

'Fiat Lux' staff members bring home Gold Circle Awards

3/30/05

Two staff members of the Fiat Lux, Alfred University's student-run newspaper, returned from the College Media Advisors' annual spring National College Media Convention with two Gold Circle Awards. Abigail Tripp, a junior Communications Studies major, won a "Certificate of Merit" for her review of Dance-O-Matic, a show that the Brooklyn-based Brian Brooks Moving Company brought to the AU campus as the first performance in the 2004-05 Marlin and Ginger Miller Dance Residency. "Dance has always been one of my passions," said Tripp, a graduate of South Jefferson Central School. "I feel honored to be recognized, on a national level, for sharing this love through my writing." Tripp's article was titled, "Brooks Moving Company performs pink extravaganza." Tripp is the daughter of Allen and Susan Tripp of Michael Road, Adams Center, NY. Alexander Raskin, a senior Communications Studies major, also brought home a "Certificate of Merit" for his article, "Two Sox Fans." "It was about my grandparents bickering about the Red Sox for the entirety of their marriage," said Raskin, a resident of Andover, MA. "The overall theme was how the Red Sox bring people together," he explained. Writing the piece made him realize how his memories of his grandfather are inextricably linked with baseball. "I haven't won anything since my fifth grade Geography Bee, so, like the Red Sox, I just ended a very dry spell," said Raskin, a graduate of Andover, MA, High School. His parents are Fred and Lorraine Raskin of Andover Country Club Lane in Andover. "What makes these awards especially valuable is the Fiat Lux is competing directly against all campus newspapers, including those produced by large journalism programs," said Dr. Robyn Goodman, associate professor of Communication Studies and advisor to the AU newspaper. The Gold Circle Awards are for excellence in various categories of writing, Goodman explained. "Although the Fiat Lux has won several awards in the past, we haven't brought home a Gold Circle Award since 2001 when Jay Weisberger won one for a personal column."