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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

Moxy Fruvous:
Concert Review
and an Interview
with the Band

AU cuts track; runners fighting decision

BY ANDY BERMAN

The men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams will not exist after the 1999-2000 school year.

The Commission on Planning approved the decision to cut the team at their November 4th meeting, based on the recommendation of a special committee that was formed to help cut the athletic budget.

"It was a difficult decision, but it was absolutely necessary," said Commission member Provost W. Richard Ott. "The process of setting priorities is difficult."

Members of the track teams have not taken the decision sitting down.

"Coaches all throughout the

state are being informed about the University's decision and we have virtually full backing from the entire state league," sophomore Rob Winkky said. "Trustees, parents, local business and anyone else that is in support of us are being contacted and gathering local support to our cause."

Winkky said he was offered a full scholarship to run cross-country at Niagara University, but opted for AU because they had both cross-country and track.

"The combination of track and cross-country is the sole reason why I attend this University," Winkky said.

Winkky also said TV stations from the area have been contacted, and the NBC affiliate in

Elmira has run the story.

"We are doing quite a bit to save the team," junior team member Jen Ares said. "Right now we are in the planning stages of what action we will take with the administration."

The team is trying to get information about the decision. Team members have met with Dean Brody twice to get all their facts straight.

"We still don't know a lot at this point," Ares said. "We don't want to make this into a war against the administration."

The team members say they are going through all this trouble to try and get track and field reinstated.

"This team means a great deal to all of us," Ares said. "We'll do anything we can to reinstate it."

Freshman runner Gianna McManus said she is taking another approach to the entire situation.

"I may transfer," McManus said. "I have already started the process of applying to other colleges."

However, the team members say they are very optimistic. "I don't think anything can be ruled out at this point in time," McManus said.

Last semester, the Commission decided to make some improvements on campus.

"During the 1997-98 school year, we concluded to enhance technology on campus and increase salaries of faculty comparable to other schools," Ott said.

The improvements were

made to help the entire University.

"We had to ask the question, where can our resources impact the students in the most positive way?" Ott said.

Because of this decision, a re-allocation of funding was needed throughout the entire University Ott said.

"All of the units on campus would have to reduce budgets," Ott said.

Athletic Director Jim Moretti was forced to cut \$171,000 of the athletic budget because of this decision.

Moretti was able to cut \$123,150 internally, on his own. For the remaining \$45,850, Moretti formed the Athletic

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PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

Moxy Fruvous rocked the Knight Club on Friday night. The Canadian quartet entertained a packed house with their boisterous songs and their audience interaction. The concert was co-sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and SAB. AU students were also able to pick up their own "FruMiles" card which can be redeemed for Moxy merchandise. See stories on pages 6 and 7.

Senate decision causes argument

BY KELLY KNEE

Every working organization has proper channels to travel through when attempting to make a change in budget. Failure to move through those channels results in problems. Alfred University's Student Senate is no exception.

A decision to approve one organization's request for Senate funds and deny another group's request caused the workings of the Senate finance committee to be questioned at the last senate meeting.

The problem arose when two organizations came before the Senate executive board, requesting money from the Senate special allocations fund.

Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles said they needed additional funds to allow a fourth member to attend a national conference, and UMOJA said

they needed the money to house and feed players in the charity basketball game.

Jim Kostiw, chair of the Senate finance committee, said neither organization followed the procedure for making a budget change. However, SAIL's request was allowed to proceed to the general Senate meeting, and UMOJA's request was denied.

Kostiw stated the fair thing to do would have been to deny both requests, because both organizations were in violation of the finance policy. The finance policy states that any alterations to an organization's standing budget must first go through the finance committee before being brought to the executive board.

However, there were several

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Speaker gives roundtable on female role models in media

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Women need more positive role models in the media, said Robyn Goodman, associate professor of communications studies at the Nov. 6 Women's Studies Roundtable, titled "Post-feminism, Media Coverage of Women and Teens and a Loss of Sanity."

Goodman, with the input of some audience members, defined the phrase "post-feminism."

She said it is the idea, currently popular in the media, that feminism is over, and "women can concentrate on making the choice between working and staying home." Post-feminism is a backlash against the more radical feminism of the 1970s, Goodman said.

Feminists in the 1970s were

portrayed by the media in a negative fashion, said Goodman. The press saw them as "unattractive and humorless," she said.

Today, glamour and materialism are "hotter than ever," which has given rise to popular post-feminism, Goodman said.

Goodman discussed the popularity of the television show "Ally McBeal," which features the actress Calista Flockhart as a neurotic Harvard law school graduate.

Critics have said the television show presents an unflattering portrait of women and has set the women's movement back, Goodman explained. Many audience members expressed their agreement with these statements.

McBeal is a woman who thinks she needs to have both a successful career and a fulfilling

personal life, Goodman said.

"Ally McBeal is the perfect example of a woman who tries to have too much," she said.

Goodman discussed the symbolism of the fantasy sequences in "Ally McBeal."

The most famous sequence is the "dancing baby." The baby, which only Flockhart's character can see, is supposed to represent McBeal's "biological clock," Goodman said. Since only she can see the baby, her friends think she is going crazy, said Goodman.

Audience members questioned the message that women cannot be fulfilled without having children. "We're supposed to go crazy if we don't have babies?" asked one audience member sarcastically.

"How seriously should we take this portrayal of one woman in the nineties?" asked

Goodman. The audience reacted vocally. Most said they felt if there were more serious female leads in other television dramas, then they wouldn't be so concerned about the effect of a character like McBeal.

But how do we create a positive female role model? Normal people aren't as interesting as neurotic people, an audience member pointed out.

Another audience member used the members of the Women's National Basketball Association as an example of fun and lively role models. Good and interesting role models are out there, she concluded.

Another criticism of *Ally McBeal* is due to Calista Flockhart's petite size. The actress has been accused of being anorexic and providing a bad example for young women, said Goodman. Flockhart denies

the accusations and says she just has a fast metabolism, Goodman said.

Goodman provided statistics about self-esteem in girls and young women. According to the *New York Times*, 36 percent of girls ages 13-17 want to change their face and weight.

Five to 10 percent of girls age fourteen and up are anorexic or bulimic.

And according to the Centers for Disease Control, 65 percent of girls in grades nine through 12 are dieting, as opposed to 24 percent of boys.

Goodman stated her conclusion based on all the evidence she had shown the audience. "It's not good enough," she said, referring to the media coverage of women.

We still need more positive female role models, she concluded. □



Fiat Lux

Fiat Lux staff gives thanks

Sure, we're college students. We frown on being treated like children.

At this time of year, however, we should regress and remember elementary school.

Remember the assignment in which your teacher asked you to write down what you were thankful for? Then you'd trace your hand and make a turkey with crayons out of the tracing.

The teacher would post the list of what you're thankful for right under the crayon turkey you made.

Well, we aren't going to trace our hands, but we will tell you what we as AU students have to be thankful for this year.

We're thankful to have a dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Last year, the search for a new dean cost the University too much money. Had they just hired Bill Hall in the first place, perhaps that money could have been used elsewhere.

Maybe to keep the track team alive.

Also, we're thankful that many staff members have lost the "acting" before their title.

Having a Director of Residence Life instead of an Acting Director of Residence Life makes things sound much more permanent around here.

Having permanent staff members is something to be thankful for.

We're grateful the track team is going to get a shot to continue until the year 2000. It would have been easy for the university to turn its back on the team. Instead, it's doing the best it can to keep the sport for the students.

We're thankful students care about the track team's plight. No matter how you feel about the issue, it's better than being apathetic.

We are thankful for the new campus-wide computer network. Finally, we're on par with the rest of the nation's universities. Yes, there were some bumps on the road and there may be more. At least it's begun.

We're thankful for co-sponsorship of SAB events. The Moxy Fruvous show, sponsored by SAB and Residence Life, last weekend allowed AU to have, essentially, two large acts. Without co-sponsorship, the concert would not have happened.

There are many little things, things we take for granted every day, that we're thankful for, too, such as Physical Plant changing the lights in our rooms.

There are lots of things we want from the university. We get some of them, but often we tend to concentrate on what we don't.

We should not forget that the University does try to do what's best for us. It seems to do a good job. After all, when was the last time the student body had a big, loud protest in front of Carnegie Hall?

The past has shown that the university will work to benefit the students.

We're thankful for everything the school has done to benefit the students.

We should take a minute and notice that, in a lot of cases, we have it pretty good here in Alfred, although we are not thankful about the lack of snow in the middle of November! Some people complain about snow, but it's better than cold rain. You can't make snow angels in the rain, and you can't throw rainballs. (Oops! You can't throw snowballs either if you're in Alfred.)

So maybe you won't get out your crayons and construction paper. Maybe you won't write down a list of what you're thankful for.

But, take a minute to think about your life. We are very fortunate. Many others in the world are not.

For this, we should give thanks. □

COLUMN

Only informed should vote

BY DAN CENTI

Watching TV recently, I caught a commercial of ex-teenage sex symbol Drew Barrymore urging women to go out and vote.

A few minutes later I caught another commercial of another celebrity urging the peasant people to go out and vote. This time, however, it was simulated human Cher doing the talking.

Well, I'll be. Two celebrities using their influence for the good of society.

But then I thought about it. Isn't there something else these two larger-than-life women could be endorsing other than getting people out to vote?

After contemplating the subject during a Jerry Springer rerun, I've decided that I don't agree with what these two women were saying. In fact, I disagree with whole mentality of getting people out to "make a difference" and vote.

Now, to decide which candidates to vote for, you've got to know what they propose, or

don't propose, which is the main reason why I'm against the mindset of getting the population out to vote.

I've realized through careful observation that most people don't care very much about politics. They just want what's best for themselves, and not in the best interest of the country.

They'll often vote for the politician who looks the most respectable, figuring that he'll probably be a decent human being with a lot of good intentions. People who choose a candidate based on his TV commercials have no idea what he'll be like in office.

Fortunately, voter turnout for most elections in the past couple years has been extremely low, which is the way it should be.

The way I see it, if the voter turnout is low, it means that only the people who truly believe in voting are the ones going into the voting booth to cast their vote.

The people who genuinely

want to vote are also the ones who are probably the most informed, reading a little about the candidates and their opinions, and more able to make an informed decision about who is best to run our government.

Another thought that struck me while I was watching a particularly brutal fight on Springer was that stupid people should never be encouraged to vote.

Instead of spending money on an ad campaign to encourage voting, I think we should we should spend some money on a slew of commercials designed to discourage morons from voting.

Seriously, do you really want people like the ones on Springer deciding who will make the new tax laws, or who will sit next to the red button as president?

As far as I'm concerned, if you don't vote by your own desire, you're absent from a crucial process.

The truth can be brutal sometimes, like a Jerry Springer episode. □

COLUMN

Senate open to all student opinions

BY MIKE PELLICCIOTTI
STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

The other day in Management 302, my class had a debate about student power at Alfred.

Many students participating in the discussion seemed to feel they had little influence on campus.

This troubled me. It made me realize there are many students who do not know where to funnel their opinions and issues. So, I wanted to write this column to inform students on how to empower themselves.

What are your concerns? This is the question we ask Senators every week at our meeting. Many outside of the organization do not realize that administrators consult Senate, its committees, or representa-

tives before almost any policy change. Therefore, it is the students who influence the changes that occur at Alfred.

For example, the Senate Renovations Committee and Food Committee constantly examine the need for improvement in the buildings and the food services, acting as the voice of the students. We have been a big advocate of Ethernet (Internet) campus wiring and have requested that the administration reexamine and develop a plan to continue the Track and Field team for another season based on student concerns. In both instances we were successful.

Senate's purpose is to serve as the forum for student concerns. The best way for us to represent as many students as possible is through communica-

tion.

If something bothers you, talk to your senator. Each residence hall and almost every organization on campus has a representative. If something bothers you, chances are it bothers other students across campus. Every student is welcome to speak on his or her own behalf at a Senate meeting Wednesday, 8 p.m., Nevins Theater.

Student Senate is one of the few unifying places for the many different groups and organizations to come together, share ideas and communicate with each other.

The ultimate purpose of Senate is to be the voice of students. Members of the administration sees it as this, and if students have a concern, they should too. □

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Decision to cut track may be reasonable

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is to address the issue of the cut in funding for the cross-country and track teams at Alfred University. While this not a positive thing and may not be fair, I would like to make some points in the University's defense.

First, it cannot be forgotten that the University is trying to make money, and if it starts to lose money, it has to make cuts where the fewest will be hurt.

Unfortunately, track had to be the victim. But track does have fewer athletes than most sports, draws smaller crowds and really doesn't bring much money into the University. As a former runner, I know who goes to watch meets—there aren't many people. At a Division III school, sports like football and lacrosse take precedent, because they bring in some revenue.

Also, the school is in the process of replacing the turf on Merrill Field, which is quite necessary. New turf will reduce the risk of injury to both our athletes and other institutions' athletes. The turf is used by the football, soccer and lacrosse teams, as well as other students. We cannot have turf plagued with nails and other health hazards. It is a liability and a risk to the University and its students.

Also, I would like to point out that a lot of organizations on this campus receive no money; they fund themselves and do a lot of positive things. Greek organizations have their own funding and do a number of good things for the University, such as blood drives, can drives and other community service projects.

In addition to this, some groups with small memberships who appeal to small numbers of

students receive thousands of dollars from Student Senate. What I'm getting at is that a lot of things are unfair when it comes to University funding.

If track and cross-country are so important to their athletes, then they should fund themselves, whether by fundraising or from their own pockets.

My track team in high school sold lollipops so we could buy new uniforms. There are other options open to these athletes.

It is a shame that the University had to cut this funding, but I doubt the decision was made maliciously. It was a business decision—though perhaps an unfair one.

A lot of things around here are unfair, and they can be dealt with if the athletes persevere.

I wish them luck.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Fuller
Class of '99



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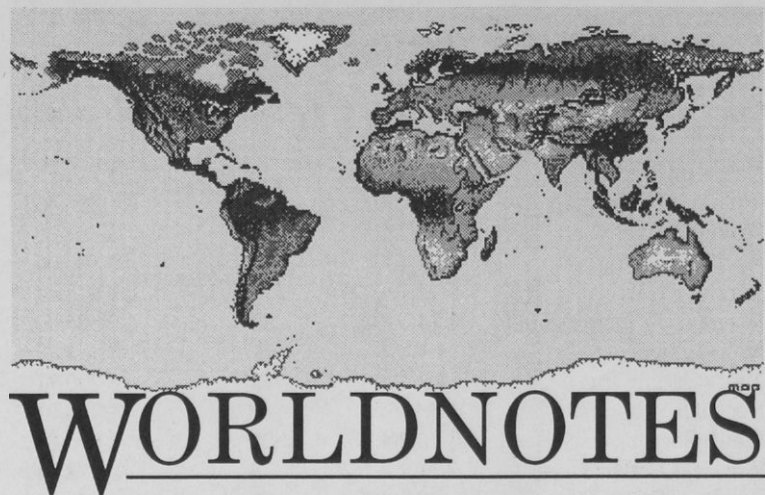
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**LOCAL:**

Thanksgiving Break begins after classes on Tuesday. Students must be off campus Wednesday. Classes resume on Monday, Nov 30.

- Soon, directions to the University will change. Route 17, the Southern Tier Expressway, is slated to become Interstate 86.
- Local election results: Congressman Amo Houghton defeated Caleb Rossiter in a race for the House. The shocker was the defeat of Al D'Amato by Brooklyn product Chuck Schumer, a Democrat. Governor Pataki also held on to his seat. Finally, Village Police Chief Randy Belmont was elected to be Allegany County Sheriff.

NATIONAL:

Newt Gingrich announced he will step down as Speaker of the House of Representatives and also leave Congress. Gingrich said the move was to ensure the Republican party does not self-destruct. Many Republicans had been pushing for Gingrich's resignation. Gingrich, many said, only hurt the Republican's image. Gingrich made the announcement days after the Republicans lost seats in the House on Election Day. Now, Republicans are scrambling to get a new speaker. Democrats are hoping factions within the Republican party will allow them to elect a Democrat to the chair.

• President Clinton settled with Paula Jones for \$850,000. The Jones suit had been thrown out of court, only to have Jones try to bring it back in again. The case led to the publication of the Lewinsky affair. With the Jones suit settled, Clinton still must worry about possible impeachment over Lewinsky. However, Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter, a Republican, has asked for the impeachment effort to be thrown out. Comments like Specter's confirm political analysts' beliefs that the Senate will not pass any articles of impeachment.

• Election post-mortem: The Republicans lost seats in the House of Representatives and Senate seat distribution remained the same. The biggest news of the election was in Minnesota, where Jesse "The Body" Ventura was elected Governor. The independent Ventura assured the Minnesota legislature that he is a legitimate politician. Ventura won on a platform that attacked party politics. He simply stated he wanted what's best for Minnesota.

WORLD:

The standoff between the U.N. and Iraq may be heading towards resolution. Iraq backed down and allowed U.N. weapons inspectors back in. The move came as U.S. B-52 bombers with cruise missiles were on their way to bomb Iraq. The air raid was aborted when the news was announced. Days earlier, Arab countries announced to the U.N. they will not stand by Iraq's actions and would support U.N. efforts. Some say this was key in Iraq's decision. British Prime Minister Tony Blair made it clear, however, that the crisis may have been averted only temporally. This is not the first time Iraq has been threatened with bombings for denying U.N. inspectors access to weapons.

• Brazil is the latest country to be bailed out by the International Monetary Fund. The IMF made a \$41 billion deal to save the Brazilian economy. Experts say if Brazil's economy folds, the next country to go is the United States. The global market has been suffering for months now and many are concerned that 1999 will bring a worldwide depression.



PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

Members of the Susquehanna String Band present their Bergen Forum on Nov 5. The String Band also performed at Festifall on Nov. 6 in Holmes Auditorium.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cutting of track team unfair

DEAR EDITOR:

When I came to AU I asked only two things from this institution: a solid education and a chance to run. At first, I received both.

Now, I only get one. I'm not the only member of the track and field teams who feels this way. Athletic Director Jim Moretti announced Nov. 4 that the team would be cut as of June 1, 1999. This cut represents an attempt to reduce the Athletic Department budget by nine percent over two years. The issue remains, however, whether this was the best possible way to reduce the budget.

When the team was told of this decision, we were given no justification—no numbers or concrete reasons why—and the criteria which designated our team be cut concerned win-loss records, growth of the team, and so forth.

We questioned Moretti on these criteria, as we felt unconvinced that we lacked any of these qualities. Maybe this would have been slightly more digestible had we been informed, but at this stage of the game, we're not convinced.

What the committee who made this decision doesn't seem to know is that it is cutting not just two sports from the roster—men's and women's track and field—but four: men's and women's indoor track and field, and men's and women's outdoor

track and field.

When the committee decided to cut the teams, it seems it was not aware of this fact. This just adds to my disappointment in this University.

What the committee members also don't know is they are tearing apart one of the closest-knit groups of students on this campus. We may not have the visibility of some of the other teams, but we have more camaraderie than most and infinite amounts of dedication. This cut is heartbreaking, to say the least.

What matters here? That we cost the University some money? That we pay tuition for an education and get our program pulled out from under our noses? Is this fair? If we were known as the "prodigal athletes" and spent extravagant amounts of money on wants, then maybe this cut would be justifiable. But when we sacrifice so much just for the chance to run, this cut is the bitterest pill to swallow.

When we sleep four to a room on overnight meets and eat at Wendy's, we don't complain. So why are we punished? Just for wanting to do something we love? We sacrifice at every meet, and we do it repeatedly. Because we want to. Because we love to run.

We don't ask much of the athletic department. If the committee wants to call this action "fair," it should be aware of

what we sacrifice at every meet. We have continuously improved over the past three years, sent more and more people to States and ECACs, and yet this means nothing, apparently. Never mind that this sport is quite possibly one of the oldest at this University. Simply judging from our indoor track, which was built in 1929, the tradition is evident—and by the way, almost all of us have injuries due to running on it. No one seems aware of all this. It seems it's coming as a shock to many.

It seems the University feels it is in its best interest to cut my sport—a decision, by the way, that seems to go against the mission of any Division III school: students getting involved in a wide variety of disciplines.

I have considered transferring as a junior because I love this sport too much to be somewhere I know will not support it. The decision to phase out the team is the only thing keeping me here.

I will continue to protest the decision to cut the track teams and I urge the Alfred University community to help us and sign the petitions all members will have as well as let the administration know this will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,
Jennifer E. Ares
Class '00

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Drinking article missed the mark

DEAR EDITOR:

I think the Nov. 4 story "AU Drinking Examined" was way off the mark.

Yes, the article in the *Democrat and Chronicle* focused on Alfred to talk about a problem in colleges across the nation, and the reporting may have been slap-dash, but the article's intended message was overlooked by many on this campus.

Whether or not the football house may be called a fraternity, the message that college students are drinking irresponsibly on the Alfred University campus is important.

The *Fiat Lux* article quotes the original article as saying, "students don't seem to be taking to heart the message that alcohol can kill." Can we really argue with that statement?

Many people on the campus argue that the article ignored "what we're doing to counteract this behavior."

I wonder what that may be? I realize that we do have Alcohol and Other Drug Education, as well as student groups like Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol and Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles, but I cannot recall the last time I really heard of anything the

groups had done to convince people not to drink. Not to mention the fact that there is an acceptance of drinking on this campus which cannot be overcome by a few programs. Too many people are stuck in the mentality that college is about drinking.

Throughout the article, campus officials talk about such things as "the right ingredients for positive change" on the campus without ever stating exactly what those ingredients are.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. said, "the University has tried to combat the problem with education, but that tactic has not gotten the attention of those who contribute to the problem."

This statement seems believable to me, but how does that fit into the equation for "positive change?"

Students and faculty quoted seem to point fingers at other schools across the nation, arguing that "everyone else is doing it." Pointing out to parents and the media that every school has a drinking problem is not fair justification for our own. Well, not in my mind.

Jeremy Van Druff was quoted several times, producing a rather inconsistent argument.

He said, "Most Greeks are responsible drinkers." However

common, providing alcohol to minors is against the law, hardly fitting my idea of responsibility.

He also said, "If students didn't go to Greek houses they would still drink. At least at most Greek houses their drinking is monitored." That justification doesn't seem quite right to me either, even ignoring legal issues.

Finally, Ted Smith is quoted as saying he thinks all college students need to work to break the stereotype that everyone in college drinks.

This doesn't seem to agree with the rest of the article. Didn't it argue that Alfred students are drinking responsibly? Even responsibly, they are drinking, and if not all college students drink, then many do. Besides, wasn't the article just arguing that "everyone else is doing it?"

I am not so foolish as to argue for a dry campus. I don't believe that would help the problem. I do think that we should get our arguments straight when we are trying to discuss our problems. Well, and maybe find a more cohesive argument to present.

Sincerely,
Michael Cadwallader
Class of '01

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on the executive staff of the *Fiat Lux*:**
Darkroom Manager, Web Manager and Circulation Manager.

...Track

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Planning Committee to help him cut the athletic budget.

The members of this committee were Moretti as chair; Paul Kingsbury, former assistant dean of students/director of Greek Affairs as co-chair; Frank Duserick, associate professor of business and administration; Susan Mayberry, professor of English, Kitty McCarthy, director of admissions; T. J. Davis, men's and women's swimming and diving coach; Jeannette Yeomen, women's basketball coach; Maureen Regan, a resident director; Shannon Youmell, student athlete and Bill LaCourse, professor of glass science.

"I needed help and input to look at all the sports," Moretti said. "We were hoping not to cut sports. There isn't anyone that feels good about the decision."

Once the committee realized that it could not cut each budget enough to save the \$45,850 it was decided that a sport needed to be cut.

"A major sport had to be cut," committee member Frank Duserick, professor of MIS and Associate Dean of the Olin Building said.

Each sport was then rated in nine different categories: student recruiting, student retention, gender equity, low cost, spectator interest, Alfred tradition, facilities on campus, revenue generation and distinction for AU according to Moretti.

"It wasn't a one time thing. We met on several occasions," Moretti said.

After each team was rated, Duserick said it came down to swimming and track.

Facilities became the deciding factor. "The swim team has one of the nicest facilities in the northeast," Duserick said.

"We have to use facilities at Alfred State College for our meets, and we are severely limited in terms of indoor practice space at Davis Gym. Without the facilities, it is difficult to have a top-quality program," Moretti said in a press release.

The original recommendation was for the track team to be cut at the end of this year, not next year.

"I was shocked, but more so upset that I would not be able to

run my senior year," Ares said. "I remember thinking it was unfair, very unfair."

After the announcement, many students went to Student Body President Michael Pellicciotti asking for help.

"I was pleased at the amount of people who contacted me," Pellicciotti said.

Pellicciotti said he went to Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jerry Brody with the hopes of postponing the decision. "It is much more fair to phase it out," Pellicciotti said.

"Cutting the track program decreased the athletic budget by \$83,268"

Brody, according to an e-mail he sent out to the Commission on Planning, asked to delay the implementation for a year.

The e-mail also called for the hiring of a part-time coach, implemented the other proposed cuts, restricting some expenditures in other sports, delaying some purchases and delaying the recreational and intramural enhancements for a year.

Brody received "overwhelming support" from the Commission on this delay, Pellicciotti said.

The decision was then made to keep the track program for an extra year.

"Present juniors can finish their track careers, and sophomores will have been able to compete in three out of their four years at Alfred," Moretti said. "The freshman do get hurt the most, though."

Cutting the track program decreased the athletic budget by \$83,268, said Moretti. The committee also decided to cut stipends for graduate assistant coaches, saving another \$10,000.

The committee also set a \$5,000 ceiling on non-reimbursable playoff fees. Any other fees will have to come from the athletes, either by fund-raising or student self-funding, Moretti said.

This gave the committee some extra money. "We all felt that intramural sports on campus were very poor," Duserick said.

Intramurals used to be very big on campus. "About 10 years ago, the intramural program was dynamite," Duserick said.

Doug Dowdy was a full-time faculty member dedicated completely to intramurals. "Then, 7 or 8 years ago, there was a small enrollment. The position had to be cut due to budget cuts," Duserick said. "When Doug left, intramurals really suffered."

With some of the money saved from cutting track, the committee decided to hire a full-time coordinator of Intramurals and Recreation/Adjunct Instructor of Outdoor Recreation, according to the committee's recommendation to Brody.

The Athletics' Department was to pay half of the \$40,000 cost of this position. The committee hoped the remaining \$20,000 would come from the academic arena, according to the recommendation.

"With the increased emphasis on lifetime sports, we are seeing more and more students, not just those who play organized sports, expressing an interest in intramurals and other recreation programs," Moretti said in a press release.

Of the extra money, \$7,500 was to go towards enhancing the recreation and intramurals program and \$23,918 was to go to the other University sports teams.

Building a field house to replace the aging David Gym, built in 1929, is still on the University's agenda for the future, Moretti said in the release.

The Commission on Planning agreed that it should be a priority, with Commission members calling for reinstatement of the track and field program when a field house is built.

"A field house would not only benefit a track and field program, but would give us the space we need to really enhance out intramural and recreational programs too," Moretti said.

"I feel bad, but I can't do anything," Duserick said. "I hope track gets reinstated." □

The sidebar in the upper right of this page includes the amount spent by the University on each sport during the 1996-97 academic year. It also shows how many active members each sport has, as well as the amount of money per member the University spent.

Athletic Expenses 1996-97

Sport	amount spent	# of members	\$ per athlete
Men's Basketball	\$ 16,000	9	\$ 1,777.78
Women's Basketball	\$ 16,000	12	\$ 1,333.33
Women's Volleyball	\$ 8,872	10	\$ 887.20
Women's Skiing	\$ 4,400	5	\$ 880.00
Women's Soccer	\$ 16,120	19	\$ 848.42
Women's X-C/track&field	\$ 16,500	20	\$ 825.00
Men's Skiing	\$ 4,400	6	\$ 733.33
Men's Swimming	\$ 9,500	13	\$ 730.77
Football	\$ 58,350	83	\$ 703.01
Men's Soccer	\$ 16,000	23	\$ 695.65
Women's Softball	\$ 11,700	17	\$ 688.24
Women's Swimming	\$ 9,500	15	\$ 633.33
Men's Lacrosse	\$ 20,800	33	\$ 630.30
Women's Lacrosse	\$ 12,600	21	\$ 600.00
Men's Golf	\$ 3,025	7	\$ 432.14
Equestrian	\$ 9,000	11	\$ 428.57
Men's X-C/track&field	\$ 16,460	41	\$ 401.46
Women's Tennis	\$ 2,450	10	\$ 245.00
Men's Tennis	\$ 2,450	14	\$ 175.00
Women's Golf	\$ 3,025	0	-

Note: This table does not include coaches' salaries.

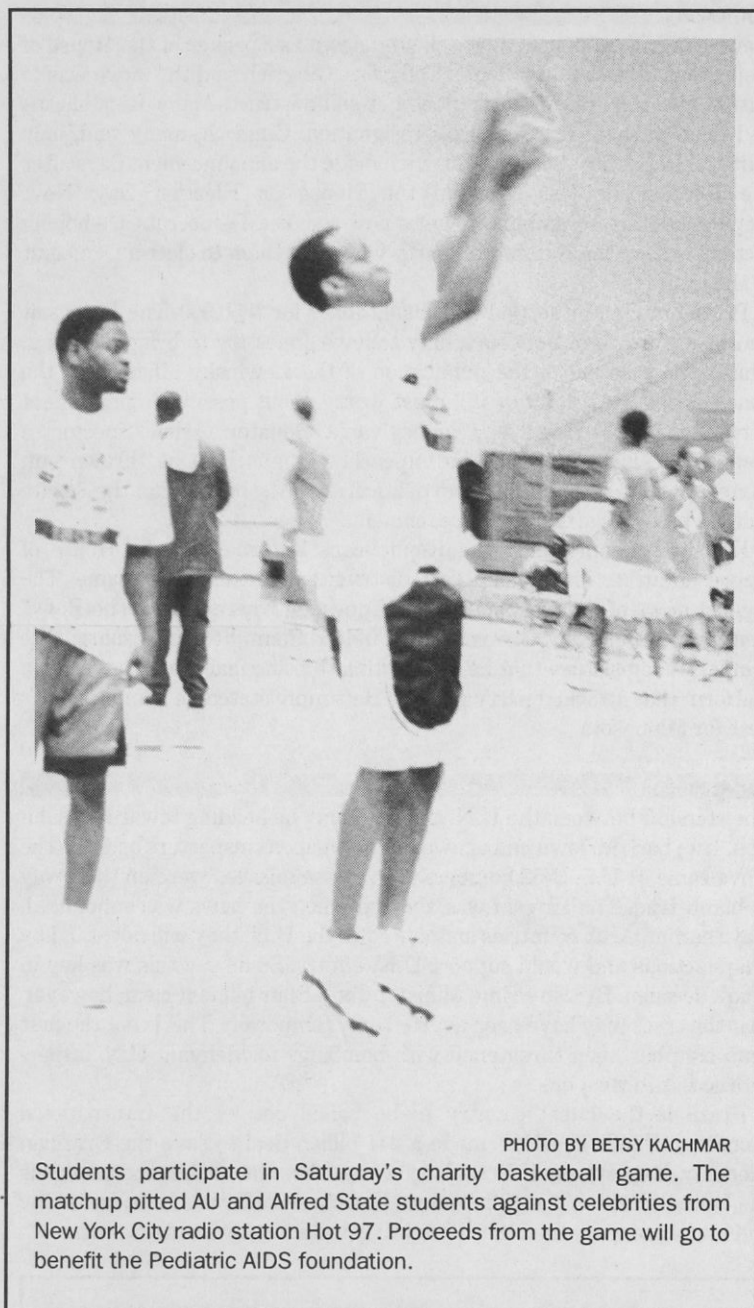


PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

Students participate in Saturday's charity basketball game. The matchup pitted AU and Alfred State students against celebrities from New York City radio station Hot 97. Proceeds from the game will go to benefit the Pediatric AIDS foundation.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Oct 6 to Nov 6.

Arrests:

Disturbing the Peace:

- Benjamin A. Bagley, 20, Naples (Oct 9)
- Jamie J. Shydinski, 23, Almond (Oct 22)
- Dennis A. Bisig, 22, Batavia (Oct 31)

Open Container:

- James E. Vanmetter, 20, Webster (Oct 10)
- Michael K. Cary, 22, Ogdensburg (Oct 23)
- Justin L. Valliers, 21, Wellsville (Oct 24)

DWI:

- Katherine L. Harris, 22, Andover, also failure to keep right (Oct 10)
- Devon L. Downing, 20, Canton,

Ohio, also driving without headlights (Oct 11)

- Karen S. Bradley, 37, Hornell, also wrong way on a one way (Oct 11)
- Michael R. Barney, 40, Alfred (Nov 1)

Other:

- William L. Ernest, 29, criminal possession of stolen property, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, unregistered motor vehicle, AUO 3rd degree (Oct 23)
- Eric R. Fritz, 19, Amherst, harassment (Nov 1)
- Justin G. Schreiber, 20, Almond, possession of marijuana (Nov 1)

Complaints:

- Six reports of disorderly conduct
- Three reports of criminal mischief
- Six reports of larceny

- Six reports of property damage due to auto accidents
- Seven reports of car/deer multiple vehicle accidents
- Two reports of aggravated harassment
- Three reports of harassment
- Fight, N. Main St. (Oct 7)
- Bad check, S. Main St. (Oct 22)
- Prowler, Hamilton Hill Rd., unfounded (Oct 24)
- Loud party, N. Main St. (Oct 24)
- Animal noises, N. Main St. (Oct 25)
- Possible hazing, unfounded, (Oct 28)
- Suspicious person, Rte. 244, (Oct 28)
- Burglary, Park St. (Oct 28)
- Disorderly crowds, Pine St., (Oct 31)
- Criminal impersonation, Rte. 244 (Nov 3)
- Total vehicle and traffic summons: 32

Fiat Lux staff meetings are held Mondays at 5:15 in the Student Organizations Suite in the campus center. All are welcome.

Senate UPDATE

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER AND KELLY KNEE

Students raised concerns about the health center and the cutting of the track teams [see related story page 1] at recent Student Senate meetings.

Dennis Canty, Head of Personnel at St. James Mercy Health, which oversees the health center, and Rosetta Brown-Greane, director of student health services, addressed student concerns about the health center Nov. 4. Canty said his two main priorities are to provide high quality care for students, and for every student to leave the health center satisfied.

Canty explained they try to stagger doctors' hours in the health center so that all students can find times to come in convenient to their schedules. "We're very comfortable with the current situation," he said, despite several students' complaints.

"The health center is a very busy place," Canty said. He estimated that there were 4,700 visits to the health center last year.

When asked if they were considering adding another doctor or more doctors' hours, Canty said financial considerations come into play and "We believe very much in the abilities of [nurse] practitioners."

Jerry Brody, dean of students and vice president for Student Affairs, added "the health center actually has more medical coverage than it has had in years."

Brown-Greane responded to student complaints about being "bounced back and forth" from their residences to the health center because the health center is not prepared to give routine injections when the students arrive.

She said the health center is working to simplify the process students must go through to receive these types of treatment.

Brown-Greane explained to students who complained of a long wait at the health center that 15 minute appointments are standard. Women who need gynecological examinations are allotted 30 minutes.

She said the problem she finds is students are embarrassed to tell the receptionist on the phone they need more in-depth medical

attention than a 15 minute appointment.

Brown-Greane said when she sees these students, it takes longer than expected, and then throws her schedule off for the rest of the day. She encouraged students who don't want to discuss their medical problems with the receptionist to tell her they will probably need a longer appointment.

The University is also taking measures to increase privacy at the health center, Brown-Greane said. A stereo system is being installed to create background noise.

Both Brown-Greane and Canty said students should raise any privacy concerns they may have directly to Brown-Greane immediately.

Student Activities Board announced the Upright Citizens' Brigade declined their bid, but they thanked Senate for supporting financially in their effort to bring the comedy troupe to Alfred.

Poder Latino announced that their organization will be holding a food and medical supplies drive for South American victims of Hurricane Mitch.

Students questioned why organizations are posting many copies of the same poster in one place in the campus center. They said they were concerned with the wasted paper.

At the Nov. 11 meeting, Dustin Weideman, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, announced that they will be talking to professors to find an all night study room.

Jaci Appicello, chair of the Food Committee, announced that the dining halls will be getting after-dinner mints.

At a previous Senate meeting, it was suggested that students use the extra meals on their meal plans to benefit the disadvantaged. Appicello said students may bring anyone from the community to eat at the dining halls.

Jessica Tucker, chair of the Renovations Committee, said the committee noticed several safety hazards in their tour of the Brick and Kruson Hall. She said they will be evaluating Openhym next.

Director of Athletics Jim Moretti came to Senate to update students on the cut of the track team. He explained the newest developments, and students discussed the situation.

before Senate to request the extra money, said he does not feel the decision of the executive board was fair. Pearce said UMOJA had the same type of time constraint as SAIL, and asked for the money as soon as the group found out that it was needed.

Pearce said another problem was that UMOJA was "unaware of the [finance committee's] policy," and that they were not informed of the policy until after their request from special allocations had been denied.

Kostiwi said the procedure an organization needs to follow to make budget changes was outlined at the bottom of each copy of that organization's final budget, and there is a precedent of denying requests for funding from groups who fail to go through the proper channels. However, if an organization follows the rules and policies, there is no reason for a reasonable request for funds to be denied, said Kostiwi. □

AU students throw pots in Japan

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Two AU students who traveled to Japan to demonstrate their skills at pottery came home with an appreciation for Japanese culture.

Janice Jakielski, a junior ceramic art student, and Jes Cope, a ceramic art graduate of AU, traveled to Japan on their summer vacation. There, they worked with Japanese customers who wanted to make pottery.

The women stayed with a host family in Annan, a small town near Nagano, where last year's Winter Olympics were held. Very few people spoke English, Jakielski said.

Cope had taken two years of Japanese, but Jakielski had never studied the language before.

"I didn't know anything," said Jakielski, smiling.

Was it hard trying to talk to customers and their hosts?

Despite her previous experience with the Japanese language, Cope admitted it could be difficult.

"Communication proved interesting and often entertaining, as well," she said.

"By the end of my stay I felt like maybe I could carry on a fairly intelligent conversation with a five-year-old," she said.

"I lived out of my dictionary," Jakielski said.

People weren't rude to the women because they didn't know the language, however. In fact, everyone was very friendly and quite polite, Jakielski said.

"The east is so different from the west," she said. She explained people had expected her to be a stereotypical American: a loud, aggressive meat-eater.

They were surprised to find neither Cope nor Jakielski to be aggressive, Jakielski said. Both women are vegetarians, and Jakielski is shorter than they expected.

"You're Japanese; you're not

American," Jakielski said they would jokingly tell the women.

How did two vegetarians feel about the "heavy on the seafood" cuisine of an island culture?

"The food was fantastic," said Cope. "I had been a little worried because I had been vegetarian for many years before my trip, and I was not so sure I'd be able to eat. But I was surprised and thrilled to find that in my host family's household they ate a lot of vegetables."

Jakielski said she enjoyed the food as well. She added she ate a lot of rice.

Cope related a story about the differences in food between Japan and the United States.

"I made dinner for [the host family] once or twice. I really wanted to make lasagna, and we went all over town look for noodles and ricotta. No luck. So my parents mailed me a box of pasta, (which arrived somewhat fragmented but still usable) and we ate 'American,'" she said.

Both women, however, did sample the seafood and other Japanese specialties.

Choichiro Yatani, assistant professor of Japanese, helped Cope and Jakielski prepare for their trip.

"Before I left, Dr. Yatani asked me to please try everything, and I took it to heart. I have eaten small licorice-flavored bugs from a can and squid in a puree of its own innards," Cope said.

"Those weren't my favorites, mind you," she added.

Jakielski said the attitudes of men and women towards each other are much different than in the United States. She said she thought the women's movement started later in Japan than in the United States.

"The women are supposed to be caregivers," she explained. But Japanese men are very respectful of women, she said. Jakielski said she felt very safe and comfortable walking around town. She said it's not like the United States, where

men are often rude to women.

Yatani arranged for them to go to Japan and helped them with "not only studying the Japanese language but also learning manners and customs in class... [so they would] be ready to maximize the 'Japanese experience,'" he said.

Yatani said he thought the focus of the trip was to interact "with 'real' Japanese, communicating with them through Japanese," and to "find out [the] similarities and differences between the two countries."

Bill Hall, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said he wanted to see students taking advantage of the programs AU provides to learn about other cultures.

"I am very interested in working to get funding to develop our global studies program as I believe we have many resources on campus that students can take advantage of," he said.

Yatani said he hoped the women served as "cultural diplomats" to promote understanding and friendship.

Cope agreed, "The opportunity to actually live for three months in another culture was amazing... I lived with a wonderful family and I got to spend my days working with extremely giving people."

"It is my hope that more students at Alfred University [will] go to study abroad," said Yatani.

Both Cope and Jakielski said they are planning to return to Japan.

"I must return because I made a sacred pinkie-swear with Aki-chan, my host family's younger daughter," said Cope.

Jakielski said she missed the experience, and she recommended that students travel abroad.

"We live in a global world today and it is essential for students to appreciate the diversity that they will encounter in their jobs," said Hall. □

...Finances

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reasons that SAIL's request was allowed to proceed to Senate, while UMOJA's was not, he said.

First, Kostiwi said, the event that SAIL was asking for the money for would not have been able to occur without the extra money from Senate.

Second, SAIL had only a few days of notice that they needed the money, and thus calling for a meeting of the finance committee would have been difficult, Kostiwi added.

Kostiwi said UMOJA had several weeks of notice, and thus had ample time to follow the proper procedure.

Another reason the request was denied, Kostiwi said, was that UMOJA's event would still be able to take place even without the money from Senate.

Carlos Pearce, the representative from UMOJA who went

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- Joshua M. Quinn, Genoa (\$90)
- Rosalie C. Keith, N. Brookfield (\$90)
- Mohammed W. Zafar, Hartsdale (\$90)
- Steven L. Phillips, Silver Lake (\$90)
- Brian J. Wright, Bloomfield (\$90)

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana:

- Devon R. Bella, Long Beach, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Erin Baer, Gouverneur, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)

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- Dyan R. Tsiumis, Needham, Mass., reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)

Speed in Excess of 55 mph:

- Joseph Riesenberger Jr., Canandaigua (\$90)
- Kenneth C. Stephens, Angelica (\$90)

Open Container:

- Nichols A. Zwack, Eden (\$25)
- Devon R. Bella, Long Beach (\$25)

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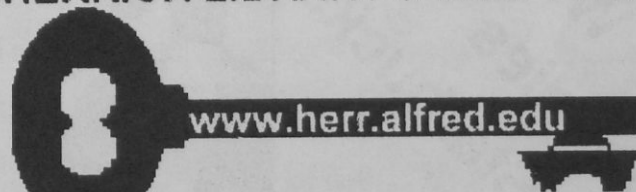
Other:

- Kenneth J. Rate, Wellsville, operating out of class (\$130)
- Katrina J. Vanallen, Hornell, expired inspection (\$60)
- Daniel K. Wiktorowski, Alfred, harassment in the second degree (\$100)
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YOUR KEY TO INFORMATION

Moxy Fruvous discusses music; audience

A behind-the-scenes glimpse into the lives of band members Mike Ford, David Matheson, Jian Ghomeshi and Murray Foster

BY JAY WEISBERGER

Moxy Fruvous sat in their dressing room adjusting to the scenery of Alfred. A few nights earlier, they had opened for the Violent Femmes in New York City.

The culture shock of Alfred did not stifle the band's enthusiasm, however.

"So, did they make that sign especially for us?" joked guitarist Mike Ford about the "Welcome to Alfred" sign in the room.

The Canadian quartet, which consists of Ford, David Matheson on guitar, accordion and banjo, Jian Ghomeshi on drums and flute, and Murray Foster on bass, hadn't yet played their show here Friday night.

"This is a show for the students," said Ghomeshi. "We don't want to exclude anyone, but we're specifically here for the students."

The band had put in a request to SAB to make sure students could gain entrance to the show.

Usually, getting students in the door isn't a concern at AU. However, Moxy Fruvous has developed such a cult following that out-of-town fans were already piling up outside the Knight Club.

The band doesn't take these fans for granted, however.

"They are as much a part of the show as Dave's banjo," said Ford.

"Which is in about three songs," Matheson quipped.

Ford went on, "I don't like dark shows where I can't see the audience," citing his need for a "call and response" style setting.

"We take special care to try and give back to the audience," Ghomeshi said.

One way the band said they do this is through on-stage interaction with the audience.

Ghomeshi added that the band changes their set list nightly.

And then there is the FruMiles program.

Foster said this concept was born when "Jian went into a sub shop" and presented his frequent buyer card. It was the sort of thing where you buy a sub, the person behind the counter punches a hole in it, and, eventually, you get free stuff.

"[Jian] thought, 'we could do that,'" Foster said.

So FruMiles, a program that rewards fans with merchandise for the number of shows attended, was born.

"We didn't start the Fruhead following, but we will help cultivate it," Ghomeshi said.

"We don't operate on the superstar level," Ford noted.

He said he feels this allows them a lot of contact with fans.

The Internet has helped them out as well.

"The Internet has intensified our following," Foster said.

"Our fans can imagine how strange [our next album] will be. It will be stranger than they can imagine."

The Fruvous site, www.fruvous.com, is a reliable site for band information, said Ford.

Ford explained he has problems with other sites, however.

"You could punch up a site and it could be total garbage," Ford said.

Ford indicated that false Internet rumors about the band have shown up in the pages of *The Toronto Star*.

"Don't get us started with mp3's," Ford said, addressing the CD-quality sound files available for download over the Internet.

The band, which cites the Beatles, Elvis Costello, XTC and Neil Young as influences is often compared to They Might Be Giants and Barenaked Ladies.

"We don't necessarily like the comparison," Ford said.

The band said they feel that they have their own sound.

"A better way to say it would be someone who likes those bands might like us," Ford said.

As far as their sound goes, they said genre-hopping is the norm.

"We're the poster boys for genre-hopping," said Foster.

Foster said the band prefers not to combine genres within a song. He indicated that song to song differences are the norm, however.

The band said they think as music progresses this will be more and more common.

"It's natural for the genres to blend," said Matheson.

Ghomeshi noted today's music world allows a band to not have to pick a genre.

While the band agrees about that, they differ on the Canadian music scene, especially concerning how much attention America gives it.

Matheson said he firmly believes a great part of the scene is being ignored.

Ghomeshi sees things differently, however.

"The US is aware of a lot of it," Ghomeshi said. "A lot of artists slowly gain American appeal." He cited Sarah McLachlan and Our Lady Peace as examples.

"It takes time to break into the US," Matheson said. "It's a lot of leg work."

The band talked about how receptive this area of New York is to Canadian bands.

"Buffalo is great," said Ghomeshi.

He noted that Canadian bands like 54-40 can sell out shows in Buffalo because of its proximity to Canada.

Shows have made up the bands' life lately.

However, now that their tour is winding down, they can start worrying about their next studio effort.

"We'll be in the studio in the spring," Foster said.

What will the new effort sound like?

"Our fans can imagine how strange it will be. It will be stranger than they can imagine," Foster said.

"We're actually using this area as a jumping off point," said Ford.

"It's going to be a Batman spin-off about Alfred, the butler," Ford joked.

"Actually, I think it's going to be the *Alfred Sun*," quipped Ghomeshi. □

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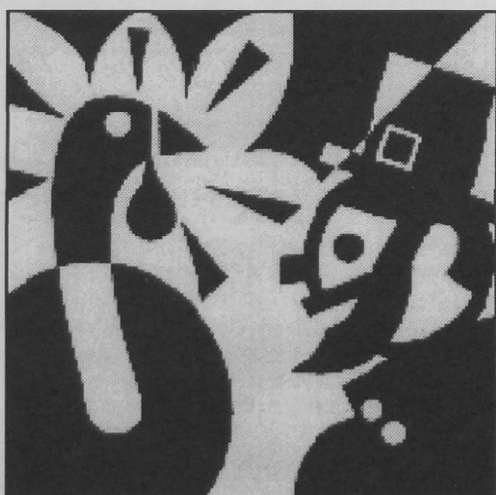


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Mike Ford, on guitar, and David Matheson, on accordion, play in the Knight Club, Friday. The Moxy Fruvous show was attended by nearly 400 people. The intimate setting allowed some fans to sit six feet away from the band. Fans had to sit on the floor as the Knight Club does not offer an elevated stage. This fact did not hinder the audience's enjoyment of the show. The crowd did ask for a stretch during the set. The band obliged and serenaded the audience to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" as the audience stood.

Fiat Lux: We control your thoughts

REVIEW

Large act atmosphere around Fruvous concert

BY JAY WEISBERGER

Student Activities Board won't be bringing the large act to AU until next semester. However, last Friday night's "small act" had all the trimmings of a big-time show, including a grade-A band.

Moxy Fruvous packed the Knight Club for a free show, which ran about an hour and a half.

The show was co-sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and SAB. Without the co-sponsorship, the show wouldn't have happened.

"This would have happened if it had just been SAB alone," said Director of Residence Life Tomas Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said Res. Life puts on numerous in-hall programs throughout the year, but this time Res. Life wanted to try something outside the residence halls.

SAB Small Acts Chair Annika Black praised Res. Life for co-sponsoring the event.

The show would not have come off without them, Black said.

SAB member Anne Minkoff said she was also happy to have Res. Life aboard.

"We're pushing co-sponsorship a lot," said Minkoff. She said bring-

ing in good acts like Moxy Fruvous is the kind of thing co-sponsorship allows.

Minkoff encouraged other campus groups to get involved with the program.

Many members of SAB said they couldn't believe the large act atmosphere that had developed.

"We're pretty much treating this as a large act in a small venue," Black said.

Sure enough, it felt like one.

The Knight Club was filled to capacity to see the Canadian band. Some fans arrived more than three hours in advance to get good seating.

The band did not disappoint the fans either.

The high-energy crowd was perfect for Moxy Fruvous. The band worked the crowd throughout the night. At no point was there a lull in the audience.

Between songs, the band could rival some comedians with their antics.

The audience especially enjoyed their idea to "pick up pitchforks and march up to SUNY-Fredonia" for an AU-Fredonia grudge match.

It was hard to tell which was better: their entertaining inter-

ludes, or their equally fun songs.

The audience got going to "Video Bargainville" early in the set and never looked back.

As the audience got more into the show, it seemed that Moxy Fruvous did as well.

Their set spanned all of their albums and highlighted some new material, including the lovely "I Will Hold On."

The ability of the band to improvise songs was impressive, and it gave the show a very fresh, uncanned feeling.

In the commercial world of concerts, many shows seem pre-packaged.

Not this show, for it felt that the band was waiting to see what happened next as much as the audience.

The concert peaked with "King of Spain" which was followed by a rousing rendition of "Green Eggs and Ham."

The students welcomed the band's encore.

As the last notes of "The Drinking Song" ended, everyone stood for the band.

Moxy Fruvous left to a well deserved standing ovation and the audience left impressed. □

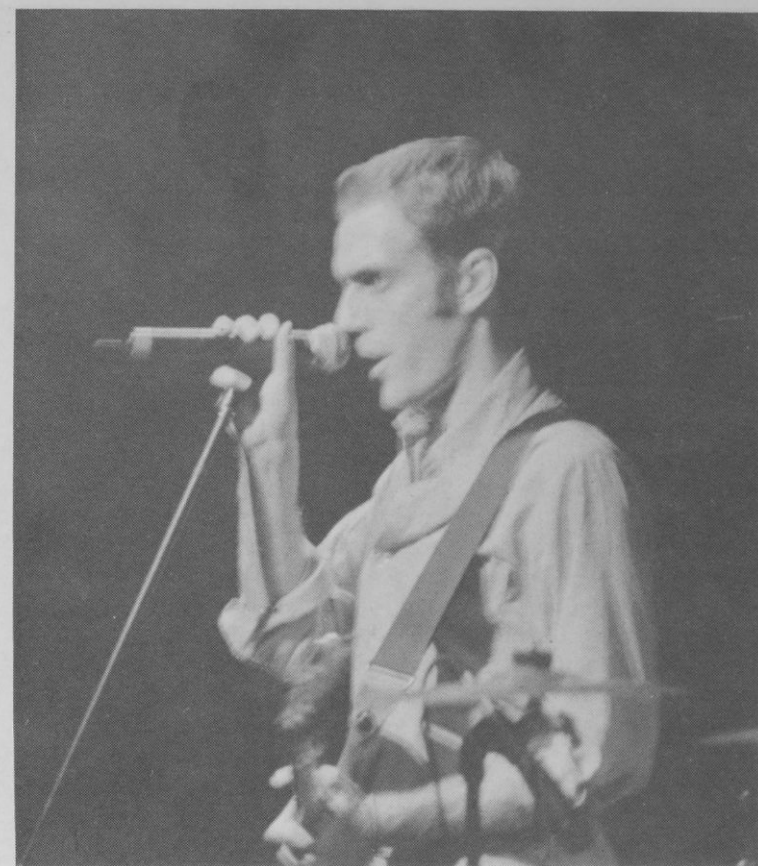


PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

Murray Foster of Moxy Fruvous sings. The group's harmonies are central to many of its songs. Moxy's set did not conclude until after midnight Friday. The audience would have stayed for more. The next shot AU Students will get to see the band will be in Toronto in February.

Who did it at dinner?

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

Rising into the midnight sky, the Steinheim castle bloomed with light. Silhouettes behind the gothic windows moved rapidly through the rooms. A cocktail party was underway, and the guests—brandishing hors d'oeuvres and drinks—were secretly guessing who the victim would be.

Suddenly, a woman screamed, and a man was found dead! Stabbed, strangled, and poisoned! Whodunit?

Orchestrated by Becky Prophet, professor of theater, and Colleen Cavagna of the Career Development Center, the Murder Mystery event was a huge success.

The staff of the Career Development Center volunteered their services as actors. Some of them even had motives to commit the murder.

The plot centered around the fictional Dean of Students, Don Innisfeld, who had taken over the CDC.

Motives for his murder existed as different levels of revenge.

Innisfeld was responsible for a chemical spill that killed people and the collapse of an insurance company.

He had a chain of broken relationships with ex-girlfriends and female interns.

His estranged family and disgruntled employees disliked him for his boorish behavior.

Cavagna explained that the event was a great way to introduce the refurbished castle to the students and community. Tours were incorporated into the plot, she added.

Actress Jasmine Lellock, a junior chemistry major, said the cast of twenty students, faculty, and staff rehearsed two hours a night during the week of the event.

There were no scripts; the lines were totally improvised,

she said.

"The other cast members would have secret meetings to develop mini-plots for the event," said Lellock.

"They became very good at throwing suspicion on others," Prophet said.

Only the murderer knew who he or she was, Prophet explained.

Because of this, during the final phase—police questioning—the characters' responses were more natural and self-protective, since they had no idea who did the deed, she added.

Prophet asked Dan Napolitano, director of the office of Student Activities, to play the role of the victim.

"It was interesting to play a role with so many enemies. Every time I turned around, someone was threatening my life... and they weren't even the actors," Napolitano said.

Audience members, who had mingled all night with the characters, were asked to mark on a ballot their prime suspect, along with a possible motive and murder weapon, Prophet said.

"Four people guessed the right person, three guessed the right method, but no one dealt with motive," she said.

Prophet felt that the Steinheim castle was the most appropriate setting for a Halloween event.

Colleen Cavagna said "we were concerned about limited space in the Steinheim, but the area let us hear many conversations at once."

"The balcony and elevator played key roles," she said.

"The energy of the cast and audience participation made the performance believable and entertaining," Lellock said.

The event occurs every other year.

It alternates with the madrigal dinner, which is performed by the AU Chamber Singers. □

REVIEW

Festifall's folksy feel delights audience

BY MISSY PRITCHARD

Music filled Holmes Auditorium on Friday, November 6, as the division of Performing Arts held its Festifall concert.

The theme for the concert was Folk Heritage. The curtain went up at 8pm.

Joining the boisterous Alfred University Chamber Singers, the Susquehanna String Band added country melodies.

The string band repertoire included folk songs from all across America, as well as from Great Britain.

Three Canadian folk tunes opened the show, and they quickly aroused audience participation.

Students could not help clapping, dancing in the aisles, and singing the chorus refrains.

In the last choir number, "Ching-a-ring-chaw," by Aaron Copeland, the singers imitated the musical sounds of a banjo. They received a standing ovation.

"The string band offered so much additional energy to the show, I felt compelled to start clapping with them," said

Bethany Carpenter, a junior elementary education major.

Rising over the gurgle of a closing intermission, the AU Jazz Ensemble serenaded the audience with American "folk" tunes, such as "One O'Clock Jump," "In the Mood," "Sing Sing Sing," and "Take the 'A' Train."

The 18-piece band featured outstanding saxophone solos by Joseph Ryan, a senior ceramic engineering major, clarinet solos by Mario Bochiechio, a junior ceramic engineer, and trumpet solos by David Bowman, a freshman electrical engineer. □

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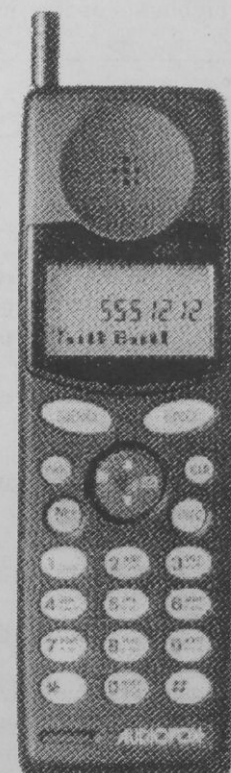
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Swimmers have high hopes for '99 season

BY ANDY BERMAN

Saying the men's and women's swimming and diving team is young is kind of like saying the Sears Tower is tall.

Despite their youth, Coach T.J. Davis is excited about the upcoming season.

"I am pretty optimistic about this season," Davis said. "We have outstanding upperclass leadership and the freshman are all very mature."

For the men's team, 12 of the 19 swimmers are freshman, and three are sophomores. For the women's team, 12 of the 24 are freshman, and seven are sophomores.

"We have a lot of talent and we should do good during our dual meet season," said Junior Brian Striker. "I think our team will surprise many."

Traditionally, either the men's team or the women's team is very strong, but not both in the same season. This year, however, could be different.

"Both teams will perform well; this has never happened historically here," Davis said.

Todd and Brian Striker will lead the team for the men. "They are the two most talented men

on the team," Davis said.

Todd currently holds the team record in the 200 backstroke. Last season, Todd finished 13th in the event at the NCAA Division III Championship meet. Todd was also an All-American last season.

His brother Brian holds the record in the 100 freestyle. Last year, Brian was considered for the Division III tournament, but was not invited.

Two freshmen are also expected to fare quite well this season. Pat Kerwin was named by Swimming World Magazine as a High School All-American. Also, Drew Harrington is a strong distance swimmer, said Davis.

On the women's side, Amber Brooks and Melanie Ligerman will lead the team.

Brooks holds records in both the 200 and the 100 breast.

Ligerman is a very strong distance swimmer, Davis said. She holds AU records in the 500 freestyle and the 1650 freestyle

Melanie's sister Heather is the top newcomer to the team.

"Heather had times in high school that will break records here," Davis said.

Five divers will make a huge difference in the dual meets

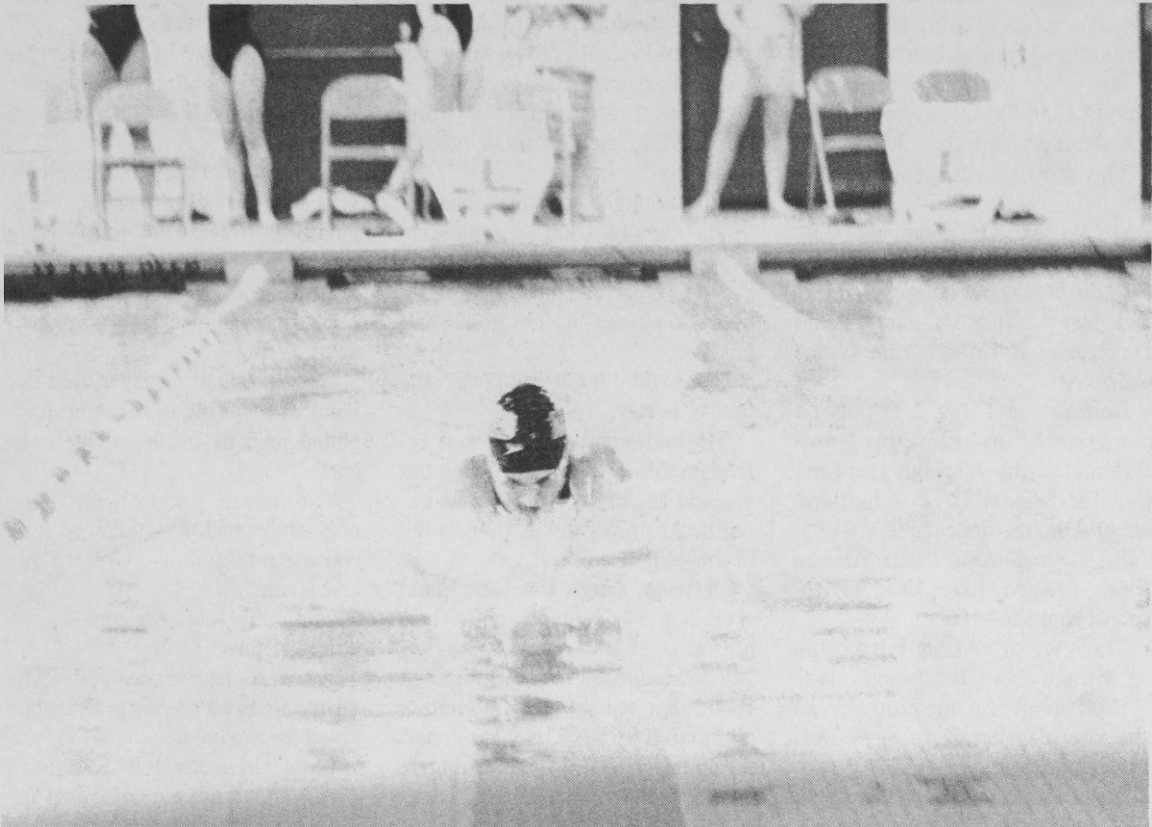


PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

Junior Danielle Ohlson swims the butterfly in Saturday's meet. The season is just getting underway. Both teams are optimistic about a successful season. Both the men and the women lost their first meet. However, AU looked strong despite their loss.

Davis said. "The divers don't always get as much credit as they deserve," Davis said.

Jason Dobe and Dave Berman will be diving for the men and Gretchen Jeitler, Jamie Hatch

and Katie Ernst will be flipping and twisting for the women this season. □

Football season ends on high note after sour start

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Despite some obstacles, the Saxon football team ended its season with a winning record.

"We view it as a success," said Football Coach Dave Murray of the 5-4 season.

The team's Nov. 7 win at home over Bethany 21-7 put the Saxons above .500 for the year.

Murray said he was proud of the team members for trying their best every week. He said he considered their wins over Union College and Grove City to be the highlights of the sea-

son.

"We had a lot to overcome," said Freshman Quarterback Todd Zandrowicz. Zandrowicz added that it was great to be able to send the seniors out on a winning season.

Sophomore Tom Phelan said he thought the season had gone very well. "We came together very well and played as a team despite the controversy early in the season," he said.

Murray said the offensive line was hurt by the incident earlier this semester resulting in some suspensions from the team. He

added that the rest of the team filled in and did a great job.

"We adjusted well to the problems we had," Murray said.

The suspensions from the team gave some younger players a chance to start.

"It was exciting to come in as a freshman and have the opportunity to start," admitted Zandrowicz. Zandrowicz played all nine games and threw ten touchdowns, averaging 155.9 passing yards per game.

"Todd did a terrific job," Murray said.

Murray also credited several

other key players. Jeff Colasanti had a terrific year as running back, he said. Colasanti scored 11 touchdowns.

Wide Receiver Tom Callen and Tight End Justin Moore also had a good season, Murray said.

On defense, Murray mentioned Brian Keefer and Andy Genung as defensive leaders.

"I'm happy with what the players have accomplished so far," Murray said. "They are a good group of student athletes," he added.

Murray said he enjoyed the season and that it has been a pleasure to work with Athletic Director Jim Moretti and Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brody. They have both been very supportive of the football program, he added.

Murray added that the future looks bright for the team. He said the team is only losing seven seniors to graduation.

Phelan said the number of players who will be returning next year make him think the playoffs are a possibility. "We have a great shot," he said. □

Swimmers start strong

BY ANDY BERMAN

Men's Swimming

The men's swimming team started off their season with a tough loss to Ithaca College 133-101 last Tuesday.

The men won seven out of the 11 events.

Todd Striker won the 200 freestyle (1:47.37) and the 200 backstroke (2:00.59).

Brian Striker won the 50 freestyle (22.63) and the 100 freestyle (49.30).

Drew Harrington won the 1000 freestyle (10:42.91).

On the diving platforms, Dave Berman won the 1 meter diving (226.65) and Jason Dobe won the 3 meter diving (233.60).

Women's Swimming

The women's swimming team was also defeated by Ithaca College 143-93 last Tuesday.

In defeating AU, Ithaca set five new pool records, and was

one hundredth of a second of setting a sixth.

Heather Ligerman won both the 200 Individual Medley (2:23.87) and the 100 fly (1:04.14).

Betsy Kachmar won the 100 freestyle (58.05), Amber Brooks won the 100 breaststroke in (1:11.31) and Katie Ernst dove her way into first on the 1 meter diving board (193.20).

Final Fall Records

Football	5-4
Men's Soccer	7-7-1
Women's Soccer	10-6-1
lost in 1st round of NYSW-CAA playoffs	
Volleyball	17-17
lost in 2nd round of NYSW-CAA playoffs	
Women's Tennis	3-4
Men's X-C	
12th of 14 at NYSCTC Championships	
Women's X-C	
11th of 14 at NYSCTC Championships	□

Winter teams get ready for '98-'99 season

Schedules for Saxon basketball and swimming teams

Women's Basketball

11/21-22	Buffalo State Tourn.
11/24	Hilbert 5 p.m.
12/1	@ Cazenovia 6 p.m.
12/5	Pitt-Bradford 2 p.m.
12/8	Elmira 6 p.m.
12/11	@ Clarkson 6 p.m.
12/12	@ St. Lawrence 1 p.m.
1/8-9	Pitt-Bradford Tourn.
1/11	Cazenovia 6 p.m.
1/14	@ Cortland 6 p.m.
1/18	Keuka 6 p.m.
1/21	Baptist Bible 5:30 p.m.
1/23	@ Houghton 6 p.m.
1/29	@ R.I.T. 8 p.m.
2/1	Fredonia 5:30 p.m.
2/3	@ Hilbert 6 p.m.
2/6	@ Medaille 5 p.m.
2/9	R.I.T. 6 p.m.
2/11	@ Keuka 6 p.m.
2/13	Houghton 2 p.m.
2/15	@ Ithaca 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

11/20-21	Mt. Union Tourn.
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11/24	Hilbert	7 p.m.
11/28-29	U. of Rochester Tourn.	
12/1	@ Cazenovia	8 p.m.
12/4-5	Nazareth Tourn.	
12/8	Elmira	8 p.m.
12/11	@ Clarkson	8 p.m.
12/12	@ St. Lawrence	3 p.m.
1/12	@ Medaille	7 p.m.
1/14	@ Cortland	8 p.m.
1/16	@ Hartwick	3 p.m.
1/18	Keuka	8 p.m.
1/23	@ Houghton	8 p.m.
1/26	Nazareth	7:30 p.m.
2/2	Medaille	7 p.m.
2/6	@ Elmira	3 p.m.
2/9	R.I.T.	8 p.m.
2/11	@ Keuka	8 p.m.
2/13	Houghton	4 p.m.
2/21	Pitt-Bradford	3 p.m.
2/23	@ Ithaca	7 p.m.
2/26	@ Hilbert	7 p.m.

Women's Swimming

11/21	Geneseo	1 p.m.
12/5	@ R.I.T.	1 p.m.

1/12	Coral Springs Classic
1/13	@ Lycoming
1/23	Sprint Invitational
1/27	@ Nazareth 6 p.m.
1/30	@ LeMoyne 1 p.m.
2/3	William Smith 7 p.m.
2/6	Hartwick 1 p.m.
2/18-20	NYSWCAA Championships
3/11-13	NCAA DIII Championships

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1/13	@ Lycoming	4 p.m.
1/23	Sprint Invitational	
1/27	@ Nazareth	6 p.m.
1/30	@ LeMoyne	1 p.m.
2/6	Hartwick	1 p.m.
2/25-27	Upper NYS Championships	
3/18-20	NCAA DIII Championships	