

## Index

Arts	4
Editorial	2
Features	5
News	3, 7
Sports	8

THE GHOSTS OF  
ALFRED

## Fiat Lux



The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

WORLD  
NOTES

## LOCAL

At the Oct. 7 Village Board meeting, a state code enforcement officer answered students' questions about code enforcement for off-campus housing. •Midsemester break begins after classes end on Friday.

## NATIONAL

President Clinton vetoed a bill Friday barring certain late-term abortions, known as "partial-birth" abortions by opponents. Supporters of the bill said they will try to override the veto. •Tobacco companies agreed Friday as part of a lawsuit settlement to earmark \$300 million dollars for a foundation to research tobacco-related illnesses. •Microsoft Corp. has no plans to sell its Microsoft Network online service despite reports to the opposite, said a company spokesman Friday.

## INTERNATIONAL

Hurricane Pauline caused mass destruction in southern Mexico last week after hitting the coast Wednesday. The official death toll stands at 141, though some have estimated 400 dead and 20,000 homeless. •An Argentine airplane crashed in Uruguay after trying to avoid a heavy rainstorm, killing all 75 people aboard, said authorities Saturday. •Maurice Papon, an accused Nazi collaborator, was released from prison Friday by a French court for the duration of his trial, which is expected to take years. Papon, 87, is accused of crimes against humanity for signing orders leading to the deportation of 1,690 Jews, many of whom were murdered at Auschwitz. Papon's attorneys cited health concerns as a reason for the decision.

## PERSONALITIES

One could say Caleb French is a humble person. "I can't think of myself as a really interesting person," he said.



CALEB FRENCH

But most people would consider being partially responsible for safety on campus interesting.

French is the co-chief of AU student security, a position he shares with junior Scott Lavallee. His duties include making up the security officers' schedule, resolving conflicts and reading security reports. Even with these duties, French still manages to go on night patrol.

"I liked this job so much that I switched to a criminal justice major," said French, a junior previously majoring in psychology.

French is also a volunteer firefighter and a brother at Kappa Psi Upsilon. He said these activities take up all of his time.

French is already making plans for his future in criminal justice. He said that he "would love to be involved in wildlife management and law enforcement as a park ranger."

## Alfred cracks down on alcohol use

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Increased arrests for alcohol-related offenses in Alfred are due to stricter enforcement, said Randy Belmont, Alfred police chief.

Arrests for open container and minors being served at parties have been more common lately, and complaints by residents and

students' parents are part of the reason, said Belmont.

Belmont said the bicycle patrols have also contributed to the increase in arrests. For example, the officers on bicycles arrested 33 individuals for open container violations from Aug. 23 to Sept. 19.

Bill Hall, mayor of Alfred, said he thinks more people are getting

caught because of an increase in police activity, rather than an increase in alcohol use.

There were four parties raided by police last month, bringing the total to 10 this year. Only five parties were raided in 1996.

Two of the parties raided last month were Greek houses—an AU fraternity and an ASC frater-

nity. Belmont said Greek houses are not being targeted specifically, however.

Greg Allen, president of Lambda Chi Alpha, agreed.

"Party places are being targeted," Belmont explained, places where "alcohol flows like water."

SEE ALCOHOL, PAGE 3

## McComsey speaks at CDC dedication

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

Under a blue sky and pristine conditions, a large crowd, composed of Trustees, administrators, students and members of the Alfred community, assembled for the dedication ceremony of the Steinheim on Oct. 6.

"It was an excellent start to what is sure to be an outstanding future for both the Steinheim and AU student body," said Jim Kostiw, a junior political science major.

Now home of the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center, the Steinheim was built between 1876-1890.

After the chamber singers performed the alma mater, President Edward G. Coll Jr. welcomed those in attendance.

Also speaking to the audience were Gene Bernstein, chair of the Board of Trustees, Robert McComsey, vice chair of the board of trustees, Jerry Brody, vice president of Student Affairs and dean of students and Christina Lombardi, Student Senate president.

McComsey expressed his appre-

ciation for the building and described the renovation process. He also gave credit to his mother for teaching him to think of others. That lesson, he said, led him to decide to financially support the renovations.

Brody cited the impressive interest AU holds in its students and alumni. This interest is evident in the advanced CDC service, which follows students throughout their college career and into the future, he said.

Lombardi spoke of the passing from student life to a full-time career. She also accented the significance of the CDC on students' post-graduate lives.

Describing the Steinheim, Abderrahman Robana, professor of business and administration, said, "It is a jewel of AU, thanks to the generosity of Robert McComsey, who really understands the needs of students after they graduate."

According to Barrett Potter, deputy mayor of the Village of Alfred, agreed. "It's an imperative asset. I think it will be an advantage to students, when recruiters arrive at such a first-rate CDC." □



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

President Edward G. Coll Jr. welcomes the audience to the Steinheim dedication Oct. 6. The structure boasts 8,000 different types of stone and 700 varieties of wood. Also pictured (from left) are Gene Bernstein, Robert McComsey, Jerry Brody and Christina Lombardi.

Students express concerns  
about Starbucks' practices

BY JEN BUTTARO

Two groups on campus are planning a massive educational campaign to inform students about the human rights controversy involving Starbucks coffee.

"Starbucks may not be the incarnation of evil, but they sure as hell could be doing more to live up to their promises," said Laura Kaplan, a member of Veggie Co-Op and Alfred Students Taking Environmental Responsibility.

Starbucks consistently deals with Latin American growers who have terrible human rights records, stated an online *Democratic Left* article by Eric Hahn and Stephen Coats titled "Starbucks Coffee Agrees to Adopt Code of Conduct." The *Democratic Left* Web page accuses Starbucks of using child labor and providing inadequate wages and unsafe working conditions. The article also describes many health concerns, including poor housing and sewage.

Conditions are so bad in some South American countries that local efforts to gain legally guaranteed workers' rights are met with

death threats, disappearances and even murders, the article also said.

In 1994, when this information was first discovered, many college campuses and various human rights groups organized boycotts of Starbucks coffee. Under pressure from the public, Starbucks created a statement of their business standards, which included the workers' rights to adequate wages and shelter. This earned Starbucks positive publicity, since they were the first U.S. commercial coffee company to set criteria for coffee selection which included more than just the quality and price of the beans.

On their Web page, Starbucks states that they believe in doing business with "those who share [our] values and abide by international standards of treatment of others."

However, according to an August 1997 Starbucks Coffee Company press release, they have "not yet identified a viable approach" to track and monitor the various growers.

A Starbucks representative was

SEE STARBUCKS, PAGE 3



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

The Art Union's Veg Out was a huge success. Many students took time out of their day last Wednesday to enjoy the vegetarian lunch in front of Harder Hall. The meal was \$3.50 per plate and was a fundraiser for the Art Union.





# Fiat Lux

## Mix alcohol with common sense

Alcohol use has recently come into the spotlight again with the alcohol poisoning deaths of college students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Louisiana State University.

But the attention shouldn't only be national. Ambulance calls on campus have increased this year. DWI incidents are higher than usual, with 33 arrests already when in the past Alfred has averaged 40 for the year. Open container arrests are also up, with 38 arrests from Aug. 25 to Oct. 5.

Certainly drinking in a college town is expected, and we are not suggesting that alcohol be banned in Alfred. But at the same time, maturity and common sense are a must, and from these numbers it appears students are forgetting that responsibility.

Common sense advice may sound parental, but it has become obvious some students still need to hear it.

If you are planning to drink copious quantities, drink with friends. Monitor your own intake and that of your friends.

Set a limit on how much alcohol you are going to drink before you begin, and stick to it. It's very easy to just keep having one more if you aren't clear on what your limits are.

Be wary of drinks with an unclear alcoholic content. The best example of this is the nefarious punch, which can be anything from non-alcoholic to just short of grain alcohol in alcoholic content. If you're unclear of how alcoholic something is, ask, and drink it slowly.

Don't drink on an empty stomach—food slows down the absorption into your bloodstream.

Keep in mind that time is the only real way of sobering up. Coffee and cold showers may make you feel better, but they don't do anything for blood alcohol content.

And, finally, don't ever drive after drinking. If you live in Alfred, it's seldom necessary to drive anywhere. If you do need transportation, pick a designated driver who will be responsible and abstain from drinking.

While these suggestions have been repeated over and over and should be common sense, the recent numbers show that they need to be reiterated. Take care of yourself and your friends. Drink responsibly.

## Local businesses give to community

There's been a sudden influx of chain stores and franchise restaurants in the Alfred area. With these come thoughts on how students should spend their money.

Although chain businesses often offer appealing options, they do not usually give back to the community. Local stores do.

While the local owners and employees of chain businesses do get money from the business, much of the profit is directed away from the area to national centers. Local stores keep their money in the area and put it back into the community.

Many AU organizations and events are supported by local stores through advertising. Local stores also donate gifts and prizes to University organizations and events. Chain stores do not do this to the same extent.

In this way, local stores have a larger impact on the community. They are also what make Alfred unique.

We would rather know that the money we spend supports local businesses who give back to the community and supports people who live in our community—people with the same worries and concerns as us.

Remember that the next time you go out to eat or shopping. We're not suggesting a boycott of chain stores—sometimes the only thing that will hit the spot is some good old-fashioned fast food. Just remember that how you spend your money affects the community, and if you don't have a real craving, local might be better in the long run.



# Fiat Lux

### EDITORIAL POLICY

The *Fiat Lux* welcomes feedback from its readers. Letters to the editor will be subject to editing for space and content purposes. The *Fiat Lux* reserves the right not to print any letter. Letters must be accompanied by name, address and telephone number. Mail letters to: *Fiat Lux*, attn: Editor, Powell Campus Center, Alfred, N.Y. 14802; or e-mail: fiatlux@bigvax.alfred.edu.

The *Fiat Lux* supports the perpetuation of a broad and liberal education conducive to free speech. Only unsigned editorials reflect the opinions of this newspaper. All other editorials reflect the author's opinion.

The *Fiat Lux* is printed by Sun Publishing Company and is typeset by the production staff. It is funded in part by Student Senate.

### EXECUTIVE STAFF

Editor ..... Megan Park  
Managing Editor ..... Michelle Pancoe  
Production Manager ..... Cara Stein  
Business Manager ..... Alissa Dodds  
Copy Manager ..... Megan Allen  
Systems Manager ..... Jeremy Van Druff  
News Editor ..... Stephanie Webster  
Features Editor ..... Jen Buttarro  
Arts Editor ..... Kenneth Leidig  
Sports Editor ..... Steve Wagner  
Darkroom Manager ..... Jes Cope  
Advertising Manager ..... Natalie Krauser  
Circulation Manager ..... Izabela Buniek  
Subscriptions ..... Paula Whittaker  
Faculty Advisor ..... Robyn Goodman

### NEXT ISSUE & DEADLINES

Next Issue ..... November 5  
Copy Deadline ..... October 31  
Ad Deadline ..... October 29

### COLUMNIST

## We don't need discrimination



BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Affirmative action has once again taken the media spotlight after a lawsuit was recently filed in Buffalo.

The parents of a young girl who was turned down from a competitive public school are suing the school district. They claim minority students with lower scores were admitted above her.

Is this right? Should this young girl be denied her place so the school can admit more minority students? I don't believe so.

I will admit there have been times when this country has discriminated against groups of people. And I will grant you that the Anglo-Saxons have had a pretty easy history. But is one form of discrimination the solution for another?

The young girl in Buffalo earned her place in that school based on grades, standardized test scores and teacher recommendations. Her score was higher than several students who were admitted, while she was turned down. How do you explain to her that because her skin is white, she cannot go to the school of her choice? The response from the school district is that diversity is required for quality education. Do you want to tell children the only way to obtain diversity is to ignore their qualifications? I don't.

Affirmative action is not only an issue of color. Many schools have gender quotas. There have been suggestions made that it is much easier to get into the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science if you are female and easier to be dismissed if you are male. If this is true, the school may be accepting women who are not well-suited to majoring in ceramic engineering and setting them up for failure. Understandably, it is

good to encourage women to pursue this type of field, but how many of those women will be accepted only to encounter significant difficulties and eventually withdraw from the program anyway?

A better term for affirmative action is reverse discrimination, because that is what it is. In the past, women and people of color have been discriminated against, so now we will discriminate against men and whites. This sounds more like a game of guilt and revenge than a mature way to right a wrong.

Granted, a wrong was done. But is it better to help the disadvantaged to succeed, or to make excuses and say they shouldn't need to? Children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds should be provided with every opportunity to "catch up." They should attend pre-kindergarten classes, receive special attention and be provided with tutoring in high school if they need it. They should have the same right to succeed as the children of doctors and lawyers. But they should not have more of a right. Their opportunities should be earned, not stolen from someone else, and not handed to them.

There is another side to this too. I do not want to be accepted to a college or get a job because I am a woman. I would be very upset to be given a job and learn there were people more qualified than I was, but I was hired because they needed more female employees. That is insulting. I want to succeed based on merit, not because someone feels sorry for women.

I am not trying to alienate women and minorities, or to deny them what is rightfully theirs. I believe that people should be treated equally, regardless of how their predecessors were treated. We can not live in the past, we can only learn from it. Keeping a young white girl out of a competitive school will not fix past wrongs. It will only deny her a position she has earned. Why discriminate to fix past discrimination? □

### GUEST COLUMNIST

## History should include nonstraight views

BY VICKI EAKLOR

I am an historian fortunate enough to teach "Gay American History" every other year to undergraduates as part of my regular load. Why did I add this to an already daunting list of eight different regular courses? Quite simply, to fulfill a need; or rather a series of needs that make this particular history especially important now.

The most basic need is to know. If history is written by the "winners" it is surely one-sided. I need to know about the "losers" as well if I am to learn—and teach—about the richness, potential and variety of human experiences; I also need to know how and why those losers' voices got lost along the way if I and my students hope to understand anything about power in action.

As a lesbian, my needs intersect with those of my nonstraight students and indeed all other lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender people beyond the classroom. As people desiring equal rights—especially the right to be treated with a dignity every human deserves—we are at a crossroads: the potential of realizing that dignity as l/g/b/t people seems more promising than ever, yet homophobia is alive and well in many of our families, schools, churches and governmental bodies.

This situation appears perplexing until we gain the perspective that can come only from the long view; a view that places the present not at the end of a time line, outside history, static, and shaped by the forces of inevitability, but instead conveys the sense of connection to a history constantly taking shape. Moving forward may demand a closer look at where we have been.

The history of "the movement," for example, provides numerous

stories of individual courage while also teaching the necessity of organized, concerted action.

What did it take in 1965 to be one of a few dozen marching on the White House demanding fairness for people still officially considered sick and dangerous? What happened at Stonewall and why

**"Let's not just learn our history, but learn how to be a part of it."**

did it happen that night? What was the impact of removing homosexuality from the APA list of mental disorders?

Knowing that these events happened not only offers victories to celebrate, and emulate, but also provides the basis for analyzing what has and has not worked, in what context, and why.

If there is any one big lesson I have learned, besides that of the futility of internal division in any movement, it is this about l/g/b/t history: without visibility there is no history and no movement.

This can mean many things, from unearthing previously unknown sources to reinterpreting those available in light of ongoing changes in sexual concepts. We cannot study what we cannot find.

More important, visibility provides both a theme and a lesson: for our forebears it was a goal that united them against those that would keep them hidden; for us it is a strategy upon which all other strategies depend. No positive change in the treatment of l/g/b/t people has been accomplished except by those willing to chal-

lenge the myths and stereotypes that keep people dehumanized and their sometimes unwitting oppressors in a state of unquestioning complacency.

Our history demonstrates that visibility is the key which unites our personal, political and historical lives. Coming out, now understood better as a process rather than an event, consistently has been central to further individual activism, upon which any larger movement must rest. As such it is the one "tactic" upon which all others depend, whether one's arena is internal, external or both.

History can offer examples from which to draw strength, to imitate, or avoid. We can study dissension within every group from Mattachine to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, for instance, and conclude alternately that power corrupts, or that division is inevitable among strong personalities or people with diverse identities. If the former, then vigilance may indeed be in order; if the latter, we may learn to embrace difference rather than fear it.

At the least, we can examine how others have handled their fears and hopes, gain a sense of belonging and envision a time line stretching as far in front as behind us. Is this history with an agenda? Of course. Knowledge always serves someone's agenda, and for too long it has served those few already in power, already with a voice. Now that we are heard and seen, let's not just learn our history, but learn how to be a part of it. It's there. It's ours. We deserve it. □

*This essay by Eaklor, professor of history, recently won the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's national essay contest celebrating October as Lesbian and Gay History Month.*



# Cross-dressing the topic of Russell lecture

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Dressed in a man's gray suit with a shiny purple tie and short hair, Martha Vicinus looked like many of the women she spoke of in her speech, "Understanding Dress Codes: Women Who Dressed as Men, 1660-1960," Oct. 8.

Vicinus, Eliza M. Mosher Distinguished University Professor of English, women's studies and history and chair of English at the University of Michigan, was the speaker for the annual Russell Lecture in History, sponsored by the Division of Human Studies.

Vicinus' lecture was part of the research which will be included in her forthcoming book on cross-dressing. "After writing about women who were respectable, I wanted to write about women who weren't," she explained after the lecture.

Vicinus showed slides of many women throughout history who had cross-dressed. There are four types of cross-dressing, she said. Some women cross-dress on stage for a performance, while others cross-dress for festive occasions,

such as Halloween, she explained. Two other types of cross-dressing are women who choose to cross-dress as part of their identity, and others who keep their cross-dressing secret and perhaps are only discovered after they have died.

Through her descriptions of different cross-dressers, Vicinus illustrated various reasons why women have cross-dressed. For instance, during the late 1800s and early 1900s many actresses found cross-dressing freed them from "sexual aggression," she said.

Others found better job opportunities by cross-dressing, explained Vicinus. For them, it was "good economic survival," since more jobs were available to men.

Romance was another reason, remarked Vicinus; some women cross-dressed so they could join the navy, for instance, to find their fiancés or husbands.

During the 1700s when masquerades were popular, many women "reveled" in the pleasure of disguise, said Vicinus. A masquerade was a time to escape from

a strict social code, she explained.

By the late 1700s and early 1800s, cross-dressing became less popular because the family life was accented, said Vicinus. "To be natural now meant taking on specific gender roles."

The women who did cross-dress in the 1800s "revealed a facet of essential self," said Vicinus. For example, she described George Sand, a French novelist who during the 1830s and '40s said she belonged to a third sex. Sand expressed sexual independence and demanded sexual freedom by cross-dressing, said Vicinus.

Today Lily Tomlin, Vicinus explained, is the most famous cross-dresser of our time and continues the fantasy created by cross-dressing. Women cross-dress today to seize the male role to express their sexual desire, whether heterosexual or homosexual, she said.

Ending with a slide of Madonna in a man's suit, Vicinus said, "Clothes are symbolic words... when women give up the wearing of different clothes and different masks, they then sacrifice a richly empowering language." □

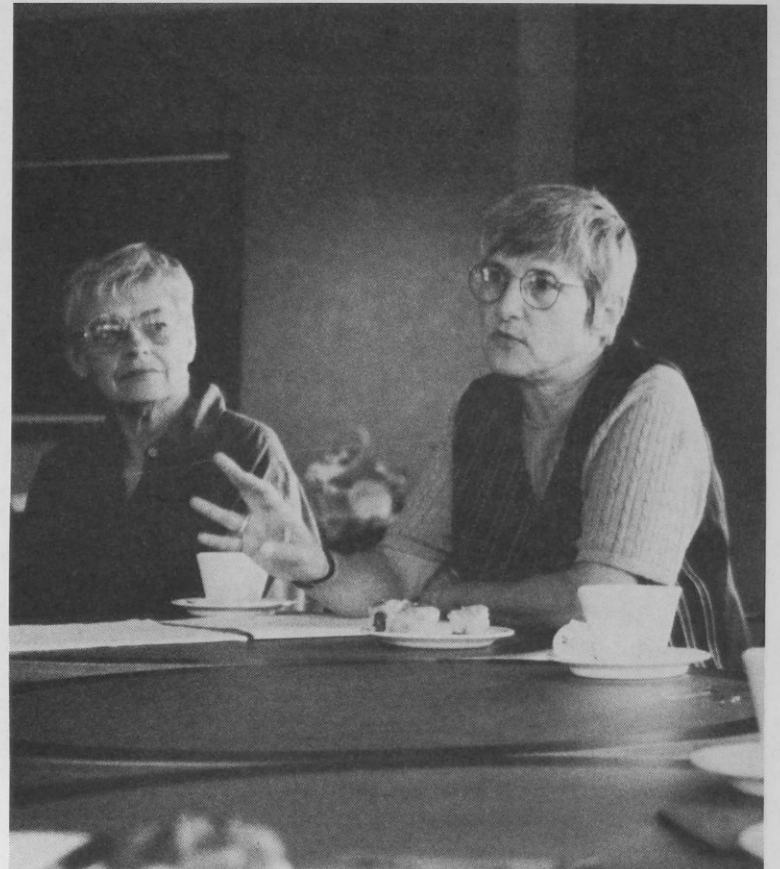


PHOTO BY MEGAN ALLEN

Sharon Hoover (left), professor of English, listens as Martha Vicinus discusses her research during a brunch with faculty and students the morning following her Russell Lecture.

## Growth in ceramics expected

BY STEVE WAGNER

The advanced ceramics industry is expected to grow considerably through the year 2000, said Robert Ayotte at the John F. McMahon Lecture Oct. 9.

Ayotte is the president and chief executive officer of Saint-Gobain Industrial Ceramics Co. He has spent his entire 35-year career in ceramics and his speech centered on advanced ceramics and their role in the near future.

The U.S. Department of Energy has given its list of "Industries of the Future," and while advanced ceramics is not on the list, Ayotte said it will be a factor.

"New advanced ceramics will be needed to help industries of the future to meet energy and pollution needs in 2000," said Ayotte.

These ceramics are categorized as being made from micron-sized particles with ultra-high purity.

Advanced ceramics, or fine ceramics, are often formed into intricate shapes with surface finishing, said Ayotte. This allows for the end products to be used in a wide variety of applications where traditional ceramics are unsuitable.

The applications can be in manufacturing, where no consumer ever sees the ceramics, hidden away as

part of a larger consumer product such as ceramic washers in a faucet, or actually inside of the consumer, in the form of hip joints, he explained.

The non-traditional properties of advanced ceramics are what make them useful in many applications, said Ayotte, including high temperature resistance, strength, corrosion resistance and stiffness.

Conventional materials, such as traditional ceramics and metals tend to corrode or melt, he explained.

However, there are still two large barriers that the ceramics industry needs to overcome, said Ayotte. The reliability and manufacturing costs are holding advanced ceramics back. Ayotte also said the reliability factor needs to be improved by better engineering of the microstructure of the materials.

Despite these drawbacks, however, the ceramic industry is still expected to grow. "The growth projection is based on eliminating or pushing these barriers back," said Ayotte.

Ayotte said it is fun to be part of the industry, with the challenges it presents. Speaking to the future ceramic engineers in the audience he said, "I hope you find the ceramic industry is filled with challenges, that you will take them on, and have fun."

## ...Alcohol

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Belmont said the locations where people are getting caught are those where anyone can freely walk in and out and drink. Belmont said the primary method of enforcement has been sting operations. He said parties are quite easy to find when people are spilling outside and music can be heard by the neighbors.

If a party does not attract attention, Belmont said police have no right to go in. "We cannot violate your constitutional rights," he explained.

Belmont said the point of raiding parties is to increase awareness. "I have no intentions of stopping drinking." Enforcement is not preventing drinking, it is only "driving it underground," he said.

Hall said he feels a lot of binge drinking takes place in multiple residences because the drinking age is 21. He said that once a practice is made illegal, it is harder to regulate it when people do it any-

way. "When you over-regulate society, you have real problems," he said.

Belmont agreed that students drank more responsibly before the drinking age was raised to 21. He said binge drinking, funneling and other irresponsible drinking practices have caused the most problems recently.

Hall said the Village will "do [its] best to monitor alcohol consumption." He said Alfred is not doing this to collect the fines but to "prevent potential problems."

"[Students] get into trouble when they've been drinking," he said.

Gary Ostrower, a Village Trustee, said problems with alcohol are not limited to Alfred. "I think in college towns there's always a problem," he said. He also said that the recent alcohol-related fatalities at other universities indicate that it is a universal problem.

Belmont said Greek houses are "a contributor [to the problem], but not the biggest." He said the AU Greeks had met with him to

discuss the situation. "I'm very glad the [AU] Greeks are willing to work with me and the community," he said.

Some Greeks also think they are not the biggest problem. Suzanne Fratianni, president of Sigma Chi Nu, said the problem is students' levels of control. She said there are more alcohol-related emergencies when Greeks are not having parties.

Sara Easton, president of Alpha Kappa Omicron, agreed. She said at Greek parties there are at least sober people monitoring and limiting alcohol intake. Easton also said although Greeks are not the only ones serving minors, they are the most noticed. "We all needed that slap in the face before a death occurred at one of our parties," she said. "It is better for us to approach the problem before a life has been lost."

Other Greek presidents could not be reached for comment.

Belmont said his fear is that someone will be injured or die at a party, and he is trying to prevent serious consequences. □

## Bergren speakers address eclipses and impermanence

BY TODD ZEITLER AND STEPHANIE WEBSTER

"[It is] the most incredible sight I've ever seen," said Henry Nebel, professor of physics and chair of the physical science department, at a recent Bergren Forum.

Nebel was referring to a solar eclipse, which was the topic of his Oct. 9 forum, "Solar Eclipses: Past and Future."

The presentation consisted mainly of his experiences with solar eclipses, but he also touched on the basics of eclipses.

Nebel said curiosity started his pursuit of the total solar eclipse, which occurs when the moon comes directly between the Earth and sun, completely blocking the sun's rays from a small portion of the Earth.

Nebel recounted the times he has actually observed eclipses. Though most of the United States could observe the total solar eclipse in July of 1991, Nebel traveled to Mexico where a greater amount of the sun was obstructed, he said. In 1994, Nebel saw two eclipses: a total solar eclipse in Brazil and a "ring" eclipse at the observatory here on campus.

If you don't want to leave the country, you will have to wait until

2017 to see a solar eclipse, said Nebel.

At another forum, Ben Howard, English professor, discussed transience. Howard presented "Written on Water" at the Bergren Forum on Oct. 2.

"The line that runs through my work is the line of impermanence," he said.

Howard said he wrote the forum's title based on Jonathan Keats' gravestone, which had expressed the idea of transience by saying that his life was written on water.

Howard presented this theme of impermanence as it related to him personally, to history and to literature. He read a number of his own poems and poems by other authors dealing with transience.

Reading W.B. Yeats' poem "When You Are Old," Howard addressed the shortness of life and the fading of beauty. He also discussed what he called the "transience of civilizations," or the passing away of cultures, especially as it related to Ireland.

"I don't think it's unique to me," he said, speaking of his fascination with impermanence. "It's a condition of being an American in the late 20th century." □

## ...Starbucks

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

unavailable for comment.

Starbucks was brought to AU because "It's popular. Students were interested in having it," said Sue Smith, associate dean of students. Administrators had no idea there was any controversy over Starbucks coffee, she explained.

Currently, AU is "in a position where our dining service [Fine Host] has a binding agreement and significant financial investment in Starbucks," said Smith. Once the contract is up, the administration plans on discussing the issue, she said. Smith said she was unsure

when Fine Host's contract with Starbucks would expire.

A.S.T.E.R. and Veggie Co-op will have a table set up in the Powell Campus Center from Oct. 27-29. There students will be able to pick up Starbucks information sheets and sign petitions for the non-renewal of the Starbucks contract at AU. The two groups will also be talking to other student organizations and faculty, as well as posting bulletins to try to educate Alfred students, said Kaplan. She also said, "There are alternative brands that are much more socially responsible, and I would much rather see AU hyping fairly traded goods than a hollow corporate image machine." □







# Alfred, AU campus full of spooky history

BY JEN BUTTARO

As Halloween approaches, stories of ghosts and goblins are a fun way to get into the "spirit" of the season. With that in mind, we bring you some ghoulish tales of alleged hauntings here at Alfred.

The first ghost story dates back to a 1940 edition of the *Fiat Lux*, in which it was reported that two freshmen saw a ghost by the pond on the hill above the Kappa Psi Upsilon house. The legend that accompanies this spook is as follows:

In the late 1800s a man by the name of Tyler built his home on the hill, and in trying to enlarge his cellar, struck a small spring which filled his cellar with water and made it unusable. This was the beginning of the pond.

Tyler soon married a pretty woman named Jane and the two

settled down to live peacefully. All went well until the fateful day that Desmond, a former suitor of Jane, showed up at the house, claiming that Jane was actually his wife.

There was a terrible fight between Tyler and Desmond, which ended when Desmond got thrown through the cellar door. He was knocked unconscious as he tumbled down the stairs and drowned in the dark, chilly water below.

Shortly afterward, Tyler was hanged by an angry mob, and poor Jane, now without a friend in the world, disappeared.

Only a few years after this, the house burned down, with no trace of it remaining. The ghost of Desmond, however, still remains. It is said that he appears periodically, rising out of the pond to seek his revenge.

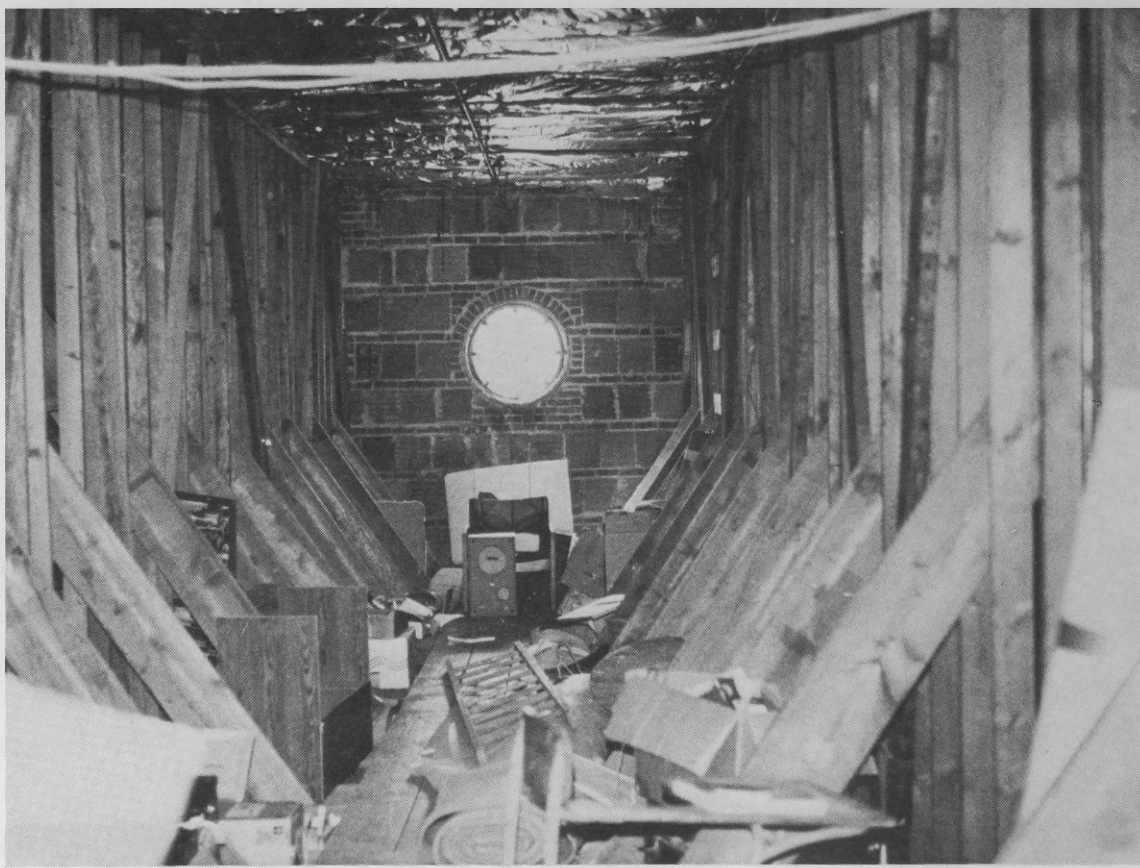


PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

The Brick attic is infamous for being disorganized and cluttered. Belongings of students who graduated several years ago can still be found, awaiting their return. If the Brick really is haunted, the ghost may well live in the attic. The "angel of mercy" could find numerous hiding places, as well as winter clothes, formal dresses and enough furniture to live comfortably—if ghosts need clothes and furniture, that is.

The second tale of terror dates back to 1918. During World War I the Brick was temporarily turned into barracks for the Student Army Training Corps, a group whose purpose was to supply the services with specialized soldiers.

Shortly after the men moved in, a Spanish influenza epidemic hit Alfred. The Brick was quarantined after approximately 50 people became ill.

A young nurse from nearby St. James Mercy Hospital came to help the sick. She worked tirelessly, going without sleep to be by her patients' sides. People began calling her the "angel of mercy." Unfortunately in the end, all of her efforts were not enough. Six people died—two soldiers, two female students and two faculty members.

As recently as last spring, it has been reported that the glow of a bobbing candle and a shadowy figure moving slowly up the stairs could be seen. Some say it is the "angel of mercy" returning to her nightly rounds to keep the students in the Brick safe.

Our last horror story involves the infamous "Sally the Skeleton." Sally, born Jane Brooks, was convicted of murdering her lover's wife with poison. Originally sentenced to death, the governor changed her sentence to life imprisonment. While she was in prison, it is said that the president of the University negotiated with Jane to buy her corpse for \$300. (This was during a time when it was hard to get human skeletons for science courses.)

When Jane died, her skeleton was moved to Alfred where it spent a few years in the biology department, but ultimately ended up in the Steinheim, which was then a museum. During her stay there, "Sally" was placed on display as the "first woman hung in Allegany County," which was not actually true. She also was kidnapped by a fraternity as part of their initiation rites.

In 1940, the skeleton of Jane Brooks mysteriously vanished forever. Some say she is still in the Steinheim. It has also been reported that at night the clicking of her bones can be heard in the woods as she walks, searching for a final resting place. □

Compiled with help from Laurie McFadden.

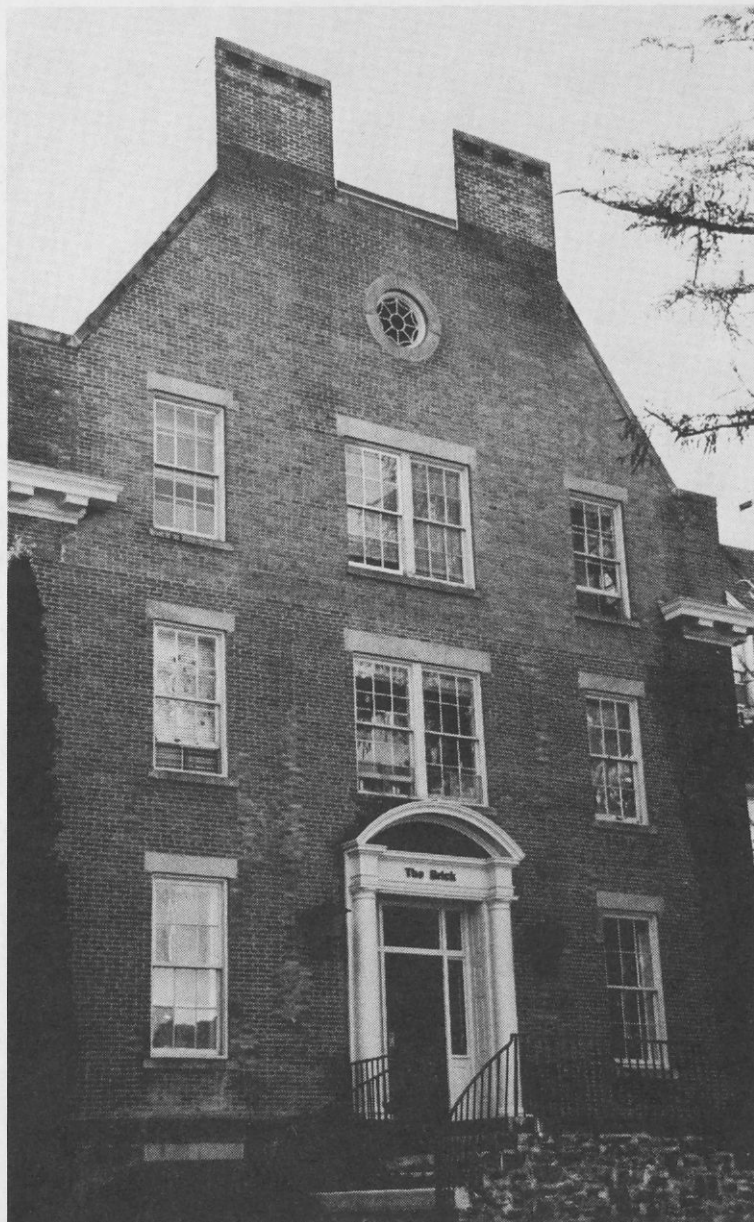


PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

During World War I, the Brick was a temporary barracks for the Student Army Training Corps. Now an upperclass residence hall, it is rumored to be haunted by the ghost of a nurse who aided the sick during the war.

## Fiat Lux

There's no place like home



Individuals, student organizations and small groups to promote Spring break travel packages. Earn money and free trips. Call INTER-CAMPUS programs 1-800-327-6013.



Spring Break '98-Sell Trips, Earn Cash, & Go Free!!! Student Travel Services is now hiring campus reps/group organizers. Lowest prices to Jamaica, Mexico, & Florida. Call 1-800-648-4849.

## We Route For Alfred University

3 Times A Day!

Daily Service To: Alfred, Olean, Hornell, Bath, Corning, Elmira & Binghamton

Plus 3 Daily Departures to New York City  
Westchester, Queens & Long Island  
Also Serving  
JFK, LaGuardia and Newark Airports



Connecting Service to: Albany, Rochester, Buffalo, Ithaca and Stamford

ALFRED - Alfred Sports Center 607-587-9144  
BATH - Liberty Street News 607-776-4728  
HORNELL - JMJ Stop & Shop 800-631-8405

**SL**  
**SHORTLINE**



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

Representatives from the Office of Graduate Studies of Edinboro University will be at the Graduate Fair on:

Tuesday, October 28th in

Powell Campus Center

Edinboro University of PA offers:

- High quality academic programs
- Extensive financial assistance
- Safe environment
- Affordability
- Great location

**Come check us out!**

If you would like additional information or would like to meet with the Dean, please contact us at:

Phone: (814) 732-2856  
Internet: Kerstetter@edinboro.edu  
WEB site: <http://www.edinboro.edu/>



**October  
28, 1997  
2:00-4:00**

**p.m.  
Knight  
Club,  
Powell  
Campus  
Center**

**Who should attend? Any student interested in attending grad school at some point in the future.**

Representatives from graduate and professional schools will be available to distribute application materials, discuss their academic programs, and answer any questions you have about grad school. You don't have to be a senior to attend—all students will benefit from learning more about things like entrance exams, the application process, academic requirements, and what certain programs are all about.

# Third Annual Graduate School Fair

**As of now, 46 schools are signed up, including:**

Alfred University	Long Island
Binghamton University	St. John Fisher College
School of Management	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Buffalo State College	SUNY Buffalo School of Management
Canisius College	SUNY Buffalo
Clarkson University	SUNY Cortland
Business School	SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn
D'Youville College	Syracuse University School of Social Work
Edinboro University	Texas A & M International University College of Business Administration
Gannon University	Union College Graduate Management Institute
Illinois College of Optometry	University of Missouri-Columbia
Los Angeles College of Chiropractic	University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Marist College	Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine
New Jersey Institute of Technology	
New York College of Osteopathic Medicine	
New York Institute of Technology	
Pace University	
Sage Graduate School	
Southampton College of	



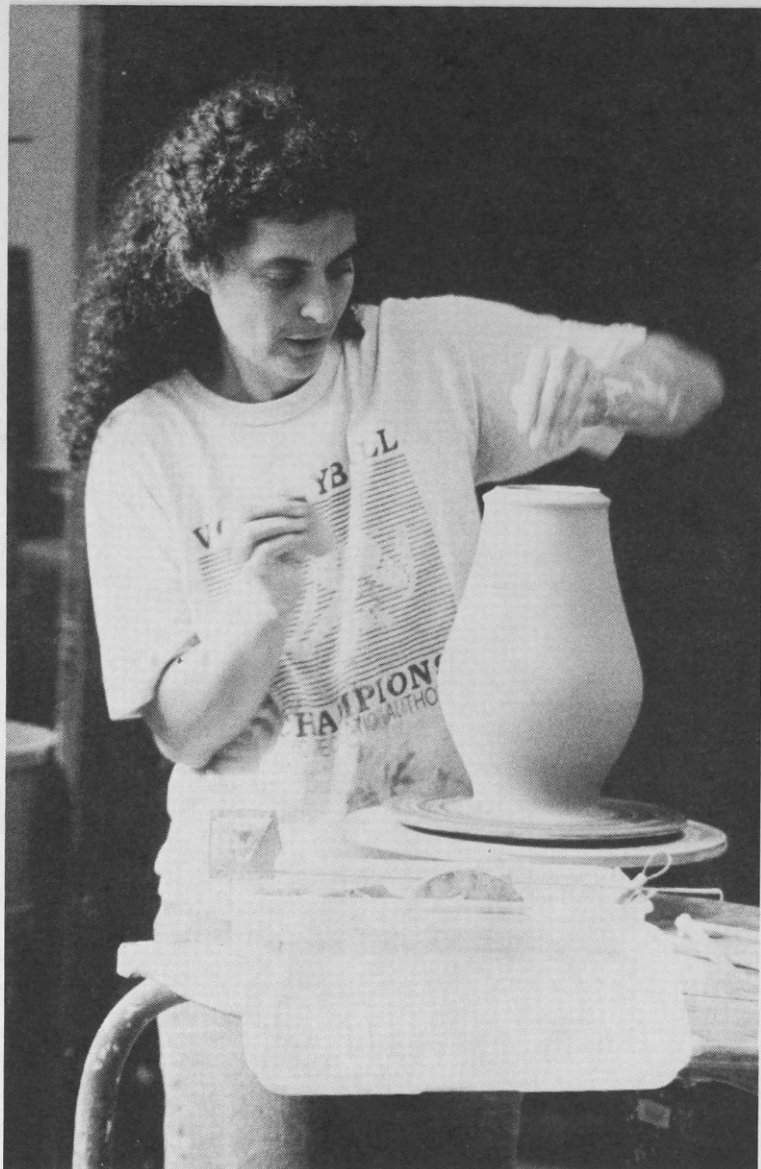


PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

Visiting artist, Ellen Shankin, demonstrates how to make pottery on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Shankin, a potter from Floyd, Va., also gave a lecture and a gallery talk while on campus.

## Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOR

Student Senate will no longer pay for students' legal advice, it was announced at a recent Senate meeting. The executive board's budget was approved and alternative methods of publicity were also discussed at recent meetings.

In the past, the fees for lawyer Jerry Fowler's "free" consultations for students have come from the Senate executive board's budget. The executive board decided

to cut this expense since many lawyers in the area will provide free legal advice to students.

The executive board's budget is funded by Senate Allocations and must be approved by a Senate vote. The Senators approved \$500 for the fall, only questioning the need for two phones lines. Including the proposed \$700 for the spring, this year's executive board will request the same amount as last year's board. Last year's executive board overspent their budget by more than \$1,600.

Use of the B.L.U.E. Screen, banner space, easel displays and a TV/VCR in the campus center

were suggested as alternative methods of publicity by Steve Harpst, director of Student Activities. Using both sides of a piece of paper and recycling old posters were ideas also encouraged. Debbie Nall, PolyPro director, announced she will look into printing a different message on each side of table tents.

Jim Kostiw, finance chair, said the members of the finance committee will be available throughout the semester to answer questions.

President Christina Lombardi recognized Alfredian Dramatists and Circle K as new organizations.

## COURT REPORT

### Speed in Zone:

- Matthew A. Bridge, Livingston Manor, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$100)
- Shannon L. Grant, Cocheton Center (\$85)
- Gwendolyn E. Harmon, New Castle, Pa., reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Gwenolyn Gause, Rochester (\$85)
- Laura Goodwin, Rochester (\$85)
- Eli M. Slavin, West Millford, N.J. (\$85)
- Kevin C. Brown, Snyder (\$85)
- Robert Williams, Jamaica, reduced to no seatbelt driver (\$75)

### Unlawful Dealing With a Child Reduced to Noise Ordinance:

- Michael L. Nedich, Wayne, Pa. (\$200)

- Adam A. Sorenson, Gettysburg, Pa. (\$200)
- John D. Walsh, Claymont, Del. (\$200)
- Corey R. Lunn, Morrisonville (\$200)

### Rubbish Law:

- Paula M. Buccilli, Alfred (\$25)
- Kari A. Cowles, Wellsville (\$25)
- Andrew F. Baynes, Alfred (\$25)
- Kelly E. Stutzman, Hornell (\$25)

### Open Container:

- Michael L. Brown, Corning (\$25)
- David H. Keith, Alfred (\$25)
- Lody Lopez, New York (\$25)
- Steven R. Shinebarger, Alfred (\$25)
- Jason E. Allen, Portageville (\$25)

### Expired Inspection:

- Timothy S. Montani, Liverpool (\$75)
- Paula J. Nichols, Hornell (\$55)
- Daniel W. Sechrist, Hilton (\$55)

### Possession of Alcohol by a Minor:

- Travis J. Brown, Syracuse (\$50)
- Thomas Muha, Boonville (\$50)

### Other:

- Derek G. Foreman, Almond, speed in excess of 55 mph (\$85)
- Peter Bejie, Scio, no seatbelt driver (\$75)
- Edwin Padilla, Bronx, unlicensed driver (\$225)
- Hanan H. Wajih, Kearny, N.J., DWI, reduced to reckless driving (\$225)
- Richard Giannvola, Rochester, noise ordinance (\$100)

## POLICE BLOTTER

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Sep 22 to Oct 5.

### Arrests:

#### Violation of Noise Law:

- Christopher Znak, 21, Alfred (Sep 27)
- Steven White, 21, Dover (Sep 27)

#### Open Container:

- Michael J. Clements, 18, Pulteney (Oct 2)
- Nicholas Paolillo, 18, Alfred (Oct 3)
- John Wheatley, 19, Alfred (Oct 4)
- Marc Spencer, 34, Hornell, also possession of marijuana (Oct 4)
- Christina Lower, 18, Ithaca (Oct 4)

#### Disorderly Conduct:

- Jason Plizga, 22, Alfred (Sep 27)
- Kevin Donaghue, 19, Alfred (Oct 5)

### Other:

- Jason Howles, Eden, expired inspection (Sep 25)
- Danny W. Jordan, 26, Alfred Station, criminal possession of stolen property 5th degree (Sep 25)
- Delorne R. Martin, 28, Alfred Station, resisting arrest, menacing and harassment (Oct 4)
- Vance Gardner, 22, Hornell, harassment (Oct 4)
- Beau Parisi, 20, Kewgardens, reckless endangerment (Oct 4)
- John Lawrence, 18, Alfred Station, disturbing the peace (Oct 4)

### Complaints:

#### Parking Problem:

- Church St. (Sep 22)
- Church St. (Sep 23)
- Park St. (Sep 23)
- Sayles St. (Sep 24)
- Park St. (Sep 24)
- W. University St. (Sep 25)
- N. Main St. (Sep 29)
- W. University St. (Sep 30)
- Park St. (Oct 2)

- Sayles St. (Oct 2)
- Church St. (Oct 4)

### Larceny:

- Sayles St. (Sep 22)
- Rte. 244 (Sep 28)
- N. Main St. (Oct 4)
- College BP (Oct 5)
- Shurfine (Oct 5)

### Bad Checks:

- College BP (Sep 23)
- Manhattan West (Sep 25)

### Abandoned Vehicle:

- Waterwells Rd. (Sep 23)
- Rte. 21 (Oct 5)

### Disabled Vehicle:

- Waterwells Rd. (Sep 23)
- Lake Rd. (Sep 25)
- S. Main St. (Sep 25)
- Kenyon Rd. (Sep 26)
- Rte. 21 (Sep 27)
- Co. Rte. 12 (Oct 3)

### Bank Alarm Activation:

- N. Main St. (Sep 26)
- N. Main St. (Sep 26)

- N. Main St. (Sep 28)
- N. Main St. (Oct 2)
- N. Main St. (Oct 3)
- N. Main St. (Oct 3)

### Noise Violation:

- State St., AU Campus (Sep 27)
- Church St. (Sep 27)
- Mill St. (Oct 4)

### Criminal Mischief:

- N. Main St. (Oct 2)
- N. Main St. (Oct 2)
- N. Main St. (Oct 3)

### Other:

- Reckless driver, Co. Rte. 12 (Sep 22)
- Dog, Shaw Rd. (Sep 23)
- Person knocking trash cans over, Elm St. (Sep 23)
- Harassment, East Valley Rd. (Sep 24)
- Fight, Mill St. (Sep 27)

- Debris in roadway, Rte. 244 (Sep 27)
- Stolen vehicle, N. Main St. (Sep 28)
- Car/deer accident, Kenyon Rd. (Sep 28)
- Found property, Rte. 244 (Sep 30)
- Open door, W. University St. (Oct 3)
- Reckless endangerment, Hillcrest Dr. (Oct 3)
- Street lights out, N. Main St. (Oct 3)
- Disorderly Conduct, State St. (Oct 4)
- Minors with alcohol, Lower College Dr. (Oct 4)
- Alarm activation, Rte. 244 (Oct 5)
- Prowler, S. Main St. (Oct 5)

A total of 21 traffic citations were issued from Sep 22 to Oct 5.

**Name:** Ryan Woodruff  
**Position:** Quarterback  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Semethport, PA

### Favorite Experience:

Winning his High School Football Championship in the final minutes of the game.

### Reason for playing:

Competitiveness, the "rush" of winning and team playing.

### Began Playing:

First played football in the eighth grade.

### Career Stats:

Plays: 321

Rushing:	Att	Gain	Loss	Net
	21	12	70	-58
Passing:	Att	Cmp	Int	Total Yds
	300	146	13	2273

Total Offense: 2215 yards

**Name:** Olivia Shea  
**Position:** Forward  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Owasco Lake, NY

### Favorite Experience:

Going to States last year.

### Role Model:

Her aunt Irene Shea, who played in the World Series of Softball.

### Reason for playing:

She enjoys the competition and the team concept of the game as much as she enjoys winning.

### Began Playing:

She began playing in the third grade.

### Career Stats:

Goals: 21  
Assists: 8  
Points: 50

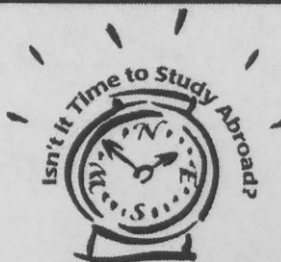
Belize
Russia
France

Australia
Italy
Spain

England
Germany
U.S.A.

France
Spain
Italy

Niger
Ecuador
China



**A representative will be on campus:**

**Friday, October 24th**  
**Information Table**  
**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Powell Campus Center**

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY**

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**  
232 Bay State Road  
Boston, MA 02215  
617/353-9888  
E-Mail • [abroad@bu.edu](mailto:abroad@bu.edu)  
Visit our web page! • <http://www.bu.edu/abroad>  
*An equal opportunity, affirmative action institution.*





## SCHEDULE

### Football

10/18 12 p.m. Canisius  
10/25 1:30 p.m. \*Hobart  
11/1 1:30 p.m. \*Grove City  
11/8 1:30 p.m. Washington & Jefferson  
11/15 1 p.m. Union

### Women's Volleyball

10/16 7 p.m. \*Keuka  
10/18 9 a.m. Nazareth  
Tournament  
10/25 11 a.m. Washington & Jefferson  
10/28 6:30 p.m. \*Pitt-Bradford  
11/1 11 a.m. \*Washington & Jefferson

### Men's & Women's Cross Country

10/24 Cornell Pre-Championships  
11/1 PAC Championships  
11/8 NYSCTC Championships @ Brockport  
11/15 NCAA Regionals @ R.P.I.  
11/22 NCAA Championships @ Boston

### Women's Soccer

10/15 7 p.m. \*Keuka  
10/18 11 a.m. Washington & Jefferson  
10/24 PAC Championships @ Grove City

### Men's Soccer

10/18 1 p.m. \*Grove City  
10/22 4 p.m. Hobart  
10/25 5 p.m. \*Ithaca  
11/1 1 p.m. Nazareth

\*denotes home game

## Women's rugby plays hard, loses

BY STEVE WAGNER

Women's rugby lost to Colgate Saturday, nearly crushing hopes of reaching the State Tournament.

"If we had won, and we win next week against Fredonia, our chances would have been good," said senior co-captain Karen Vogan.

Now that their record has dropped to 3-2, they have to watch the other teams. "We have to hope the top teams lose next week," said Vogan.

Saturday's game against Colgate ended with a score of 24-0. Colgate scored four tries, and finished two of them off with two-point kicks.

The first half passed with Alfred crossing to Colgate's half of the field only once.

The two tries scored by Colgate in the first half were both the result of individuals breaking loose with the ball. Alfred was unable to chase them down.

"We were outrun," said Vogan. "They were a lot faster."

The second half was different for Alfred. One drive kept them well within Colgate territory for over 10 minutes. Several times the ball came within a few feet of the touch line, but Alfred came up short.

Much of that drive was broken up by line-outs and scrums, allowing Alfred to maintain control for that long. "Our scrummage was strong," said Vogan.

Much like the first half, the two second-half Colgate scores consisted of Alfred chasing a single ball carrier down the field.

Overall, the game did not go well for Alfred. Vogan said this was due to the team being a young one. "We have a lot of new players," said Vogan, "It's hard to keep a veteran team."

The women's rugby team is not well-known in Alfred. This is not surprising, as they play all their games high above Alfred on Jericho Field, do not receive the attention the NCAA-sanctioned teams get and pay all expenses out of their own pockets.

Vogan hopes next semester they will have a budget from Student Senate to help defer the cost of maintaining the team. They must first finish their three semesters as a Senate-recognized club before Senate can give them a budget.

Until then, a little State Tournament publicity wouldn't hurt. But Alfred not only needs to beat Fredonia and also needs teams like Colgate lose their next match in order for that to happen. □



PHOTO BY STEVE WAGNER

Jill Rozell leaps for possession of the ball during a line-out in Saturday's loss to Colgate. The final score was 24-0.

## COMMENTARY

# Alfred's switch to PAC not a long-term solution

BY STEVE WAGNER

Now that Alfred has been in the PAC for a full year, it is time to assess the move. And unless the feelings of the coaches, players and fans are disregarded, it's going to be tough to find the positive comments winning out.

The most swaying arguments have been from the coaches. Playing PAC opponents hurts Alfred's chances of making it to state tournaments.

If AU plays a winning season against PAC and New York teams, they may not be invited to states because their wins were not influential enough. This is because, quite simply, the PAC is weaker

than the ECAC.

This fact is evident from the most of the scores, records and feedback from players.

Last year in the PAC, football lost only to Washington & Jefferson, men's cross country only to Grove City, men's basketball went undefeated, and men's track easily won the PAC. This year, neither women's volleyball or soccer have lost to anyone in the PAC.

Not to detract from the hard work of the teams, but those records would have been much different against an all New York schedule.

And even though wins are generally considered good, always winning by a lot to teams no one

has heard of gets boring. And it is less than impressive.

To add to that, the players are sick of travelling six hours to get to their nearest game.

So, if the coaches feel the teams are being hurt, the players say the road trips aren't worth it, and the fans are bored, why did we move?

Because we're winning.

Alfred athletics needed a boost. While other schools' programs were moving ahead, ours was running in place. We needed wins to attract new athletes to the teams, fans to the games, and maybe even money from the alumni.

The problem is, Alfred took the short-term track to gaining wins—play teams that are worse than us.

And the athletic community is unimpressed.

A long-term solution is needed so that we can go back to playing competitive games with schools our size and still attract the players and fans.

One main problem Alfred has is the aging and inadequate sports facilities. We have one gym, our indoor track is the oldest wooden oval in the Northeast, our tennis courts are falling apart, Tucker is the only practice field, and there is no outdoor track.

Perhaps Alfred University should take a hard look at how athletics affect a school's image, and then throw some money at the problem. We need improvement to

the core of AU's program.

We also need additions to the sports. AU has no official men's volleyball or baseball, even though there is interest. Both sports have full clubs at AU. If a high school senior is looking at Alfred and R.I.T., and he plays baseball, the decision may not be too tough.

Title IX is no longer a major power for AU. As long as the money flow and facility usage for men's and women's sports is kept equal, we will not be violating the rules.

If Alfred can boost sports through long-term methods, we can go back to playing our old foes in New York.

And maybe we'll win anyway. □

## Tennis team ends season

BY ANDY BERMAN

The AU Women's Tennis Team played as individuals representing Alfred instead of the AU Team at the President's Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship in Pennsylvania last weekend to conclude their season. Coach Brian Friedland was extremely pleased with the regular season play of the lady Saxons.

The team finished the season with a 2-5 record, with a possibility of a third win due to a forfeit. Friedland said this was due to the inexperience of players in singles; four of the top six players on the team last year graduated.

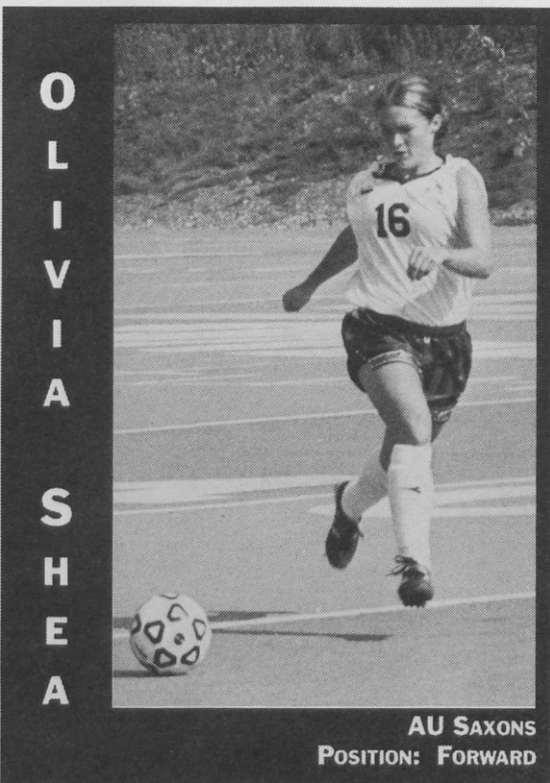
But "the ladies have been an absolute joy to work with this season," said Friedland. "As the sea-

son progressed, the team got consistently better."

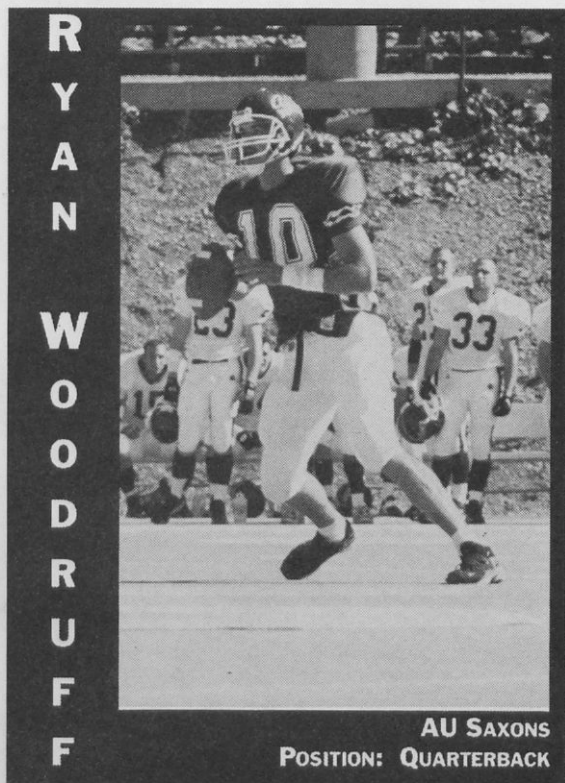
Friedland said he was "extraordinary pleased" with the attitude and desire of the top six players. The team finished the season by playing for personal glory at the PAC Championship.

Despite the sub-par record, Friedland was happy with the team. He said, "Our opponents were all good, solid teams. They made many of the meets very competitive."

Friedland, who was asked to return as coach of the team this season, said that anything could happen at the PAC Championship. Either way, however, Friedland said that this season has been a lot of fun for him to coach, and for the players to play. □



AU SAXONS  
POSITION: FORWARD



AU SAXONS  
POSITION: QUARTERBACK