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Openhym fire damages rooms; no injuries

BY MICHELLE PANCOE, STEPHANIE WEBSTER
AND JAY WEISBERGER

To look at the white message board on the door—covered with scribbled messages about biology notes and plans for the weekend—you would never know an emergency situation had occurred in the room on the third floor of Openhym Hall. But it did.

An early morning fire Saturday in Openhym Hall damaged one room and resulted in smoke and water damage to others, but no one was injured. The fire is believed to have been caused by an item of clothing or a tapestry being placed over a lamp.

The fire alarm sounded at approximately 2:45 a.m. after a fire broke out in a third floor room, said Openhym resident assistant Chrissy Nyman Saturday morning.

Nyman explained that one of the residents had covered a lamp to allow the other to sleep and then left the room. Nyman said the lamp was not a halogen one and the fire was discovered when the student in the room awoke to smoke.

Nyman said only one of the res-

idents was in the room at the time the fire started. The resident alerted her and then Nyman sounded the alarm while Jennie Volforte, the resident director of Openhym Hall, closed the door to the room.

Residents were forced to evacuate the building.

Even after the fire was extinguished, residents remained in the Commons until about 4:30 a.m. while the fire department brought in fans to air out the building, said resident Chad Schwartz. He said they just sat in the Commons and drank Gatorade provided by the Residence Life staff.

Nyman indicated the fire caused "significant damage" on the far side of the room where the wooden room divider helped to contain it.

The room's walls were blackened from smoke and some of the residents' personal items, such as a CD player, were completely destroyed. On the other hand, Nyman said a guitar belonging to one of the residents was in its case and was unscathed.

Alfred fire chief Nancy Furlong said the fire was not difficult to

put out since it was confined to one room. The fire department was "able to put it out in minutes," she said.

Further damage may have been prevented as a result of the Residence Life staff's quick thinking, said Tomas Gonzalez, director of residence life. "Jennie closing the door [of the room] probably stopped it from going any farther." The fire stayed in one room.

Six other rooms were damaged, however, sustaining water and smoke damage.

Gonzalez indicated the room where the fire started will have to be washed and repainted. Also, the electrical wiring of the room will have to be checked. Physical Plant will be coming to evaluate what needs to be done and how long it will take, Gonzalez said.

He added that he did not think there was significant structural damage.

The Red Cross will be visiting and assisting residents who were affected by the fire, Gonzalez said.

Overall, there seems to be sympathy for those affected.

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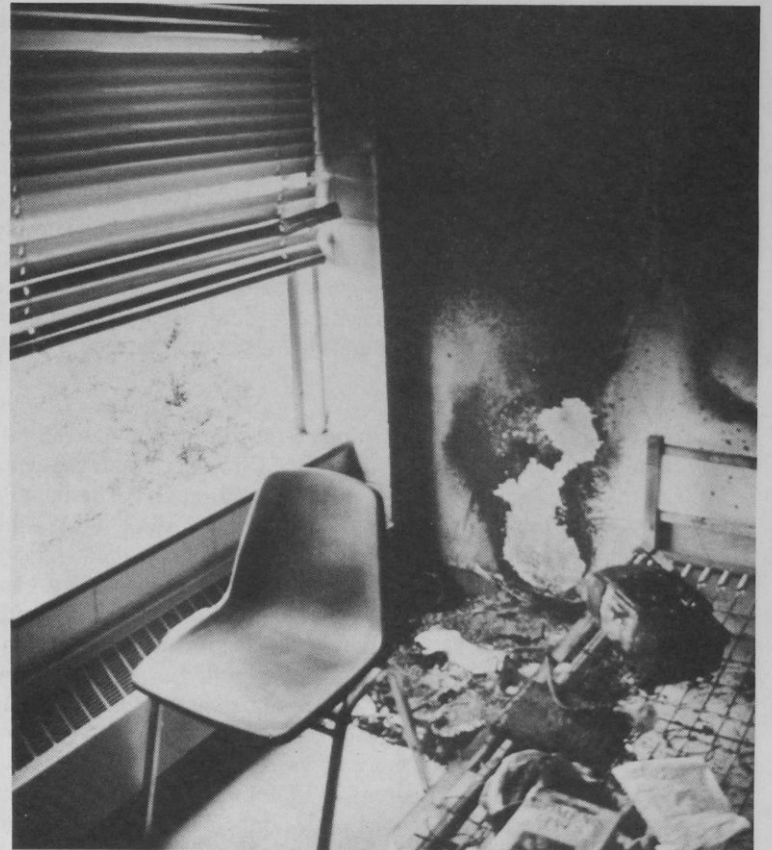


PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER

The third floor room was blackened from Saturday morning's fire in Openhym Hall. Fortunately, no other rooms were damaged so severely. The smell of smoke lingered in the building the day after the fire. It is not known exactly when repairs to the room will be completed.



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

A young child eagerly awaits the Homecoming parade, looking out the window of a Main Street business Oct. 3. Students and local residents lined Main Street to see the annual parade.

Effects of drinking illuminated

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Jim Matthews, nationally known author and speaker, explained some of the truths and myths about drinking and college students last Monday.

"Don't let the time of your life ruin the rest of your life," he stressed in his multi-media presentation titled "Beer, Booze and Books."

Matthews said he was disappointed in the crowd of about 40 people, but admitted he was used to the fact that students do not want to attend presentations on drinking. "To the listener belongs the feast," he quoted. Matthews added that he has spoken to well over 50,000 students at over 50 campuses.

His multimedia presentation included clips of college students giving their views on drinking.

Matthews used clips from Sleeping Beauty and Beauty and the Beast, as well as the

Budweiser frog commercials to show the alcohol images which bombard young children. The clip from Beauty and the Beast even shows violence resulting from intoxication.

Matthews added that these children grow up to check out their parents' liquor cabinet at about middle school age. About 10.8 million 7th through 12th graders drink with over 8 million of them drinking weekly.

Even though many students claim advertising does not affect them, Matthews pointed out it does have an effect. He illustrated his point by telling students Absolut Vodka used to be one of worst selling alcohols. He said the company got a new advertiser and went from selling about 50,000 cases in a year to over 200,000 cases the following year.

"Women are exploited by the industry," Matthews said. But he pointed out that they are also becoming a target. The number of

women trying to get drunk has tripled since 1977, he added.

"If you choose to consume... be an informed customer," Matthews suggested.

Matthews said there are several common misconceptions about drinking. "Everyone does it," he said, is a myth. Twenty percent of college students don't drink at all and 35 percent have only one to five drinks a week, he said. He pointed out that this means over half of all college students fall into the low risk consumption category.

Another misconception is about the alcohol content of drinks. While most alcohol education teaches most drinks have about the same amount of alcohol whether it is a shot of vodka, a glass of wine or a can of beer. Matthews pointed out that a wine cooler contains about .75 ounces of alcohol, compared to a half-ounce in most other drinks.

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Congressional candidate Rossiter runs through Alfred

BY PATRICK BOYLE

When one hears the words "politician" and "jogging shorts" together, the first thought that springs to mind could be a vision of the happier days of our embattled president.

Alfred's Main Street, however, witnessed a campaigner running for jobs Oct. 4.

Caleb Rossiter, the Democratic challenger to Republican congressional incumbent Amo Houghton,

made the Collegiate restaurant mile 101 of his 300 mile "run for jobs."

The run will take Rossiter through all ten counties of New York's 31st congressional district. The intent of the run is to focus attention on the district's economic condition.

Rossiter and members of his campaign staff are quick to point out that the district has an unemployment rate 40 percent above

the national average and that the unemployment rate in some parts of the district reached 10 percent, double the national average, earlier this year.

Rossiter's stop at the Jet came at the end of a six mile leg of the run, which started in Almond.

He delivered a short speech which outlined a segment of his development plan that pertains to Alfred.

This installment of the plan

focused on restoring east-west rail service through Wellsville and bringing the rail line between Alfred Station and Hornell back into operation.

Rossiter said if he is elected, he will move quickly to arrange local tax breaks as an incentive for rail companies.

Rossiter implied that Houghton is out of touch with his constituents.

"This race is very simple; if you

think that people are making less in real terms than they were 12 years ago at the typical job, then you're going to vote for me," Rossiter said.

Rossiter criticized Houghton for talking about an "economic boom" at a recent press conference.

"[Houghton] must not have been in Allegany County recently," said Rossiter. Rossiter said he had chal-

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What news are we missing?

It seems that the news media cannot get enough of the ongoing Clinton-Lewinsky scandal. The lead story on national news programs, the top story on news websites and, well, the top story everywhere revolves around the fiasco.

Sometimes, it's the only story we get to see.

Alfred has always been considered a news vacuum because students rarely know what's going on in the outside world. Because we don't have a daily newspaper and so few students take the time to watch the news, AU students are notorious for being clueless about the real world. But with Clinton monopolizing the little news we do get a chance to see, we're not missing anything, are we? Certainly the news media would tell us if something else important happened, right?

Wrong.

There are plenty of important things going on that have been relatively ignored in the grand-mal-deluge of Clinton scandal reports.

We're going to stay away from commenting on the scandal this issue—other media sources have said enough for all of us. We do, however, want to give you an idea of what you might be missing.

First of all, the U.S. and NATO are prepared to bomb Kosovo, Serbia in response to the Yugoslavian President not complying with the wishes of NATO. NATO will bomb the city unless Serbian military units stop their aggression on Albanian civilians and withdraw from the city. This story has been given a fair amount of press, but not nearly as much as compared with the Clinton scandal.

Isn't a threat to bomb a city more newsworthy than the monotony of the current situation in Washington? People will DIE in a bombing—a bombing the U.S. will participate in. Shouldn't we be concerned about what our troops are doing in foreign countries? The loss of human life should take precedence over a few tricks turned in the White House.

How about the fact that Russia has announced that it will back Yugoslavia in the event of any air strikes on Serbian targets, essentially turning its back on NATO? With as volatile as Russia is politically, is this a good thing? Are we on the way to regaining an old enemy?

Speaking of volatile, has anyone noticed what the stock market has been up to? Stocks rebounded, finally, last Friday. People were buying up stocks that got hammered in the previous weeks. Meanwhile, Newsweek has run a report on the possibility of another depression hitting next year. Another depression could render this country helpless. However, news outlets are more worried about the up-to-the-minute activities of President Clinton.

The situation in the Middle East remains tense. Israel is, as usual, in conflict with its neighbors.

Congo rebels shot down a jetliner with 40 people on board. It's hard to shoot down a plane. The rebels must have heavy artillery! Are they a threat? It's hard to tell... people usually flip to Sportscenter when they see the national news is leading off with Clinton. Stories about what goes on the world might not be shown until at least 10 minutes into the news.

The simple truth is, there are plenty of things going on in the world that could be just as intriguing to the public as the Clinton scandal—things that have an immediate effect on the world.

If Clinton resigns or if he were impeached, THAT would be news. Political bickering is normal, even if the topic is sensational. Show us the important stuff.

Here we have listed just a few events of many. What else has been going on? Tune in tomorrow at 6 p.m. and find out on the local news—if you're lucky.

COLUMNIST

We should pick speaker



BY MICHELLE PANCOE

May Commencement: A time to congratulate the seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

What was that? Did that say seniors? Well, then, if we're celebrating the seniors, it would make sense that they choose the speaker they would like to hear.

What? You mean the seniors don't have a say in the Commencement speaker?

I'm writing this early because the May speaker has not been announced yet. So it's clear I'm not attacking the University's choice—just questioning the

process.

I don't understand why we don't have a say.

It seems like the administration would like to give the seniors a voice in the decision—it would take some of the pressure off them. That way, when people like me complain about their choice, they could simply say the seniors picked the speaker.

Why is it that a handful of administrators, who will still be here next year, get to pick the person who gives the graduating students' last lecture?

In choosing our classes, we have chosen our lecturers for four years... why stop now?

Supposedly, we have gained maturity and improved our deci-

sion-making skills during our four years here at Alfred. We could put that maturity and those decision-making skills to good use while choosing our Commencement speaker.

I'm not even sure who chooses the Commencement speaker. Maybe it is a group of administrators and faculty, maybe it is one or two administrators.

Either way, my point is the same. We are the ones sitting there in our gowns being congratulated. It is our parents sitting in the bleachers.

It follows logically that we would choose the Commencement speaker.

After all, we're the ones leaving. □

COLUMNIST

NBA acting childish, selfish



BY ANDY BERMAN

Money and Greed.

Unfortunately, these two things have, for all intents and purposes, killed the upcoming NBA season.

The players and owners of the NBA could not come up with a collective bargaining agreement that they all can live with.

Each group wants more money. The players complain that the owners are making too much money. The owners complain that the players want too much money.

The biggest news coming out of the Manhattan hotel where the talks are is that no one walked out last Thursday. Whoopee!

In the 51 years and 35,001 games since the league's birth, a game has never been canceled due to greed. I guess there is always a good time for things to start. The entire exhibition season has been wiped because of the lockout.

I know that I am going to watch a lot more hockey this year than in years past. I have always liked hockey better, anyway.

The NHL is playing very smart right now. They have made a few moves to try to increase the scoring: they have added an extra two feet behind the net and have decreased the size of the goal crease.

NHL officials are trying to make up for last year's scoring decrease. The average of 5.28 goals-per-game was the lowest in 42 years.

Hockey is sitting on a gold-

mine. Its popularity has been increasing steadily as basketball's has been decreasing. All of those Sunday afternoon basketball games have to be replaced. Why not replace them with hockey?

Hockey is just as, if not more, hard-hitting than football, but the pace is faster. The constant action on the ice is more exciting than anything I have ever seen on a basketball court.

The only thing that can save basketball right now is to have a player score over 100 points in a game and break Wilt Chamberlain's record once games begin so he gets the national attention that Mark McGwire gave to baseball.

One thing is certain: I will be watching athletes play hockey, instead of watching greedy crybabies put a ball through a hole. □

COLUMNIST

People are responsible for selves



BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

If I shot up heroin and overdosed at a Student Senate meeting, would it be Senate's fault?

This scenario may seem ridiculous. However, a recent incident involving a drug overdose at an organization-sponsored event has people thinking just that.

They are blaming WALF for a suspected drug overdose at the rave it sponsored last weekend.

The person who overdosed was not an AU student. The University has not determined whether the person was under the influence of drugs before he or she even came to the rave.

The members of WALF advertised the event as drug-free. The flyers stated there was to be no drug use or distribution. Security was there the whole time.

What more could WALF have

done? Were they supposed to personally advise every person who attended the rave that drugs are dangerous, not to mention illegal?

College students are old enough to drive, vote, get married and serve their country in the armed forces.

They certainly should be old enough to make their own decisions regarding their welfare.

“People are responsible for their own stupidity.”

If they can't, they and they alone should be held responsible for their actions.

Of course sometimes people will feel pressured or threatened by their peers to engage in dangerous activities.

People who pressure other people to do drugs are irresponsible, immature and unfair to their peers.

In these situations, it can often be hard to assign blame when things go wrong.

But in this situation, it isn't. How could it not be the drug-user's fault? It shouldn't have been difficult to “just say no.”

The rave was sponsored by a University organization and patrolled by University security. Anyone feeling pressure to do drugs could have found a way out of the situation by finding security, standing up and saying no, or just walking out entirely. Even the excuse, “I just don't want to get caught,” would have worked.

As a country we have become lawsuit happy. It's become easier to find someone else to blame (and sue) than to take responsibility for our actions. People are responsible for their own stupidity.

In situations like this, we need to step back and ask who's to blame: the organization that did everything in its power to stop drugs from entering its event, or the individual who ingested the drugs and paid the consequences? □



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Openhym residents moved their damaged belongings into the hallway outside their room. Residents were asked to compile a list of damaged goods for the Residence Life staff.

...Fire

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"It's no one's fault," contended Openhym resident Mary Ball.

Ball herself was not allowed to sleep in her room after the fire was put out because of smoke and water damage.

"It was just a freak accident," said Schwartz, who also had some of his belongings damaged.

"People have to be really careful," Gonzalez said. He stressed however, "the residents were great," in the way they handled the whole situation.

Schwartz also said the situation was complicated by people being noisy during the roll call. "A lot of people were drunk," he explained.

Another complication seemed to be confusion.

Openhym residents, who have endured a number of fire alarm activations recently, said they weren't sure if this was the real thing, initially.

At first, resident Corrine Alarnick said she thought it was a drill and didn't want to leave.

Despite this, resident Briggs White said that as long as the fire

was an accident and nobody was responsible, "it was handled wonderfully."

Ball agreed the fire department responded pretty quickly for volunteers.

But Becky Samuel, a first-floor resident, said she thought the fire department was slow to respond. She said when she fell and hit her head earlier in the semester, they responded faster.

Furlong said the response time was about average for a call in the middle of the night.

At a meeting to brief Openhym residents about the fire, the Openhym Hall Residence Life staff, Gonzalez, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs Jerry Brody and Cathie Chester, a counselor at the Counseling and Student Development Center, addressed Openhym residents.

Brody, who had checked rooms for damage immediately after the fire, praised the Residence Hall staff for handling the situation well.

These sentiments were echoed by Gonzalez and Volforte.

Volforte also praised the students for handling the emergency in an organized manner.

Chester acknowledged that the students were very tired. She also warned them side effects of the incident may include irritability, anxiousness and trouble sleeping. "You can't necessarily make these feelings go away," she said.

Students expressed concern over reimbursement for damaged personal property. Volforte indicated that something would be done for them.

For now, the residents of the seriously damaged rooms will be living in other spaces in the building, said Volforte.

"We need to pull together," Volforte said. She said she wants the Openhym community to help those residents who need it.

Residents supported the Hall staff's decision to lock all doors to the building so curious people cannot just wander through the building hoping to catch a glimpse of the damage.

"Something very serious did happen," Volforte said, "and it doesn't have to happen again."

"We're going to work through this and we're going to work past it," she added.

This past week was national fire safety week. □

...Matthews

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Matthews discussed the side effects of drinking including impairment, alcoholism, legal trouble, alcohol poisoning and hangovers.

Matthews said impairment from alcohol can be affected by several factors. The human body metabolizes about one drink an hour. Food slows down impairment, while carbonation can cause people to be impaired more quickly. He added that if people are hungry, angry, lonely or tired they will get impaired more quickly.

Females also get impaired faster due to size, different body composition, different metabolism, menstrual cycles and birth control medications.

Alcohol can also impair judgment.

Fifty percent of college students report engaging in sexual activity they would not have if they had been sober, Matthews said.

Alcohol has lingering effects on the brain as well. "Alcohol impairs our abstract thinking skills beyond the presence of alcohol," Matthews said. This impairment has been shown to last up to 30 days in laboratory studies, he added.

There are concerns associated with drinking that have a more profound impact on athletes,

Matthews said. He said loss of motor coordination, dehydration and a depleted aerobic capacity can last for about a week after consumption.

A person's tolerance to alcohol also affects impairment.

"Tolerance is the degree to which the body has adapted to the presence of alcohol," Matthews explained. He added that high tolerance equals an increased risk for alcoholism.

Alcoholism is a permanent condition which can result from drinking.

"Alcoholism is caused by drinking too much too often," Matthews said. "Anybody can become addicted to alcohol."

Drinking can also lead to legal trouble.

Twelve percent of college students each year have problems with police or security because of alcohol, Matthews quoted.

"One-third of college students drive under the influence each year," Matthews said. Over half of the students in the audience stood up to indicate they knew someone who had been killed in an alcohol-related crash.

Some college students believe the person who's had the least to drink is the designated driver, Matthews said. He explained that the designated driver should not drink at all.

The majority of campus acquaintance rapes happen after

one or both involved had been drinking, Matthews added. "Some rapists use a loaded gun... others use a loaded victim," he recited a slogan.

Alcohol poisoning is also a common side effect of drinking, Matthews said. "I'm kinda hitting close to home around here, aren't I?" he quipped. He went on to explain that vomiting is the body's natural defense against alcohol poisoning.

Matthews pointed out that hangovers are also a side effect to drinking. A student on videotape in his presentation described a hangover as "a waste of a day."

Matthews said drinking more is not a good way to cure a hangover. Alcohol is a drug that can be addictive, he began. Getting drunk is a drug overdose and a hangover is a form of withdrawal, he explained. "Drinking to cure a hangover is an addictive behavior pattern." Matthews also described a hangover as the nervous system rebounding—explaining the heightening of the senses.

The presentation was sponsored by Greek Affairs, the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education, Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles, Sexual Assault Victims' Advocacy Program and the Counseling and Student Development Center. Jim Moretti, athletic director, also provided some grant money to fund the presentation. □

...Rossiter

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lenged Houghton to hold a debate on local economic issues in every county of the district, but Houghton had refused.

"Amo will debate both of the challengers. We just don't know when," said Chet Lunner, Houghton's press secretary.

Lunner said the end of this congressional term has been "crazy squared" because of the presidential scandal and that Houghton simply does not have time for a debate in each of the ten counties of the district as Rossiter requested.

At the Jet, James Booker, professor of economics and a member of the "Alfred Road Crew for Caleb," presented him with donations for Rossiter's war chest.

Rossiter said he would use the funds for advertisements. "It will be the first time in Mr. Houghton's 12-year career that a challenger has had advertisements against him."

Rossiter said he would support government measures to require radio and television networks to provide free air time to political candidates and limiting candidates to that air time.

"I've worked on the congressional staff in Washington. I've seen the members spend 80 percent of their weeks on the phone

raising money even as senior members of Congress. That's wrong. They need to be working full time on our business," he said.

Rossiter said he had asked Houghton in the spring to limit campaign spending and that Houghton had told him he would spend whatever it would take to win.

Booker said the run will help make issues the focus of the campaign. "Rossiter really wants to talk about the issues, and to do that he has to debate Houghton. And the way to bring that about is through the run," said Booker.

Residents of the Alfred area seemed pleased by the chance to meet the candidate up close.

Amy Jacobson, an area attorney, said she enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Rossiter in person but came away undecided. Jacobson said Rossiter seemed to assume that people who showed up to run with him were automatically supporters and did not try to sell himself as a candidate.

"[The run] gives him the image of being down to earth, but I'm not sure he matched that image," she added.

Michael Pellicciotti, student senate president, expressed pleasure at seeing Rossiter visit Alfred.

"I'm really happy to see different political candidates, especially congressional candidates, stopping through Alfred and talking to different students," he added. □

Hepatitis B vaccination recommended for all

BY KELLY KNEE

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ROSETTA BROWN-GREANE, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

It's only a shot, really. It only hurts for a minute. Well, actually it's three shots, but you don't have to get all of them at the same time.

The shots in question are the Hepatitis B vaccination, a series of three shots, designed to permanently prevent someone from contracting Hepatitis B.

Hepatitis B is one of the least understood and publicized sexually transmitted diseases.

Hepatitis B is a viral disease

that attacks the liver, and can cause permanent liver damage, liver cancer, and even death.

It is the most common sexually transmitted disease that is vaccine preventable, however, over 200,000 Americans are infected annually with Hepatitis B, with 40 percent of new cases occurring in young adults.

Hepatitis B is easier to contract than HIV, due to the numerous ways it can be spread. It can be spread through sexual contact with an infected partner, contact of cuts or scrapes with contaminated body fluids, sharing of razors or toothbrushes with infected persons, or contact

with a contaminated needle.

The virus can survive for months on contaminated surfaces, and for this reason it can be 100 times more contagious than HIV. Like HIV, there is no cure for Hepatitis B, but unlike HIV, Hepatitis B is vaccine preventable.

In an effort to prevent Alfred students from contracting the virus, the Crandall Health Center is offering two Hepatitis B vaccination clinics, Oct. 14 and 28, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The vaccine is not free. It costs \$26 per shot, but the health center is willing to provide insurance information, and many HMOs

and insurance companies will cover the vaccinations.

Even if insurance does not cover the cost, the Health Center's clinics offer the shots for much less than they would cost if given by a primary care physician. If you can not make it to either of the clinic times, the Health Center does take appointments to get vaccinated.

The vaccine is given in a series of three shots, over a period of six months. To accommodate students, the Health Center will also be offering the second and third shots in the series at the appropriate times.

The vaccine is called Engenx-

B, and it is a non-infectious, synthetic vaccine, which causes few side effects, and those that do occur are usually less severe than those associated with the Tetanus or Chicken Pox vaccine.

Anyone who is sexually active, works daily or occasionally with, with body fluids, uses injectable drugs, or lives or works with someone who is a carrier of Hepatitis B should definitely be vaccinated against the virus.

Also, he federal government is beginning to mandate Hepatitis B vaccination for everyone who is in school, much like Tetanus.

And it only hurts for a minute. □

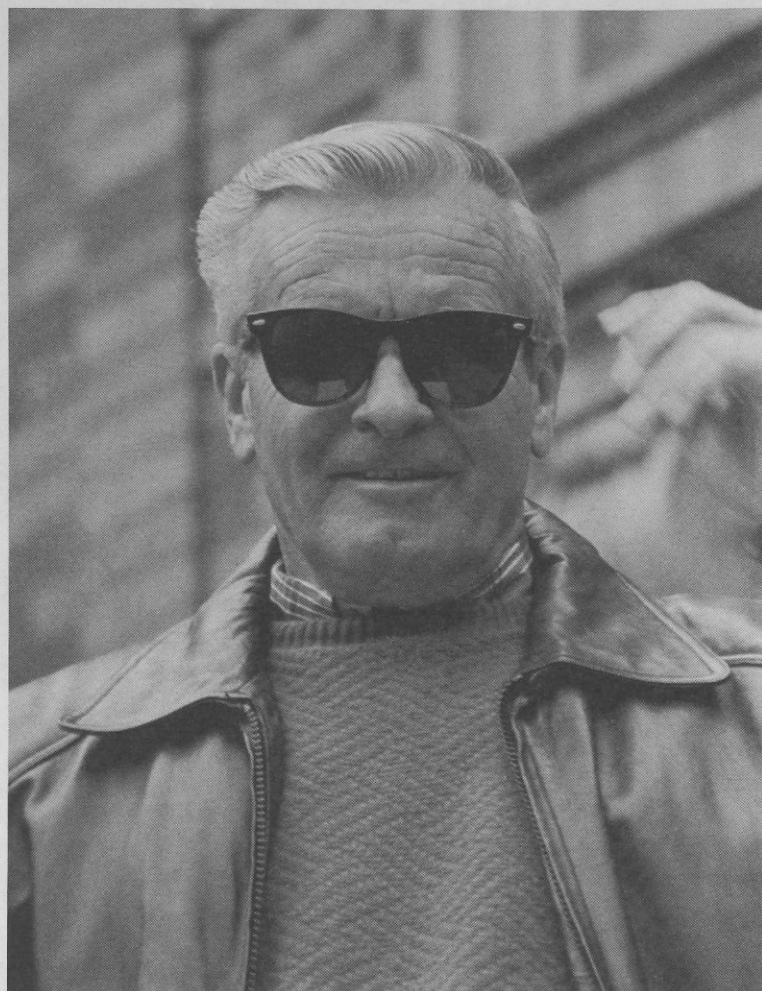
Glimpses of 1998 Homecoming activities



PHOTOS BY JULIE NEEL

Above: Members of Alpha Phi Omega ride on their award-winning float. APO also placed first in the Homecoming sign contest. The collection of signs decorated the sidelines of Merrill Field during the football game against Union College.

Right: University President Edward G. Coll Jr. wears a disguise in an attempt to blend in with the crowd. Despite being identified, he seemed to enjoy the parade.



LEFT AND BELOW PHOTOS BY JULIE NEEL LOWER LEFT PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR



Left: A dog named Jewel prances down Main Street in the parade. Jewel precedes one of several fire trucks which took part in the parade.

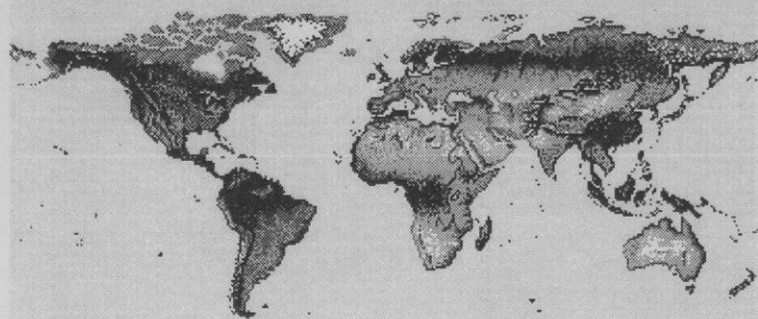
Below: E.T. was the centerpiece of Sigma Chi Nu's float, which took first prize in the parade competition.

Lower left: Students grapple in Homecoming's kickoff event, sumo wrestling. It was one of the weekend's best attended events.



Homecoming Facts

- This year's Homecoming had an Olympic theme, and to fuel the fire of competition, the even graduating years were pitted against the odd graduating years in several contests. Events such as sumo wrestling, basketball shoot out, lacrosse egg toss, and many others tested the skills of students from both teams. After the football game, Lambda Chi Alpha hosted a pizza party for the even team, and Alpha Kappa Omicron hosted the odd team.
- Last year's King and Queen, Mike Christakis and Kerri-Ann Appleton, crowned the new King and Queen, Jim Kostiw and Tiana Geraldino.
- Also on the homecoming court were Ginger Sanders and Alex Toribio, Laura Blake and Greg Hilgert and Jasmine Lellock and Alex Odulio.
- The even graduating years won the even-odd competition, with a narrow ten point lead.
- The best attended homecoming event was the lip synch contest on Saturday night.
- Approximately 100 rubber duckies took to Kanakadea Creek for PAW's rubber duckie race. Unfortunately, a lack of water flowing through the creek caused technical difficulties, and alternate modes of transportation were developed.
- The bonfire on Wednesday night was attended by several sports teams, but student attendance was lacking.



WORLDNOTES

LOCAL:

Charges against AU student Casey Gaughran were dropped in Alfred Village court a week ago. The charges of unlawfully dealing with a child and sale of alcohol without a license stemmed from the now infamous football rookie party. Earlier, similar charges against Jason Davoli and Stephen Rossi were also dropped. Charges against Nick Mancini and Eric Schwarz still stand and will be heard in court on Nov. 4.

• Fall Break begins after classes on Friday. This is the only break during the school year that students are permitted to stay on campus. Programs are planned for students who remain on campus.

NATIONAL:

The U.S. House of Representatives approved an impeachment inquiry into President Clinton's actions by a vote of 258-176. The vote, which reflected an obvious rift between Republicans and Democrats, opens the door for the impeachment effort. This is only the third time in the country's history such a move has been made. Impeachment hearings will begin after the November election. That election will determine who sits in the House and could influence the impeachment effort.

• Since the "Joe Camel" ad campaign for Camel cigarettes started in 1988, smoking among teens increased 73 percent, indicated by a survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. holds firm in its stance that the ads were not aimed at kids.

INTERNATIONAL:

NATO is on the brink of bombing Kosovo, Serbia. Unless Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic complies with the wishes of the western powers of the world, air strikes will occur.

• The Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to Portuguese novelist Jose Saramago. Saramago has been writing novels since 1947 and is often compared to famed Colombian writer Gabriel Marquez. This is the first time a Portuguese writer has won the prize.

Women need to vote wisely

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

The election of 1998 will be critical for women's issues, said Gary Ostrower, professor of history, at the second women's studies roundtable of the year.

Ostrower's Oct. 2 lecture, titled "Women and the 1998 Election," was a discussion of the issues relevant to women in the upcoming election.

Ostrower traced the history of women's suffrage, beginning in 1898, when women had virtually no right to vote. He described the first presidential election after the 19th amendment gave women the right to vote.

Many fewer women voted than did men and there was no evidence of what we today call a "gender gap," a percentage of women who vote differently than men, he said.

The percentage of female voters slowly increased over the years, Ostrower said, but did not equal the percentage of male voters until after World War II.

It was not until the 1960s that a serious discussion of women in politics began, Ostrower said.

In the election of 1964, female voters outnumbered male voters for the first time, he said. But in 1970, the Senate had only one female member, and there was not a single female governor.

Ostrower described the presidential election of 1992, in which there was a four percent gender gap. He described the gap as "critically important." Since Bill Clinton won the election by seven percent, if the gap had gone the other way, he would have lost.

The "Year of the Woman" was

how 1992 was described, Ostrower said. More women were being voted into office. By 1994, "the politics of sex had become too hot to ignore," he said.

Ostrower described current efforts to get women into public office, including "EMILY's List," which gives money early in a campaign to help it grow.

The list supports pro-choice, Democratic candidates for office. Currently, it is supporting six women for Senate, 44 for the House, and three for governors.

Ostrower discussed some of the political events affecting women the American public may see this year.

He reminded the audience that he was making "soft predictions rather than hard predictions" but that we may see a reduction in the number of women incumbents who face strong male challengers.

Because of backlash against Clinton due to the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal, Ostrower predicted conservatives will gain more seats in the 1998 election.

The conservative agenda includes rolling back abortion laws and will affect other issues such as health maintenance organization access, affirmative action, day care funding, and gay, lesbian and bisexual rights, Ostrower said.

Ostrower said that despite the importance of the election for these issues, he thinks the turnout in the 1998 elections will be very low. He said he polled his American history classes, and fewer than half of them said they plan to vote. □

Senate UPDATE

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Senate dissolved the cabinet to simplify Senate at a recent meeting.

Pat Schwartz, director of security, Denna Stachelek, assistant intramurals director, and Jerry Brody, dean of students and vice president for student affairs, also addressed students at recent Student Senate meetings.

The disbanding of the cabinet and the council system was in response to what some saw as a confusing and complex system of running Senate. This system mandated presidents of organizations to attend council meetings with presidents of similar groups twice a month. The heads of each of these councils then served as members of the cabinet.

Senate voted on Sep. 30 to dissolve the existing Rules committee, and on Oct. 7 elected five members, Steve Tedone, Mike Christakis, Seth Mulligan, Dave Silbergleit and Craig Calvert to a new one.

Schwartz asked students about their safety concerns on campus on Sep. 30. Students brought up the problem of bent and uneven stairs on the stairs leading down to McLane, and slippery stairways elsewhere on campus.

A student suggested that AU Rescue Squad come to freshman residence hall meetings so they would know to call Rescue Squad in an emergency.

Another student asked if it is always possible to see from one blue emergency phone to the other. Students suggested the University add more lights and blue phones in less-traveled areas.

Schwartz also explained that

Security patrols through all residence halls several times a night.

Schwartz clarified that parking at Robinson-Champlin Hall at Alfred State College is enforced by ASC, not AU.

Stachelek spoke to encourage students to attend intramural programs on Friday and Saturday nights from 10 to 12. She said it is an excellent way to have fun in a safe and healthy way.

Brody spoke briefly at Oct. 7's meeting about the complaints of drug abuse at the rave held last weekend. He said the University has been investigating the incident, but AU Security was there the whole time. Brody also said the people who claimed there were drugs at the rave could not say they were positive about the presence of the drugs.

Town liaisons Nora Bitz and Shane Walton were elected. A new organization, AU Jesters, was welcomed to Senate.

COURT REPORT

Speed in Zone:

- Wendy N. Aldrich, Apalachin (\$90)
- A. J. Randacciu, Monroe (\$90)
- Jared L. Fink, Germantown (\$90)
- Travis A. Rimel, The Woodlands, Texas (\$90)
- Eric J. Schmid, Dolgeville (\$90)
- Debra S. Smith, Lockport (\$90)
- Seth C. Tibbetts, N. Attleborough, Mass. (\$90)
- Lisa M. File, Wellsville, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$130)
- Jeannie M. Marchand, Philadelphia, Pa. (\$90)

Passed Stop Sign:

- Daniel C. Bardeen, Conklin (\$130)
- David J. Cartwright, Caneadea, reduced to no seat belt driver (\$80)
- Matthew J. McCumiskey,

Hornell, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$90)

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- Kong D. Haboon, Webster (\$80)
- James M. Schultz, Rochester (\$80)

Speed in Excess of 55 mph:

- Michelle E. Walters, Chaffee (\$90)
- Brianne T. Schaumberg, Canisteo (\$90)
- Heather S. Byer, Fillmore (\$90)
- Anthony M. Janulewicz, Wappingers Falls (\$150)
- Greg L. Kloss, Bradford, Pa. (\$90)

Expired Inspection:

- Christopher V. Green, Andover (\$55)
- Terry A. Hansen, Wellsville (\$55)
- Gary Aldrich, Alfred Station

(\$80)

No Seat belt Driver:

- Marc R. Powell, West Seneca (\$80)
- Kelly M. Wyant, Wellsville (\$80)

Other:

- Jennifer A. Rosengart, Friendship, speed not reasonable (\$90)
- John G. Bolton, Hamlin, possession of alcohol with intent to drink (\$60)
- Joshua J. Doucet, Honeyoye, disorderly conduct (\$25)
- Devon Sjodin, Barrington Ill. possession of marijuana (\$100)
- Kelly A. Devito, Fairport, failure to reduce speed, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$100)
- Patrick D. Cook, Hornell, obstructed view (\$130)
- Austin J. Hunt, Wellsville, AUO 3rd degree (\$230)

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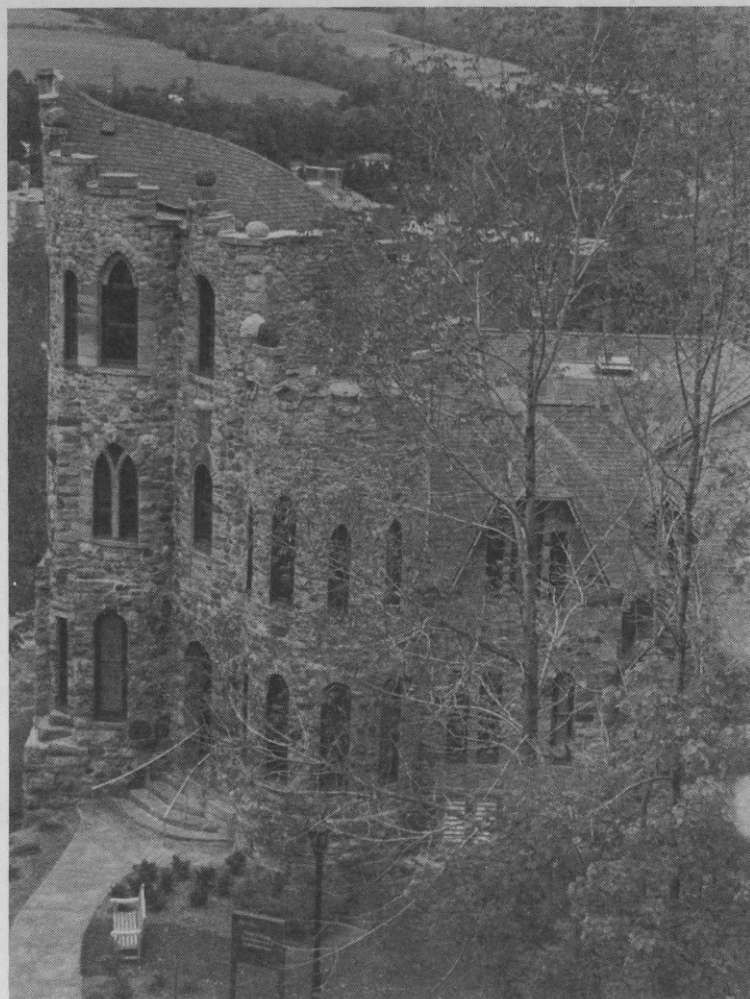
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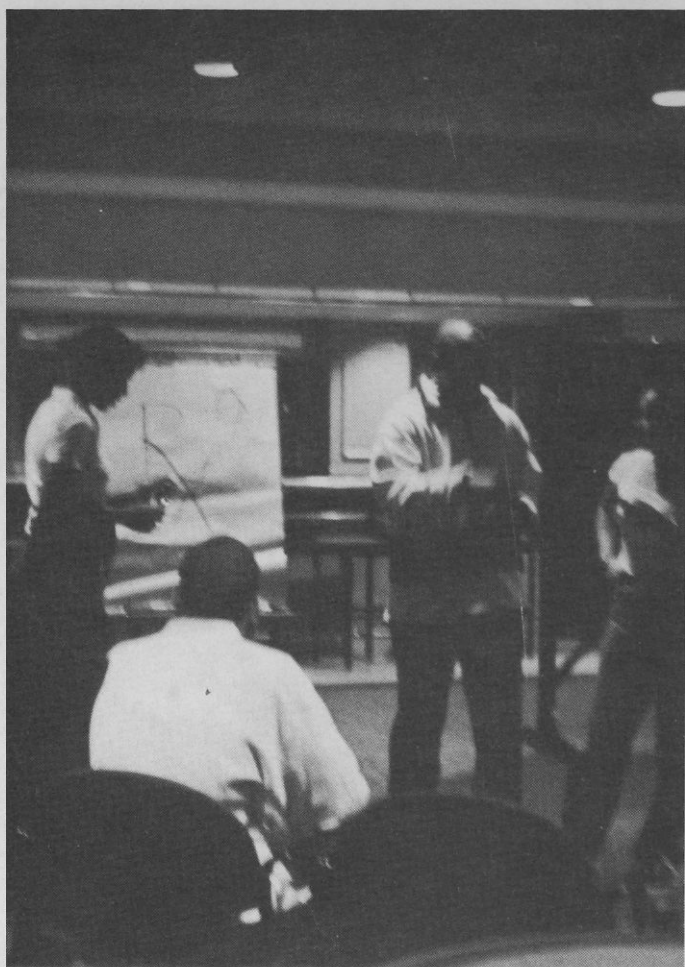


PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER

Ann R. Jones prepares to show off her artistic skills at Poder Latino's "Win, Lose or Draw" Night, which took place in the Knight Club Oct. 10. The event was one of many programs planned for Latino Heritage Month. Other events planned include Salsa dancing lessons and a Poder Latino sponsored Wing Night.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and complaints from Sep 21 to 28.

Arrests:

- DWI:**
- Patrick H. Ames, 29, Wellsville, also driving with more than .10 blood alcohol, and failure to keep right (Sep 26)
 - Christopher H. Allen, 19, Almond, also driving with more than .10 blood alcohol, and failure to keep right (Sep 27)

Other:

- Hawn M. Schledorn, 22, Dansville, disorderly conduct (Sep 26)
- Kevin J. Kyte, 19, Amherst, disturbing the peace (Sep 26)
- Kywaston L. Olawumi, 21, Cuba, open container (Sep 27)
- Janell F. Perry, 22, Alfred, petit

larceny (Sep 27)

Complaints:

- Five reports of illegally parked cars
- Eight reports of Larceny
- Two reports of disabled vehicles
- Speeders, East Valley Rd. (Sep 22)
- Domestic violence, Fraternity Row (Sep 23)
- Harassment, Glen St. (Sep 24)
- Disorderly conduct, North Main St. (Sep 25)
- Person with a gun, West University St. (Sep 25)
- Dog Complaint, North Main St. (Sep 26)
- Fight and assault, Mill St. (Sep 27)
- Criminal mischief, West University St. (Sep 27)
- Utility wire down, Rte 21, (Sep 27)

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REVIEW

Humorous Picasso staged

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

Comedy graced the CD Smith Theatre at the Miller Performing Arts Center, when *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* came to town. The show was featured from Oct. 7 through 10.

Picasso was written in 1993 by comedian Steve Martin. Becky Prophet, professor of theater, directed the show.

"It is extremely funny and yet it has great intellectual content," Prophet said.

Martin is best known for his role in *Father of the Bride* and other films. He is a stand-up comic with a long career stemming from "Saturday Night Live."

Last month, Martin published a book of essays written for *The New Yorker* over the past few years.

The show opens in the Lapin Agile, a bar in Paris.

The bar actually exists and

was a favorite hang-out for artists such as Picasso.

The year is 1904, and a fictitious meeting between Picasso and Albert Einstein occurs. The plot focuses on their arguments and discussions, while other renowned people come and go. The two geniuses of different renown form ideas about the Twentieth Century.

Martin would have the audience believe that after those conversations, Einstein publishes his Special Theory of Relativity, and Picasso paints *Les Femmes d'Alger*, the painting that marks the beginning of Cubism.

Prophet said the show required the dedication of eleven cast members, eighteen designers and technical team members, and nine backstage crew members.

Earl Stephens, a sophomore psychology major, was the stage manager.

"All of the design elements were produced with a very small budget, but we got a little to go a long way," Prophet said.

Rehearsals for *Picasso* began on Sept. 3, and the cast met six times a week. "It has been a high energy schedule, but very productive," she added.

Prophet chose the play because it presented very good acting opportunities where students needed to create a range of historical and fictitious characters.

The show also required challenging designs and technical demands.

"If there is an underlying moral of the play I think it might be that human beings do not recognize nor appreciate genius when we are in its presence. Yet, the success of genius is random, unless we as people learn how to comprehend and apply the ideas," Prophet added. □

Men and women proven different

BY KELLY KNEE

Are men and women really created equally, or are there differences that run deeper than anatomy?

This question was asked and answered by Lou Lichtman, professor of psychology and presenter of the Bergren Forum "The Hard Reality of Sex Differences in Behavior." Lichtman is the chairman of the psychology department for the University, and has done extensive research in the area of biology based gender determination.

In the age of equality and political correctness between the sexes, the title of the forum itself was enough to cause questions and arguments, and the presentation caused even more.

There are five areas in which

gender-based differences in performance are backed up by hard evidence: verbal ability, visual-spatial ability, mathematical ability, aggression and sexual orientation.

Lichtman used a series of simple tests to demonstrate to the audience that men and women do have different scopes of abilities.

Women are statistically better at tests of perceptual speed, while men perform better on tests of spatial ability, Lichtman said. Men are also better at mathematical reasoning than women, but contrary to the stereotype, women statistically do better than men at tests of mathematical calculation.

After demonstrating that there are differences in ability based on sex, Lichtman presented some possible explanations for the dif-

ferences, focusing on the brain.

He tried to give the audience an understanding of the basis for male-female brain differences. The main points Lichtman brought up were the role of hormones in brain activation, the organization of the developing brain, and how the hormonal environment influences brain organization and structure.

He cited several examples of each of the points to demonstrate the importance of a proper balance of hormones in gender determination.

He also used several case studies to show the consequences of hormonal imbalances during brain development.

To conclude the presentation, Lichtman summarized his research findings and discussed the implications of his research. □

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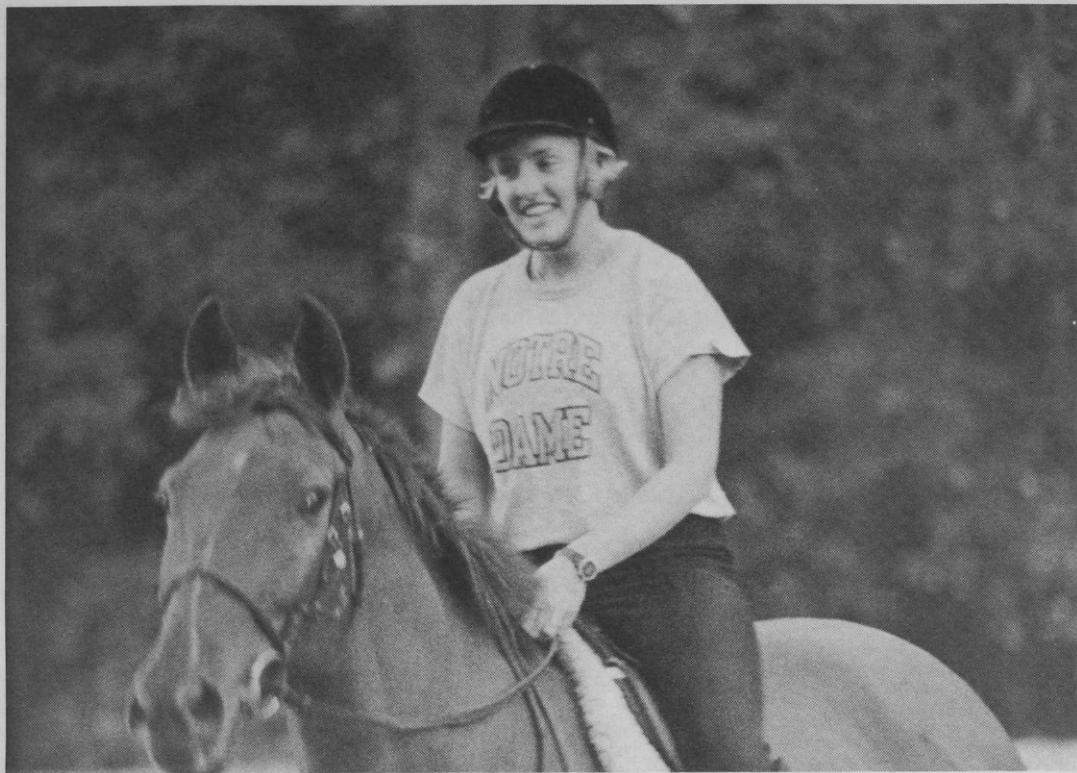


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A member of the equestrian team practices at Brentwood Stables for an upcoming show. The team competes in shows throughout the fall and spring. Last year a member of the AU team competed at Nationals. The team hopes to send more to that competition this year.

Alumni hired as lacrosse coach

FROM NEWS SERVICE REPORTS

Alfred University has successfully ended the search for a new men's lacrosse coach.

Preston Chapman, a 1989 graduate, will return to Merrill Field, but this time he will be coaching rather than competing.

Chapman will be the ninth men's lacrosse coach at AU, replacing Matt Kerwick. Kerwick left the program in August after leading the Saxons to a 24-17 record during his three seasons coaching the Saxons.

"We are very pleased that Preston Chapman has decided to join our team at AU," said Jim Moretti, director of athletics.

"He's an excellent lacrosse coach who also has the admissions background that is so important to have in recruiting," Moretti added.

Chapman coached at nearby Elmira College for the past eight years, where he also served as an admissions counselor, and, most recently, as assistant director of admissions.

He was responsible for making the Soaring Eagles one of the most competitive Division III teams in Upstate New York.

"Returning to my alma mater as head coach has been a goal for me," Chapman said.

"Alfred University has a

tremendous program, one of the finest in the nation, and I'm proud to have the opportunity to coach the Saxons."

Prior to taking over the head coaching position at Elmira, Chapman was a graduate assistant lacrosse coach during the 1990 season.

Chapman served as assistant varsity coach at Penn Yan Academy in 1989. It was supposed to be his senior year season at AU, but a broken ankle prevented him from playing for the Saxons.

For the Saxons, Chapman played both attack and midfield during the 1987 and 1988 seasons, earning him a pair of varsity letters.

Chapman's team has 23 returning veterans from last season, including the entire starting attack and midfield units.

"We're still going to play the up-tempo style of offense and aggressive pressure defense that has been successful in the past," Chapman said.

The lacrosse team ended last season at less than .500. Chapman said he hopes to improve on that record.

Chapman also said that it is his goal to get the Saxons back into the NCAA playoffs.

"With the tournament field expanded to 12 teams, there should be no reason why we shouldn't be there again in 1999." □

Sophomore nationally recognized

FROM NEWS SERVICE REPORTS

Sophomore strong safety Brian Keefer was named national Division III Player of the Week by USA Football.

Keefer was also honored for the third straight week by the ECAC for his defensive accomplishments.

He was named the ECAC/Budget Upstate New York Defensive Player of the Week

after the Carnegie Mellon game two weeks ago. Keefer had 14 tackles, an interception and a sack in the game.

"Brian is a team leader and just a great young man to have on our football team," said AU coach Dave Murray. "He's the quarterback out there on defense. He plays hard every down, hits hard and makes big plays at critical times."

Keefer has been the most impressive player so far this season for the Saxons. He was moved from free safety to strong safety after the previous starter was suspended from the team before the season started.

Keefer leads the team with 53 tackles, seven of which are for a loss and two interceptions. He is tied for second with two sacks. He also has broken up two passes. □

Four inducted to sports hall

FROM NEWS SERVICE REPORTS

Four new inductees were named to the Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame.

Joining the hall this year are David K Conklin, Tami J. Brown, Cary J. Schaeberle and Richard P. Schindelar.

Conklin (Class of 1982) was a four-year standout for the men's basketball team. He stands ninth on the Saxons' all-time scoring list with 1,310 points and 17th in rebounding with 486. Conklin had his finest season in his sophomore year, when he scored 441 points and snagged 149 rebounds.

Conklin was considered to be a great player in clutch situations. He helped the Saxons rally from a nine point deficit to defeat Ithaca 76-71 in the 1979-80 season. Conklin hit 4-out-of-4 free throws in the final ten seconds of play. Conklin along with fellow Hall of Famers Bill Byrne and David Smith were the first trio to score at least 400 points in the same season.

Brown (Class of 1988) was a four-year starter for the women's basketball team. She is second in all-time scoring with 1,084 career points and third in assists with 285 while wearing the purple and gold. She was also a member of the 1985-86 women's team that won 19 games and went on to win the

ECAC Upstate New York Championship.

Schaeberle (Class of 1987) joins his brother Tim in the hall for swimming. Schaeberle was an All-American all four years at AU, earning five awards in individual events and two more in relays. He finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke three times at the NCAA Division II Championships in 1985-87. His career best time of 58.06 is second to only to Hall of Famer Howard Seidman who is a three-time national champion in the event.

Schindelar (Class of 1984) was a decathlon specialist for the Saxons. He was the fourth AU athlete to become an All-American in track and field when he placed sixth in the pole vault in the 1983 NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Schindelar was the first Saxon to clear 15 feet in both the indoor and outdoor pole vault and still is the record holder in both events. He won the pole vault at the New York State Outdoor Championships in 1984 and was ICAC indoor pole vault champion in 1982 and 1984.

Also in 1984, Schindelar won the decathlon at the University of Rochester meet and qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships where he placed 10th overall with 6,301 points. □



PHOTO BY BETSY KACHMAR

Tom Cosola dives into the pool during the Homecoming swimming relays Sep. 30. Members of the swim team joined the even-odd competition by swimming different relays including freestyle and medley. The odd team won one relay, and the even won the other. Prior to the relays, sophomore Jason Dobe, shown on the far right of the picture, took first place in the cannon ball contest.

Sports Schedule Oct. 14 - 24

Football

10/17 @ Thiel 1:30
10/24 @ Hobart 1:00

Men's Soccer

10/17 @ Grove City 1:00
10/24 Hobart 2:00

Women's Soccer

10/14 @ Keuka 4:00
10/20 Lycoming 7:00

Women's Volleyball

10/15 @ Keuka 7:00
10/17 Nazareth Tournament
10/23-24 Oswego Tournament

Women's Tennis

10/15 @ Penn St.-Behrend