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Campus center no more

by David P. Holmes, news editor

At this point, most of you have noticed the gaping hole in the middle of campus. That space used to house the Roger's Campus Center, and will be the new home of the Arthur and Lee Powell Campus Center.

The cost of the new campus center has been quoted from different sources as anywhere from \$6.5 million to \$9 million dollars. Funding for the center will come from the University's \$49 million Capital Campaign and from student service fees.

The three-story, 60,000 square-foot facility, designed by Williams Trebilcock Whitehead, a Pittsburgh-based architectural, planning and interior design firm, will be completed by the summer of 1993.

"This splendid new facility, with its theater, book store, entertainment center and varied dining options, will serve as a focal point for the University community," Edward G. Coll, Jr., AU president said. "Combined with our magnificent new F.W. Olin Business and Administration Building and Scholes Ceramic Library, it will serve as a visible testament to the continuing

growth and excellence of AU."

Highlighting the building will be a 230-seat, 2700-square-foot forum theater and a 4,760 square-foot entertainment center.

Peter Fackler, vice president for business and finance has indicated that with the new cafeteria coming into place, AU officials are exploring revamping the current board plan. Instead of paying in a lump sum for a meal plan, students would be issued

"debit cards," which would be usable at the cafeteria and the bookstore. The value of their purchases would be computed on their account with AU.

Some area merchants have expressed concerns that, with most of the students needs being met on campus, a large percentage of University students will never leave the campus, just as an amazingly large portion of the Alfred State population has never

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Sporting an evil grin, AU President Coll shifts the backhoe into second

Rocky Horror not meant to be just a movie

by David P. Holmes, news editor

The Rocky Horror Picture Show has been a tradition at AU for three years. Last Saturday that tradition continued, complete with students in costume, rice and toast being thrown around and, of course, the general mayhem associated with the film.

This year, however, things were supposed to be a little different. When Rocky Horror is shown in a normal theater, it is traditional for a floor show to accompany the movie, along with audience participation. Junior Amy Gallagher and Bob Miller, dean of student activities, had planned on having a floor show, with students acting out the parts of Dr. Frankenfurter, Brad,

Janet and the rest of the cast. Due to concerns about budget and lack of communication, this did not happen.

"We are in the beginning stages of taking the program up a notch," said Milled. It seems that Miller thought the plan was to have a few students act out selected scenes while the film was being shown. Gallagher, however, had wanted a complete stage show to go along with the film. According to

Gallagher, money was needed to put together a well done floor show. Miller thought that all needed costumes would be available from the Performing Arts Annex, but Gallagher said that they would not have the materials

necessary. Miller says the "budget was never talked about." Both agree that they were talking about two different things.

There was some discussion about involving the Improvisational Theater Company, a student run dramatic group, in the production. Junior Jonathan Hardy, a member of the ITC, said "there had been some talk about it, but no one ever got back to us."

Despite all the problems that arose during the planning of the event, packets of rice and toast were given to all freshmen in an attempt to publicize the film.

"I'm disappointed in the way things turned out, but I'm not going to give up," said Gallagher. So, while there was no floor show this year, ideas, such as asking a group to come down from Rochester to perform, were discussed.



The Rocky Horror Picture Show

New administration takes hold of AU

by Chad R. Bowman, editor

Returning students will find new faces and new services as well as new construction sites this fall as AU redefines itself.

Sue Smith was appointed acting dean of students by Provost Ott after AU's national search failed to net an acceptable candidate. Smith had been the assistant dean for residence life for seven years.

The search narrowed 110 applicants down to 12, five, then two finalists. AU's choice for the position declined an offer due to "family reasons," according to Sue Strong, associate provost.

"I will take the position for the year while decisions are being made," said Smith. "I have enjoyed it so far. It is a very different role. Now I have the opportunity to go out and initiate positive contact."

Strong said that "We plan to begin [another] search in the late fall."

Sandra Wypij is replacing Smith in residence life. Wypij received a masters degree from AU in 1988 and was a resident director here for two years. Since graduation from AU, Wypij has been the residence life coordinator and student activities coordinator at Elmira College.

Judy Hartling is the associate dean for freshman, a new position this fall. She will "be working closely with freshmen and transfers to ensure their success and integration in both academic and

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AU students may finally get their MTV

by Tom Tracy, managing editor

It seems that AU students will finally get what they want — their MTV.

AU administrators and Alfred Cable are working together to bring MTV, ESPN, EDSAT and a French language channel to cable subscribers on AU's campus.

"We are in the process of getting all set to go," said Provost Richard Ott. "Alfred Cable seems very cooperative in giving us what we want."

Ott said that the plan to bring MTV and other popular cable stations to AU has been in effect for quite sometime, but could not have been a reality until Alfred Cable attempted to renew their license with the town.

"When Alfred Cable went to renew their license, we expressed reservations about their service and wouldn't back down until they complied with our demands about getting MTV, ESPN and the other stations. Recently, Alfred Cable brought us CNN, which we didn't have before."

Along with acquiring CNN, AU now is able to use the public access channel (channel three) for displaying their own information and programming. Currently, a schedule of AU events are scrolling up channel 3's screen. Plans for AU programming are in the works.

Although the talks for MTV with Alfred Cable are almost completed, Ott claims that there are some technical problems and billing increases that have to be addressed.

"There is a major satellite change over that has to take place," Ott said. Ott firmly believes that Alfred students will be watching MTV in a matter of weeks.

"We identified a problematic area and it looks like we can correct it. There is no reason why we shouldn't have popular music."

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Welcome to the salad; We are all just a bunch of greens

America is often described as a melting pot. Let's toss that moniker aside. America is a salad bowl.

Why the distinction? Because it is important.

A melting pot implies homogeneity. We all come from somewhere, but then lose ourselves in the whole.

We are not soup!

On the other hand, a salad bowl implies an entirely different notion of community. All the components of the salad are different, yet manage to create a new whole without losing identity.

So we're a salad bowl.

Last week, Dr. William M. Hall, mayor of Alfred, spoke these words in his welcome speech to Alfred University.

"And so I would ask all of you to become members of our community. You don't have to live in the village or

own property or even have a legal right to vote. We don't need a special handshake and you don't have to take a special oath."

AU is a community. And as we begin classes this fall, it is important to remember that we are a tossed salad community.

We are diverse. At this school we have people from different national and ethnic backgrounds, people with widely different religious, ideological and moral convictions. We have people with different interests, priorities and goals for the future.

We have tomatoes, peppers, onions, croutons, cheese, carrot slices, cucumbers, eggs, lettuce and bacon. And creamy italian dressing.

Yet at the same time we have commonalities. We are all here for the same purpose—education. We all share common experience at AU. We

are all people. We are all individuals, yet part of a whole.

All of us are in the same bowl.

This distinction of being apart and a part, an individual and member, seems paradoxical, yet is perhaps the most important part of being a real community.

A healthy community consists of a group of individuals coming together to share themselves.

Like a salad.

Okay, perhaps that's stretching the metaphor.

This week, try to meet someone that you might not ordinarily associate with. If you're a tomato, talk to a piece of lettuce. If you're a carrot and always look down on celery for being too stringy, stop and think for a minute.

Because, after all, we're all in the same bowl.

Op-Ed

Hello drugs, goodbye loans

College Press Service

Smoking dope could cost college students in more ways than one now. Under a new government policy, they could be barred from receiving federally financed loans and grants if convicted of drug possession or trafficking.

The Denial of Federal Benefits Program, currently being publicized on U.S. college campuses, gives judges the discretion of putting student drug users or traffickers on a debarment list that excludes them from receiving more than 450 benefits, including loans or grants from the federal government.

"What we're hoping to do...is discourage drug use," said Polly Williams, a spokeswoman for the Department of Justice. "We're hoping it will act as a deterrent."

However, some student advocates argue that the program serves no purpose by denying drug users an education. They also criticized the effort as President Bush's attempt to present a tough, anti-drug image without doing anything substantial about the problems of chemical dependency.

"It is the ultimate contradiction to deny people who need rehabilitation funding for their education," said Eric

Coppolino, editor of the State University of New York Student Leader, an activist student news service. "For one thing, it simply allows rich kids to take all the drugs they want."

applications.

"What's next? You'll be denied benefits if you engage in premarital sex?"

The program was part of the Anti-

Drug Abuse Act of 1988. After Bush gave the department go-ahead in 1990, the Justice Department established guidelines and informed state courts about the program. With a system in place, the Justice Department has launched a national awareness campaign. In fact, the government has hired a New York public relations firm to target campuses throughout the nation, said

Brenda Burrows, an account manager for Saatchi & Saatchi.

"We'll use direct mail and publicity. We'll be working with the schools, also on TV and radio to let everyone know about it," she said.

Among the federal benefits that could be jeopardized by a drug conviction are student loans and grants, federal aircraft and maritime licenses, the right to prescribe medicine or contract with the federal government.



"How many people wreck cars and kill people when they smoke pot? There are three to five drunken driving deaths a day. Liquor is legal. Pot isn't. It's ridiculous."

The United States Student Association in Washington has lobbied against the program, said Selena Dong, legislative director.

"We're on a slippery slope," said Dong, who noted that an anti-drug use waiver now accompanies all Pell Grant

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Bits n' Pieces

Remember that Friday is the last day to add courses, drop first half courses and select the pass/fail option.

This weekend, Basic Instinct and The Player will be shown in the Nevins Theater. Both showings are at 8:00 p.m.

Alfred Alternative Cinema's first film of the semester will be Wizards. It will be shown at 9:00 p.m. in Holmes' Auditorium.

Writing Center hours are on Mon., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tues., Wed., and Thur. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Fri. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Evening hours are on Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed. and Thur., from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tonight, at 8 p.m. will be the first meeting of the Student Senate. It will be in the Parents Lounge of the Campus Center.

There will be a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Fri. at 8:30 p.m. in the Union University Church.

On Sat., the Venture Van will make its first outing of the year to Niagara Falls and the Outlet Mall. It will leave at 9 a.m.

Every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m., Supporters and Homosexuals On Campus meets. Call SHOC for more information.

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The FIAT LUX will be coming out today. Make sure you pick up a copy.

Top Ten

From the home offices at a New Year's party that's still going strong...

Top Ten Things Freshmen Should Know About AU

by Lance Meyer

10. If you can't identify it...Don't even think of eating it!
9. 4 out of 5 CE's say—if given the choice between death and Fakuda choose death.
8. It is considered very Alfredian to dress King Alfie up in new and interesting ways.
7. Try not to sneeze on the suites...we need them for a few more years.
6. Alfred weather is NEVER consistent for more than two days—unless it's snowing.
5. The path behind Tefft and Reimer is one of the few places on the planet where you can watch it snow up.
4. Electricity is never to be taken for granted—especially during new construction.
3. Topless sunbathing is now legal in New York State.
2. Trust the financial aid people—they never make mistakes.

And the number one thing you should know about AU if you haven't already found out...

1. The Fiat Lux can always be counted on to deliver professional non-biased comedy that never slams the administration, never has typos,, and also uses good grammar too.

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History of Alfred, The abridged version

by Ann-Marie Bramer, features editor
Part one of a feature series

Here we are in Alfred, some for the first time, others for the last, but how many of us actually know the history of our college town? Here's your first lesson.

In 1807 the first white settlers came to the valley we now know as Alfred. Most of them came from the New England area and were Seventh Day Baptists. Seventh Day Baptists have their holy day on Saturday, which is why even today some of the shops in town are closed on Saturday instead of Sunday.

A township was founded in 1808 by these hard working pioneers. Many of their family names have lived throughout the centuries in Alfred, such as Crandall and Burdick.

True to their New England background, the settlers brought religion and education to their new home. Less

The Alfredians were ahead of their time. They embraced the ideas of temperance, women's rights and anti-slavery.

started.

The Union Library only lasted a short time, because the state implemented a better system. Even so, the Alfredians were ahead of their time. They embraced the ideas of temperance, women's rights and anti-slavery.

In 1835, 18 year old Amos Coon, one of the first settlers born in Alfred, went to Rensselaer county to visit his grandparents. There he met a man by the name of Bethuel Cooley Church.

Church was a licensed preacher who

had decided to try his hand at teaching. Church questioned Coon about the suitability of Alfred as a select school. They made a bargain that if Coon could get 20 students to pledge three dollars each, Church would open a school for them that autumn. They decided if he succeeded, he need not contact Church, but if he didn't, he should contact Church immediately.

Coon failed. Dejected, he wrote a letter to inform Church of the sad news and went on with his life. To his surprise, Church arrived on the scheduled day. It seems that the letter never arrived. Church then went through the town finding more students. In order to gain more students, Church was willing to make compromises in the method of payment.

Jonathan Allen, future president of Alfred University, was able to pay in logs for heating in place of his tuition.

Finally, on Monday, December 5, 1836, Church called the first day of classes. Tradition says it snowed. There were no benches yet, so the students carried chairs from their homes to sit in.

Reading, writing and arithmetic were the main subjects of study in the school, but, in an age where an eighth grade education was uncommon, some higher studies such as natural philosophy were studied.

By the end of the twelve week term, 37 young men and women were enrolled in the Select School. All but three of them were from Alfred, and their ages averaged 18.8 years. Of the fifteen men, four became ministers, one a justice of the peace, two high school teachers, three high school principals, four physicians and one college president. Most of the 22 women taught school for at least a short time.

After the historic first term, Bethuel Church left Alfred with the good will and gratitude of his students.



Matt Hall, AU freshman, passes his goodies through the window of his room in Reimer

AU students learn to Playfair, Ice breaker a big success

by Tom Tracy, managing editor

Where else in the world can a person act like a caterpillar, start a secret organization, dance closely with your partner while scoping out the rest of the crowd, learn to be psychic and get a standing ovation all at the same time?

If you weren't at the Playfair, a Freshmen function held at McLane gym last Thursday night, you missed it.

And it was quite a sight. About five hundred Freshmen and upperclassmen danced, wriggled and ran their way to becoming more acquainted with one another.

Playfair, known as "the largest icebreaker in the world," was brought to AU by Robert Miller, assistant dean of student affairs, and SAB in an attempt to get the Freshmen class off to a good start socially, said Elliot Otchet, president of SAB.

"Playfair guarantees that you interact with at least 100 people before the night is through," said Miller.

The hour-long sessions of Playfair were invented by Dr. Matt Weinstein,

who Miller had known from his days at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Today, 24 Playfair facilitators travel across the country and Canada implementing these ideas to hundreds of Universities and Corporate foundations.

Miller claims that he always wanted to bring these "get to know ya" meetings to AU, but thought that the Human Relation sessions all Freshmen go through would be enough. This year, Miller got rid of the either /or mindset and slated both for orientation week.

"Playfair is a series of games and activities that bring people together in a positive way," said Andy Weisberg, the visiting Playfair Facilitator. "The only way to fully understand what happens is to experience it for yourself."

"Its been found that students make a conscious or unconscious choice as to whether they made a mistake by coming to this school," said Miller. "Playfair and Orientation week makes the choice easier for them."

Did Playfair work? Only time will tell.

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10:00 p.m., Ade Lobby

The Player
Sun., Sept. 6
8:00 p.m., Nevins Theater

Alternative Cinema
Wizard's
Thurs., Sept. 10
9:00 p.m., TBA

Bugsy
Fri., Sept. 11
8:00 p.m., Nevins Theater

Guitar People
Coffeehouse Series
Sat., Sept. 12
9:45 p.m., The Commons

High Heels
Sun., Sept. 13
8:00 p.m., Nevins Theater

New pros sing and dance into the arts

by Anne Kelley, arts editor

Go to the Performing Arts Annex behind Seidlin Hall, and you'll see some new faces. This fall, AU welcomes four new faculty members to the division. Dr. Becky Prophet is the new division chair, and she is "ecstatic to be here." Prophet was attracted to Alfred by "the quality of the students and of my colleagues." Also, since she grew up in Alfred and graduated from AU, she is glad to be giving something back to the community that gave her so much.

Prophet has much to give. She comes to us from Agnes Scott College in Georgia where she was the Chair of the Theater Department. "I want to insure a strong voice for women in the performing arts," Prophet said.

Equally important to Prophet is "assuring excellent opportunities and outlets for people of all cultures." She is anxious to have students come and participate in the performing arts on every level.

Susan Caligaris, AU's new associate professor of dance, wants to have "lots of performances and opportunities for



Becky Prophet and Steven Judd: American Gothic

the students to engage in the art of dance."

"You can do it outside, you can do it in the cafeteria—you can do it anywhere," Caligaris said. "I'd really like to do informal showings because then people get to perform often."

Caligaris is interested in combining athletics with dance, and has in fact taught dance to Olympic figure skaters at their training facility in Colorado.

She has been a professional dancer and choreographer as well as a teacher, and says, "It doesn't matter where I am—I work to the highest standard wherever I am. Just because Alfred is small doesn't mean that quality is sacrificed."

Caligaris is especially interested in the "inner landscape of students." She wants to "nurture and discover the uniqueness of a person and allow them to find expression in the dance."

Steven Judd, the new technical director is also wants to find out "how each person creates and works and thinks."

Judd received his first degree in Scenic and Lighting Design from the University of Georgia, and is now working on a graduate degree from RIT. He taught at Duke for eight years, and said that its large size necessitated "a kind of rigidity of approach" in teaching and learning. At AU, he

intends to "start at the center—the artist and the student—and begin to find rather than impose a structure." He wants to "find out where people are and help them find the tools or means of expression which are right for them."

For Luanne Clarke, the right tool of expression is singing. She is the new choral director and voice instructor at AU, and is finishing her doctorate at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

"I really like teaching voice," Clarke said. "I want people to feed on my enthusiasm about singing."

Clarke is intrigued by the idea of teaching music to non-majors—working with students for whom music is "an avocation rather than a vocation."

She wants to share music with people as a life-long pursuit, and expand the AU chorus to a "large group which will



Luanne Clarke and Susan Caligaris strike a pose, Vogue!

include community as well as college" and which will include smaller ensembles.

Clarke is "really excited about the whole performing arts faculty"—who all seem to be excited about being here. As Prophet said, "we have to build on the great things we have here—curriculum, students, and faculty. The arts have to find their ways into people's lives."

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by Anne Kelley, arts editor

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AU's new faces



Sue Smith, Acting Dean of Students

Sue Smith replaces Don King and Matt Dubai this year pending another national search. Her office is on the second floor of Carnegie Hall.

"While looking outside the area for new people you tend to forget the talent that's right in front of you."

-Provost Ott

Sandra Wypij, Assistant Dean for Residence Life

Sandra Wypij is replacing Sue Smith in Residence Life. She will handle discipline, housing, etc. She was an RD at AU for two years and has been involved in residence life at Elmire College since 1988.



Judy A. Hartling, Associate Dean for Freshman

Judy Hartling will be responsible for freshman and transfer student integration, programs, communication with parents and academic monitoring, according to Sue Strong, Associate Provost. She has ten years experience in higher education.

Dr. Jayne Maugans, Director of the Study Center

Dr. Jayne Maugans will be responsible for the new C.L.A.S.S. Study Center in Bartlett Hall. Individual and group study skills sessions will be held 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sun. - Thurs. Dr. Maugans will also be teaching an urban politics class this fall.



...new administration

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extracurricular areas," according to Ott. Hartling's position is a result of AU's study of retention, said Strong.

"Every year is the year of the student," said Edward G. Coll, Jr, AU president, indicating the ongoing concern with retention.

The retention study also spurred the development of a new tutoring service to replace SLAP, according to Strong.

"Virtually everyone we spoke with agrees that currently available academic support services are insufficient and poorly coordinated," reads part of the report from the Academic Subcommittee of the AU Retention Committee.

The Center For Learning Assistance

and Study Skills (CLASS) will replace SLAP and offer an integrated approach to tutoring.

The goal is to "Get academic success strategies across to every student," said Strong.

The original concept for CLASS was developed two years ago by Matt Dubai and Strong, according to Strong.

This summer, space was made for CLASS in Bartlett Hall where Career and Counseling were located offices last year. Counseling has moved to Crandall Health Center. Career Services will still be in Bartlett.

Dr. Jayne Maugans was hired on July 13 As director of the study center.

... campus center

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ventured into the center of the village. "I, for one, don't think that will happen," said Fackler. "We do not want to expand the charter of the bookstore and make it more than it is now (such as a pharmacy or convenience store)."

Fackler has also addressed rumors that the new building would be a type of "mall" for commercial use, alluding to the building plan as proof to the negative.

Bob Miller, assistant dean of students, noted that the new building, located adjacent to Kanakadea Hall and employing similar architectural design, would "actually look like a gateway into Academic Alley."

According to Miller, "We hope this will be a feather in our caps as far as we go in recruiting students and retaining students to AU and maybe dispelling that part of our student body that feels we are isolated."

To All the Friends of Wendy J. Perrin at Alfred University:

We would like to express our thanks to each and every one of you for the kindness and sympathy that you have extended to our family.

A special thanks to those who sent cards and attended her funeral.

With deep appreciation,
Mr. & Mrs. George Perrin, Jr.
and family

Notice

In accordance with New York State law, students under the age of 35 who are entering college must have had at least two measles inoculations.

On Friday Sept. 11, from 2-4 p.m., the Allegany County Department of Health will conduct a free clinic for MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) inoculations at the Crandall Center for Health.

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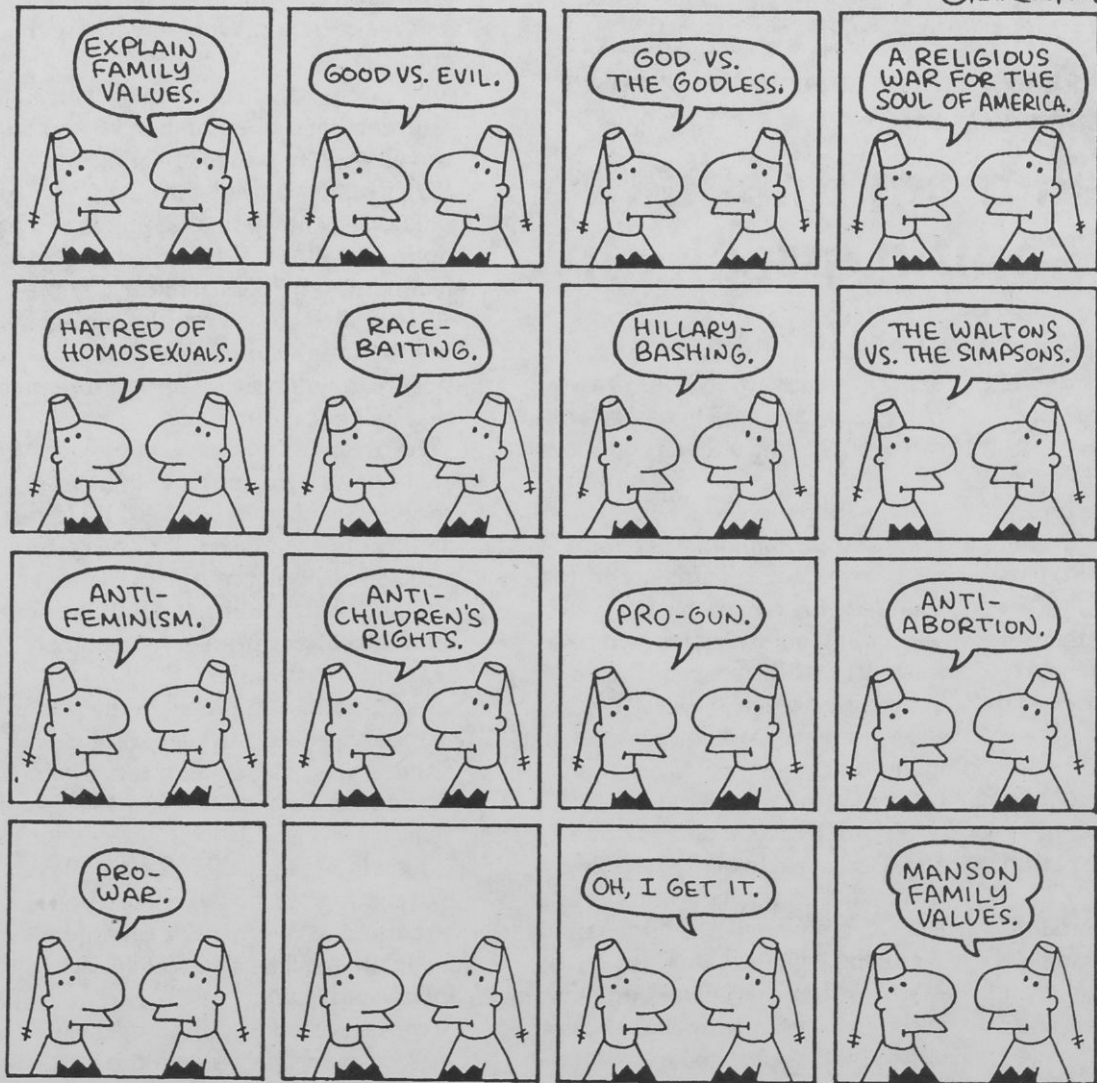
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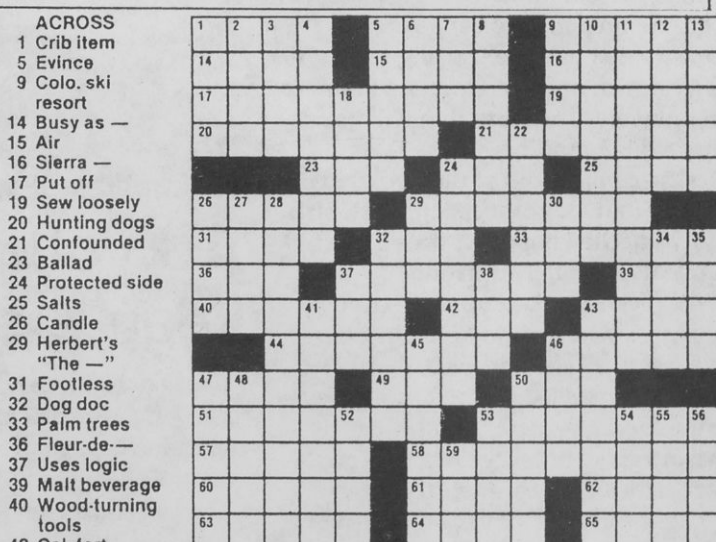
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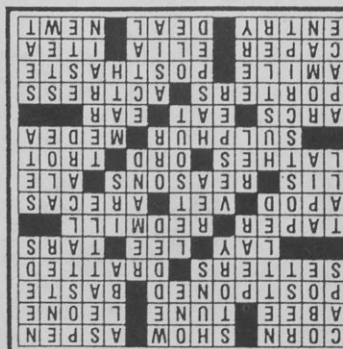


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ANSWERS



- ACROSS
- Crib item
 - Evince
 - Colo. ski resort
 - Busy as —
 - Air
 - Sierra —
 - Put off
 - Sew loosely
 - Hunting dogs
 - Confounded
 - Ballad
 - Protected side
 - Salts
 - Candle
 - Herbert's "The —"
 - Footless
 - Dog doc
 - Palm trees
 - Fleur-de—
 - Uses logic
 - Malt beverage
 - Wood-turning tools
 - Cal. fort
 - Translation of a sort
 - Molasses' partner
 - Jason's lady
 - Rainbows
 - Consume
 - Corn unit
 - Redcaps
 - Thespian
 - "I walked — with Sorrow"
 - In a hurry
 - Dido
 - Director Kazan
 - Virginia willow
 - Ingress
 - Pine board
 - Brilliant salamander
- DOWN
- Skull and dunce
 - Woodwind
 - Remainder
 - Irked
 - Lie
 - Barbarians
 - Person
 - Married
 - Can. prov.
 - Puget Sound port
 - Piece of mail
 - Register
 - Lacks
 - Fruit
 - Send back to a lower court
 - Divulges
 - High
 - Samoan port
 - Letter addition
 - US agency
 - US agency
 - Evening star
 - Century plant
 - Botanical bristle
 - Kinsman: abbr.
 - Big name in hockey
 - Fraud of sorts
 - Ground
 - Attached a door fastener
 - Sch. subj.
 - Quickly
 - Kind of holiday
 - Outward
 - Eldritch
 - Global area
 - Princely It. family
 - Fret
 - Throne
 - Huzzah

Up 'n Coming

Football

9/12 St. John Fisher 7:00
9/19 Brockport 1:00

Volleyball

9/4-5 at Cortland Invitational
9/7 at Geneseo, Elmira 6:00
9/9 at St. John Fisher 7:00
9/12 at Buffalo State 1:00
9/15 at RIT 7:00

Men's Soccer

9/5-6 Bryan Karl Tournament
9/12 at Plattsburgh 1:00
9/19 at Ithaca 1:00

Women's Soccer

9/5-6 Bryan Karl Tournament
9/9 Ithaca 7:00
9/15 Geneseo 7:00
9/19 St. Lawrence 4:00

Women's Tennis

9/6 at Nazareth 1:00
9/8 at Wells 4:00
9/12 Buffalo State 1:00
9/16 Elmira 3:30

Men's Tennis

9/6 at Nazareth 1:00

Men's soccer team relying on 'electric youth'

Sports Information

AU men's soccer coach Ken Hassler hopes to steal a line from pop singer Debbie Gibson in the 1992 season.

For his Saxons to turn in a winning season, he will rely on "Electric Youth" to supply some of the much needed scoring power after the loss of five key players from last season's 5-8-2 squad.

Five incoming freshmen and senior captains Steve Fish, Scott Fraser and Neil Howard hope to lead the Saxons in Hassler's second year at the helm. It won't be easy, however, as Alfred will again play one of the toughest schedules in the United States: last year 10 of AU's 15 opponents were ranked nationally at some part of the season.

"I'd be very happy if we stayed above the .500 mark," said Hassler, a Plymouth State graduate who assisted with Ithaca's nationally-recognized soccer team before joining Alfred. "It appears that half the starting team will be freshmen and we graduated our six best players. The team that will be on the field is brand new."

To lessen the blow of the departed, Hassler and assistant coach Mark Fish had what they hope is a strong recruiting year, especially upfront.

"We picked up three or four freshmen who should help our offensive output," Hassler said.

That group is led by Pittsford-Sutherland graduate Scott Miller, Pittsburgh's Nino Legeza and New York City's Paul Faulkenstein.

"Those guys are all very much in line for starting spots," said Hassler.

Also expected to contribute is midfielder Scott Lussier (Castleton) and defender Chris Meany (Baldwinsville).

Likewise, the goal position appears wide open as well, with Mark Cook, Paul Faker and Scott Feldman, the returnees with experience. In to challenge them is Ian Caspersson, who led Holly High School to a New York state title and Trinidad's Dexter Morrison.

Alfred will open the season by defending its title in the Bryan Karl Soccer Festival on Sept. 5-6 at Merrill Field.

"If the freshmen come in and are successful at making the transition to national level soccer, we'll be alright," said Hassler. "If they can't make that transition, we'll struggle."

Football team prepares for rocky season

Mike Dziama, sports editor

The AU football team is preparing to embark on their 1992 season fueled by 14 returning starters and several key newcomers.

The Saxons are hoping to build on last year's 7-3 record by using a mixture of seasoned veterans, talented transfer students and freshmen.

Lost to graduation are former defensive backbone Curt Cristini, last year's team leader in tackles, Mike Bojdak, last year's leading wide receiver, and several other standout players.

Saxon head coach Jim Moretti, however, isn't too worried about the losses.

"We should have a good season as long as we run the ball well on offense while stopping the run on defense," said Moretti, now entering his eighth season with a 46-23-2 overall record.

A couple of junior transfers, linebackers Darryl O'Shei, the leading tackler for the University of Buffalo last year, and Shane Carni, from Moorpark Junior College, are expected to fill in the hole left by Cristini.

Key returnees include pre-season All-American candidate Jon MacSwan, who rushed for over 1000 yards last year.

"Jon has a verbal, fiery type of leadership," said Moretti.

Along with MacSwan, the captains this year will be free safety Mark Obuszewski and offensive tackle Steve Delisanti.

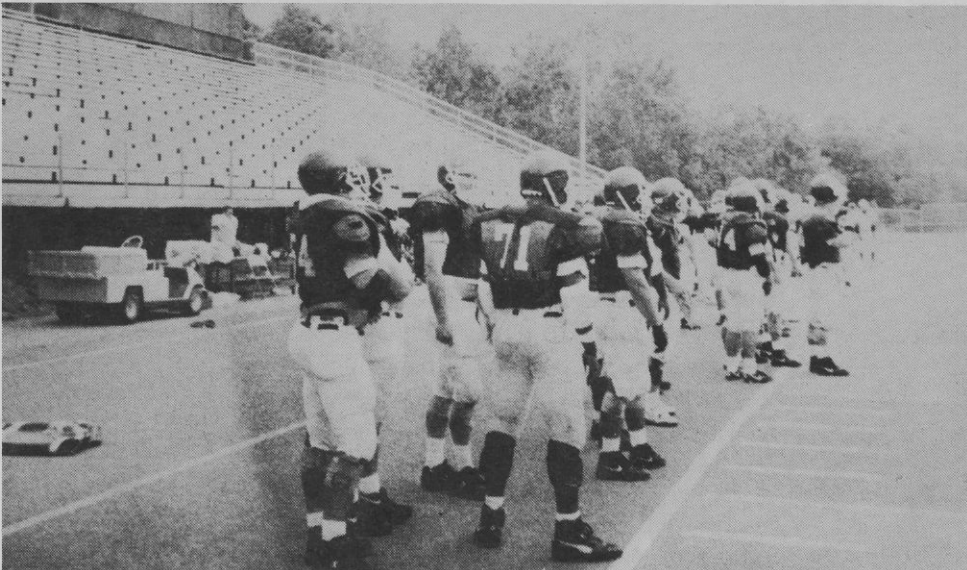
Senior Rod Harris will be the starting quarterback this year after throwing for 820 yards on 49.1% passing last year.

The Saxons are hoping to improve in areas such as tackling while remaining

examples."

The Saxons play their first game of the season at Merrill Field against St. John Fisher on Sept. 12 at 7:00.

"This game will be the biggest of the



relatively injury free this season.

"Last season there were many instances of missed tackles," said Moretti. "This season we've come up with what we think is a good teaching technique for tackling."

"We will have to hope to be as injury free as possible because there are many positions where we lack depth," remarked Moretti. "The wide receiver and defensive back positions are two

season," said Moretti. "Then our next game against Brockport will be the biggest of the season. You can never look ahead because teams improve and you never know what can happen. Don't be surprised if St. John Fisher gives us a good game."

"We do have a good bunch of players who really want to win, and in the end, that's what it all comes down to," said Moretti.

Women's soccer: Aiming to continue last season's success

Sports Information

For AU women's soccer coach Pat Codispoti, the end of last season was, she hopes, a sneak preview to the one beginning.

That was when Codispoti's young, but talented, Lady Saxons went unbeaten in their final seven contests and earned a spot in the NYS Women's Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs before bowing out to eventual national champion Ithaca.

The nucleus of that team returns this year hoping to improve on that mark and make their playoff stay a longer one.

AU opens its season in the Bryan Karl Tournament on September 5-6 and will travel south to North Carolina and Virginia later in the season.

"This season we're all going in rather optimistically," said Codispoti after her team finished 7-7-1 last year. "We're still going to have a rough time against the real tough contenders, but my freshman will now be sophomores and that will be on our side."

The dream of post-season play will be shouldered by a young and talented sophomore class in 1992. Midfielder and leading scorer Jeni-Lynn Wetzel, striker Sue Flynn, midfielder Chrisy O'Donnell and fullback Amity Mason all return after impressive freshman seasons.

Success will also hinge on the performance of senior goalkeeper Julie Francis, who played all but five minutes of the lady Saxons' contests last year.

"Julie is a real, real important player this coming season," Codispoti remarked. "Not only her capabilities in goal, but she'll be an excellent role model and leader."

Francis posted five shutouts last season, including three in the last six regular season games.



The new students get to know one another in the opening ceremonies of the Freshman Olympics

AU volleyball team intends to keep their winning streak alive

Mike Dziama, sports editor

The AU volleyball team has been practicing hard in preparation for what will most likely be a difficult season.

The Lady Saxons not only have to contend with the loss of experience and leadership from Casandra Velazquez, Deb Ellis, and Michelle Coughlin, who have all graduated, but they also have a difficult schedule to play.

"It's gonna be tough because there is only one home match aside of the AU Invitational," said AU head coach Mark McFadden, now entering his third year.

Back as returning starters will be junior outside hitter Marnie Robertson, junior setter Cameo Hill, and junior Kim Seeley, all expected to make important contributions.

Hill is recovered from a fractured rib that forced her to miss more than half of last year's season, while Robertson and Seeley are adjusting to switching their playing positions.

"This year we have an overall better

team," said McFadden. "Instead of being centered around one or two players, we are solid in all positions, including having a much better bench this year."

Among those players who have come a long way are sophomores Jessica Weida, Jen Landon, Sarah Farnsworth, and Claudette Brundige.

Rounding out the squad will be freshmen Amy Youngers, Ingrid Novak, and Beck Srikoulabout.

The team has made the state tournament two consecutive years and have no plans to break that streak.

"We would like to not only make states again, but also do better when we get there while remaining cohesive as a team," commented McFadden on their season long goals.

The Lady Saxons embark on their quest at the Cortland Invitational on Sept. 4-5 where they're expected to face some well matched teams.