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## One arrest made after Powell Campus Center vandalism



PHOTO BY JENNY JOHNS

**This broken window is one of two broken Feb. 27 in the third-story men's bathroom in Powell Campus Center. The red liquid seen in the photograph is red wine. Alfred Police arrested one suspect for breaking the windows. Investigation into the rest of the damage continues.**

By Thomas Fleming  
Editor in Chief

Alfred Police are still investigating a Feb. 27 Powell Campus Center vandalism, which has led to the arrest of one AU student, who was attending a concert.

"We were pretty upset because this is the first time any form of vandalism has occurred at any SAB event in my four years," SAB President and senior Kristie Valentino said. "We were afraid that this might lead to SAB having to pay for security, which would di-

minish the quality and quantity of the acts we bring in."

According to the Alfred Police report, the vandalism occurred around 11:45 p.m. The damage, however, was not discovered until closing time at 1 a.m., when junior Jennifer Johns was closing

the building for the night after the indie band Telepathe performed in the Knight Club. After discovering the damage, Johns called Public Safety.

Johns gave photos to the Fiat Lux, which show two broken windows and two broken sinks in the third-story men's bathroom, along with damage to a fire extinguisher case and a broken window on the door of the building's third-story entrance.

According to Tricia Debertolis, Assistant Dean of New Student Programs, the building is partly paid for by a Trustee gift and the rest of the building's cost is still being paid for by the student body.

"It's very disappointing to see students destroying what is really their building," Debertolis said. "It negatively impacts the campus community as a whole."

So far there is one suspect. Sophomore Caleb Elsbree, 19, of Greenville, N.Y., was charged March 3 with criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, for allegedly breaking two bathroom windows in Powell Campus Center, valued at approximately \$100.

A criminal mischief misdemeanor charge is given when property damage is estimated to be under \$250.

According to Elsbree's statement to the Alfred Police, Elsbree

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## Survivor's Zohn and soccer's Miller team up to fight AIDS/HIV

By Jeremy Juhasz  
Sports Editor

Ethan Zohn, co-founder of the not-for-profit organization Grassroots Soccer and former "Survivor: Africa" winner, teamed up with friend and AU men's soccer coach Scott Miller March 21 in McLane Center to raise money for the organization's efforts in Africa.

Taking place the day after Zohn spoke at Holmes Auditorium, the fund-raiser was a three-on-three shoeless soccer tournament called "Lose the Shoes—Barefoot 3 v 3 Soccer Tournament to Kick AIDS in Africa." Played purposely barefooted, the tournament symbolizes African youths' experience with soccer.

Grassroots Soccer obtains professional soccer players in

Africa, trains them and deploys them throughout 15 African states in an effort to educate African youth about HIV and AIDS.

"What Grassroots Soccer does is train professional soccer players in Africa about HIV and AIDS, and they go into the schools to teach about AIDS prevention," Zohn said. "The concept here (with the tournament) is kids kind of helping kids."

The three-on-three tournament idea came from a Vermont high school student four or five years ago, according to Zohn. Grassroots received a \$200 check and the program has now grossed \$112,000 through 80-plus tournaments internationally and around the country.

"It's completely student-run," Zohn said. "It's pretty cool if you

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PHOTO BY JEREMY JUHASZ

**"Survivor: Africa" winner Ethan Zohn, co-founder of Grassroots Soccer, teamed up with Scott Miller, AU men's soccer coach, to raise \$1,800 Saturday for AIDS/HIV programs in Africa.**



EDITORIAL

AU students ≥ Apathy

According to the promotional material provided to potential students, Alfred University’s motto is “Individuals. Inspired.” Did we at the Fiat Lux miss something? We must be at the wrong university.

We at the Fiat Lux understand that the student body in general is under enormous pressure in college to perform academically—pressure from parents, professors and peers—but how is this pressure any different from other universities? This institution, as it currently stands, lacks student enthusiasm and involvement outside the classroom.

It’s embarrassing.

To find an example of this lack of enthusiasm, one needn’t look any further than this year’s Student Senate Presidential and Vice Presidential elections. There was only one nominee for both of the top representative positions this campus has to offer. Neither candidate was contested.

Some students may ask themselves about what opportunities exist. There are plenty of clubs, and they all crave passionate students, especially since interest in clubs has apparently fallen by the wayside in recent years. Many clubs on this campus are in shambles, barely getting by due to low attendance and allegiance.

Even our club will see only two editorial staff members return, with very few prospects for replacements for other positions before staffs change in April.

These concerns are especially personal to a few members of our staff, such as our Editor in Chief and our sports editor, who also runs WALF.

Our spirit, sad to say, pales in comparison to surrounding schools. Just trek over to WETD at Alfred State College, for instance, and compare their DJs’ passion for radio to the minimal interest to even host a radio show on WALF. Our radio station is supposedly one of the best in the country.

This campus isn’t made up of 25,000 students, but 2,500. To us at the Fiat Lux, it seems that a small campus community should be able to exude some passion that resonates campus-wide.

It’s important to make the most of the college experience, and participating in extracurricular activities is a huge part of that. Every student on this campus pays about 900 dollars every year to keep clubs and other student activities running. That price tag is more than any class offered at this university.

Of course, we are not attacking Alfred University’s many dedicated administrative, staff and faculty members. It is us, the students, who are ultimately responsible for shaping our experience at Alfred University. We at the Fiat Lux are frustrated with the seeming laziness and disinterest of the student body in pushing itself to broaden a currently narrowing experience.

It is rare that a student newspaper feels compelled to scold its readers. If this editorial angers our peers, so be it. We will at least know that students are somehow participating in their campus community and not just using this newspaper, paid for by students, as the latest material resource for their next school project.

The solution to this problem is simple; Join a club and be active.

OPINION

MC Grammar:  
Questions and Answers from the Writing Center

Arianna Carini  
Contributing Writer



Dear MC Grammar,

I have a problem with apostrophe’s and now its ruining my relationship. My boyfriends’ argument does’nt make sense though. Please tell me how to use an apostrophe!

-Heart’Broken in the Can’nnon.

Dear Heart’Broken,

I’m not sure what your boyfriend is arguing, but if you really mean “boyfriends’ argument,” then apostrophes are probably not the root of the problem in your relationship. Let’s find out why.

Normally, we use the apostrophe to show possession of something.

In the sentence “Susan’s pencil somehow ended up in Billy’s eye,” the reader knows that the pencil mentioned in the sentence belongs to Susan. The reader also

knows that the eye mentioned belongs to Billy.

That’s easy-peasy, but things start to get a little harder when the noun that is the “possessor” ends with “s.”

Here is another sentence:

James’ laugh is as explosive and as shrill as a machine gun.

James, whose name obviously ends with an “s,” can use the apostrophe after his full name, and doesn’t need to put the extra “s” after the apostrophe. He easily could, though, because it’s still grammatically correct, which might make James’s laugh even more annoying.

The rule is the same for plural nouns:

The Twinkies’ innards had been sucked out by the bear, the raccoon, and the three-year-old.

More than one Twinkie was gutted, meaning that “Twinkie” is plural, but also possessive.

In cases where a specific noun has more than one word, put the apostrophe after the last word.

King Henry’s wives should have gotten a prenuptial that included “no killing.”

Notice it isn’t written “King’s Henry’s” or “King’s Henry.” Only write the latter if the King has a boy named Henry who works for him.

Other than possessives, apostrophes are also used to make two words into one contracted word, or contraction. In English, we have a specified list; you can’t just throw together any two words.

Don’t try to catch up with the train, because you can’t.

I haven’t been arrested and I shouldn’t be. It wasn’t even my vodka.

Don’t stands for do not, can’t stands for cannot, haven’t stands for have not, etc. In addition to these, there are a few other variations of contractions like it’s (it is), they’re (they are), I’m (I am).

It’s versus its is a common mistake as well. The word ‘it’s’ is used for replacing the words ‘it is,’ whereas ‘its’ implies possession, like before with Susan’s pencil and Billy’s eye. Here are examples of both:

The tree gave its shade without question.

It’s a larch, I believe.

An easy way to tell if you’ve used the right it’s or its is to replace the word with “it is.” Does this make sense?

The tree gave it is shade without question.

No. It doesn’t. What about this?

It is a larch, I believe.

Why yes! It does make sense!

So I hope your boyfriends’ argument lines up with mine. I also hope that you don’t have more than one boyfriend, as you have indicated by your grammar.

Good luck with your relationship(s),

-MC Grammar

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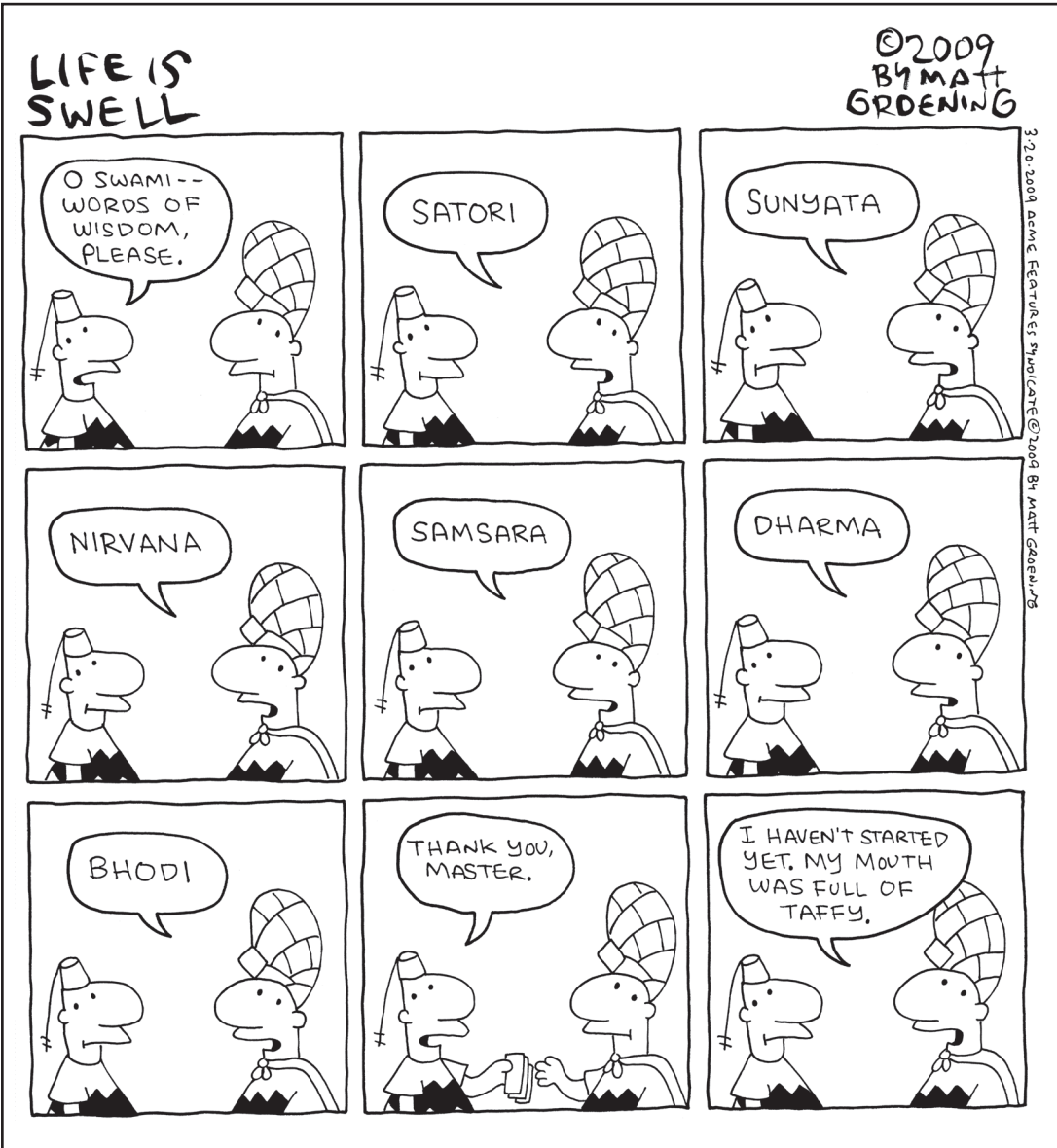
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# Modesty is the best policy

Ian Cramer  
Contributing Writer

I am relatively new to the relationship game, but that doesn't mean I'm ignorant to the world and how it perceives those relationships. Ron Burgandy once said of his love for Veronica Corningstone, "I wanted to shout it from the top of a mountain." I'm not bashing Mr. Burgandy, because I've seen Anchorman close to 20 times, but it seems that more and more people are actually taking his words to heart.

As I was typing away in Her- rick the other day, I found that I was indirectly embarrassed for the two people across the table from me who were rounding first and on their way to second. Groping, lovy

dovy smooching and fondling. I said to myself, "Why?" I see it more and more often--young couples who are so fervently in love that they can't place their libidos in check. Their young souls cannot be held back by time nor by place nor by the test they need to study for tomorrow; nothing can stop their inseparable love for one another. Snap out of it!! Stop it! Stop it right now! I can speak for 95 percent of the 6 billion people in this world when I say this: we don't want to see that! We don't care that Bobby Jones is making out with Mary Lou. Enough with the PDA. You're in a relationship? Great! Good for you! Be happy with that person, but don't let your emotions cloud your common sense of what is socially acceptable, and what is

socially awkward.

Ever heard of the words "modesty," "digression" or "maturity"? All three of these words are interrelated in the unwritten rulebook of relationships in the modern western world. Holding hands, a hug, or a peck on the cheek: legal, commonly described as 'cute'. Usage of tongues, excessive use of the hands on the body or strange and bizarre body undulations: commonly cringed upon viewing. And anything beyond that is highly illegal and may actually get you arrested. Exceptions to the rules? Yes, but be your own judge.

So where did we go wrong? Is it our carefree college attitudes that make us publicly promiscuous? Or is it just a natural change in our culture? Wikipedia adds, "If the part-

ners enjoy being seen affectionate towards each other in public, it may be considered a mild form of exhibitionism." Is there any truth to that? Is there some sort of thrill to being seen in public acting this way? Some people out there may be saying, "If it's not harming you, why should you be worried?" Musical Artist Ben Harper said "My choice is what I chose to do; and if I'm cause' in no harm, it shouldn't bother you." Point taken, but society outside of our little Alfred bubble we live in doesn't commend PDA. If you're thinking of getting anywhere past 1st base, get a room and save yourself and the rest of us the public embarrassment of your actions.

# Is there a local connection to the Mexican drug cartels?

Thomas Fleming  
Editor in Chief

It is startling to see the number of drug busts made in the reach of the Alfred Police Department's relatively small jurisdiction.

Since becoming Editor in Chief of the *Fiat Lux*, I have become a frequent, almost obsessive reader of the *Alfred Sun* and other publications. As a newspaper reader, however, I typically read the police blotter even before looking at the front-page stories.

Look inside the *Alfred Sun*, and on an almost weekly or bi-weekly basis at least one student or young adult, typically male and aged 18 to 24, is caught with either marijuana or, somewhat less likely, heroin possession.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Alfred University on-campus disciplinary actions for drug use, the most commonly reported AU crime next to on-campus alcohol violation disciplinary actions, in-

creased from 41 in 2006 to 52 in 2007.

Every student and community member should thank the local police department and other policing agencies for every drug arrest made and disciplinary action taken. They are saving lives, and not necessarily those directly accused of drug possession and use.

In the March 18 edition of *USA Today*, there was a story covering the current drug cartel violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, which is located near El Paso, Texas. The city serves as a center for a major drug trafficking route, and as a place where drug cartels have, until recently, been using fear tactics and violence to take control of the route running through the city.

The *USA Today* article, titled "'Surge' of Mexican troops leads to lull in drug-war violence," cited that the city reported 1,607 drug-related killings last year, which was a sharp increase from the 391 similar killings reported

in 2007.

The killings in the city are brutally violent. Last month, the city's police chief resigned after "cartel henchmen followed through on their threat to kill two police officers every 48 hours unless he resigned."

Violence in the city is only now beginning to decline, taking a federal effort from the Mexican government to dispatch 5,000 soldiers to retake control of the city.

Following the drug trafficking route North, away from the violence into the United States, where the route splits and spreads all through the states, including New York State, it is not difficult to see on the map provided in the 2007 CRS Report for Congress on "Mexico's Drug Cartels" the two large red dots representing the only two cities in the Empire State where the Mexican cartels are reported to be present: Buffalo and Rochester.

Even without the specula-

tive conclusion that Buffalo and Rochester are the major source cities for marijuana and heroin provided to those using drugs in Alfred, the statistics and estimates mentioned in the Congressional Research Service report make it clear that Mexico is the United States' main marijuana supplier, a large supplier of heroin and the main entry route for cocaine.

More likely than not, buyers and possibly even dealers are unknowingly funding a major conflict near America's borders, and it is fairly easy to conclude that students at many college campuses, including students at our small Alfred campus, are playing their part in a very terrifying and violent conflict near our national border.

I think it is important to remember that although Alfred is a small, seemingly isolated community, what happens here has an effect everywhere.

# Alfred: The Bermuda Triangle of The Restaurant Business

Chris Field  
Opinions Editor

The recent closing of Sonora's only adds to the already long list of restaurants and eateries that have closed in Alfred in the past few years.

It all began about two years ago with the closing of DP Dough and the domino effect became reality as The Old West closed its doors

as well as the Pizza and Sub shop. Then, during the end of 2008, the Short's Grocery and Deli locked up for one final time. The loss of these businesses is something that greatly affects the community as it is becoming less appealing when there is a giant yellow FOR SALE sign in every window and no sight of seeing it come down.

Of course, there are still a fair amount of eateries along Main

Street; the choice of variety is no longer a part of the equation.

With Sonora's being the latest victim to this collapsing economy that is hurting almost everyone in the community, it creates some kind of hope that another business will soon move to our small little oasis.

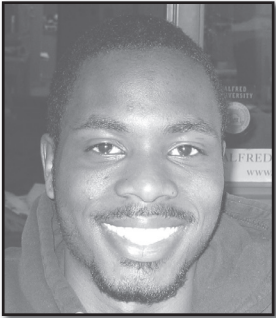
Of course, it does not look promising for a new business venture as we have lost more restaurant

business and eateries within the past couple years than we have left standing. I would want a new business to come to Alfred and change this depressing mood of business failures as much as the next person, but it does not look promising in this Bermuda triangle of restaurants and eateries.

# Roving Reporter

"What type of restaurant do you want to see come to Main Street?"

By Harold Muntner  
Office Manager



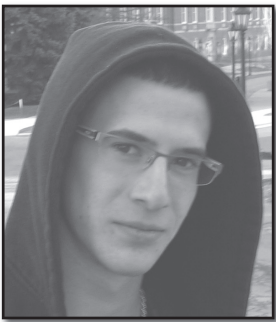
"I want a sit-down pasta restaurant."

Correy Loftin  
Accounting  
Junior



"Applebees."

Dan Papandrea  
Biology/Psychology  
Junior



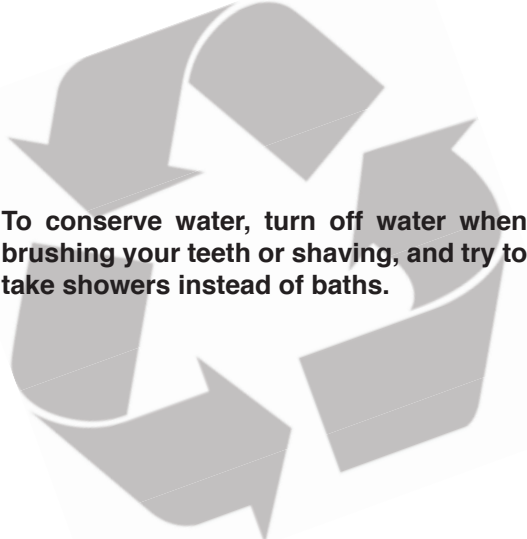
"Another Old West."

Keith Gitlin  
Art/Education  
Junior



"Either Italian or German."

Jason Gagnon  
Geology  
Junior





# What the FARC is going on in Colombia?



Colombia, originally a colony of Spain, received independence in 1819 and spent almost a century trying to establish a legitimate state with a functional government.

By the end of the 1800s, a drop in coffee prices causing an economic crisis and fraudulent

elections which kept the Conservative Party in power led to a massive confrontation; the end result was the Thousand Days War, lasting from 1899 to 1902. This bloody civil war had no absolute victor, but many agree that the peace agreement that followed favored the Conservative Party. Political stability was viewed as a strong possibility until the Liberal Party’s presidential candidate, Jorge Eliécer Gaitán, was assassinated in 1948.

Another civil war, known as La Violencia, ensued, during which General Gustavo Rojas seized power from President Laureano Gómez of the Conservative Party. Rojas chose General Gabriel Paris Cordillo as his successor, who held the position until the conflict subsided in 1957.

The Conservative and Liberal Parties later formed the National Front, which set up a joint power agreement between the two. Despite the drastic decrease in violence, several guerilla groups formed in the years that followed. Most notable among the guerrilla groups were FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) and ELN (National Liberation Army), both of which claim to follow Marxist ideology and are still in existence. These groups exacerbated a growing cocaine trade and regularly caused civilian casualties in an attempt to overthrow the government.

For the decades that followed, no significant peace initiatives were taken. In 1999 and 2000, Plan Colombia was proposed, which would attempt to end

guerrilla action, eliminate the drug cartels, and ensure human rights.

The plan proved largely ineffective, but it did lead to an agreement between President Andrés Pastrana and FARC in 2001, known as the Los Pozos Accord. Both sides agreed to target paramilitary forces, respect civilians and non-combatants, and respect a demilitarized zone as a location to work on further peace accords, such as the San Francisco de la Sombra accord later that year.

Unfortunately, attacks on the demilitarized zone became increasingly more common, and most peace attempts were viewed as a waste of time. This violence culminated in the election of current President Alvaro Uribe, who ran on the promise of

stronger military action against all guerrilla groups in the country.

Despite a considerable amount of support and funding from the United States, the conflict between Uribe’s official government and the rebel paramilitaries is ongoing. Similarly, civic peace initiatives such as No Más have had little effect on ending the continent’s longest armed conflict.

The purpose of this column is to inform people about global events. While one article is not enough to fully explain a conflict, it is enough to provide the reader with the basics. It is my hope that when you are finished reading, you can readily answer the question, “What the (blank) is going on in (blank?)”

# Japanese middle school students arrive in Alfred March 21

Thirteen families in the Alfred-Almond area are busily preparing for guests. On March 21, 13 Japanese 7th and 8th graders from Anan-Cho will arrive in Alfred for a six-day visit. The eight girls and five boys will be staying with Alfred-Almond Central School 7th and 8th graders and their families. The participating families include the Ackers, the Booman-Amicos, the Calkins, the Henrys, the McConnells, the McFaddens, the Pecks, the Raos, the Tyrells, the Von Stackelbergs,

the Watsons, the Bob Woughters, and the Paul Woughters.

The Japanese students will be accompanied by three chaperones, Mr. Tetsuya Ohi, an English teacher in a junior high school; Mr. Kimiteru Katsuno who is on the staff of the local board of education and is in charge of the assistant language teacher program; and Ms. Megan Bisbee-Durlam, a current assistant language teacher who graduated from Alfred University with a BFA. Of the 16 visitors, only

Ms. Bisbee-Durlam has visited Alfred before.

A full slate of activities is planned for the group including bowling, two days of visiting at Alfred-Almond school, a trip to Niagara Falls, an evening of Haiku poetry, a potluck dinner, and time to become better acquainted with the host families.

The current exchange is the third in a series of visits. In 2006 the first group of six Japanese students and three chaperones arrived for a visit in Alfred. The

following year, seven Alfred-Almond students and six chaperones from the U.S. visited Anan-Cho. It is likely that in the next year or two the U.S. students hosting the Japanese students will have an opportunity to make a trip to Anan-Cho.

Anan-Cho is a small community like Alfred. It is located between Nagoya and Tokyo on the main island of Japan.

The exchange has been a true community effort. Many people in both Alfred and Anan-Cho

have worked together to finalize the details of everything from host-families and the welcoming reception to field trips and everything in between. The organizers include: Bonnie Booman, Craig Clark, Luanne Crosby, Nick Garofilo, Bill Hall, Joyce Howland, Susan Mayberry, Katy Paul, Becky Prophet, Petra Visscher and Choichiro Yatani. The Alfred community including Alfred University and Alfred State has given great support to this program.

# Delicious Truffle Brownies

(from www.foodnetwork.com)

Ingredients:

- \* 2 eggs
- \* 1/2 teaspoon salt
- \* 1 cup sugar
- \* 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- \* 1 stick butter
- \* 3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- \* 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- \* Chocolate ganache for topping, recipe follows
- \* 8" X 8" square pan or 9" round foil cake pan

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Beat the eggs and salt together in a large mixing bowl until frothy. Add the sugar and beat until the eggs are thick and pale yellow, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add the vanilla extract and beat an additional 30 seconds.

Put the butter and chocolate in a microwave safe container and microwave on high for 1 minute, or until chocolate is melted.

With the mixer running, pour the melted

chocolate into the egg mixture. Add the flour and beat 1 minute. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat an additional 30 seconds.

Grease the pan and pour in the brownie batter. Place the pan on the top rack of the oven and bake 15 to 20 minutes until the center is barely set.\* Remove the pan from the oven and let cool. Top with the ganache and place in the freezer for at least 1 hour.

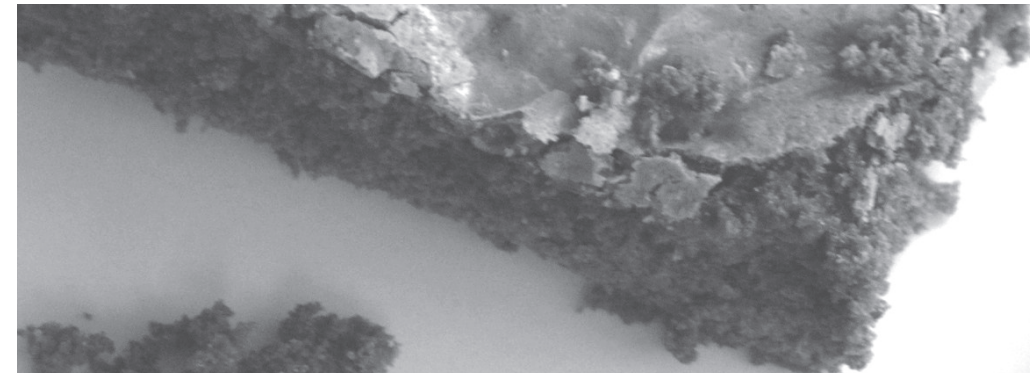
To serve, remove from freezer and slice immediately. Allow it to come to room temperature before serving.

\*Cook’s Note: If tested with a toothpick the center will still be gooey. If tested by touch, the center will be soft. It will set once frozen.

Chocolate Ganache:

- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

Put the chocolate chips and cream into a microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high for 1 minute. Remove and stir until well mixed. Use immediately. If using the ganache later it will need to be reheated.





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# Overton-Healy appointed new WLC director

By Leah Houk  
A&E Editor

Julia Overton-Healy, the new director of the Women’s Leadership Center, stepped into her position with confidence and a clear sense of purpose.

“My focus is on preparing students—primarily women, but not exclusively—to face life with authentic, ethical leadership,” she said.

Overton-Healy will continue the work of the first director of the WLC, Amy Jacobson, who is now the director of gift planning in the Division of University Relations.

“Julia is a fantastic choice for Director of the WLC,” Jacobson said. “She brings energy, expertise in the field of leadership, and new ideas. I look forward to seeing the Center thrive with her direction.”

Overton-Healy has had plenty of practice as both a leader and a teacher of leaders. She has worked in higher education for 20 years, as faculty, staff and administrator.

She earned a master of arts degree in speech communication with concentrations in organizational communication and interpersonal communication from Eastern Illinois University, and she is currently a doctor of education candidate in administration and leadership studies, higher education administration track, at the Indiana University

of Pennsylvania.

Prior to her new position at AU, Overton-Healy was the Career Development Center director at Mansfield University. She was on the Student Affairs Management Team until 2006, at which point she joined the Academic Affairs Division and served on the Provost Council, the President’s Leadership Task Force, and the University Strategic Planning Team.

In addition, she has been an assistant professor of communications at the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, and has served as a corporate recruiter, giving her firsthand experience with leadership issues for college graduates in the work force.

Overton-Healy holds membership in a variety of professional organizations including the National Association for Student Personnel Administration, the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs, the American Association for University Women and the Order of Omega, an organization of men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities.

Among her many plans for the WLC, Overton-Healy hopes to advance a research agenda, promoting interdisciplinary research on leadership, especially as it pertains to women. Another plan involves establishing an exchange program for the Women’s Leadership Academy mem-

bers between universities with similar programs.

The Women’s Leadership Academy, now in its third year, has much to offer students in the way of leadership development.

For the past few years, Academy members have taken a two-credit seminar, “Gender and Leadership,” which is team-taught by many AU faculty and overseen by the director. Students also participate in a variety of leadership-building activities, and have opportunities to attend seminars and conferences on leadership, as well as to build relationships and network with alumnae. Each Academy member carries out a capstone project that demonstrates leadership skills in some capacity.

This year, the Academy class is being co-facilitated by Overton-Healy and Jacobson. Next year, Overton-Healy will probably make some changes to the program, but will continue on in the spirit of Jacobson’s idea. “Amy’s a champion—that’s for sure,” Overton-Healy said.

Overton-Healy hopes to get past the point of having to defend to some students the usefulness of the WLC.

“It uses up valuable energy to always be on the defensive,” she said. “I want to show students how we can help them by offering them valuable leadership opportunities and experiences.”

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend events at the



PHOTO BY LEAH HOUK  
Julia Overton-Healy became the new leader of the Women’s Leadership Center this semester.

WLC.

“We’re doing terrific things here; come be a part of it,” Overton-Healy said.

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Got Milk? A review

By Harold Muntner  
Office Manager

“Milk” is a powerful movie that depicts the history behind the rise of and struggle for gay rights in America, and more specifically in California, where Harvey Milk served as an icon and inspiration before his untimely, tragic death.

The movie garnered two Oscar wins, including Best Actor in a Leading Role for Sean Penn’s versatile and excellent performance and Best Writing, Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen for Dustin Lance Black’s screenplay.

“Milk” is directed by Gus Van Sant. Penn stars as the openly gay politician Harvey Milk, who was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, making him the first openly gay politician in America. Josh Brolin plays the notorious Dan White, another city supervisor, and James Franco plays Milk’s boyfriend Scott Smith.

The movie follows Milk through the last eight years of his life, portraying the struggles he faced through the use of stock footage and Sean Penn’s step-by-step narration of the movie, which helps the audience understand who all of the characters are and what sides of the issues they stood on.

There are, however, some problems with the movie, even though they did a lot of things right. One of the main problems is that the movie seemed to drag at a few points, and seemed to be generally too long. Also, the narration that I previously complimented had its downsides. Yes, it was nice that it discussed what was going on and explained who the different characters were, but it was, at times, overused, making the viewer lose interest in what was going on.

Though not without its flaws, all-in-all, “Milk” is definitely a movie worth seeing.

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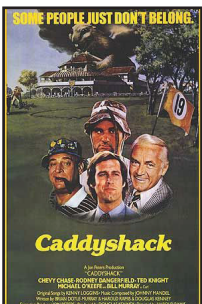


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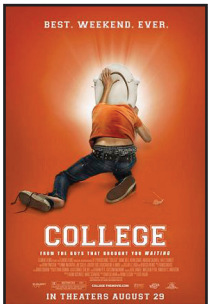
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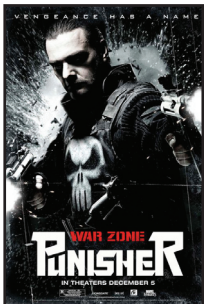
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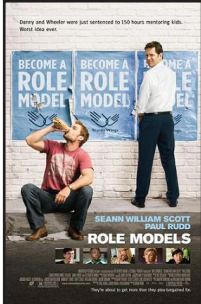
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The schedule for the AUTV/Student Senate Movie Channel can be found at [people.alfred.edu/~autv](http://people.alfred.edu/~autv). Movie choices are subject to change. The survey for each month’s student-chosen movies will be available at [my.alfred.edu](http://my.alfred.edu).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



# Traveling for a cause:

Environmentalists head to D.C., Habitat hits up Florida



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ABOVE: Habitat for Humanity ventured to Deland, Fla., for spring break to build a house. Here, the Alfred University Campus Chapter proudly perches on top of the roof of a newly completed home.

LEFT: Pictured are some of the AU environmentalist advocates who rallied in front of the Capitol Building for Powershift 2009 Feb. 27 to March 2 in Washington, D.C. From left, Kacie Dean, Gia Michael, Ray Halter and Jenny Urfer.

# JUNGLE JUICE

## GLAM SLAM 2009



PHOTO BY LEAH HOUK

Students gather to pose with drag queens Samantha Vega, Miss Deelicious and Jenna March 21 at this year's Glam Slam in the Knight Club. More photos can be found at [thefiatlux.com](http://thefiatlux.com).







# Confucius Institute established at AU

Sara Kam Yan Yuen  
Business Manager

After years of research and preparation, the Confucius Institute at Alfred University (CIAU) was finally established last December.

CIAU’s headquarters is in Beijing. It is under the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban). CIAU promotes Chinese culture and language through the teaching of Chinese. CIAU will be offering non-credit Chinese courses in Mandarin, also known as Putonghua, to students and professionals. Moreover, Alfred University is authorized to be an HSK (a Chinese certification examination for elementary school and secondary school teachers) examination center. Last but not least, CIAU offers

opportunities for students to study abroad in China for a semester or longer.

MBA student Tinghong Zhang and four undergraduate business major students, Simon Chow, Mikki Senkow, Yimeng Zhu, and I, are helping Dr. Wilfred Huang, the director of CIAU, with the secretarial and research work of the institute.

CIAU has not started its official operation yet. The three instructors from China will arrive in Alfred by late March. The opening ceremony of CIAU is on May 3rd. We are going to have a acrobatic show, a lion dance, and a traditional Chinese musical instruments performance in Nevins Theater. Dr. Huang invites all AU faculties and students to come to the show. Since seats in Nevins fill up very quickly, remember to come early.

In January, CIAU jointly organized the Chinese New Year party with Pacific Rim, International Scholar and Student Organization, and Chinese Scholar and Student Association. There was Chinese calligraphy, and a dumpling-making workshop. There was plenty of good food, and all of us enjoyed it a lot. We presented Chinese culture to the Alfred community while helping to heal Chinese students’ homesickness.

In the future, CIAU will organize more activities that benefit both the AU population and the Alfred community. As a Chinese student, I feel proud to be working for CIAU. This is a great experience, and an excellent opportunity for me to introduce my own culture to Americans.

# New Student Senate passes first special allocations request

By Sam Urann  
News Editor

The newly elected members of the student government recently oversaw the Student Senate passing a request by the Robot Club for a special allocations grant during the March 19 meeting.

The Student Senate, which recently held presidential and vice presidential elections, has elected President Amos Mainville and Vice President Kevin Kostyck.

The Robot Club is attempting to host a competition in the Knight Club of Powell Campus Center through the Robot Fighting League.

The request for funds through special allocations by the Robot Club was for six controllers. Five of these controllers are for smaller ‘beetle’ bots, while one controller is for AU’s 120-lb robot mascot, “Angry Saxon.” All of these supplies are to be purchased from Robotmarketplace.com and tow-erhobbies.com.

The club’s request for these items was brought forward be-

cause the robots cannot be run legally without the FCC-required equipment.

The amount requested and agreed to by the Student Senate was \$1,301.28.

“This would be a relatively small amount,” treasurer Sam Schuman said, adding that the sum was likely to be around five percent or less of what was in special allocations.

Currently the Robot Club has three robots.

There hasn’t been a large amount of interest in the club recently, although by trying to get involved in the Robot Fighting League, which is a group that organizes combat robot competitions, the club is attempting to generate greater student interest.

These on-campus Robot Club events will be free to anyone who wishes to attend.

Student Senate meets every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., and any clubs attempting to gain special allocations funding must do so through the approval of a senate vote.

# Bergren forum explores troubling gender-role stereotypes

By Sam Urann  
News Editor

Gender-role stereotypes can alter how we view and react to nearly identical behavior, based simply upon the sex of the individual, Dr. Jeonghee Choi explained to the Nevins Theater audience.

“Troubling Gender-Role Stereotypes” was the title of Choi’s lecture to the Bergren forum on March 19.

Choi is an assistant professor of education here at AU. Choi is a literacy specialist with particular expertise in an understanding of socio-cultural perspectives on how students’ literacy development is shaped by their home, community and cultural values.

Choi began by referencing her favorite children’s book: “William’s Doll.” In the story, a young child named William only wants a doll to play with. He faces continual criticism for this; his brother calls him “creepy,” his neighbor calls him “sissy” and his father refuses to buy him a doll while getting him a basketball and an electric train instead. Finally, William’s grandmother visits and after listening to her grandson gives him a doll. The grandmother explains to Will’s father that having a doll will prepare him for future fatherhood.

“William’s Doll” presents the typical gender-role stereotyping that can occur due to the emphasis of sex on a child’s upbringing, Choi said.

“Gender is a fantasy, a set of internalized images,” Dr. Choi explained.

Choi noted these understandings of gender form Judith Butler’s book “Gender Trouble” (1990). Choi highlighted the need to differentiate between sex and gender: sex is biological, while gender is a psychological construct.

Choi’s research, which involved the observation of a teacher, a male student and a female student in a third grade class, allowed for clear evidence of stereotyping children by sex.

The female student in this research was enrolled in a gifted program, was assertive, and showed leadership qualities. This student was seen as “bossy,” aggressive and even to some as “an overachiever,” Choi said.

The male student in this research was enrolled in a resource room, was sensitive, and openly crossed gender boundaries with other students. This student was seen as “difficult,” Choi said.

Choi explained how she felt each student challenged gender-role stereotypes: the female refusing to be silent in a male dominated discourse and the male challenging

stereotypical masculine images by being sensitive.

Choi’s research attempted to display how a person’s sex and actions could draw adverse effects on the student from classmates and the instructor if they break free of gender-role stereotypes.

Choi explained that when educating, teachers must challenge texts that present male and females in stereotypical manners, pay attention to non-traditional gender representations and provide space where students feel safe to talk and discuss free of ridicule.

The implications of these gender-role stereotypes on our lives are more frequent than we may realize, Choi added. An example of these differences can be seen in how we complement boys and girls differently.

The clothing of a woman in American politics, whether a pantsuit or skirt suit, is also an example of how individuals make judgments about a person based upon these preconceived notions.

Choi left the audience with the knowledge that gender-role stereotyping is incredibly pervasive, and that recognizing it is part of our job as educated human beings—especially when we are educating the younger generations.

# Governor to deliver commencement address

Gov. David A. Paterson will deliver the address at Alfred University’s annual commencement at 10 a.m. May 16 in McLane Center.

“We are honored Gov. Paterson accepted our invitation to speak to our graduates and to receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Alfred University,” said President Charles M. Edmondson.

The University will recognize Paterson as someone who has broken barriers, personally and professionally, as the first African-American and the first legally blind person to serve as New York’s governor. “Time and again throughout his more than 20 years’ service to this state, Gov. Paterson has achieved a number of significant ‘firsts,’ some requiring a great deal of personal courage. In doing so, however, he has made it easier for others to follow.”

Paterson, 53, has been New York’s governor for just over a year; as lieutenant governor, he succeeded Eliot Spitzer, who resigned March 17,

2008. He won accolades – and few friends – for calling attention early on to the worsening financial situation in the state as revenues from Wall Street firms began to plummet. Acting with the Legislature, he cut \$3 billion from an already-adopted budget in August, and has made substantial cuts in a wide range of programs in his proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

He was 31 when he was elected to the New York State Senate from Harlem, becoming the youngest Senator to serve in the Legislature at that time. In 2003, he was elected by his peers as Senate Minority Leader, becoming the first non-white legislative leader in New York’s history.

His official biography says that in 2004, when he addressed the Democratic National Convention, he was the first visually impaired person to do so.

Paterson’s agenda as lieutenant governor included what he has called “crucial issues” for New York: a \$600

million stem cell research initiative; a statewide renewable energy strategy that focuses on solar and wind power; programs to curb domestic violence and help its victims; and a focus on women- and minority-owned businesses.

He serves as a member of the Democratic National Committee and as a board member of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

Additionally, Paterson is recognized as an advocate for the visually and physically impaired.

Born in Brooklyn, Paterson earned his bachelor’s degree in history from Columbia University in 1977, and completed a J.D. degree at Hofstra Law School in 1982.

He is the son of Basil Paterson, the first non-white Secretary of State in New York, and Portia Paterson. The governor and his wife, Michelle Paige Paterson, are the parents of two children, Ashley and Alex.

# St. James Mercy terminates health center contract

According to Alfred Today, St. James Mercy Health in Hornell will terminate AU’s contract in July 2009.

“For the last 15 years, the health center at Alfred has been contracted to St. James Mercy Health in Hornell, N.Y.,” the Alfred Today release states. “In January, they made decision to terminate our contract, which should have run through July 2010, in July 2009 instead. The concern was financial; given the fiscal climate, St. James is focusing on their core business, rather than some of their ancillary functions.

“There is no issue regarding provision of clinical care; that has always been excellent. Moreover, the decision was made with great mutual cooperation and determination to remain good partners.

“Rather than pursuing another contractual relationship with a different health care provider, the University has decided to “in-source” the health center services. Since the current staff are St. James employees, we need to use our internal HR processes to fill the positions. We sincerely hope many of the current staff will apply for these positions and remain part of our campus community.

“We ask for your support as we work toward a smooth transition.

“If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Dr. Norm Pollard, Dean of Student, at pollard@alfred.edu or 871-2132.”



# Eaklor discusses the ‘queer’ history of the blues

By Leah Houk  
A&E Editor

In her talk “An LBT History of the Blues (No, It’s Not a Sandwich!)” at the Women’s Studies Roundtable March 20, Vicki Eaklor, associate professor of history, explained that not only was the tradition of blues music distinctly African American, but it was, like the history of the early 20th Century in general, “a very queer history.”

“Everything we consider ‘Great American Music’ is basically African-American music,” Eaklor said.

Women were the ones who made blues big, and Eaklor spoke about seven of the women who popularized the blues in the ‘20s and ‘30s. Eaklor quoted one of those women, Mabel Hampton, who said of blues singers, “All of them women was gay. They was all gay.”

Ma Rainey, the “Mother of the Blues,” was the first popular blues singer.

Rainey had many female lovers, and she sang about them openly. “Prove it on Me Blues,” a song that Eaklor played for the audience, was one of her most famous. The song includes the lines “I went out last night with a crowd of my friends / It must’ve

been women, ‘cause I don’t like no men. / Wear my clothes just like a fan / Talk to the gals just like any old man.”

“This was a very public song; it wasn’t as scandalous back then as it was during the ‘60s and ‘70s,” Eaklor said.

In 1925, Rainey was arrested for stripping naked with a bunch of women at a party. She was only caught because she fell down the stairs while trying to escape.

Eaklor also talked about Lucille Bogan, who wrote the “B.D. Women’s Blues.” In the African American community, ‘bulldagger’ meant a very masculine woman, the same way ‘bulldyke’ referred to a masculine white woman. In the 1920s, the word did not have the negative connotations it developed after World War II.

“Bogan was especially associated with songs about drinking, prostitution, gambling and sex with women,” Eaklor said.

Elegant Bessie Smith, who sold over a million records, had a tumultuous, jealous marriage to Jack Gee. Both Smith and Gee cheated on each other multiple times with women.

Most of the women Eaklor talked about were married, but as she playfully reminded the audience, “Marriage and sexu-

ality have very little to do with each other.”

In the sheet music for Smith’s song “Downhearted Blues,” the lyrics note that the song can refer to either a guy or a girl, and Smith switched them at will.

Ethel Waters, known as “Sweet Mama String Bean,” had several well-known lesbian affairs in the ‘20s, but completely redefined her image after the war, marrying a man and pronouncing herself an evangelical Christian.

Gladys Bentley was the only one of the seven who dressed in a masculine style; all the others were “glamorous and feminine,” Eaklor said.

According to Eaklor, Bentley even had “a very public wedding” to her white lover.

However, like Waters, Bentley attempted to cast off her former “bulldagger image” after the war.

“It was a sad attempt,” Eaklor said.

Alberta Hunter, one of Eaklor’s favorites, was a singer in the ‘20s. She then worked as a nurse for many years before reviving her singing career at the age of 82.

Mabel Hampton, whom Eaklor quoted at the beginning of her talk, was a chorus girl in the 1920s and lived with her partner,

Lillian Foster, for 45 years, until Foster’s death in 1978. Hampton helped found the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City.

At the 1984 Gay Pride Parade in New York City, Hampton famously declared, “I, Mabel Hampton, have been a lesbian all my life, for 82 years, and I am proud of myself and my people. I would like all my people to be free in this country and all over the world, my gay people and my black people.”

At the end of her talk, Eaklor raised a few issues in the study of the study of ‘queer’ history, the first being terminology.

“Nowadays people often use the word ‘queer’ as an umbrella term for non-straight people,” Eaklor said. “However, we have to be careful about projecting current terms onto people who wouldn’t have used them,” she said.

Another issue is why does sexuality matter in recording history? Eaklor argued that including sexuality creates a more complete history.

“The same people who argue against the need to include non-straight people’s sexualities are very willing to create a heterosexual history,” Eaklor said. “They insist on mentioning husbands and children. They can’t

have it both ways.”

Eaklor posited that perhaps the most important reason to study ‘queer history’ is that we still live in a rampant heterosexist culture. “Heterosexism is different from homophobia, and much more insidious,” Eaklor said.

Heterosexism ensures a default of heterosexuality, and puts the “burden of proof” on historians who argue that someone had a non-straight sexual orientation,” Eaklor said.

“How do you prove anyone’s sexuality? What criteria do you use? Not marriage—we already discussed that,” Eaklor said. “Why don’t we ever have to prove that someone was straight?”

The final point that Eaklor brought up was that ‘queer history’ defies the notion of ‘progressive history,’ the idea that society always advances toward the present.

“We look back on this history filtered through World War II and the McCarthy Era,” Eaklor said. “We have trouble believing that the culture was as open as it was. Sometimes I think I would rather have lived in the ‘20s.”

## Dr. Leisa D. Meyer to present Riley/Russell Lecture

Dr. Leisa D. Meyer will present “Speaking Sex: Women ‘Talking Back’ About Sexual Knowledge,” at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6, in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University.

The program, this year’s Women’s Studies’/Human Studies’ Riley/Russell Lecture, is open to the public free of charge. All are welcome at a reception following the presentation.

This is the first time the University has combined the two distinguished lecture programs, — Riley and Russell — allowing for contemporary discussion of the significant issues which touch both women’s studies and history.

“I think combining the Riley Lecture with the Russell Lecture in history underscores the interdisciplinary nature of Women’s Studies, and offers greater visibility to both programs,” said Vicki Eaklor, professor of history at AU.

Meyer is a distinguished associate professor of history and American studies at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, where she also serves as the director of Graduate Studies for the Lyon G. Tyler Department of History. Her research and teaching focuses on women’s, gender and sexuality studies, as well as history, popular culture, and cultural history.

In discussing her presentation, Meyer notes she will be talking about women’s sexual knowledge in the post-World War II era, and the impact of that knowledge on their lives. The presentation will focus on what women know about sexual knowledge, what they are told they “should” know about it and by whom, and what influence this “sexual knowledge” and others’ perceptions of it have on their lives.

Meyer is the author of “Creating G.I. Jane: Sexuality and Power in the Women’s Army Corps During World War II” (1997). She is currently working on another book titled “Knowing Sex: Sexuality in America Since World War II.” She is also the author of many articles including her most recent, “Interrupting Norms and Constructing Deviances: Competing Frameworks in the Histories of Sexualities in The United States,” and “The Practice of Women’s History: Narratives, Intersections, and Dialogues.”

Meyer has worked through the New Jersey teacher’s project and the Organization of American Historians to integrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender experiences into high school and college history curriculums and has participated in efforts to publicize issues facing women veterans through the National Congressional Black Caucus and The Women’s Resources and Education Initiative.

The Riley Lecture series has been made possible over the past 14 years by a gift from Pamela Riley Osborn, a member of the Alfred University Class of 1962; Patricia A. Riley, a 1965 graduate; and Melissa Riley, in memory of their parents. Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley, a member of AU’s Class of 1936, was an activist involved in issues such as pay equity for women. Charles Riley was a 1935 graduate who supported his wife and her efforts. They were married in Alfred’s Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1938.

The Willis C. Russell Lecture in History has traditionally featured prominent historians speaking in honor of the late Dr. Russell, who was a professor of history at Alfred University for 32 years.

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AU’s Baker, Agro secure All-American honors

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Alfred University seniors Matt Baker (Weedsport, NY/Weedsport) and Brian Agro (Gray, ME/Ch-everus) earned All-American honors Friday at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships.

Baker earned honorable mention All-American certification for the second time this year and the fourth time in his career after placing 11th in the consolation finals of the 100-yard backstroke Friday evening. Agro was named an honorable mention All-American after taking 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke, also in Friday night’s consolation finals.

Both swimmers had secured All-American certification dur-

ing preliminary action Friday morning. Baker placed 13th in the preliminaries and Agro came in tied for 15th. Baker swam his preliminary heat in 50.57 before clocking in at 50.47 seconds in the consolation finals.

Agro improved his time from the preliminaries (56.45 seconds) to 56.20 seconds in the consolation finals. It marks the first time in Agro’s career has earned All-American honors.

The top eight swimmers in each event advance to the evening finals and are ensured of earning All-American honors. Swimmers placing ninth through 16th advance to the evening consolation finals and earn honorable mention.

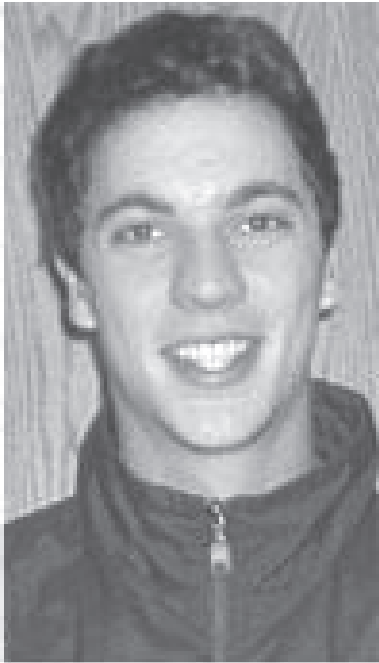
On Thursday evening, Baker

swam in the consolation finals of the 200-yard freestyle and placed 13th with a time of 1:40.46, earning him honorable mention All-American certification. His time of 1:40.28 in his preliminary heat set a new school record. He already holds the school mark in the 100 back, an event in which he earned All-American honorable mention as a sophomore and junior in 2007 and 2008.

Agro swam to a 39th-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley on Wednesday. On Saturday, Baker will swim the 200-yard backstroke and Agro swims the 200-yard breaststroke.



Brian Agro



Matt Baker

Women’s lacrosse gaining experience this season

By Nate Weiser  
Copy Editor

The Alfred University women’s lacrosse team’s main goal is to improve overall from last year, based on its improved experience, according to Coach Samantha Valder.

Valder added that she is looking for the team to get its first conference wins as well as to finish with a .500 record. There are some players that will be counted on to help the Saxons reach that milestone. Junior attack Abbey Schaffnit is very athletic and needs to go to the goal more, according to Valder. Junior defender Emily Steen will be counted on to lead the defense, and junior attack Emily Tobin will be the field general, setting up the offense.

There are a few assets that are sure to help the lacrosse team succeed this season. There is more veteran leadership, with seven juniors leading the way.

“They did a lot of work over the summer, and their stick skills

have improved,” said Valder.

Each team needs positive attributes to succeed and this team has many. They play smart, their overall conditioning has improved and they have gained expertise in their skills. An obstacle will be to compete with the top teams in the Empire 8 conference. In order to play with these teams, Valder emphasized playing together as a team and not as individuals.

There is one game in particular which takes place on April 10, against Hartwick, that the squad has circled on the schedule. Last year the Saxons faced Hartwick, who won by one.

“The girls are really looking forward to it and so am I,” Valder added.

So far the team has faced Keuka College, on March 18, prevailing 15-13.

Their next game is against Wells, on Wednesday March 25, an opponent AU defeated last year. The team’s first Empire 8 contest is away against RIT, on April 1.

Men’s Lacrosse team defeats Morrisville, 12-6

ALFRED, NY — Junior midfielder Mike Russo (Mattydale, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse) scored five goals and dished out an assist to lead the Alfred University men’s lacrosse team to a 12-6 victory over visiting SUNY Morrisville Thursday evening.

Sophomore attack Marc Zoyhowski (Blasdell, NY/Frontier) tallied three goals and an assist to help AU improve its record to 5-0 on the season.

The Saxons scored the game’s first five goals and led 5-0 after one period. Eric Stein got Morrisville (1-3) on the board 53

seconds in to the second period, but AU answered with two goals and led 7-2 at the half. Alfred tallied the first three scores of the fourth to take a commanding 12-3 lead before Morrisville scored three late goals.

Sophomore midfielder Justin Kieffer (Middletown, MD/Middletown) scored twice and had an assist for AU, while junior attack Justin Gill (Gowanda, NY/Gowanda) and freshman midfielder Brendan Murphy (Buffalo, NY/Bishop Timon-St. Jude) each had a goal and an assist.

Andrew Elsmore netted three

goals to lead Morrisville, while Stein had two goals and Tim Bobbett scored once.

Sophomore Adam Schutz (Geneva, NY/Geneva) played 52:19 in goal recording four saves while allowing three goals. Morrisville’s Michael Hinchey played 48 minutes in goal in relief of starter Jimmy Hodgson (five goals allowed, three saves) and allowed seven goals while recording two saves.

AU plays next on March 25 at 4 p.m. at Ithaca in the Saxons’ Empire 8 Conference opener.

Ski...continued from back page

Junior Lauren Pfeifer was 16th in the slalom. Pfeifer, who was 23rd in the GS, placed 12th in the combined individual standings.

Pfeifer collected the honors after the season individually.

She was named a United States

Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) All-American.

Pfeifer was also named a Second Team All-American in Winter Park.

It marks the third year Pfeifer has been named an All-American. She was a Second Team All-

American in the giant slalom last season and earned Second Team honors in the slalom as a freshman in 2007.

Pfeifer was also named a Second Team USCSA Academic All-American for the 2009 season.

Alfred Saxon Scoreboard				
Team	Opponent	Result	Record	Next Opponent
Alpine Skiing	USCSA Nationals	M 14/20 W 13/20	N/A	Season Finished
Eq. (Eng/Wst)	St. Lawrence./IHSA Semis	None Provided	N/A	Zone II Chmp/Cazenovia
Track and Field	ECAC Championships	49th	N/A	Season Finished
Softball	SUNY Purchase	W, 17-3	12-0, (5-0, E8)	Pitt-Bradford
Men's Tennis	Elmira	W, 5-4	2-0, (1-0, E8)	Penn State-Behrend
M Lacrosse	Morrisville	W, 12-6	5-0, (0-0, E8)	Ithaca
W Lacrosse	Keuka	W, 15-13	1-0, (0-0, E8)	Wells





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PHOTO BY KEVIN WALSH

Junior Lauren Pfeifer races down a hill at Nationals in Winter Park, Colo. Pfeifer finished 16th in slalom and 23 in giant slalom. She was named a United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) All-American.



PHOTO BY KEVIN WALSH

Megan Caggianelli swerves inside and out of gates at Nationals in Winter Park, Colo.

Women’s ski team competes at Nationals in Colorado

Pfeifer collects post-season accolades

By Jeremy Juhasz  
Sports Editor

One of Alfred’s unique sports offerings is Alpine Skiing, and the ladies ski team wrapped up another year on the slopes, culminating into a 13th place finish at the United States Collegiate Ski Association national championships at Winter Park, Colo.

The team started the season fast, opening the year by winning its first two contests at Labrador Mountain and its own Invitational at Swain. The women finished second at Bristol Mountain and Greek Peak before finishing fourth at Toggenburg.

But, all of the attention was centered in Colorado March 4.

“There were 21 teams competing at National Championships,” Kevin Walsh, AU’s men’s and women’s ski coach said in an e-mail to the Fiat Lux.

Walsh added that there were

approximately 110 women competing.

In collegiate Alpine skiing, there are five skiers, each granted two runs unless a skier falls. There are two events: giant slalom and slalom.

“Slalom turns are short fast turns, each turn is approximately one second apart from the next turn,” Walsh said.

Giant slalom, on the other hand, are larger turns about 50 to 70 feet from each turning gate and two seconds between each turn, according to Walsh.

AU placed 12th of 20 teams in the slalom and, combined with the Lady Saxons’ 14th-place finish in Wednesday’s giant slalom, took 13th in the combined final team standings.

Senior Rachel Beckwith was 52nd in the slalom, while senior Ulana Bihun was 71st.

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