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## Students, faculty go 'without art' for AIDS

by Kate Loomis

This past weekend, students and faculty at AU participated in A Day Without Art, a national day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS crisis.

Students and faculty joined art institutions throughout North America and Europe in educating the public about the action needed to resolve this crisis. This year's observance, Dec. 1, coincided with the World Health Organization's third annual International AIDS Awareness Day. Organizations planned exhibitions, performances, readings, lectures, and many other activities to address the issue.

Advocacy and lobbying efforts on behalf of all Persons With AIDS (PWAs) also occurred. In Alfred, the day was observed by shrouding in black the entrances to Harder Hall as well as many pieces of artwork on campus. The School of Art and Design faculty and staff sponsored the day along with Student Senate, SHOC and other concerned students.

The video "Voices From The Front," created by Testing The Limits, was also shown. It talks about the issues concerning people with AIDS and the problems they have fought.

# Students arrested during weekend violence

by Melissa Hirshson

Unexpected violence and the pushing of a student security guard led to three arrests and vandalism the weekend before Thanksgiving break.

Friday evening, Nov. 16, three students were arrested in the Ford Street apartments. According to Alfred Village police, junior Jason Lanier was charged with harassment and "knocking the glasses off a security officer," sophomore Michael Fabrizzi with unlawfully dealing with a child (serving alcohol to minors), and junior Michael Murphy with disorderly conduct.

"Additional disciplinary action has been taken against the students," said Don King, vice president of students affairs.

Two days later, an unidentified person with a B-B gun fired into the Alumni Hall parking lot area, where an Openhym resident was walking at the time. The student was unhurt, but several car windows were broken. "I was really amazed that something like that would happen at Alfred," said the student

Village police say that this "B-B Bandit" has been "a problem all semester."

According to King, the culprit remains a mystery. "It's under investigation, but we just don't know who did it."

The video showed what ACT UP, an AIDS activist group, has done to mend those problems. It highlighted protests such as ones at the FDA and the National Institute of Health to pressure these institutions to speed up the drug testing and approval processes. Lack of available medication is a major concern for people living with AIDS.

AU student Ron Symansky stresses that AIDS affects all types of

King Alfred, hidden from view in support of artists who died from AIDS.

people. "This is not a gay issue—it affects everybody, people who are straight, children, women, people of color, gays and drug users."

An informational packet produced by Visual AIDS says "it is crucial to note that the creative communities do not believe that their losses outweigh those suffered by society at large."

Visual AIDS is an organization developed to "increase awareness about

AIDS and the pressing social issues it raises, and to promote action to address those concerns and help foster a climate in which the AIDS pandemic can be alleviated."

A Day Without Art was planned to recognize what we are all losing due to the deaths of people with AIDS. An article in the March 1990 issue of The Body Positive says that,"The World Health Organization reported 215,144 AIDS cases as of February, though actual numbers may be as much as two or three times higher due to incomplete reports from developing nations. The United States accounts for more cases than any other nation, reporting about 117,000."

#### Last in a series

## Date rape: colleges slow to admit problem

by Brian Folker

"That's not a problem at our school."

"We don't discuss it because it's bad for public relations."

"We think that's a subject best dealt with by parents."

These are some of the responses college administrators made when refusing to participate in a nation-wide study of acquaintance rape on college campuses.

More than 60 colleges refused to participate in the 1985 study conducted by Ms. magazine and researchers from various universities. The study used 33 diverse colleges and found one in four women had been a victim of rape while attending college.

Although the colleges remained anonymous in the survey, many were still opposed to participating. One administrator went as far as to say male students at his school were highly intelligent and therefore would not be as likely to commit acquaintance rape as students of lesser ability at less prestigious schools.

But acquaintance rape knows no intellectual, age, ethnic or socioeconomic boundaries. The only patterns researchers have found is women from 15 to 24 are at the highest risk.

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## Students protest U.S. involvement in Middle East

by Patricia Grady

"No blood for oil!" This was among the battle cries in Lafayette Square in downtown Buffalo, where AU students rallied against the U.S. involve-

ment in the Middle East on Nov. 17.

Concerned students from both Alfred University and Alfred State College were joined together after a group posted fliers around both campuses advertising a meeting to discuss issues in the Persian Gulf crisis. The meeting encouraged students to participate actively in demonstrating their concerns.

The group travelled to Buffalo to join in a protest of U.S. involvement. Although the turnout was not nearly as large as was expected, partly because a group from the University of Buffalo had held a protest earlier that week, the spirit was alive with those who participated.

The protest opened up with a statement from Brad

Dorman, an AU sophomore who helped to organize the group and the event. "This rally was for people to come together and express their ideas pub-



AU students listen to protest speakers

licly. I hope that this Middle Eastern conflict will bring people together to deal with things at home instead of becoming another U.S. imperialist war," said Dorman.

students expressed their own feelings on the issue. Junior Michael Weitzman stated "The people of America will gain nothing from a war—the real war that needs to be fought is against the multinational corporations that want to use us as pawns. We need to have the people oriented...to unite on this situation; they have to realize that their grievances cannot be alleviated without a com-

Throughout the rally

After all had taken the opportunity to speak up with their views, the rally came to a close with an antiwar march around Lafayette Square and through the streets of Buffalo to the city hall.

mon struggle against big

business and the govern-

## Editor to face the real world after 4 1/2 years

The time has finally come. In three days all the buffoons who couldn't graduate on time get to shake President Coll's hand during the "Recognition Ceremony." This is kind of like graduation, except we don't get a diploma. Providing everyone passes their final exams next week, diplomas are given out in March. In fact, if I don't get my ass in gear and pass the 100 level class I took "for fun," I'm not getting anything in March except another student loan bill.

Yes, I have deviated from my scholarly path this semester. Suddenly hanging out at Alex's with friends has become quality time while studying is something better left to underclassman and ceramic engineers. Four and a half years of hedonistic pursuits have given way to concerns over interest rates, recessions, employment and responsibility.

I am thankful for the time I've spent in Alfred. Although I've done my share of bitching about the weather, this or that professor and the outrageous cost, I think I've gotten a good education here. The quality of people has more than made up for the lack of entertainment and excitement. From the Steinheim to the bathroom wall at Alex's to the stinkers behind the counter at Uni-Mart, Alfred is a town truly built on character.

The best word I can use to describe my time in Alfred is *interesting*. I've used my

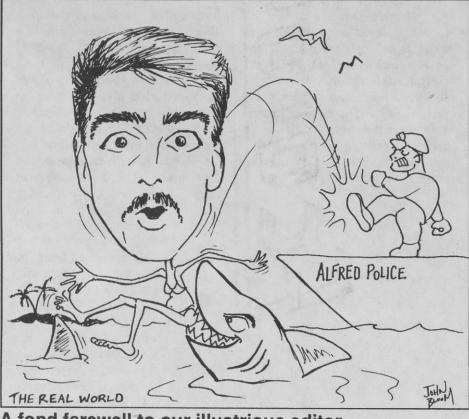
college student status to its fullest extent to engage in numerous acts of stupidity, lawlessness and debauchery. A combination of these even resulted in my being asked to leave the city of Buffalo. Not something I'm particularly proud of, but I figure it'll make a good story in ten years. Am I wrong in believing the only difference between a prank and a felony is a college degree?

As expected there is a corny side to this

column. I'd like to thank all the communications and English faculty for their help, criticism and advice. I'd especially like to thank Sharon Hoover and Dave Lindorff for their time and effort with the Fiat Lux.

And a special thanks to the brothers of Kappa Psi Upsilon for their support, advice and entertainment during my stay at Alfred. I will miss each and every one of you more than I can say. Best of luck to all of you.

Burn Folher



A fond farewell to our illustrious editor.

## Letters to the Editor

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## **D**EADLINES

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To the editor:

I first want to thank all the people that openly expressed their opinions in the Fiat Lux, though sometimes I doubted whether certain individuals knew what they were talking about.

I know that many of the conflicts brought up will not be resolved in my lifetime. As disheartening as this is, it is not my main concern. I am more troubled by the great anger I feel towards the ignorance on this campus, as expressed in the letter "Gays Choose To Be Gay."

It is such ignorance that is killing my friends who are dying of AIDS. Babies too are dying of AIDS. Ibelieve in a god, but not one who—as some students believe—would put a disease on the earth that kills innocent children. Those who believe that AIDS came about because of gays are misinformed. Before gays were hit in the United States, in Africa it was the heterosexuals that were plagued by the disease.

Jeans Day and the Bergren Forum were both highly successful in making homosexuality something that can be talked about openly rather than in whispers. The university community needs to face the fact that, according to demographic studies, Alfred has approximately 250 homosexuals on campus. I am personally acquainted with over sixty. This is no longer something that can or should be hidden away and denied. Jeans Day was not an attempt to trick people into showing support— there were signs all over that were perfectly clear. The point was to raise awareness, and we succeeded.

To those who agree with the letter (Gays Choose To Be Gay), I must ask you, do you think gays are stupid? Why would we choose to be in a group that is hated, discriminated against, and beaten? No

individual would will these things on him or herself. Scientific research confirms that gays are born gay. I was born gay. There is no choice involved, except that of coming out. To those who say that we are choosing a hard lifestyle, I answer, it is harder to stay in the closet and deny one's true self.

Furthermore, just as homosexuals are born that way, so are heterosexuals. The anonymous author accuses us of "recruitment," which is absurd. I can no more make somone gay than I can make myself straight.

More importantly, how can you possibly suggest that homosexuality has no place in our history? History documents the cultures of civilizations, and if sexuality is not a part of our culture—of every culture—I don't know what is! The fact is, though, that homosexuality has been conspicuously excluded from history for ages. This discrimination is not acceptable.

Your words are poorly chosen when you state "that which is normal does not have to be legitimized;" the fact is, minorities should not have to legitimize their existence. Women and African Americans are normal, but they still are forced to attempt to legitimize and promote their rights in order to be treated as full members of society. The situation for gays is no different. We are a legitimate minority, as eleven percent of the human race is born into the gay population. We are no more deviant for being gay then the African American is for being black.

There can be no exclusion of gays in the civil rights movement. If one group — be it women, hispanics, or homosexuals — is oppressed, then oppression can be justified for any group. While one group is oppressed, everyone is oppressed.

Ronald H. Symansky Co-Founder of SHOC

## Bits 'n Pieces

Volunteers are needed to help with the learn-to-swim program. No swimming experience is necessary, and positions are available for one or two days a week. There will be a short orientation for all volunteers on January 16. For information call Sally Norton or Beth Niles in the Education Department, 871-2214.

The American Cancer Society and Alpha Kappa Omicron is sponsoring a holiday fundraiser, "Love Lights a Tree." A gift of \$3 in honor, memory, or recognition of a special person will place their name on a stuffed heart ornament which will adom a Christmas Tree in the Campus Center. Also, a gift card will be sent to the honoree's family. Sales in the Campus Center, 11-1.p.m.

Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega would like to thank everyone who participated in the Homeless Awareness project on Nov. 2. Special thanks to Express Food Mart, Super Duper, and P&C for food donations, and to Last Exit for the musical entertainment.

Attention August and January graduates: invitations to the Dec. 8 recognition ceremony are available at the Campus Center.

Meal plan changes can only be done between semesters. If you are planning on changing your meal plan, it is necessary to go to the Office of Residence Life, 3rd floor Carnegie and sign for the change. The deadline to do so is Dec. 14.

Moving? If you are planning to move out of the residence halls and are eligible to do so, it is necessary to inform the Office of Residence Life prior to leaving for semester break.

Reminders: Classes end and morgue hours begin on Friday, Dec. 7. Residence halls will close for break on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m.

"Nuclear Weapons and War in the Gulf" will be the topic of a discussion given by Dr. Theodore Taylor on Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Roon Lecture Hall in the Science Center. The public is invited.

The 16th annual Christmas "2" arts and crafts show and sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days at the Dome Arena, Monroe County Fairgrounds in Rochester. Sponsored by the Finger Lakes Craftsmen, there will be over 180 original exhibits. Admission is \$1.50, under 12 free.

#### Correction:

In the November 14th issue of the Fiat Lux an article on Waste Management, inc. referred to their community relations director as David Donovan. His first name is Joseph. Our apologies to Mr Donovan and Waste Management, inc.

-Ed.

To the Editor:

Over the last weeks I have been observing the different responses of people to "Jeans Day" in your paper. Among others you also printed responses of Christians, which all along were very negative and condemnatory toward homosexual people. I am homosexual and I ascribe my coming out and admitting to myself the feelings and desires I have to the reality of my relationship with my lord and savior. God among other things is about truth, even when the truth hurts or makes life uncomfortable.

For years I have been struggling with my feelings which were so unacceptable to me. I fought, prayed, fasted, and tried to be and feel heterosexual. I came before God and asked, like Paul the apostle, to take this thorn out of my side. I made a conscious choice against homosexuality.

I had to discover, that it is not a matter of choice, however, but rather a matter of living with the reality of a fallen world, in which we cannot always choose what or how we are. I agree with those who regard the homosexual lifestyle unacceptable before God—just as unacceptable as any other sin. Being a person that has homosexual feelings and desires does not condemn me, however, because the holy scriptures do not judge me by who I am, but for what I do. The call that Jesus issued into

## **History Notes**

50 Years Ago...

Chemistry professor Dr. Lyold Watson received a grant to continue his research in controlled mating of queenbees. Watson engineered bees with variously colored eyes, and was working on developing bees with longer tongues, larger stomaches, and stronger wings. His ultimate goal? The considerate bee. "I don't see why a farmer shouldn't have to go as safely into his bee hive as he is to go into the hen yard to get eggs."

#### 35 Years Ago...

Alfred students participated in the 23rd session of the Central New York Model United Nations Security Council hosted by Syracuse University. Who did we play? Iran.

#### 25 Years Ago...

Students and faculty joined in a panel discussion, "The Eve of Destruction: To burn or not to burn," to debate the rash of student protests in which draft cards were burned. Said Joseph Seidlin, professor of education emeritus, "The most sure symptom of a disappearing civilization is a complete disregard of regulation and law on the part of its citizens."

#### 20 Years ago...

Here are some excepts from the "Classifieds" section, December 1, 1970:

"Found: Dead body of one student assembly. Identifiable only by scars. Anyone interested in reclaiming the body please come to the C.C. Wednesday night."

"Will the Director of Summer Session please report to the handball trainer: Omar the Tent Maker has your shorts ready."

"Linda: How long does mating season last anyhow?"

this world to his followers was and remains to hate sin but to love the sinner.

It was hard to love myself in spite of my fallenness. It was at the point where I was able to accept God's unconditional love for a sinner like me, that I was able to admit to myself that I am homosexual and to talk about it, and seek out a group like SHOC for support. Since then peace has come into my life and a greater ability to control my feelings.

I think a lot would be achieved if we Christians, instead of joining the pharisees of our time, the bigots who like throwing stones all too willingly, would admit together with Paul that there is not one person without sin, that we all have fallen short of the glory of God.

While in our so enlightened time people who have nothing to loose cloak themselves in anonymity in order to display their shameful lack of insight and love, I have to remain incognito so that I might not lose my job because of stonethrowing fellow Christians and colleagues. Something is wrong here, don't you think?

"Rev. J. Bart"

To the Editor:

According to Webster's dictionary, a critic is "1 (a) A person who forms and expresses judgments of people or things according to certain standards or values (b) such a person whose profession it is to write or broadcast such judgments of books, music, paintings, sculpture, plays, motion pictures, television, etc. as for a newspaper 2 a person who indulges in faultfinding and censure." Also, a review is "a critical report or evaluation, as in a newspaper or magazine, of a recent book, play, etc., or of a performance, concert, etc."

There has been some controversy over Melissa Hirshson's review of the Festifall concert. A good review points out both the positive and the negative aspects of a performance according to the person who is reviewing. Though all of her facts in her original article were not straight, corrections did appear in the next issue. Just one last thought: did anyone ever tell Siskel and Ebert that their opinions about a movie were wrong? Not everyone likes a review, but one can learn from other people's opinions.

Sincerely, Elliot Otchet

### The Active Voice:

#### Conserve now before it's too late

by Javier Morales

The World Awareness Coalition is sponsoring a week of education to promote awareness about environmental problems facing us today, and how YOU can make a difference. The area of energy conservation is one such concern.

It is very easy to accept the illlusion that energy resources are inexhaustable when their sources are far away. We need to take a reality break and start using our resources in a sustainable fashion before mother nature reminds us, in her brutal ways, that our planet will only withstand a limited amount of abuse.

The United States is one of the few "developed" counties that does not yet have energy-efficient mass transit systems for its large cities. Unreliable mass transit means that more people will drive to and from work, and because of this, cars and trucks account for half of our overall oil consumption.

Efforts to increase vehicle efficiency and develop reliable mass transit systems could stretch our dwindling oil supplies substantially. Simply conserving is not enough; eventually, we will have to phase out oil completely. Whether we do it because we forsee a need for it or because supplies run out is a choice we must make now.

The high prices we are paying for oil, when supplies are still in surplus, will seem modest when demand outstrips supply. Many economists expect this to happen within twenty years.

"Save A Watt", "Kill A Watt", "Please Conserve: Turn the Lights Out..." These are but a few slogans conservationists have used to try getting people to conserve energy; yet according to Ralph Nader, we use five times the amount of energy we need. A report by the World Resources Institute said that we could meet 90% of the world's energy demands between now and the year 2020 by simply making better use of the energy we use now. O government and corporations need to make more efficient use of their energy, but individuals too can make a big difference. Tasks as simple as turning off lights, setting heat at a lower level, and not leaving the television on all night are things that every one of us can do to help. (If you cannot turn your heat down directly, call the physical

plant at x2254 between business hours and ask them to do so.)

The corporate environment is largely responsible for limiting the availability of alternate energy sources. Currently, the main energy sources are oil, coal, and natural gas. Other sources we could tap are solar passive, solar active, photovoltic solar cells, biomass, geothermal, wind, fusion, hydroelectric, and tidal. Oil corporations are working extensively at limiting our choices for the future in order to make a profit at our expense.

The most blatant example of this is the undermining of photovoltic cell companies through acquisition by large oil conglomerates. Solar Power Corporation, after purchased by Exxon, is now out of business. Tyco Labs and Solavolt had the same fate after being acquired by Mobil and Shell, respectively. Arco and Amaco are also suspected of similar activity in their dealings with the Atlantic Richfield Solar Company and Solarex, respectively.

Energy choices we make now will be crucial for future generations. As oil supplies dry up new sources of energy are needed to take their place. Once oil becomes obsolete we cannot allow oil companies to cripple our ability to properly function by limiting the sources of energy we can learn to harness.

# Politics Around The Nation

- Just what exactly is going on in the Persian Gulf these days? Despite reports from the Pentagon that there are more than 265,000 Iraqi troops in Kuwait, as well as more than 2,200 tanks, recent Soviet satellite photographs of Kuwait and Iraq show "little or no Iraqi military presence...in fact, all that [experts] could see in the photo was the U.S. buildup in Saudi Arabia." Either the Iraqis are very good at hiding, or someone out there is lying to the American public.
- Despite controversy, North Carolina senator Jesse Helms defeated black candidate Harvey Gantt in the November election. Helms has a "notorious" reputation for his ultraconservative views on flag-burning, censorship, and abortion. More than 40 times he has introduced into the Senate a bill that would outlaw abortion. Asked what Gantt would have done with state funds had he been elected, a Kingston businessman replied, "he'd give it away to the hippies, the Jews, the niggers."
- After 11 years, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher resigned after preliminary votes in Parliament showed that she was not going to be re-elected. According to Newsweek, "British politicians joked that one day the elders of her Conservative Party would approach her with a revolver and...tell her the time had come for her to go..." Many of her reforms were modeled after Ronald Reagan's policies of heavy tax cuts and deregulation (Reaganomics). "Our friendship was very special," said the former president.

Crude oil reserves are drying up, as are reserves of oil shale and tar sands. Other non-renewable sources will follow. Unless we kick our addition to oil and other non-renewables we will inevitably suffer the consequences when supplies run short.

Critics argue that our government must take the steps to do so, but often overlook the role that individuals must take. The 21st Century Environmental Bond Act was voted down by the people, not corporations or government. We must all do our part if we are going to steer our society from its current path of self destruction to a path of sustainance and stability.

Dave Cahill and Erin Alteri contributed to this report.



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# What do new students think? Here are some highlights from a survey of approximately 340 Alfred freshmen, conducted by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program in 1989.

Students agree strongly or somewhat	Male/ Female	Total
Government not controlling pollution	M 87.8% F 93.2%	90.1%
Increase military spending	M 26.7% F 15.8%	22.0%
Abortion should be legalized	M 72.8% F 79.6%	75.7%
Sex OK if people like each other	M 74.4% F 52.4%	65.1%
Married women best in home	M 27.9% F 13.1%	21.6%
Marijuana should be legalized	M 26.2% F 23.5%	25.0%
Prohibit homosexual relations	M 42.6% F 16.7%	31.6%
Employers can require drug tests	M 70.9% F 76.2%	73.2%
Control AIDS by mandatory tests	M 57.7% F 59.9%	58.6%
Man not entitled to sex on date	M 72.4% F 91.2%	80.5%
Only volunteers in armed forces	M 55.4% F 51.7%	53.8%

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Fiat Lux staff meetings are held every monday at 6:30 in The Campus Center

## Author hazes Alfred in new book

by Brian Folker

Twelve years after the death of Chuck Stenzel at the Klan Alpine fraternity, the incident has come back to haunt Alfred University in a new book titled *Broken Pledges:* The Deadly Rite of Hazing by Hank Nuwer.

Nuwer has written an in-depth account of what happened the night of February 24, 1978, when Stenzel was found dead of an alcohol overdose at Klan Alpine. The book paints a cold picture of Alfred; heavy drinking, insensitive administrators, dishonest prosecutors and a Greek system gone haywire.

Within the first chapter, Nuwer discusses near-riot snowball fights, inter-fraternity brawls and disillusioned faculty. Nuwer sums up his impression of the town in one paragraph: "No city of any size is less than an hour away, and if you don't like a steady diet of outdoor sports or the culture and entertainment imported to campus, the chilling loneliness can freeze your marrow. Daily life in Alfred is slow and stagnant as pond water for students and faculty who lack the initiative to keep up socially and intellectually. For many youngsters, the choice is to drink; for others, to go Greek. Many say that at Alfred these are really the same."

The incident at Klan Alpine has become a milestone in hazing deaths because Stenzel's mother, Eileen Stevens, set out on a nationwide campaign to stop hazing. After her son's death she formed the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings, or CHUCK.

Stevens has toured the country telling her story to fraternities, sororities and other organizations that haze. In the media she has blasted the AU administration, particularly Don King, vice-president of student affairs, for their actions after the death. She says the AU administration was insensitive to her family, did not investigate the incident properly or inform her of the results

and were only interested in covering everything up.

Stevens filed a \$64 million lawsuit against Klan Alpine, Don King and Steven Peterson, professor of political science who was the faculty advisor to Klan Alpine at the time of Stenzel's death. She settled out of court for an undisclosed amount of money.

Throughout the book Nuwer discusses the history of hazing, it's role in the Greek system, the military and even in high school athletics. But the majority of the book focuses on Alfred University and the events and aftermath of Stenzel's death. King did not expect this much attention.

"I was somewhat concerned that the book centered so much on Alfred,"

King said. "It was my understanding from the author that it was going to be an overview of what happened. It's more a case study on Alfred University."

The book supports Stevens' belief that AU, particularly King, did not act responsibly in the aftermath of Stenzel's death.

"The difficulty I've had is with the accusations that the University was insensitive," King said. "There certainly were interpretations and sensationalism on the part of the author."

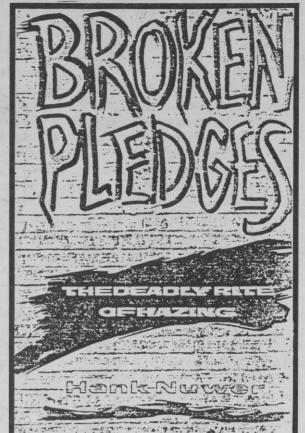
But King doesn't hesitate to praise Stevens for her work which has resulted in anti-hazing legislation in several states.

"You have to give her credit for what she's accomplished," he said.

Gary Horowitz, senior development officer and the current advisor to Klan Alpine was also extensively interviewed for the book. He was also the mayor of Alfred at the time of Stenzel's death.

"Overall it was a well balanced book," Horowitz said. He did, however, write a letter to Nuwer criticizing two points. The first being the book is too harsh on Alfred.

"It was written by a disinterested person. Maybe we are as bleak as he makes us out to be. I don't know," Horowitz said.



Broken Pledges, by Hank Nuwer: Longstreet Press, \$18.95.

Horowitz also disagrees with Nuwer's insinuation that AU tried to cover up Stenzel's death because Mario Cuomo, who was then the New York Secretary of State, was in Hornell the weekend of Stenzel's death.

Horowitz openly supports Greeks but is vehemently opposed to hazing. Like King, Horowitz admires Eileen Stevens and the work she has done in raising the public conscience on hazing. He also feels Nuwer's book points out some of Alfred's problems, the principal being a lack of leadership for Greeks in the administration. Horowitz holds the student affairs office responsible.

"It strikes me that in the twelve years since Chuck's death, AU hasn't learned a lesson about fraternities," Horowitz said.

Horowitz says he enjoys working with Klan Alpine and recognizes the merits of fraternities. He agrees with Nuwer's conclusion that hazing accidents occur because of bad judgement and stupidity, not malicious intent.

Nuwer examines from a sociological standpoint the position Greeks are put in when tradition sometimes jeopardizes the safety and well-being of it's members or prospective members.

## Administration obstructs signs of protest

by Gregg Myers

The dust kicked up in the recent Jeans Day controversy has yet to settle. A male sophmore in the art school, "Bill," (not his real name, due to the response of one student he has asked to remain anonymous) took to a copy machine to air his views in what he called an "act of retaliation" against the discriminatory remarks made towards homosexuals.

Bill took a series of quoted responses from the *Fiat Lux*, enlarged them to postersize, and emblazoned his reaction to each in bold red. They were then posted throughout the campus by scores of supporters. "I was appalled by reading the responses of students on the 'Those who did not wear jeans' side," said Bill. "I couldn't believe people

like that actually go to our school!"

A lot of his peers shared these thoughts, so Bill decided to take action. "My goal was to raise awareness, and to force students to question their prejudices. The response from most people was amazingly positive," he said.

Not all were so pleased, though. According to the reports of various students, residence staff "ran like mad" to rip the signs down as quickly as they went up. "The signs were not appoved," explained Bill sarcastically. He met with Matt Dubai, associate dean for student affairs, over the infringement of policy.

"Dubai was supportive of the idea," said Bill. "He agreed with the purpose, but

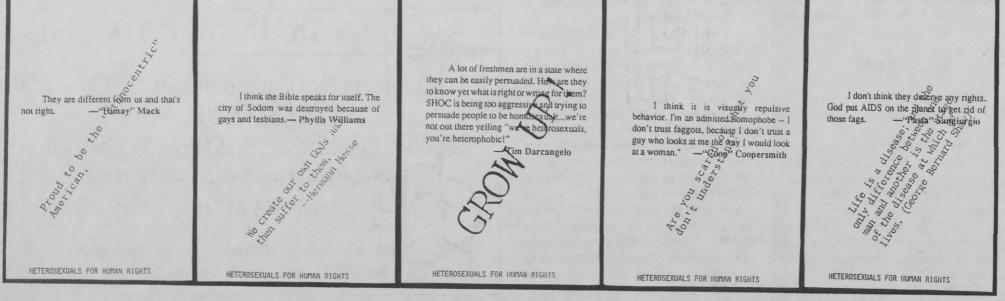
said that he was forced to reprimand me for breaking the sign policy." The policy states that all signs to be posted on campus must first gain administrative approval.

"They gave me a slap on the wrist, and I said I wouldn't to do it again." Bill explained to Dubai that he was "not trying to reach the few who said the quotes," but all the other students who quietly share such "ignorant views."

"Many people do not realise that such opinions thrive on this campus," he said.

"I wanted to be intelligent and a bit sarcastic in my approach. I told them how I really felt, in the strongest way I could, in a way that I thought would get people's attention and make an impact," Bill explained.

"I figured, if they can can exploit homosexuals, I can exploit —holes."



### ...universities work to improve rape education

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anything." -Cathie

Chester, counselor

at Career and

Counseling Services

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Alfred Police Department agrees that acquaintance rape can be committed by just about anyone.

"It's difficult to form a profile [of a rapist] because there are so many different types of people doing it," Belmont said.

Traditional rape education has concentrated on teaching women rape prevention, but methods in recent years require male participation.

Students at some colleges such as SUNY Binghamton and Swarthmore College have produced videotapes dealing with acquaintance rape portraying the typical scenario that occurs. The Residence Life staff at AU uses the Binghamton tape in their education programs.

Cornell University, which has been a

leader in acquaintance rape prevention, uses the "fishbowl" technique in their student discussions. This involves a circle of women surrounding a group of men or vice versa. There is a group discussion sexual attitudes and role playing on what is expected from a date. Many schools use a

combination of videotapes and group discussion.

Students at Cornell have information readily available to them. Like AU, Cornell has "mandatory" lectures in the dormitories, but Cornell also targets Greeks and offers assertiveness-building workshops and self-defense classes.

Andrea Parrot, professor in the human services department at Cornell has been the nationwide leader in acquaintance rape research. Parrot has developed a comprehensive plan for colleges to prevent assaults, ranging from restructuring the Greek system to hiring a rape counselor to stressing prosecution for the assailants. Parrot calls for a strong administrative role in prevention and education. At AU, education is primarily in the hands of student RAs and RDs.

Parrot stresses that men must be involved in these efforts. "Rape will not stop until men stop raping. Telling women how to avoid rape will not stop it," Parrot writes.

#### 'mixed messages'

Researchers agree there are two major factors that contribute to acquaintance rape: male attitudes towards sex, and drugs.

Although there are many psychological and personal factors that propel men to rape, researchers have found the "hypermasculinity" factor to be a major cause.

"What differentiates men who rape women they know from men who don't is,

in part, how much they believe the dogma of

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what most boys learn it means to be male-'macho' in the worst sense of the word," writes Robin Warshaw in her book I Never Called it Rape.

"Nearly all men are exposed to this sexual indoctrination, but fortunately only some truly adhere to it. These beliefs are chiefly promulgated by other men: fathers, uncles, grandfathers, coaches, friends, fraternity brothers, even pop stars. Boys are taught through verbal and nonverbal cues to be self-centered and single-minded about sex and to view women as objects from whom sex is taken, not as equal partners with wishes and desires of their own. Boys learn that they must initiate sexual activity, that they may meet with reluctance from girls; but if they just persist, cajole, and

> refuse to let up, that ultimately they will get what they want," writes Warshaw.

> This belief is supported by interviews with rapists who more often than not say, "She said 'no' but I thought she meant 'yes'."

> Matt Dubai, associate dean for

student affairs, agrees men are indirectly taught these beliefs.

"Men in our culture get a lot of mixed messages," Dubai said. "It's a problem every college will always have unless communication improves."

Cathie Chester is a counselor at Career and Counseling Services and currently the only woman on campus qualified for rape counseling. She has a more straightforward view of rapists.

"There are cold-blooded people out there who will try anything," Chester said. She also believes the subject has not

gotten the attention it deserves at AU.

"It's a problem here—there's a taboo on talking about anything to do with sexuality. I find this area [Alfred] a little less vocal."

But drug use also plays a major part in acquaintance rape.

"There have been very few times I've been involved [with a case] where alcohol hasn't been present. It puts people in vulnerable positions," said Mary Anne O'Donnell, former AU dean of students. "People should watch where they drink, who they drink with and how much."

Marleen Whiteley, an RD who has dealt with several cases of acquaintance rape, sums it up.

"I think when you mix college students and the need to belong, along with alcohol and late night parties, these things will happen," Whiteley said.

Chester said freshman are targeted for education programs because many are unfamiliar with the "drinking scene" at

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## Faculty to vote on dropping ROTC

by Jennifer Leonard

A proposal for Alfred to show its opposition to the ROTC's actions was introduced by Dr. Wes Bentz, professor of chemistry, at the last AU Faculty Council meeting.

The motion stated that the university should take a stand against ROTC with the understanding that if the discriminatory policy is not dropped within three years, Alfred University would withdraw from the program. The three year time period would start with the passage of the motion at the Dec. 7 faculty meeting.

This time period is intended to allow students currently on ROTC scholarships to complete the program, but allow no new students into the program.

If the motion is passed, it would be viewed as a recommendation to the administration and Board of Trustees, who would then seek the opinion of the Student Senate and Alumni Council before any action is

The proposal was well-received, according to Bentz. "The basic thinking was

that the university is opposed to discrimination in any form and that the ROTC is definitely discriminating against homosexuals, which is something the school cannot condone.

Last August, Rutgers University became the first school in the country to stop giving ROTC scholarships until the Army's policy on banning homosexuals is changed. This action was in response to the ROTC's attempts to retrieve scholarship money from gay students at Washington University in St. Louis, Harvard and MIT. More than 20 campus presidents have since sent letters to the Pentagon threatening to disassociate from the program.

There was a great deal of support and some discussion of the impact of losing ROTC funds. At present, AU has only five students with ROTC scholarships. The money that ROTC resources provide to Alfred is considerably less than many other colleges, such as MIT and Washington University, who have a heavier involvement with ROTC.

## President Coll chats about the future

by Gregg Myers

espite the lack of a fire, there was no lack of heated debate at the recent Fireside Chat, where students met with President and Mrs. Coll in the lounge of the Brick to discuss their questions and criticisms about the University.

The question of renovating the Steinheim Castle became a primary focus. Coll reiterated that the monument was not a priority: "its limited utility does not justify the great expense of renovating it...Right now there are simply more important projects on the agenda."

Students protested, citing the historical and aesthetic value of the Steinheim. One student brought up the concern that the King Alfred statue would replace the Steinheim as AU's symbol, claiming that the monarch was an aristocrat and a tyrant.

"King Alfred is being marketed as our new logo," said Coll. He described the Saxon ruler as "one of the most intellectual monarchs modern civilization has ever seen," and explained that one must keep in mind the culture of King Alfred's day when criticizing his rule.

"This school needs an identity!" said Coll. "You know as well as I, its embarrassing when people say 'Alfred who?' This university needs recognition—an image and I believe King Alfred will succeed as such a symbol."

Asked to list other priorities now being considered, Coll answered that "clearly the first thing is the new campus center." As for the future, "the Brick is in need of renovation estimated at 3.2 million dollars." He said the university was also "considering new buildings for the College of Business and the Performing Arts, and possibly a new residence hall."

One student expressed his dismay at the lack of facility and faculty in the department of Performing Arts. Coll shared his concern

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## **Dark humor enhances Colored Museum**

#### By Darryl Moch

To attempt to describe The Colored Museum with words is to do it and its cast a disservice. The Colored Museum by George C. Wolfe was directed by Ms. Renee' A. Simmons, instructor of Theatre, and presented on Nov. 29 to December 2 in the Performing Arts Annex.

The show is a mixture of satirical and dramatic vignettes that are designed to poke fun at the stereotypes of black Americans. It is an effort to educate and entertain the audience of the beauty and contributions of black Americans in the history of the U.S. and the world.

Ms. Simmons uses a mixture of media to create the feeling of being in a museum. The show opens with a tour guide giving a tour to a group of white patrons who are

seeking "culture." They believe that experiencing 'black culture' will be interesting and fun. Little do they know the experience that they are in for. Incorporating modern music, as well as original compositions by musician Michael Terry, slides of African American art and historical scenes, and movement sequences, all help to convey the messages and themes of the show.

tion of The Colored Museum that I have ever seen, including productions in New York City and Los Angeles. Kudos to the director, technical staff, and especially the cast for the best production presented at Alfred University in the last four years. (Scheduled for after the Sunday Matinee was an open forum with AU Faculty and

students, visiting Professors and students from Canisus College.)

# In a nutshell, this is the best produc-

#### by Gregg Myers

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," written by Tom Stoppard, was recently performed by the Improvisation Theatrical Company, a new drama troupe at AU. A satirical elaboration of a minor subplot from "Hamlet," the play was directed by John Frigosi in this all-student production.

It was the first AU theatre performance I had ever attended. With no idea what to expect, I walked into the South Hall Arena Stage, only to find an empty set—if you can even call it a set -framed by rows of foldout metal chairs on wooden risers. Admittedly, my doubts began to grow.

However, from the very first lines my attention did not so much as flicker. When the lights went down for the first admission, it took me few minutes to get my bearings.

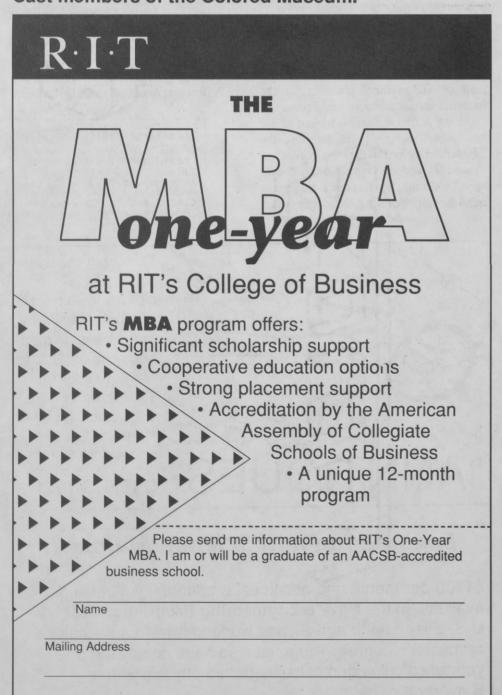
Seldom have I been so artistically and intellectually engaged by an amateur production. There was almost no 'action' in a literal sense, but the face-paced repartee of Rosencrantz and Guilderstern, played with wit and enthusiasm by Andrew Anastassiou and William O'Connor, had everyone hankering for more.

With its quick-slung logic and subtle humor, the show was challenging not only for the cast but also for the audience. I must admit it was a task to keep up, yet never has tragedy and philosophy been so much fun. One or two viewers took an early leave, but the general reaction was overwhelmingly positive.

I left entertained if not a bit haunted. The I.T.C.'s next offering is Lee Hastings' bittersweet comedy "A Walk In the Woods," which will premiere Feb. 16.



Cast members of the Colored Museum.



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## Concert band dances with variety

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern do fine on their own

#### by Kate Loomis

The Alfred University Concert Band played a delightful variety of pieces in its recent performance in Holmes Auditorium

A large crowd gathered on Saturday, Nov. 17 to hear pieces composed by numerous artists ranging from classic to modern.

The excellent playing set the pace for the evening. "Dedicatory Overture" by Clifton Williams was a powerful beginning to the concert. It was followed by an arrangement of Bach's "Choral Prelude and Fugue in G Minor." The classical piece was probably the weakest in the show due to some uncertainty of the players in parts.

The spirited "Folk Dances" was definitely the most popular piece in the show, with a lively rhythm. Also, the final piece in the first half of the show, Canzona, was well played. The Peter Mennin piece was the only one in the concert from the Twentieth Century. The second half of the concert had even more variety, with three pieces from different musical eras. These included "Military Symphony In F," by Francois Joseph Gossec, the soothing "Trauersinfonie," by Richard Wagner, and "Finale" from The New World Symphony by Antonin Dvorak.

The final events of the semester with the Division of Performing Arts will be this weekend. Friday night the AU Brass Choir and the AU Chorus will participate in caroling on the steps of Alumni Hall at 7 p.m., and Saturday night the Chorus and Trombone Choir will perform in Harder Hall at 8 p.m.

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### Men's b-ball says bonjour to new coach

by Renee Orlick

Kevin Jones is not your typical college basketball coach. Although not the usual combination of major and extra-curricular activities, Jones has been able to combine his activities into some unique and interesting experiences. The Dartmouth graduate played basketball and earned his degree in French literature, and he was a two-year Varsity Letterman and elected team captain.

This past summer, Jones spent three weeks in French-speaking Africa, coaching the Men's National Team of Burkina Faso. Of the experience, Jones said his feeling "at first...was one of disbelief—that I was going back to Africa. It's like a pilgrimage." But after a week or so, the reality set in and Jones could see how many African nations are.

He does, however, feel good about the program he was working with; "...helping to make life easier, giving them [the Africans] leisure time—something to have fun with, take their minds off their plight."

Now Jones is teaching in a very differ-

## AU riders on right course

Alfred University's equestrian team has something to kick up its heels about. The Saxon riders began their fall season by capturing reserve championship team honors at both of their first two shows.

At Dutch Manor in Guilderland, N.Y., November 4, Alfred defeated 17 other schools at an intercollegiate horse show hosted by Rensselear Polytechnic Institute. St. Lawrence University and Cazenovia College, each with 27 points, only two more than AU, tied for the championship. Finishing fourth was Skidmore College, the defending national champion team.

Top finishers for AU included: Angelica Veitch—first, advanced walktrot; Marie Vivier—first, beginner walktrot-canter; Dan Weeks—first, intermediate equitation over fences; Dawn Haney—second, open equitation over fences; Lisa Messer—second, novice equitation on the flat; Stephanie Morton—second, novice equitation on the flat; and Lorraine D'Orso—second, advanced walk-trot.

The AU team again rode to the reserve team tri-color November 10 at a show hosted by S.U.N.Y. Potsdam at the E.G.A. Riding Hall in Canton, N.Y. Skidmore College won the Championship with 45 points; AU had 35.

AU's top riders included: Dawn Haney—first, open equitation over fences; Paul Schwenk—first, novice equitation on the flat; Michele Rawe—first, advanced walk-trot, and Marie Vivier—first, beginner walk-trot-canter. Seconds were won by Stephanie Morton, novice over fences; Dan Weeks, intermediate equitation on the flat; Jason Beck, novice over fences; and Angelica Veitch, advanced walk-trot.

Coached by Nicky Lund, the AU team is currently second overall in Region II of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Stephanie Morton and Lisa Messer have pointed out of their divisions and are now qualified for the Regional Championship horse show in April.

ent setting. As head coach of the Men's basketball team, Jones says he is a teacher first; he is teaching the hame of basketball, and that "is a microcosm of life. There's ups and downs, wins and losses, adversity, discipline, you have to follow instructions and do things when you don't want to do them, just like life." As nice as it is to win, Jones is concerned with the "effort [that the team puts out] and playing as well as we can."

Aside from his coaching responsibilities, Hones will also be teaching Introduction to French. He wishes to convey to his students that "numero uno, students have to have fun learning the language. Second, I want students to understand that you can learn a lot about a people through studying their language—they're not just foreign words put together, they convey things about a people."

In conclusion, Jones says that "the world is changing, and I want to make students interested. People need to be prepared to step into the year 2000 and beyond—ready to step into different cultures and beyond."

## Saxon basketball off to slow start

by Renee Orlick

Welcome to the 1990-91 Alfred University basketball season. This year, both the men's and women's teams have new coaches. Kevin Jones is the new head coach for the men, assisted by Tom Spanbauer, Rob Kornaker and Tony Thompson. Sarah Burdsall is the new head coach for the women, assisted by Michele Preuss. This year marks the first time the women have had a full time coach.

Both teams were on the read early this season and, unfortunately, did not fare well.

Although the women lost the Utica tournament on Nov. 16 and 17 in Utica, Liz Owens was named to the all-tournament team.

The men are 0-5, the women are 0-4.

Help cheer on both teams to victory by showing your support at the Alfred Lions's Club Cage Classic. The annual basketball tournament will be held this weekend, Dec. 7-9, at McLane center. Check "This Week at Alfred" for game times.

### ...fireside chat heats up

continued from page 5 for the matter, which he called "quite serious."

"A new center is truly one of my first priorities, and the trustees share in these interests greatly. But right now its just too darn expensive," he explained. Coll praised the musical groups on campus and hailed the efforts of the small performing arts faculty, exclaiming that "this is an important part of the university and we will show our support."

A slight stir was caused by one student, who brought to Coll's attention the possibility of a walkout by dining hall workers. The student cited "low pay, meager raises, poor treatment, and lack of flexibility" to be among the worker's complaints. Coll responded, "its the first I've ever heard of it." Asked what he would do if such a walkout occurred, Coll jested, "I'd panic right off the bat, and then I'd find out who can cook!"

Mentioning the dining service elicited a slew of complaints from students, ranging from the poor quality of food to the unfairness of the mandatory meal plan. Coll agreed that "institutional food is okay at best," and stressed that this was an area in which student involvement and initiative is the only way to bring about change.

Responding to the complaints of one student, Coll addressed the true problem on campus when he asked the student, "Are you on the committee?" referring to the Food Service Committee, a group consisting of students and staff responsible for improving dining quality. The student answered, "No, I'm not."

#### **Satire**

## What do women really want?

by Ronald Symansky

"How do you perceive women during the last half of this century?" This was one of the focuses in a survey recently conducted by the Women's Issues Coalition. Here is this writer's response.

1950. Women are self-repressed, although the seed of breaking out of this has been planted. I see bobs and beehives and poodle skirts and uncomfortable shoes and pointy brassiere. Men are often responsible for promoting such trends, but equality is not nearly as much as the ideal woman is Mrs. Cleaver. With a man to take care of her she stays at home, watches the children, and plants the garden.

1960. Dissention in the ranks is growing. Some women start praying to the Goddess Coco Chanel, while others burn their bras

"People are people and Granola is Granola." Lets lose our identity together. Everyone grow your HAIR! Don't comb it. Take drugs. No one will know what sex you are until your breasts fall out of your very loose shirt. Although, that might have no meaning either.

Women get pregnant from free sex and then die from the lack of choice for a legal abortion.

The other group wears Chanel and see Jackie (O) Kennedy as the new ideal woman with her husband's blood on her dress. But those heals of oppression she wore were scandalous.

1970. "Let's just have sex." Everyone wears clothing so tight that you can tell what religion one is regardless of their gender. Now everyone can be repressed even with a legal abortion.

Pornography reaches new highs as free speech (good) leads to stupid speech (bad).

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Who are we kidding?

1980. Maybe things are getting better? Women can wear sport pumps and have their own charge cards to Anne Taylor.

But a dark side persists. The choice for legal abortion is being attacked. We need not worry about independent women; they will be dead from blood loss caused by a hanger. But at least they can run for Vice President of the United States. Awareness is rising?

1990. Over half of the population is female. Alfred gets a Women's Health Clinic. Maybe Women can start earning a buck. How much longer can repression and oppression last?

2000. Women are still working towards equality with identity. Good Luck.

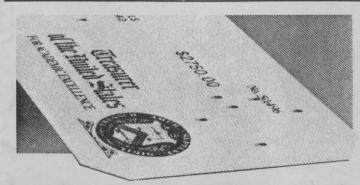
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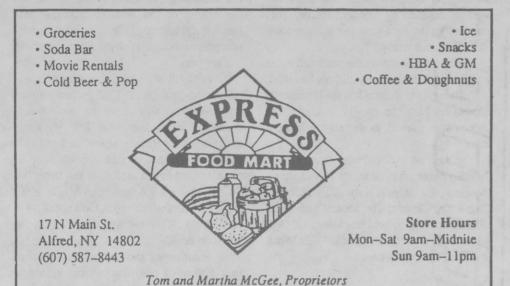
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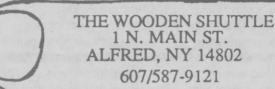
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