We need more facilities."

While improvements like building lights for the tennis courts will help, the gyms and outdoor fields are often filled by varsity athletes, leaving them available only late at night on a limited number of evenings.

"The University is very interested in improving Alfred's recreational image and opportunities," Hassler said. Ford concurred, "We want to provide more students with opportunities to participate athletically."

Students have taken the initiative to provide these opportunities themselves. Jacob Cooper, Student Senate president, has reserved the gym in

McLane Center for most Saturday nights through October from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. to encourage pick-up games of basketball and volleyball. "The goal of this program is to provide students with an alternative to partying," Cooper said.

Work-study candidates may find opportunities to earn money and develop leadership qualities through officiating, organizing and developing activities.

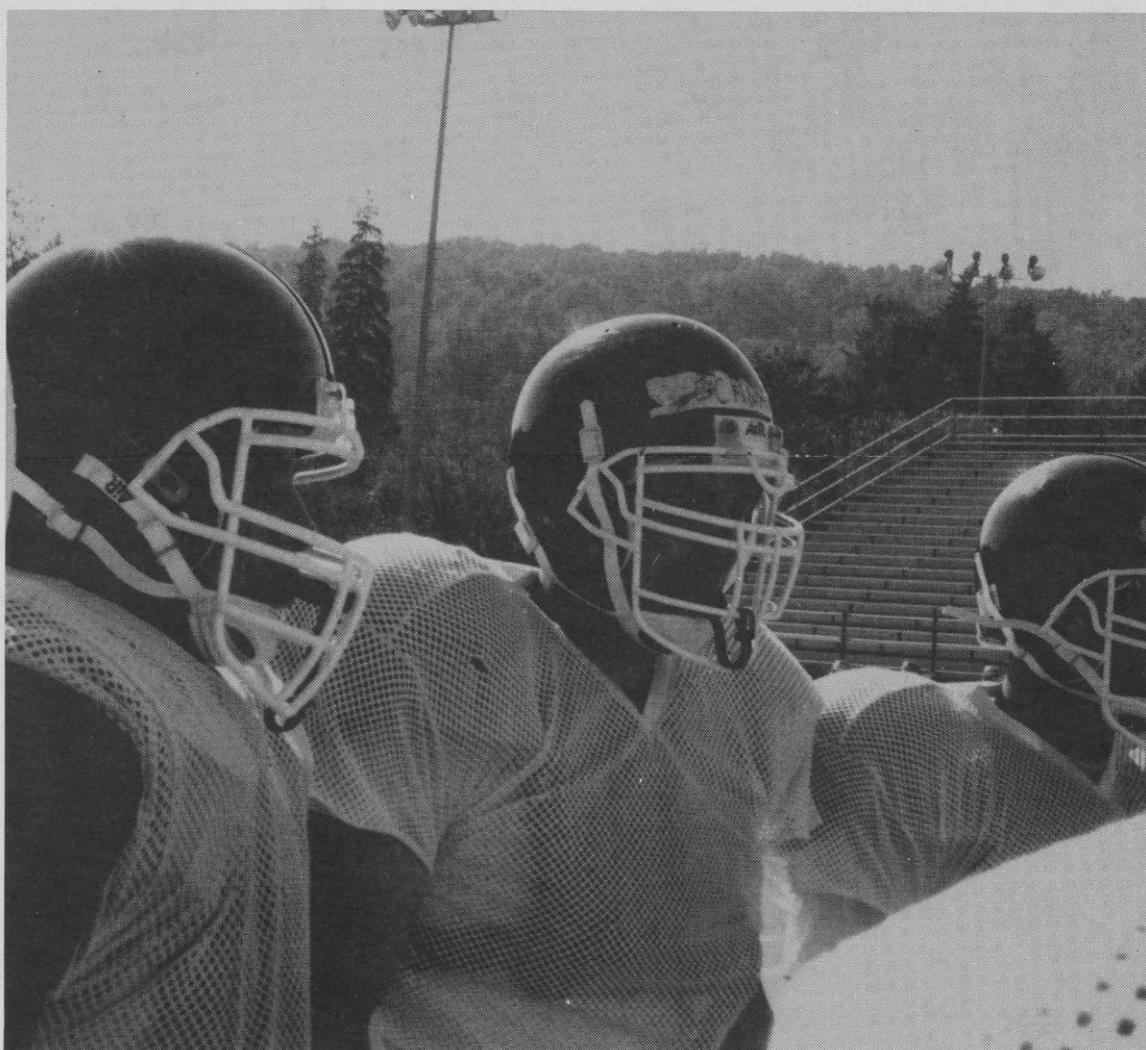
Entry forms for all activities are available at the intramural bulletin board on the bottom floor of McLane Center. □

Crunch time arrives; athletes prepare for home openers

photos by Charlie Vazquez
and David Fitzgerald



Probable starting keeper Jill Viggiani should keep the shut-outs coming. And she could not ask for better help in front of her: Evelyn Trzeciak, Robin Arian and returning superstar Melissa Meczywor.



Charles Hopkins, via Clemson and Bill Albanese, via the offensive line, will join returning defensive starters Tony Privitera, Justin Kwoka, Will Green and Mike Manning. In the preseason the purple-jerseyed playstoppers have shown the potential to control the line of scrimmage. As if that weren't enough, their hunger for the interception could keep the opposition grounded.



This season's Saxon offensive front unites returning talent with frosh prospects. Junior Matt Vincent (left) will be joined by freshmen like Northport native Eric Schwarz, who is in strong contention for a starting spot.



While sophomore Roddy McCoy has yet to mature into a starting role at quarterback, the Bethpage product will take snaps in the pre-season and develop under head coach Jim Moretti's vision of establishing the threat of the pass.