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How AU is going global



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AU assistant professor Zong Dai (right) stands with Director General Jong-Moon Im (left) in front of the Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone Authority in the Jeonnam province in South Korea, where Dai visited to see the site for AU's potential South Korea campus.

By Thomas Fleming
Editor in Chief

Since February, Alfred University administrators have been working with a province in South Korea to possibly establish a branch campus in South Korea, which could be larger

than AU's main campus in Alfred. Meanwhile, program talks in Turkey continue.

The two potential projects are part of AU's plan to expand international opportunities for students.

"We don't believe we can prepare students the best way we

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President Edmondson opposes initiative to lower drinking age

By Sam Urann
Features and Opinions Editor

Presidents and chancellors of 100 universities from around the country have recently been attempting to lower the minimum drinking age from 21 to 18 years of age.

This movement, known as the Amethyst Initiative, began over one year ago when John McCardell, the former President of Middlebury College in Vermont, formed the movement. He believes a switch of the drinking age will alter the environment and atmosphere in which underage students drink on campus.

"Adults under 21 are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer," a statement on the Amethyst Initiative Web site, <http://www.amethystinitiative.org/>, says.

This movement has grown to include presidents of universities such as Duke, Dartmouth, Ohio State, Syracuse, Tufts, Colgate, Kenyon, Morehouse and Rhodes College.

There are presidents and

organizations in opposition to this movement, too, such as President Donna Shalala of the University of Miami. Shalala has spoken strongly against altering the drinking age. M.A.D.D., or Mothers Against Drunk Driving, has joined Shalala in the opposition.

AU President Charles Edmondson, in an e-mail to the Fiat Lux, stated his position.

"The Amethyst Initiative reflects a belated recognition that we have a grave problem of alcohol abuse among a minority of young people," Edmondson said. "Unfortunately, those responsible for the Initiative have focused on an issue that is irrelevant to the problem of binge drinking. Had these presidents taken the time to consult any of the many studies on this subject, they would have learned that the majority of college-age binge drinkers were bingeing while still in high school. So, if the legal drinking age is considered a significant causal factor, their logic should lead them to favor dropping the age limit to 12. That is plainly absurd.

"Facts (as opposed to folkish assumptions) should guide the discussion of the alcohol crisis

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Miller II theater construction is on track for 2010 completion

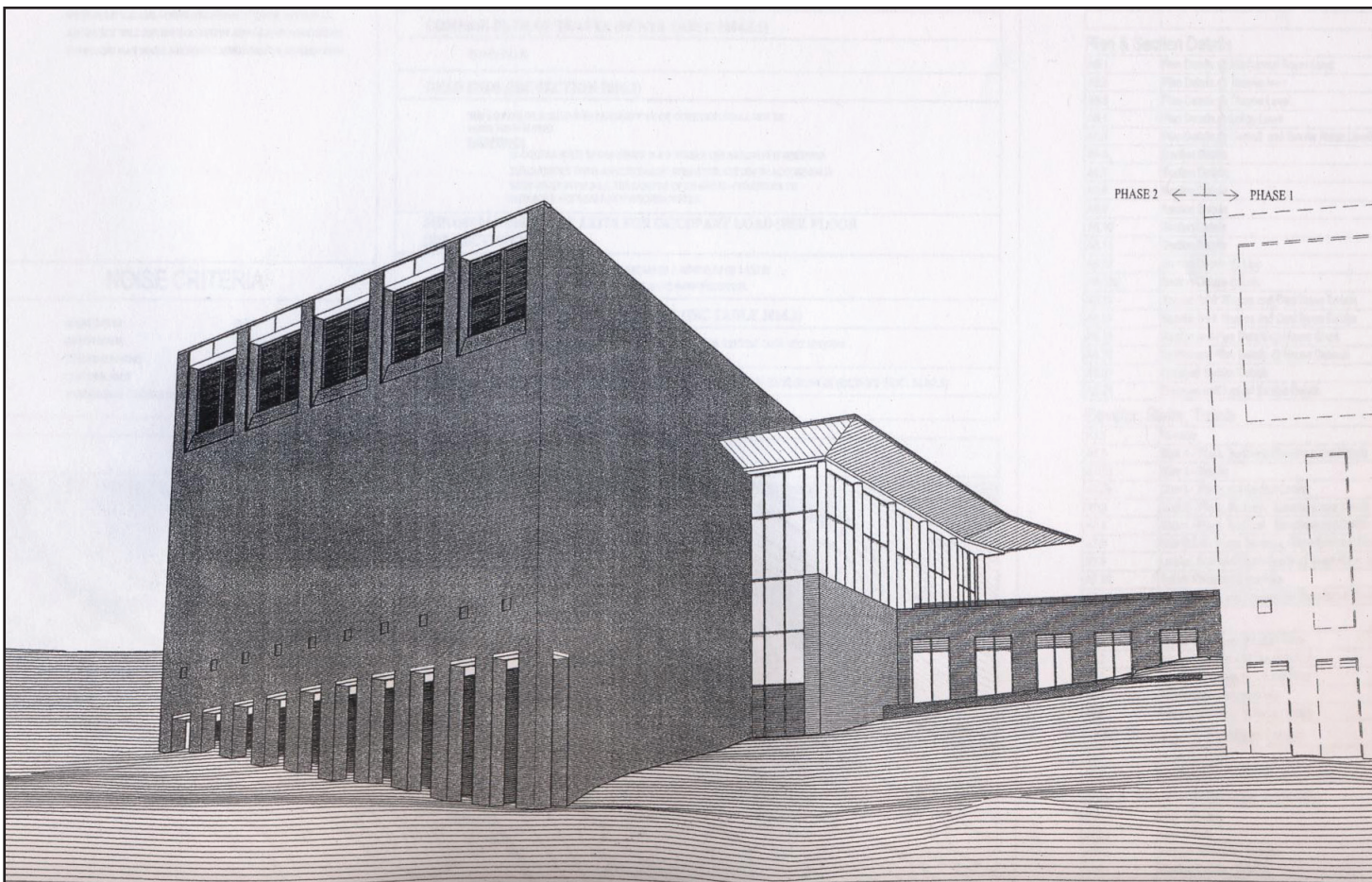


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Above, the conceptual plan for the Miller II theater. Miller I can be seen on the right. When completed, the two theaters will be connected. Construction is set to be completed by 2010.

By Jeremy Juhasz
Sports Editor

There's anticipation in the Division of Performing Arts at Alfred University as the second phase of the Miller project is underway.

"This (project) is all part of the extension in performing arts," Lisa Lantz, the Chair of the Division of Performing Arts, said.

Since the inception of the Miller project, the plan was to tackle its construction in two phases. The existing Miller building was built in 1996. In 2003, AU President Charles Edmondson approached and asked Dr. Marlin Miller Jr., to finance the completion, or phase two, of the project. Funded solely by Miller, an alumnus of Alfred University, and his wife Regina, the University received a tremendous and unusual \$35 million gift.

"Rarely does an institution like Alfred University receive such an opportunity to literally change the course of its future," said Edmondson, in a February 2005 press release. "The Millers' generosity, which springs both from a love of the arts and from Marlin Miller's abiding affection for his alma mater, will have a profound effect on Alfred University for generations

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EDITORIAL

Remembering 9/11?

9/11.

This year, the date seemed to pass without much notice. Surely bells went off in people's minds as they wrote the date in their notebooks or glanced at the numbers blinking at the bottom of their cell phones. How are we all doing on this anniversary?

Seven years ago, America's heart skipped a beat when the planes crashed into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Whether or not we lost friends and loved ones on that day, we all experienced tremendous trauma and grief. Have we healed, or are we simply numb and able to move away from those memories without more than a quick, guarded glance back?

The answer to this question is different for everyone. It is undeniably painful to revisit those feelings of fear, pain and overwhelming sadness that settled over our country in the aftermath of the attacks. We have two competing pulls within us--to remember those we lost on 9/11, and to move on as best we can.

The point of remembering should not be to sink into mindless depression on this anniversary, but to reflect carefully. Surely we can all remember where we were and what we were doing at the time the towers fell. We remember our disbelief, our confusion and our anguish over the death of thousands of innocent people. Do we also remember the almost unknown sparks of brightness in that black dark, such as the passengers aboard Flight 93, who thwarted the hijackers' plans to crash the plane into the White House or the Federal Building?

Or how about the firefighters and police officers that sacrificed their own lives pulling people from collapsed and burning buildings? The brief, yet intense, moments of unity when our country grieved as one family, and the rest of the world supported us? This is what we can't forget.

Here at AU, 9/11 wasn't commemorated in any official way--there was no 5 stories, candlelight vigil or memorial service this year, as there have been in the past. However, regardless of whether or not we publicly remember the events of 9/11, the day has left an indelible mark on the collective psyche of our nation, and that influence will last for a long, long time. As 19th century Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier wrote, "The great eventful Present hides the Past; but through the din of its loud life hints and echoes from the life behind steal in." We owe it to both ourselves and the memories of those who died to make sure those echoes come through a screen of conscious reflection.

We can all take it upon ourselves to reflect in our own ways. Our reflection does not have to focus on the pain and terror of that day, but rather on the strength of spirit that we summoned, both as a nation and as individuals, in a time of formidable crisis.

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OPINION

AU Health and Fitness:
Avoiding the "Freshman 15"!

By Matthew Cohn
Contributing Writer

Just about every college student has heard about the dreaded "freshman 15" – the abrupt addition of 15 pounds of flab during the first year. Some may think this weight gain is inevitable, but there are a few things we can consider that will prove otherwise and help control your weight, whether you're a freshman or not!

First we must consider the causes of this condition. College is a huge jump toward independence for most first-year students. Mom is no longer making you healthy meals or moving your lazy butt off the couch! The dining halls are equipped with all-you-can-eat buffet (of varying quality) day in and day out. With so many choices, what are the best foods to eat? How much should you eat? The answers are not simple; They vary from person to person and depend on a variety of factors such as size, activity level, metabolism and others. There are some rough guidelines to follow though.

Try to avoid sugary foods; stick with complex carbohydrates. Sweet, sugary foods (and drinks) cause a dramatic jump in blood sugar, which induces your pancreas to secrete large amounts of insulin. Insulin is the hormone that drives sugar into the cells of your body (meaning quicker fat storage with more insulin). When an excess amount of carbohydrates (sugar) is ingested, the body's cells will convert this sugar into fat. If you have to drink soda, go with diet. Soft drinks, as you probably know, are loaded with sugar. Avoid eating too much of those sugary cereals for the same reasons listed above. Avoiding fatty foods is important too. Fats are important to have in your diet, but most people consume more than they need – this of course results in weight gain.

I am not advocating that you avoid the types of foods listed above entirely – I encourage you to use moderation and be smart with what you eat; just keep in the back of your mind that your body is quite literally what you eat (so don't eat too much garbage!).

So now we have an idea of what to avoid. What should we eat, then? In terms of carbohydrates, try

to stick with whole wheat bread, whole grain cereals, sweet potatoes, rice and whole-wheat pasta (which is not likely to be available in the dining hall). Aim for lean meats such as turkey, fish and chicken. Vegetables (cooked or in salads) are nature's vitamins – not only do they fill you up, but they contain far less calories and much more nutrition than other foods. If you have a sweet tooth, stick to fruit – a lot of nutrition and a lot of flavor!

A typical college student will crawl out of bed to sit in class all day, sit while eating, sit while studying, watching TV and so on. In other words, there is too much sitting around – get off your butt! Take advantage of the McLane center- shoot some hoops, run, swim, lift, play racquetball, join a intramural team – do something to get yourself active! Exercise has been shown in numerous studies to help with stress, cognitive functioning and so much more! Try to get a hard workout at least 3 times a week – it will make a world of difference.

Drinking, as most of us know, is common in colleges everywhere. To put it quite simply, if you're going to drink, don't over do it. A can of light beer typically has around 100 calories – this means those calories add up quickly if you're binge drinking. Fruity alcoholic drinks typically have even more calories than that. Another consideration is alcohol itself. Drinking alcohol (ethanol) has calories – these calories are empty, meaning they have no nutritional value. Be smart and use abstinence, or at least moderation, to avoid that beer belly!

Life style changes like this won't produce results overnight – it will take some persistence and dedication. If you deter from the path, don't give – just set yourself straight and keep going! The results will show for themselves and it will be worth it.

To sum it up, be mindful of what you eat, stay active, use moderation, and most importantly have a fun year!

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HELL FOR BEGINNERS

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THIS CARTOON FOR NEOPHYTES AND A REMEDIAL COURSE FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION

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Students beware: Take steps to protect yourself online



When it comes to deciding what to put up on Facebook, English professor Allen Grove, the head of Alfred’s FYE program, recommends thinking of the most drunken, violent, stalker-like person you can. “Now,” he says, “do you want them knowing where you sleep at night?”

While privacy filters and limited profile options certainly help things, it is not a good idea to rely on them. And it’s not just your residence and contact information that you should worry about.

Levi Johnson learned the hard way that what you put on Facebook is not necessarily secure. He is the self-proclaimed “f***n’ redneck” who doesn’t want kids and is set to marry Sarah Palin’s daughter. Because of Johnson’s comments, Palin, John McCain’s running mate for the 2008 election, is now facing criticism for forcing the teenager into a “shotgun wedding.”

But you don’t need to be the father of the VP candidate’s grandchild to have to worry about what people know about you. Schools, employers and even the authorities can get access to your profile, and it can affect whether or not you get into that graduate program or get that job you wanted.

For instance, as a future teacher, if I saw a picture of a potential co-worker assailing passers-by with a snowball-launching potato

gun from a third story window, I would inform my principal that that particular candidate would not be a good role model for children, and should probably not be allowed anywhere near them, much less be responsible for them and their education.

So, before you post that photo of yourself completely hammered and dancing topless on the bar at Alex’s, or write a nasty note about your boss, think, “Would I want my boss/professor/grandmother to see this?” If the answer is no, you might not want to post it.

This doesn’t mean that you should cancel your FB or MySpace account, or that you shouldn’t go to parties. Just be aware that the people you were with that night you went through two kegs and decided to spray-paint genitalia on all of the billboards within a three-mile radius aren’t the only ones that might see the video you took of it.

Things you might want to rethink posting about on the Internet:

- Alcohol (especially if you’re a minor)
- Drugs
- Illegal activities
- Sexually explicit material
- Stuff you wouldn’t want a stalker knowing

Roving Reporter

Recently, Alfred University was named the 20th unhappiest college in America in a study by the Princeton Review, a company that helps people through every level of their education, including figuring out which college to attend. How do you, as a current student here at AU, feel about that?

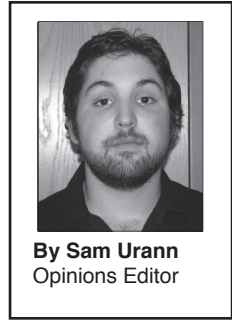
By Zack Block
Copy Editor



“I don’t see what’s really to be depressed about.”

-Kevin Sykora
Senior
Math

THE POLITICAL STAGE



The Presidential Election, on Tuesday November 4, is rapidly approaching, and regardless of which party takes the White House, this election will be embedded in history for its groundbreaking nominations. This election will determine the direction our nation will take on issues such as: abortion, health care, firearms, the war in Iraq and climate change; therefore, getting to know the candidates is essential.

The Democratic National Convention was recently held from August 25 to 28. Senator Barack Obama and Senator Joe Biden accepted the nominations for the presidential and vice presidential candidacies respectively.

On the other side of the political spectrum, the Republican National Convention was held from September 1 to the 4, where Senator John McCain and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin accepted the nominations for the presidential and vice presidential candidacies, respectively.

The parties and their respective presidential nominees have a variety of different approaches to the problems of the United States at home and abroad.

On the issue of abortion the candidates are polarized. John McCain opposes abortion. He believes the decision of Roe v. Wade is flawed, and he hopes to overturn it by nominating new judges if he is elected. This would remove the federal government from having any control over the issue, and the law would fall strictly under state jurisdiction. Barack Obama is an advocate of abortion. He believes in a women’s right to choose. He feels the decision of Roe v. Wade is essential, and if elected would oppose any constitutional amendment overturning the current Supreme Court decision.

In terms of health care, John McCain says he would encourage private insurance by offering tax credits to make health insurance more affordable to citizens. On the other side, Barack Obama says he would continue private insurance while instituting

a national health care system for all Americans.

When it comes to the issue of firearms, John McCain is anti-gun control, and voted down bans on assault-type weapons, high capacity magazines, “armor piercing” ammunition, “waiting periods” for citizens attempting to purchase guns, as well as gun manufacturer liability in law suits. Barack Obama is pro-gun control, and he voted for gun manufacturers and gun dealers to be held liable in law suits.

The war in Iraq is a controversial issue and each candidate has a difference stance on the United States military action in the Middle East. John McCain opposed troop withdrawal, supported the surge, and believes the current strategy is the correct course of action. Barack Obama has been an opponent of the war from its start in 2003, and claims to have a strategy to remove all combat forces by 2009.

On the matter of the environment and climate change, both candidates have formulated plans to execute if and when they take the presidency. John McCain plans to institute a cap and trade policy that would limit greenhouse gas emissions by buying and selling the rights to emit, while expanding nuclear power. This plan would supposedly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2050. Barack Obama similarly proposes an economy-wide cap and trade policy to supposedly reduce emissions by 80% by 2050. Obama also has a policy to institute a 10 year, \$150 billion program to create 5 million new jobs, while investing in clean energy solutions. Both candidates support tougher fuel efficiency standards.

The candidates will continue to support and develop their various policies in the upcoming debates on September 26, October 7, and October 15. The vice-presidential debate, between Biden and Palin, will be on October 2. If you wish to learn more about each candidate check out their Web sites at <http://www.johnmccain.com> and <http://www.barackobama.com>.

Go to:
www.thefiatlux.com and take our “AU Presidential Choice Poll.”

STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

September 10, 2008

By Sam Urann
Features and Opinions Editor

-Laura Findlay announced that the Division of Student Affairs is offering a Leadership Certificate Program. The program is open to all students who are at least second-semester sophomores. If you’re interested call 607-871-2132 or e-mail studentaffairs@alfred.edu.

-President Nate Kisselburgh explained that ITS acknowledges the recent problem with the Internet’s slow connection speed, and he assured the AU community that they are working to resolve this issue.

-Caretta Morris was elected to the position of Student Senate Secretary.

-Committee meetings will continue as they did last year; meeting in Nevins Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Food committee meets September 17.



“There’s nothing really to do around here, maybe that’s why.”

-Chris Powell
Sophomore
Electrical Engineering



“The weather is always against you.”

-Jason Chenette
Senior
Glass Science Engineering



“Who’s first, Cornell?”

-Nick Mahan
Junior
Electrical Engineering



PHOTO BY NANCY FREELOVE

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need to prepare them for a world that is already economically integrated across the globe; A world in which it will simply not be possible, if you have any level of responsibility in life, to work only with other people from your culture," AU President Charles Edmondson said.

The potential campus in South Korea would be built in the Hwayang District in the Jeonnam Province, also known as Jeollanam-do, in South Korea, which is about 200 miles from the South Korean capital of Seoul. Edmondson said that an enrollment of 1000-2500 is hopeful for the campus.

Planning began for the potential campus after Zong Dai, an assistant professor of management in the College of Business, received a 'cc'd e-mail Feb. 11 from the Jeonnam Province Investment Department in South Korea. The e-mail, however, was addressed to Professor Adel Al-Sharkas.

Dai, who was born in China, still does not know why he was one of the people at AU to receive the e-mail.

The e-mail, which was sent by a consultant for the Jeonnam province, states that Jeonnam province officials were looking for a potential American university interested in establishing a branch campus in the Jeonnam province. This request is part of a government initiative in South Korea that is looking to develop certain areas of the country.

"This province was less developed area than others and Central Government has invested about \$10 Billion for 5 years to make balance," the e-mail states.

After receiving the e-mail, Dai spoke to administrators, including President Edmondson.

According to Dai, the chief representative from the Jeonnam province visited the campus on April 1. Afterwards, on May 6, the governor of the province visited and President Edmondson signed an official agreement.

Edmondson said that signing the agreement allows AU to have the rights of first refusal.

Dai visited South Korea Aug. 11-22 to tour the Hwayang District, which is the planned site for the potential campus. He explained how AU will approach

the new campus.

"Our vision, our goal, our mission is to develop this branch campus into a comprehensive branch campus in South Korea," Dai said. "This campus will provide Alfred a permanent physical platform for Alfred in Asia."

Edmondson's first chance to speak to anybody at AU about the potential South Korea campus was at a faculty meeting, which was held before classes began this semester.

The potential South Korea campus is not the only international project in progress. Edmondson said that discussions with officials in Turkey continue, but that the proposition of a Turkey campus will be out of the question for a long time.

AU faculty and students first became aware of the possibility of an international program in Turkey when an AU press release, which the Fiat Lux published in its Sept. 24, 2007 issue, stated that a campus in Turkey called Alfred University Istanbul Campus was to be established around October 2008. The press release is no longer available in AU's online press release archives at <http://www.alfred.edu>.

The potential Turkey program became the center of a controversy that concerned several students, faculty and administrators last fall. The controversy began when The Chronicle of Higher Education posted and published a blog that accused Alfred University of breaking Turkish law by allowing women to wear headscarves. Due to the sensitive issues related to the Islamic religion's role in Turkish society, the religion's custom of requiring women to wear headscarves has become the center of an ongoing cultural debate.

"The headscarf issue, actually, it's a part of this," Edmondson said. "I added to the confusion when people asked me what I thought about that last year. I didn't realize that their question was in the context of 'you started a program.' I thought they understood we hadn't, and that this was kind of a discussion about what we would do. My preference would be to operate exactly as we operate here. So that if a Muslim student wears a headscarf to class, that's her business."

Edmondson said he wants to make it clear that AU never had a campus in Istanbul, but that he has spoken to the Ministry of Education and the Council of Higher Education in Turkey about starting one.

"We've never had a campus in Istanbul," Edmondson said. "There was an English-language school that inappropriately put our name on the side of its building, but we've never operated a campus there. We never even sought permission to operate a campus there."

According to Edmondson, AU currently has a legal settlement with Universal Education, Inc., who owns and operates the school in Turkey. Edmondson described the future Turkey program as an AU-advised program in which AU would act as academic consultants.

"They will not be carrying our name," Edmondson said. "We would provide curricular materials, educational materials, oversight of academic standards as if we were consultants for these people."

Students heading to Istanbul or South Korea from AU will be able to stay within an AU curriculum. An aspect of study abroad programs that currently makes it difficult for undergraduate students to graduate within four years is that students oftentimes cannot continue their curriculum abroad.

"It's very difficult to see how people can graduate in four years anymore," Edmondson said. "It's very tough."

Edmondson said that both the potential South Korea branch campus and the AU-advised Turkey program will be taught in English, and he said that neither project will deplete resources from the main campus.

"We're not going to do anything that jeopardizes our reputation," Edmondson said. "And we aren't going to do anything that diverts resources from this campus to either Korea or Turkey. In fact, both of these will generate resources that will come back here."

Edmondson said that he will discuss both international possibilities with the Board of Trustees before the Board of Trustees meeting in October.

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to come."

The main attraction inside will feature an approximately 480-seat auditorium with state-of-the-art equipment. For instance, an automated and motorized orchestra pit will allow for an expanded stage. Sound paneling will add depth and sharpness for concerts and performances. Sound quality also will be upgraded from an analog to digital soundboard.

"The primary purpose of the newer part is to give us a traditional presidium theater," Zachary Hamm, technical director of performing arts, said.

Externally, the construction of the building is in its early stages. The foundation is the focus at the moment.

"We're on the caisson phase. We're doing foundation work," Executive Director for Capital Projects Mike Neiderbach said. "We're hoping that by the end of October all the caisson work will be wrapped up."

Neiderbach also said that while no construction projects are 100 percent smooth, there have been no major hiccups to set the project behind schedule.

The target date to complete the building is spring of 2010.

According to Neiderbach, the building is supposed to be standing by January of 2010. However, before the building is operational, the installation of sound, wiring and equipment will mark the end of a long process.

The immediate concern from students is the parking lot that's been cordoned off near the construction site. Neiderbach says that only a handful of spots will be affected by the construction, and that additional parking is now available to students next to Joel's House.

For further updates on the Miller II renovation, check out future articles in the Fiat Lux.

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among college-age students in the U.S. and the U.K. (where 18 is the drinking age). In my opinion, lowering or raising the drinking age is irrelevant to the behavior causing the crisis."

The argument will continue over the appropriate drinking age in America. But, for students at AU who feel that they have a drinking problem, there are student support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Students can contact the Counseling and Student Development Center at 607-871 2300.

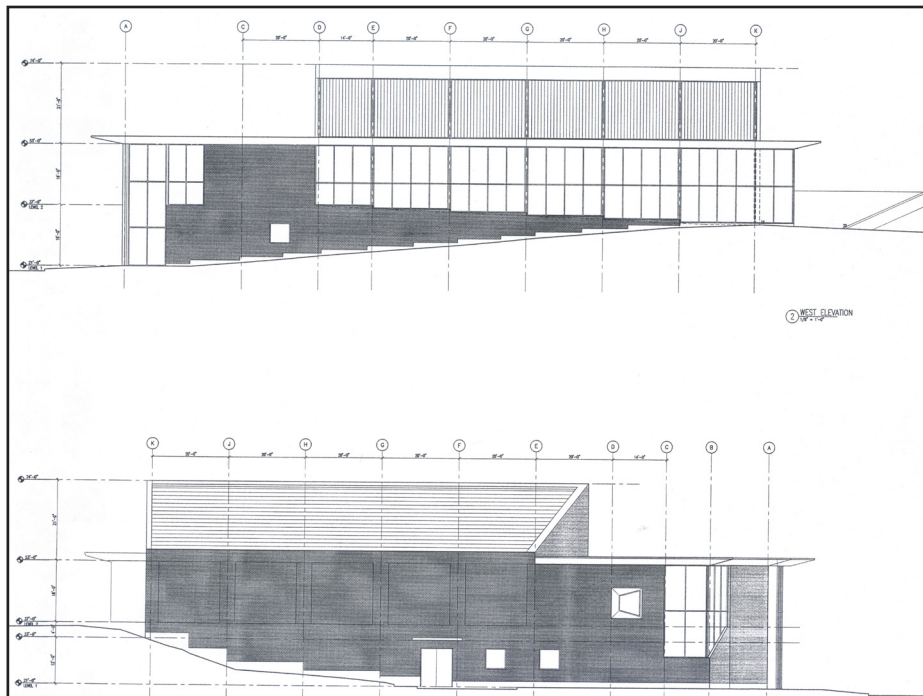


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The anticipated demolition of Davis Gymnasium and construction of The Ceramics Museum (left) at the gym location has a new tentative schedule, according to Michael A. Neiderbach, AU's Executive Director of Capital Projects & Legal Affairs.

The athletic department and other student activities are utilizing Davis Gym for this entire school year. "Subject to Board of Trustee approval ... demolition is projected to take place in May 2009, after graduation," Neiderbach said.

Construction could start almost immediately after demolition. "Construction is probable for June 2009, with a probable completion during the summer of 2010", added Neiderbach.

The Alfred University landscape is changing with many projects moving forward. These projects include The Miller Performing Arts Center expansion, Ann's House, and McGee Pavilion and an addition to Harder Hall, which honors the late State Senator Patricia K. McGee was instrumental in securing funds for the Ceramics Museum.

-Story by Tom Hayden

SAB looks for the year's large acts

By Elizabeth Daniello
Contributing Writer

Picking out a large act for Alfred University might seem like an easy task. But for Student Activities Board Large Act Chair Mike Kudra, it's a difficult and exciting process.

According to SAB Adviser Dan Napolitano, "(Kudra) needs to make a decision that may not be popular with the students and to convince the students that this is worthy of their time. I'm here to support the student leaders with the difficult decisions."

Part of Kudra's plan of action includes possibly splitting his budget for a larger band in the fall semester and a smaller band for Hot Dog Day 2009.

"I'm just looking for something fun," said Kudra.

Many students have said that Hot Dog Day 2007 was one of AU's most memorable concerts. Gym Class Heroes graced the stage in the McLane parking lot at the culmination of the Hot Dog Day festivities.

"I liked it, but I thought it could be better," said Kudra. "It was a good show."

Another member of SAB, Stephanie Mager, a junior, said, "The Gym Class Heroes show

was a lot of fun. The turnout was great, it was a great day and was definitely worth the stress and planning."

In 2008, former SAB Large Act Chair Alexis Grabowski attempted to put together another great Hot Dog Day concert. However, a couple of months prior to the show Grabowski found out that the band had a conflict between its members and had to back out at the last minute.

"After the cancellation, there were no other bands that SAB could agree on," said Napolitano. "So we came up with many ideas and turned the Hot Dog Day concert into the Hot Dog Day Hodge Podge."

Over the summer, Napolitano and Kudra worked diligently to submit offers in for several bands, including Metro Station and The Kooks. However, both offers were rejected.

At the start of the Fall 2008 semester, a large-act survey was put on the My.Alfred Web site for students to give their suggestions for a possible large act for the 2008-2009 school year.

The results showed that the two most popular genres of music, as defined by the survey, are rock (popular songs on FM radio) and alternative rock (songs often

played on college radio). The two most popular bands from the survey options listed were Paramore and Arcade Fire. Some other bands that are being considered are OK Go, Girl Talk, and Clap Your Hands Say Yeah.

"I'd love to see Jack's Mannequin or OK Go this year," said Mager. "Something that's kind of well-rounded, that will be pleasant and appealing to most everyone."

Aside from the music scene, SAB members are also looking into comedy troupes and comedians from TV shows such as Saturday Night Live and The Daily Show.

"We're keeping our eyes open," said Napolitano.

It's often difficult for SAB members to please everyone on campus with their decisions. "[But] even if you haven't heard of the band you should go, because we have a great track record," said Napolitano.

If you have any additional suggestions for possible large acts, the SAB meets at 6pm on Mondays in the Multicultural Suite on the first floor of Powell Campus Center. Suggestions and opinions can also be sent via email to Kudra at mak2@alfred.edu.

Communications professor to study inner workings of entertainment TV

Dr. Robyn Goodman, professor of communication studies at Alfred University, has been selected to attend a highly competitive faculty fellowship program to study the inner workings of entertainment TV in Hollywood, CA, Nov. 11-15.

During the all-expenses-paid fellowship experience, administered by the Television Academy Foundation's Education Programs Department, Goodman and 24 other selected faculty members from across the country will study how producers and writers work in the industry, the development of ideas and network pitching, program selection, scheduling, promotion and cancellation, visit behind-the-scenes, see new technology, and see industry professionals in action at production meetings.

Goodman earned a bachelor of arts degree in interna-

tional relations/ anthropology from California State University-Chico. She continued her education at the University of Missouri-Columbia where she received a master of arts degree in journalism, and then completed her Ph.D. in mass media/journalism at Michigan State University.

At AU, Goodman teaches news writing, international communications, public relations, mass media and society, and media coverage of women and minorities. She is currently working on her newest publication "Culture, Language, and Social Class."

Goodman's preferred areas of research include press coverage of U.S.-China relations, post-Communist media systems, and the impact of culture and gender on media-related issues.

Career Development Center to host 2008 Engineering Career Fair

Pull out your professional business attire and get ready to meet and mingle with potential employers from various engineering companies, because it is time for the 2008 Engineering Career Fair!

This is a great opportunity for engineering majors, as well as others, to get their name and face in front of potential employers who are looking to hire undergraduate, graduate and doctoral candidates for various full-time permanent positions, internships and co-ops.

"The Engineering Career Fair is an excellent opportunity to meet and network with potential employers," AU alumnus Mike Christofferson says. "I (was) employed by PPG Industries after meeting with them at the career fair. The Career Development Center does an excellent job setting up the fair and it gets better each year."

This year, the Alfred University Career Development Center will be sponsoring the event, which will be held on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Powell Campus Center. The fair will begin at noon and run until 3 p.m. on Oct. 2. This event is free to all students, alumni, and community members interested in exploring career possibilities, so take advantage of the opportunity!

We encourage all attendees to dress in business attire and to bring several resumes to leave with employers. If you are unsure of what business professional attire is, or if you need help with your resume, visit <http://www.alfred.edu/cdc>, where you can find useful links such as "Resume Guidelines" and "Dress for Success." It would also be a good idea to look at the career fair employer list, so you can plan on who you would like to talk to during the fair, as well as research the companies to know a little about them prior to the event. For a growing list of companies attending the career fair, please visit the Alfred University Career Development



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An engineering student talks to two potential employers at last year's Engineering Career Fair. This year's fair will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Oct 2 in Powell Campus Center.

Center's Web site at <http://www.alfred.edu/cdc>. Companies are recruiting you, so give yourself the greatest chance for success and prepare thoroughly.

If you do leave a good impression on an employer, you may receive an invitation to the Engineering Career Fair Networking Reception later that night, where employers and students will have a second chance to talk with each other and Alfred

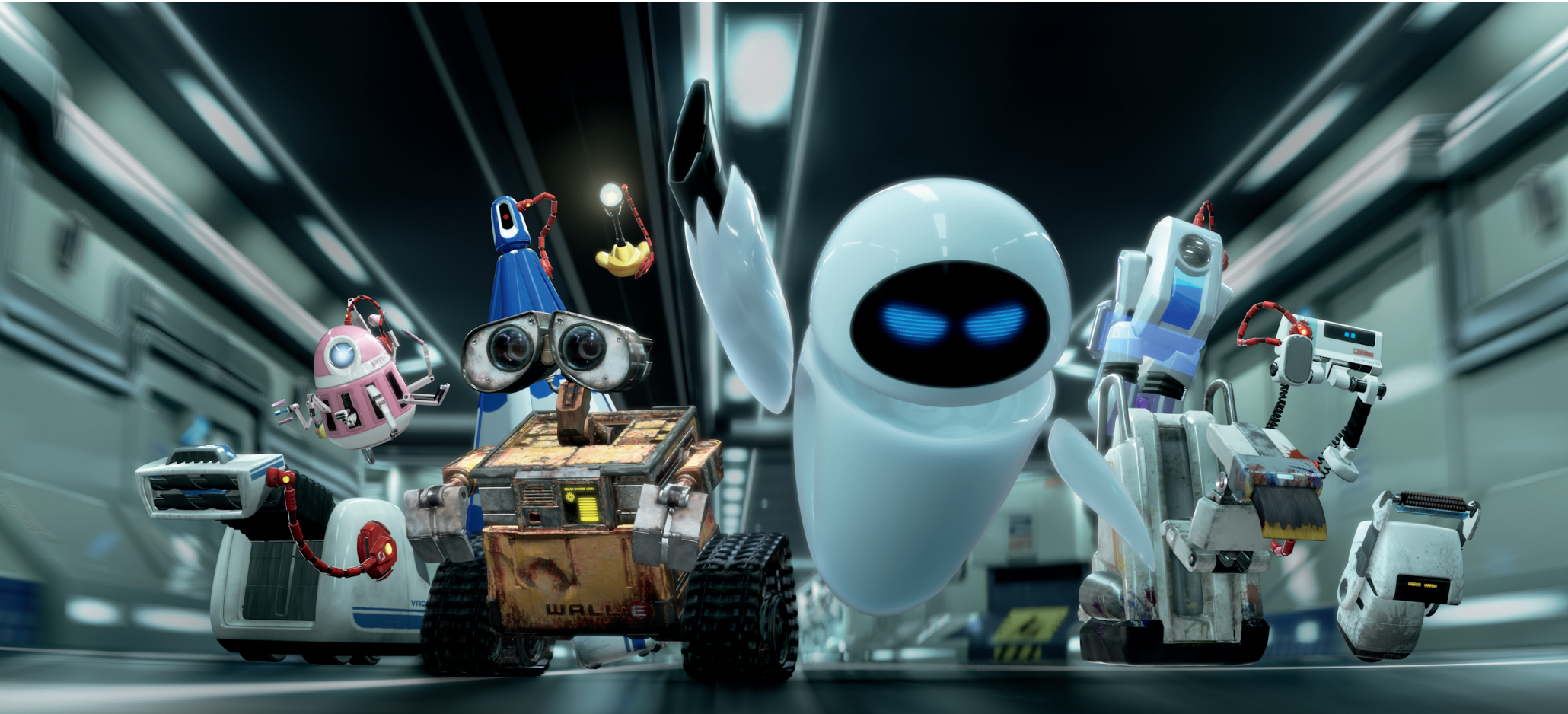
University Engineering faculty/staff. The reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is an invite-only event. To gain access to the reception, you must receive a "golden ticket" from an employer during the career fair earlier in the day. These tickets are only good for the person they are given to.

Don't forget! On Oct. 1, the Alfred University Career Development

Center will be having extended walk-in hours from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for students to get their resumes critiqued. Free resume paper will be given to everyone that comes to the CDC that day!

For full details on the Engineering Career Fair, please go to the Alfred University Career Development Center Web site: <http://www.alfred.edu/cdc>.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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Angry robots chase after the dutiful WALL-E in Disney and Pixar’s WALL-E, which will be shown in Nevins Theater Sept. 19 and 21.

Disney • PIXAR
WALL • E

WALL-E Review

By Leah Houk
A&E Editor

This summer served up the usual fluffy, forgettable drivel in the movie department, but WALL-E (and later The Dark Knight), surpassed the other summer movies by a mile. Pixar’s ninth full-length animated film opened to enormous critical acclaim; many reviewers have said it is Pixar’s best film to date. I enjoyed the movie thoroughly- the plot amused me, and the quality of the animation was stunning.

WALL-E (which stands for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth Class) is a square-bodied, binocular-eyed, caterpillar-tired, impossibly cute robot who spends his days compacting garbage into cubes on the post-apocalyptic earth.

The first twenty minutes of the film have no dialogue, only cute little blips and R2D2-like noises as WALL-E goes about his daily routine. There is no allusion to the creation of A.I. in the film; the film takes place 700 years in the future, and it is obvious that robots became sentient some time ago. To amuse himself, WALL-E builds intricate structures out of the cubes of garbage, and he always carries a small cooler with him to collect interesting detritus (i.e. a spork, a cassette tape). WALL-E lives in an impeccably organized storage shed with a Twinkie-dwelling pet cockroach, which follows him around like a dog.

WALL-E soon becomes smitten with another robot, the sleek and explosive EVE (Extra-terrestrial Vegetation Evaluator), sent to Earth from a space station to check for signs of renewed plant life. When EVE discovers the tiny seedling plant that WALL-E keeps in a boot filled with soil, she brings it back to the space station and love-struck WALL-E follows her.

The two halves of this movie have entirely distinct feelings. The first half develops slowly, focusing the viewer’s attention on minute, clever details of WALL-E’s world, and in the interactions between WALL-E and EVE. The second half, set aboard the space station, speeds up into more of a hyperactive, clever cartoon.

The humans on the space station are distressing. They are so obese that they must float around on what appear to be hovering pool rafts, and they do nothing but eat and shop. One question nagged at me, and I couldn’t get it out of my head- how did the people survive without the means to grow their own food (and clothing, bedding and other consumer goods)? What supplied the consumerist demand aboard that space station?

I suppose the people at Pixar couldn’t go into too much detail, because the movie had to be child-friendly (i.e. the people couldn’t all starve to death on the space station), and so food had to appear from nowhere. The film’s message is a heavy-handed, pro-environment, anti-large corporation one; people destroyed the earth through overconsumption of resources. However, there had to be a chance at salvation- both philosophical and physical- for the people. I’m sure many people agree that a heavy-handed message in these times is better than none at all.

WALL-E will be shown 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Sept. 19 and at 2 p.m. on Sept. 21 in Nevins Theater in Powell Campus Center.

Movie Review



Pleasing



Featured Artist Sponsored by Art Union



PHOTO BY KODI TIDD
This issue’s Art Union art box features the work of Mellie Mae Lonnemann. “I’m interested in the possibility of a material to suggest what it is not...a softness, an emotion, a moment,” Lonnemann says. The featured work is made of clay and filled with wool.

Rusted RootROCKSAlfred State



PHOTOS BY THOMAS FLEMING

From left, percussionist Liz Berlin, lead singer and guitarist Michael Glabicki and percussionist Preach Freedom were three of the Rusted Root’s seven members who entertained a packed Orvis Center at Alfred State on Sept. 12.

By Leah Houk
A&E Editor

Rusted Root performed Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. in Orvis Center at Alfred State. Round Black Ghost, an indie rock group, opened for Rusted Root, and though I walked in mid-set, I was immediately taken with the group. This was the first time I enjoyed an opening band about as much as I enjoyed the main band, and don’t get me wrong, I love Rusted Root. Round Black Ghosts, like Rusted Root, hails from Pittsburgh.

Rusted Root came on at 9 p.m., and jammed for over two hours to a packed audience. The band’s sound is up-tempo and eclectic, taking its influences from a variety of world sounds, including African, Middle Eastern, Indian and Latin American music, as well as Grateful Dead-style alternative rock. The band of seven, which includes lead guitarist and vocalist Michael Glabicki, percussionist and vocalist Liz Berlin, bassist and vocalist Patrick Norman, drummer and percussionist Jim Donovan, percussionist Jim DiSpirito, and percussionist and woodwind musician John Buynak, formed in 1990. Their first album, Cruel

Sun, debuted in 1992 under an indie label, and their first major-label album, When I Woke, debuted in 1994. Rusted Root has continued to release a new album every few years.

Several of their songs have been featured in movies and on TV shows, such as Twister, Home for the Holidays, and an episode of Ally McBeal.

The drum-laden sets kept the peppy crowd’s feet moving and bodies swaying. I can barely understand Rusted Root’s lyrics when listening to their CDs, let alone live, but I observed at least a couple of dedicated fans belting out the (still unintelligible) lyrics. Not understanding the lyrics doesn’t really matter though; the vocals are just another part of the super catchy sound.

The members switched between loads of instruments, including many guitars, steel drums, a drum set, djembe drums, gourds and rattles of various sorts, penny whistles, and other unusual percussion instruments. At one point Liz Berlin donned a sort of combination breastplate/washboard, which she strummed with metal picks.

The range of hairstyles among the band members

pleased me. From neat and blonde to an afro to three-foot dreadlocks, the variety of hair whipping around on stage was mesmerizing.

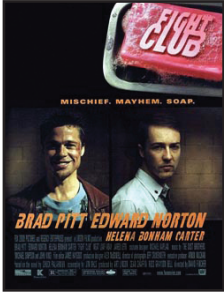
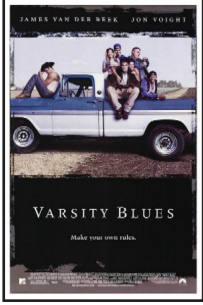
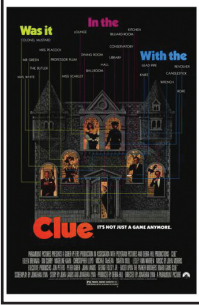
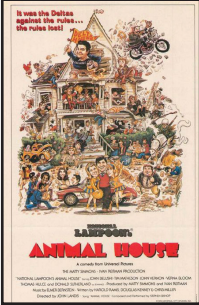
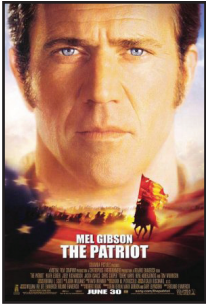
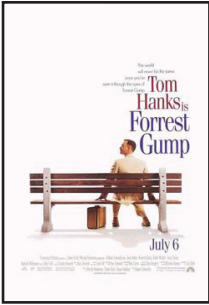
The band members also had great dynamics. They all danced about onstage, grinning at each other and the audience. There was a palpable connection between the members—they all seemed to have as much fun performing as we in the audience had listening and bopping around.

The band played the songs that made them famous, “Ecstasy” and “Send Me On My Way,” only at the very end, after the audience screamed for an encore and demanded the songs. “Say it one more time,” said an amused Glabicki, before breaking into the latter, the 1995 hit featured in Matilda and Ice Age. The bouncy song sounded as good live as it does recorded; in fact, I liked it better, because the charismatic band’s performance added to the happy endorphin rush that is that song. With that, Rusted Root sent us dancing and humming on our way.

AUTV/Student Senate Movie Channel lineup

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The Patriot

Animal House

Clue

Varsity Blues

Cloverfield

Fight Club

The schedule for the AUTV/Student Senate Movie Channel can be found at people.alfred.edu/~autv. The survey for each month’s student-chosen movies will be available at my.alfred.edu. AUTV is on channel 3 on campus only. Questions and comments can be sent to autv@alfred.edu.

Gordon Atlas: AU's new Honors director

By Sharifa Barrow
Contributing Writer

During a recent summer evening at nearby Forest Lake, junior honors student and English major Kristen Kovatch was kayaking with a friend when she spotted Psychology Professor Gordon Atlas and English Professor Allen Grove in a tandem kayak and decided to mess with them. Both parties apparently had the same idea, which quickly led to a head-on collision, Kovatch said.

If Atlas, the new director of AU's Honors Program, is as good natured and mischievous on the job as he is in his kayak, he should be a great fit for his new position.

"He is quirky in the good honors way," Kovatch said.

AU's Honors Program, which is 25 years old, gives exceptional students the opportunity to attend a two-credit honors seminar once a week each semester. These seminars can vary from "Living in Space" to "Science and Psychology of Harry Potter." And, according to honors students, the seminars give them a rare chance to interact with professors in a personal, informal manner.

Although honors seminars are classes, they seem more like a meeting of peers exploring a topic for the sake of knowledge, and it's more relaxing than a regular course, Kovatch said. For example, in a recent "Science

and Psychology of Harry Potter" class, a discussion flowed from "fortune telling" to "quantum mechanics," she continued.

"We go off on tangents," Kovatch said with a smile.

The Honors Program began in 1983 with Sociology Professor Larry Greil at the helm. Three years later, English Professor Paul Strong picked up the position and carried the responsibility for more than 20 years. According to Atlas, Strong was a charismatic, witty director who was truly invested in the program, and connected well with students.

Atlas added that Strong did a wonderful job directing, and Atlas still keeps in touch with him via e-mail for honors-related advice.

After some 20 years of direction by Strong, the Honors Program is in new hands. Although Atlas said he is delighted to have been chosen as the new director of the program, six other qualified individuals went up for the position, as well.

One such candidate, Philosophy Professor Emrys Westacott, says Atlas is a good choice for the job.

"I'm not all that disappointed, because I know it's in good hands," said Westacott.

Atlas says he taught about 10 honors seminars at AU over the years and for many years he has wanted to be the director of the program. When Strong retired last semester,

Atlas applied for the position. And now that he has the job, he hopes to make some changes.

For example, Atlas says he thinks the Honors Program is not as widely known as it should be.

"The Honors Program is the best kept secret at Alfred," he said.

One of the changes he plans on making is getting more publicity for the Honors Program to increase student enrollment. He would like to have some non-Honors students attend some Honors Program events to help integrate the program on campus. About 120 students are enrolled in the program today, and many more are qualified for it, he said.

Atlas also wants to eventually establish a center for the Honors Program, a location where he hopes an Honors Association can be created, and students will have more say in it.

Directing the Honors Program is proving to be a challenging responsibility so far, according to Atlas. It's keeping him pretty busy, and he is enjoying every moment of it, he said. He wants more people to know about the program because it's a great learning opportunity. And he is looking forward to getting to know more of the honor students.

"I'm thrilled to be in the position," Atlas concluded.

Free laundry on campus



PHOTO BY NADINE TITUS

A pile of laundry sits on top of a laundry machine abandoned. Students no longer need quarters to do their laundry on campus.

By Sara Kam Yan Yuen
Business Manager

For most new and returning students, one of the best things this year in Alfred is the free laundry.

"It's convenient. We don't need quarters anymore. I'm glad that I came to Alfred this year, not earlier," said Stephanie Choi, a first-year who is enjoying her new, exciting college life at Alfred.

"I think the free laundry is good because a lot of kids don't have that much money. Now, we don't need quarters, so we can have more snacks," said first-year Gerald Lane happily.

Other than helping students save money, the free laundry policy also brings students other benefits. Senior Phan Le, who had been either saving up quarters or struggling with the laundry card in the past three years, said, "I don't have to pay. It's good. Last year, sometimes the coins stuck or the laundry card didn't work. This year, there is no such problem."

For all policies, there are pros and cons. However, most students cannot see the down side of free laundry; only a few do. "Students probably do more laundry, as it is free now. More water and detergent are wasted, causing more environmental problems and pollution," said Charles Tang, a first-year who is very concerned about the environment. What Tang worries about is certainly

true, since some students are now doing laundry more than they did in the past.

"I'm glad that we have free laundry this year, so I can do my blacks and whites separately. Last year, I didn't want to waste money, so I washed my blacks and whites together, and all my white shirts become gray," said Amos Wong, a returning sophomore.

Most detergents contain phosphate, which causes algae growth when sewage is discharged to oceans and lakes. Algae uses up the oxygen in the water and causes death of aquatic life. Furthermore, a lot more water is used up, but generally students are not concerned about that, since they are among the eighty-three percent of the world's population that have access to safe drinking water.

There are rumors going around the campus that laundry is not truly free. "It's great because I don't have to carry around quarters. It's a good idea that they include (the laundry expense) in our tuition fee. The tuition fee went up, and it's probably the 'free laundry,'" said Marissa Tousley, a sophomore.

Although the free laundry policy makes some students worry about environmental problems and feel like they are being charged unfairly, it is still a piece of good news to most students.

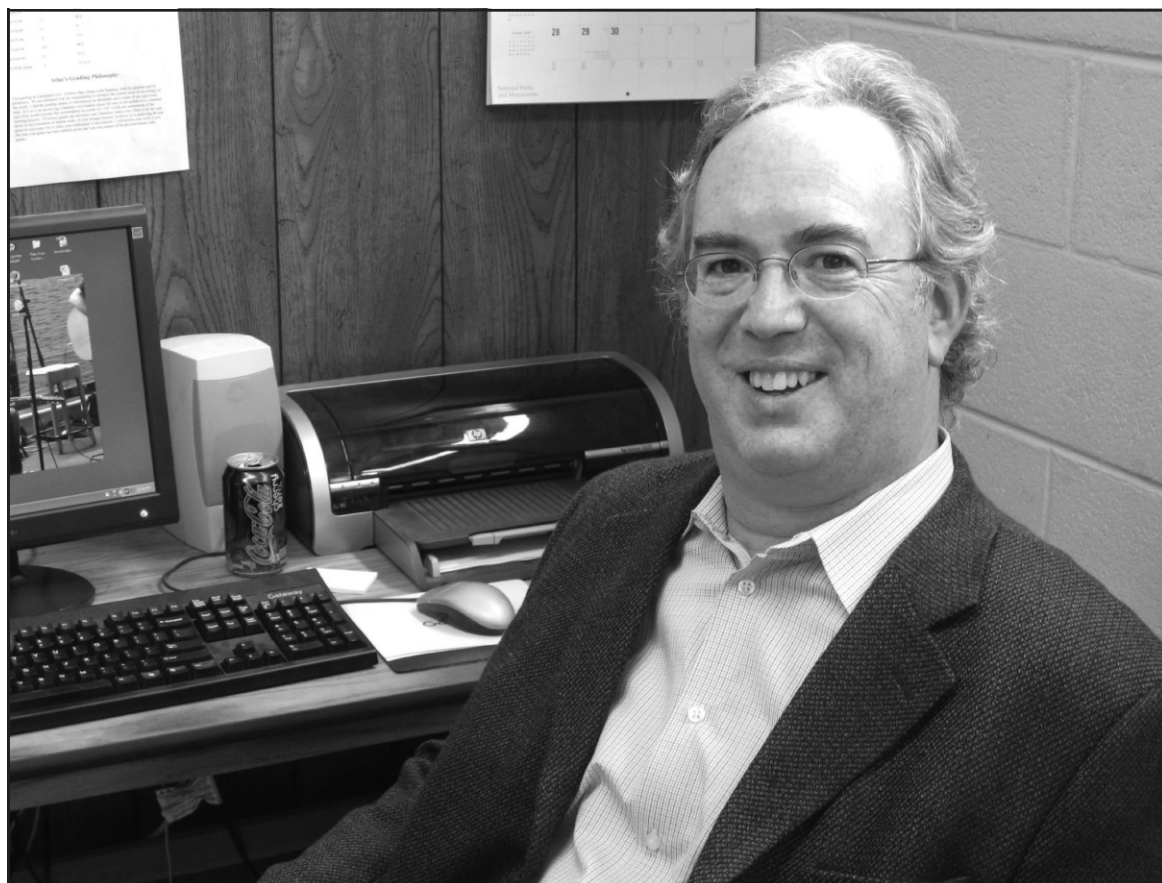


PHOTO BY LEAH HOUK

Gordon Atlas, professor of psychology, became the new director of AU's Honors Program.

A presentation on the issue of hazing



PHOTO BY THOMAS FLEMING

From left, Dean of Students Norm Pollard, former Heisman runner-up Donald McPherson and former NCAA Division I soccer athlete Janet Judge answer questions from students in the audience about the dangers of hazing within sports teams and campus life.

By Jeremy Juhasz
Sports Editor

Former Syracuse football quarterback Donald McPherson and former NCAA Division I soccer athlete Janet Judge addressed a full Holmes auditorium to discuss college bonding while recognizing the dangers of hazing, alcohol and harassment Sept. 10.

Joining the duo was Alfred’s Dean of Students, Norm Pollard. The panel offered contrasting viewpoints on the issue. Judge, a lawyer, supplied the audience with a legal presentation. Judge began with a PowerPoint

presentation and told anecdotes of tragic deaths of college students all over the country due to hazing. In addition, Judge made clear that hazing could be non-aggressive and exclude any physicality. Another myth that Judge attempted to dispel dealt with actively participation.

“Consent is not a defense (against hazing),” Judge said.

McPherson approached the topic from an optimistic standpoint. He is frustrated with the bashing negativity students and adults hear on a day-to-day basis. Instead, McPherson would rather discuss the positives, such as successes that students can

achieve.

“Let’s lift people up,” McPherson said. “I’m tired of talking about negatives. Replace bad with the good and do things in a positive way.”

McPherson backed his plea with his own collegiate experience. He spoke about his college football team, who made the commitment to consume alcohol throughout his senior season. He remembers his teammates thriving under pressure. They were crisp in practice and the program enjoyed an undefeated season. Personally, McPherson finished runner-up in the Heisman trophy balloting to former Oakland Raider and Notre Dame star

receiver Tim Brown.

Norm Pollard reinforced the statistical reality of students active in hazing. Pollard says that 80 percent of NCAA athletes are hazed in college today.

“Hazing hurts,” said Pollard. “This (presentation) is successful if it changes one person.”

After the speakers answered, questions from the audience, and anthropology professor Bob Myers, wrapped up the hour-and-a-half event.

First Women’s Studies Roundtable showcased summer experiences

By Sofie Miller
Staff Writer

Junior English major Laura Reyome, who spoke with three fellow AU students at the Women’s Studies Roundtable at 12:20 p.m. on Sept. 5 knows to appreciate Alfred’s social change model of leadership.

Women’s Leadership Academy students La’Quesha Garner, Hannah Meier, Leah Houk and Reyome addressed an audience at the Women’s Leadership Center to describe their individual experiences with internships and conferences over the summer.

“Alfred University has a very open idea of what leadership is,” said Reyome. The

idea that leadership is not predestined and that anyone can become a great leader is one that resonated with Reyome over the summer as she traveled to Georgetown University for an American Association of University Women conference.

At the AAUW conference, Reyome presented a documentary featuring Alfred alumni and their experiences with the gender pay gap, which Reyome and a team of other interested students produced.

La’Quesha Garner spoke of her experience working at a women’s shelter over the summer.

“When I first went to the shelter, I expected it to be like any other job,” Garner told the audience.

Eventually, maintaining emotional dis-

tance from the women became one of her biggest challenges.

One of the main goals at the shelter was to teach independence to the women living there. “I learned not to take anything for granted,” Garner said. “Appreciate everything.”

As a psychology student, Garner told the audience that she had gained a new perspective from working one-on-one with the women at the shelter, making her realize the significant impact of family dynamics.

Leah Houk spent three weeks in Ireland over the summer, working on organic farms through the program WWOOF, Willing Workers on Organic Farms. “I was thrown out of my comfort zone for sure,” she told audience members.

Although physically demanding, Houk found the participation valuable. “What I thought was interesting was that instead of being tourists in Ireland, we got to participate in other people’s lives,” Houk said.

Hannah Meier, an accounting student, spoke of her mid-July business conference with about 500 other students from across America. “One thing about the business world is that you have to network,” Meier told the audience. “It was like freshman year all over again.”

Alfred University’s female student leaders encouraged the audience to participate in meaningful leadership experiences, whether through interning, volunteering or attending a conference. “Anyone can be a leader,” Reyome told the audience.

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Wednesday, Aug. 20



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NEW STUDENT OLYMPICS
Sunday, Aug. 24



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SPORTS

Where’s the respect?

Aside from the hard-working athletes, not many people at AU know much about the dedication of the track team. It is for this reason that articles such as “The double life of coach Crawford,” published in the Fiat Lux on May 5, leave the false impression that everything is fine. Unfortunately, this is far from the truth and it is a mistake that needs to be rectified.

From speaking to the cross-country team, it is clear that Crawford excelled as the head coach. However, as a member of the Indoor Track & Field team, I can assure you that having Crawford as the head coach was far from ideal. The intent here is not to criticize Crawford. I am thrilled that he agreed to coach the team; without him, we would have been unable to compete. The real problem is that the athletics department has once again dropped the ball as far as the track team is concerned.

It baffles me that after the previous coach notified the school he was leaving, the department did not find a replacement coach within a year. Crawford made it perfectly clear that he wanted to coach cross-country but not track. Rather than finding a coach for track, athletics administrators forced Crawford into the position. I promise that if the head coach of the football team were to retire tomorrow, they would have a new coach here within a month. When it comes to track & field though, which costs a fraction of what the football program costs, they refuse to secure a proper coach.

If you think this is because our track program is not good, you are mistaken. Two years ago the team placed in the top 20 out of more than 60 schools at the Eastern College Athletic Championships (ECACs). In



By Justin Parietti
Contributing Writer

that same season, many school records were broken, some dating back more than 15 years. All of these are impressive feats, considering the inadequate training facilities that are available to the track team.

During the season, as the aforementioned article pointed out, Crawford missed numerous practices. Furthermore, he cancelled meets that we had attended for years because he had other obligations. To exacerbate the situation, Crawford did not organize a pre-season, a time during winter break when athletes return early to resume training. All sports teams that are serious have a pre-season. As a result, athletes on the track team were forced to organize an unofficial pre-season without a coach and forfeit the stipend that other teams get for food during that time.

In a sport that is as mentally grueling as track and field, training without a real head coach makes it nearly impossible to perform well. Additionally, the fact that the school seems not to care about the track program makes it more difficult to maintain a good work ethic. During my four years at Alfred, the athletic department has forgotten to schedule a bus for the track team or made a mistake and double booked a bus multiple times. On these occasions the team is forced to wait in McLane, hoping that a bus will show up, and ultimately arrive late to the meet.

Despite all of these circumstances, the team still manages to set personal records and give its all. This speaks volumes about the motivation of each and every athlete on the team. I can only hope that one day, the track team will gain the respect that they deserve.



PHOTO BY THOMAS FLEMING

Senior Trevor Bork catches one of his eight receptions against Ursinus. En route to a three touchdown day, Bork surpassed Bill Schuster on Alfred’s all time reception list.

There’s a new JV football coach at AU

By Nathan Weiser
Copy Editor

New junior varsity football coach Mike McLaughlin arrives with previous coaching experience at the collegiate level, and tries to instill in his players that turnovers should be avoided at all costs.

McLaughlin had a three-year playing stint while attending UMass-Boston, and the majority of his time was spent playing on the defensive line. His next step was coaching for three years at a high school in Boston, where his main focus was on the defensive side of the ball. McLaughlin’s next stop on his football exodus took him to Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. While coaching at Plymouth, he also was the defensive coordinator for five years. He will surely be an asset based on his past coaching and playing experience.

It is definitely important not to be a mistake-prone team, and that is one of McLaughlin’s main goals for his squad.

“I want the team to improve on mistakes from the day before, and not make the same mistakes over and over again,” McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin also emphasized that players need to listen to what the other coaches have to say and have the players implement the tutelage to the best of their ability. The other coaches assigned to the junior varsity team include four graduate assistants, as well

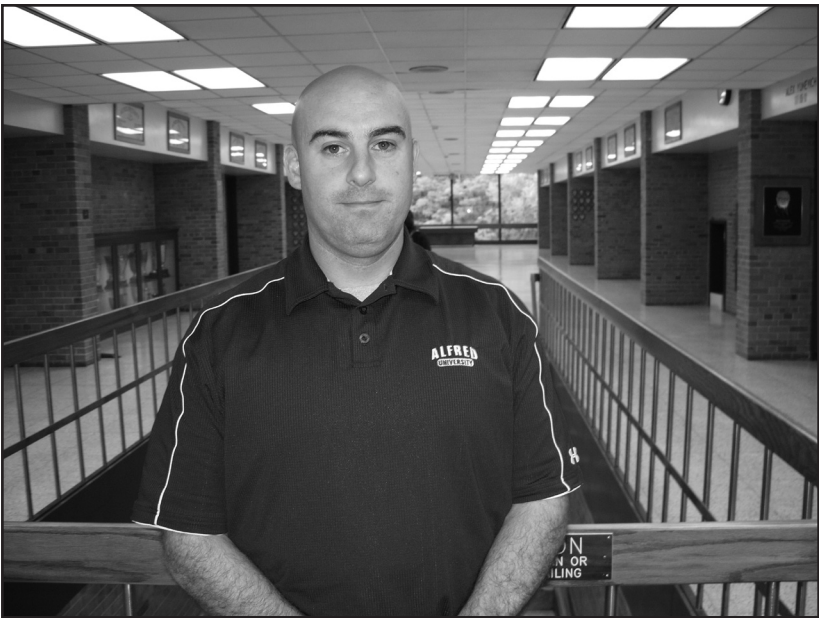


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as three student assistants.

After being involved with football at the collegiate and high school level for so many years, McLaughlin has a grasp for what makes a successful team. It goes without saying that it is critical to prevent beating yourself. He doesn’t want the team to give the opposition more scoring opportunities than they should.

“The team should try to eliminate making mental and physical mistakes,” McLaughlin said.

To have overall team improvement, the coach said that he, along with the other coaches, watches films of the games to help correct weaknesses. The coaches try to put the players in the right position to be successful, and having the game film to watch surely helps with the process.

There are a grand total of 70 student athletes on the junior varsity team, and a handful of them will dress for the varsity games. It is possible that if a junior varsity player plays especially well they can move up to varsity, but the first benchmark will be on the 14th when the junior varsity team has its first game. There also is a specific task that the junior varsity squad serves during practice.

“Primarily the junior varsity will practice together for 45 minutes together as a group, but they will serve as the offensive and defensive scout team during the rest of the practice,” McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin seems to be excited to land at Alfred, and this might be because he will get to take on the challenge of coaching the up-and-comers of the AU football squad.

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record. Alfred football looked to rebound at home versus Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham a week later.

Alfred’s second game of the season proved to be a stiff test. Playing in the Middle Atlantic Conference, the Devils came out on top 42-41 in its season opener against an out of conference opponent, the College of New Jersey.

Alfred’s first-half performance was a bit frustrating. The offense sputtered as the Devils pitched a shutout through 30 minutes of play.

Farleigh Dickinson-Florham jumped ahead in the opening five minutes after a 46-yard kickoff return set the Devils inside Alfred territory. Five plays later the Devils were in the end zone after quarterback Bill Winters sneaked in from a yard out. FDU-Florham scored in the second quarter to extend the lead after a Winters draw play fooled the Saxon defense. At halftime AU knew that the season’s beginning needed to turn around in a hurry. But

there was no panic in the locker room.

“We had a couple of (good) drives, and we know we could put the ball in the end zone,” junior wide out Milton Harding said.

From the beginning of the second half, Alfred reversed the lackluster first-half play by dominating defensively, capitalizing on special teams and stringing together first downs. Alfred’s first score, which turned the momentum, came from an unlikely source. Sophomore tight end D.J. Loughlin-Pope hauled in his first touchdown of his career.

“It felt great,” said Loughlin-Pope. They were playing cover three, which was a zone, all game. They didn’t pay attention to me and they paid for it.”

Alfred scored 21 unanswered points and held off the Devils for the 21-14 win. Rookie quarterback Tom Secky earned his first win of the season and felt that this game prepares the team for the upcoming competition on the schedule.

“It gives us a lot of confidence; everyone’s so happy right now,” Secky said. “This week we scored 21 points in the second-half...we’ll just keep on rolling the next week.”

Beyond the final score, there is good news for Alfred moving forward. After being placed on the injured list in game one for a knee sprain, junior running back Vinson Hendrix saw plenty of action against FDU-Florham. In fact, Hendrix contributed to the 21-point second-half rally by leaping for a touchdown from a yard out. He finished the game with 18 carries for 37 yards.

The addition of Hendrix will certainly relieve pressure from Secky, and the offense instantly becomes multi-dimensional. Alfred is on the road the next two games versus St. Lawrence and Springfield respectively. The Saxons return home on Oct. 4 for its annual homecoming contest. This year’s opponent will feature Norwich College, a team Alfred defeated on the road last season 45-21.

Alfred Saxon Scoreboard Fall 2008

Team	Opponent	Result	Record	Next Opponent
Football	FDU-Florham	W, 21-14	1-1 (0-0 E8)	at St. Lawrence
M Soccer	Vassar	L, 8-0	0-6-0, (0-0-0 E8)	Fredonia
W Soccer	Thiel	W, 3-0	3-2-0, (0-0-0 E8)	Nazareth
Volleyball	Roberts Wesleyan	L, 3-0	1-5-0, (0-0-0 E8)	Madaille
W Tennis	Elmira	W, 6-3	4-1, (1-0 E8)	Nazareth
CC	at Oswego	M-9/14 W 8/14	N/A	at Fredonia
Equestrian				
English	none	N/A	N/A	at RIT
Western	none	N/A	N/A	at Syracuse



SPORTS

Sullivan and Raykovitz lead women's soccer team to a 2-1 OT win over Keuka College

By Jeremy Juhasz
Sports Editor

Captain Amanda Sullivan scored in the 95th minute to lift the AU women's soccer team to an even 2-2 record on Tuesday Sept. 9.

"It's great to win at home in front of the home crowd," head coach Jennifer Enke said. "I told them to take chances and we did."

Keuka opened the scoring when Alyssa Guntow found the back of the net in the 24th minute. Alfred's own Alyssa Raykovitz tied the evenly played first half with a redirection off the far goal post.

In the second half, both teams controlled play at times and had opportunities to go ahead. Unable to capitalize in the second frame, Alfred set its sights on an overtime victory.

Playing physical and jumping into the fray with no fear, Sullivan showed, to this point in the contest, that her presence was felt. She would be rewarded as the hero of the game. Raykovitz played the sidekick that pitched in the assist.

Sullivan distinctly remembers how the game-winner happened.

"I had a previous opportunity when Alyssa passed me the ball and I took it up the line to cross

it," Sullivan said. "I feel like that attempt got the jitters out of my shot - like a trial run. On the second run, Alyssa and I were ready. We did a series of wall passes up the line. I thought that she was going to shoot it herself, but she sent it to me at the last minute."

After the win, Raykovitz credited the victory to her teammates.

"We had good teamwork," Raykovitz said. "We worked hard."

The Saxons play home next on Sept. 20 when they entertain Empire 8 opponent Elmira.



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Freshman midfielder Molly Finnerty (6) strikes a free kick during Alfred's eventual overtime triumph versus Keuka College on Sept. 9.

Alfred football starts year 1-1; team hits the road for a pair

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In the Saxons home opener against the Ursinus Bears negative plays outweighed and overshadowed record setting performances. Eight turnovers (4 fumbles and 4 interceptions) stalled the Saxons from developing any type of rhythm.

The Saxons began with what looked like a promising start. On Alfred's first possession a few completed pass plays went for not as Ursinus eventually forced the Saxons to punt. The defense also started out strong with a sack from safety Jeremy Darron. The Saxons opened the scoring when co-captain Trevor Bork hauled in the first score.

However, this lead did not last long. The Bears scored two straight, one after recovering a fumble in AU's end zone, and another when quarterback Nick Dye hooked up with wide

receiver Jesse Ordonio.

In the second quarter, the Saxons recovered a fumble on the Bears' 7-yard line. The turnover set up an easy pitch and catch from Secky to Bork once again. Bork's second score of the game cut the lead to 14-13 with a pending extra point. The extra point failed, and at halftime Alfred trailed 14-13.

The third quarter favored the Bears as they converted two 39-yard field goals from place-kicker Greg Zara and an interception return for a touchdown by defensive-back Eikeem Barron. The 13-0 third quarter hurt AU and sent the game, for all intents and purposes, out of reach.

In the fourth quarter, Bork caught his third touchdown pass of the day to bring the Saxons within seven, 27-20.

With that third touchdown catch Bork tied an Alfred single-game record with three touchdown receptions. In addition, Bork's spectacular play increased his career reception total to 141, supplanting the previous AU career record held by Bill Schuster's 137 receptions from 1976-1979.

A final fumble with 8:35 remaining sealed the Saxons fate. The Bears scored three plays after to increase its lead to 34-20. A final Hail Mary completion to Jared Manzer brought the Saxons to within seven once again. But, it was too little too late. Alfred dropped the home opener in disappointing fashion. While freshman quarterback Tom Secky struggled turning the ball over, he did manage to produce 387 yards passing, which set another AU single game

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Junior wide receiver Jared Manzer (3) hauls in a high pass from quarterback Tom Secky in Alfred's home opener on Sept. 8. Alfred fell to Ursinus 34-27.



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Alfred University football fanatics take in the Saxons home opener at Merrill Field on Sept. 8.