



William Dibrell - From Alfred.edu

This issue of the Fiat Lux is dedicated in memory of Dr. William Dibrell

Balynda Ali, Staff Writer

On Feb. 13 Philosophy Professor Dr. William Dibrell passed away and AU's Human Studies Department lost the best of Humanity. Interim Provost Beth Ann Dobie says, "Dibrell was one of the backbones of the community, in a quiet way." Dr. Dibrell was a very soft spoken man but his big ideas

contributed so much to this community. Dibrell devoted thirty years of his life to teaching philosophy at AU. If he was not teaching he was learning, and true scholars never stop. He grew up with a military father in Texas, and moved from state to state until he finally fell in love with San Diego, California. Though he would rather have been in San Diego, "Where it's always see **Dibrell** on page 2

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Free Ding Jiaxi

Andrew Wiechert , Circulation Manager

On the evening of Monday, Feb. 17 at least a hundred seats filled up in Holmes Auditorium. Set in neat piles on the stage were a few petitions. Sophie Luo, an alumna of AU, came up to the podium to speak on behalf of her husband. This past December in China, several activists and human rights lawyers were arrested, some being sent to secret detention sites with absolutely zero contact with their families. Sophie's husband, Ding Jiaxi, is one of those people. Sophie's first order of business was informing everyone of Amnesty International's notice of the situation. They're a global organization campaigning to end human rights abuses in more than 150 countries. She continued by explaining the China New Citizens Movement, and her husband's role in fighting against an authoritarian

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Ding Jiaxi

Come Share Your Poems With Us

Andrew Wiechert , Circulation Manager

AU's English Division would like to remind once again about the upcoming Alfred Literary Festival, or "Alf" for short. In last issue's article, we introduced Katey Schultz, one of our visiting writers. During the festival, Schultz will run a workshop geared towards short fiction writing alongside our other visiting writer, Tiffany Midge. Tiffany Midge is a poet whose work seems to navigate the dual-nature of Native-American identity in today's world. She's just published a memoir, Bury My Heart at Chuck E. Cheese's this past year, which traverses feminism, Standing Rock, and the current administration. Her most recent collection of

poetry from 2017, The Woman Who Married A Bear was awarded a Kenyon Review Earthworks Prize for Indigenous Poetry, as well as a National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's Western Heritage Award for Poetry Book. The Literary Festival welcomes any and all who have an interest in poetry. You may like to sit and listen, or you might have a few stanzas lying around, marinating in your journal. Everyone is welcome to share their work in a judgement-free environment, and Midge will also be holding a poetry workshop next-door to Katey Schultz. Both workshops are open to all visitors, and various snacks and food will be served throughout. In case you missed it from the last issue,

the Alfred Literary Festival begins on the evening of Thursday, March 19 with a reading from Katey Schultz. On Friday, March 20 There will be a reading from Tiffany Midge. Both readings will take place inside Scholes Library. Each writer will also simultaneously host an open workshop on the morning of Saturday, March 21 on the second floor of Seidlin Hall. Later on Saturday, in the Alumni Lounge at Powell Student Center, the festival will conclude with an informal round-table discussion where students, visitors and faculty talk craft, make connections, and reinvigorate a writing community. We hope to see you there!

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The Human In Us

Keshell Scipio, Guest Writer

Allison Church, a local superhero, is finding her place in the world by coming home and helping AU recruit international students.

According to Church, she ran her life as a spreadsheet because chaos is something normal in her life.

AU's Assistant Director of International Student Services, Church, who is originally from Alma, NY, received most of her education, including college, abroad. Due to her parents' ties to the federal government, Church spent most of her adolescence moving states to state. However, this wasn't always her story, she says. Throughout her transition through the education system, she remained an A+ student. She picked up extracurriculars, such as softball and opera, which in turn landed her two full-ride scholarships to Cleveland Conservatory for Music and Penn State, which she turned down. Instead, swayed by her parents' federal background, she chose to take the ARM Service Equivalency Exam, on which she scored a 97 percent and became one of the top three scorers nationwide. Eventually, joining the force, she was enlisted as an Arabic cryptographer sergeant during the Iraq and Afghanistan war, which meant Church served as a linguist and a decoder. Nevertheless, years after the war, she returned home to heal and pursue a new job at AU.

The idea of the military isn't always what it is set out to be, as Church returned home with the emotional setbacks from war, such

as PTSD.

"I'm mad triggered all the time," she says.

According to Church, her triggered mental condition was influenced by the risky scenarios within her job title that placed others' lives in her hand.

Primarily, while serving as an Arabic cryptographer, she transcribed information and codes to create actions in which the team would follow through. Church began to question the accuracy of the information, as it went through numerous people before reaching her desk.

"Imagine a big game of telephone, that will give you an idea of how U.S. Intelligence works. The thing I didn't like about my job was that I didn't have enough tools...making me question its accuracy [my work]," she says.

This uncertainty added to her stress, based on the mere fact of her choosing the wrong discussion.

"I'm putting people in more harm than good when I decide for my team," she says.

Once leaving the field, Church's withdrawal from the stimulus led to her questioning her life's decisions. Specifically, her desire for stimulus, which in turn heightened her addictive personality.

"I put myself in dangerous situations to test whether or not I can do certain things," says Church.

However, on June 15, 2007, she stopped drinking and changed her life around to become a better person.

Throughout her journey, she has found her husband, had a baby, came back home to

help with her parents and landed a job at AU.

In the process of healing, Church has no urge to go back and enlist back in the military.

As she regains her home at AU, she hopes to give back and relearn her roots of being an American. As she spends most of her time engaging with international students while creating a community at the Global Perceptive department. She encourages students of the importance of finding education abroad to obtain a worldly view.

AU Supports Our Heroes



Balynda Ali, Staff Writer

Last Saturday AU showed their love for our military with Hug Mugs in the Knight Club.

"What is something that all military members need...A Hug" says Jolee Hicks, one of the founders of the Hicks Strong Organization.

Michael, Jolee and Sienna Hicks are a family from Albany who lost their Navy Seal son, Macoy Hicks. The Hicks created this organization to spread awareness about the Millitary suicide epidemic and the provide services to families, veterans and active duty officer with psychiatric help. It's been a year since their son passed the Hicks made it their mission to send Hugs through the mail to servicemen in need of support.

"Twenty two veterans committ suicide everyday," says Michael Hicks.

However, the military suicide epidemic is a result of the lack of efficient resources in place for inactive and active servicemen and women dealing with mental health illnesses from war, or any traumatizing experiences; resources such as military veteran psychologist, or just those who understand their experiences. It's the community's job to make sure that the veterans feel appreciated for their service. Servicemen and women were at the event painting mugs as well including Dylan Smith and Kristen Beck.

"I put ice cream in mine...Ben and Jerry's mint chocolate chip fits just right in my mug," says Smith.

In an effort to help spread the word and give servicemen and women support they need please use the #HICKSSTRONG on social media outlets and or donate to their organization on HicksStrong.org. And if you know anyone in your family or close circles who are dealing with suicidal thoughts or behavior, please contact the wellness center. We can help those feeling alone just by showing we care enough to help even if we do not understand.

In Memory of William Dibrell

"My recollections of Bill centered around those random interactions we all have walking across campus. If you were talking to Bill you'd get past the surface pretty quickly and into something interesting. One conversation I remember more vividly was about research which revealed the long term, lasting benefits of a traditional liberal arts education (benefits both intellectual and financial). Of course, this did not surprise Bill, but it clearly delighted him.

Many of us treasure those unplanned run ins when we conduct business, catch up and especially when we learn from each other. And it seemed to me that Bill enjoyed them more than most.

I'll miss those run ins and the possibilities they held in store." -Steve Crandall

"When I first arrived in Alfred in the early 90's, Bill spent hours with me helping me learn about things that needed to be done in the fire company! He was a fine guide and an excellent teacher." -Becky Prophet

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sunny and where he enjoyed body surfing" says Dobie, Dibrell resided in Alfred where he raised his Daughter and pursued his passion for teaching.

"Oh Dibrell made me want to read more, and think critically about what I read," says Kristen Beck, Dibrell's former student. On his down time Dribrell continuously studied material to update his lessons throughout his career to make sure his students remained interested. He taught courses such as: Human Nature and the Cosmos, Equality, and Introduction into social justice studies. Sometimes his soft voice made it hard to hear, but his passion for social injustices spoke volumes to his students.

"I have so many favorite memories of him...I'm gonna miss him," says Psychology Professor Nancy Furlong, Dibrell's colleague at the University and in the Fire Department, where he volunteered as an EMT and served two to three years as Chief of the Alfred Fire Department.

Dibrell was not just impacting the AU students, but the entire Alfred Community and he did not ask for gratification in exchange. He lived an exceptional life and if death is not as cruel, Dibrell is probably soaking up the sun and the waves in the beautiful sun beaches of San Diego. And will forever be missed dearly.

Feel-Good Movies to Boost Your February

Talulla Torthe, Managing Editor

February can feel endless sometimes, especially when an extra day is thrown at us. Assignments start to pile up, the harsh winter feels as relentless as ever and Zippy's still isn't open for business. Whatever may have you feeling bummed or burned out, it is almost guaranteed that kicking back and watching a good movie can help, even if it is only a little bit. This list below is a compilation of films that will either warm your heart, or help you get in a much-needed laugh.



Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

This movie will make you smile, laugh and might even make you cry. A dysfunctional family determined to get their adorable daughter into the finals of a beauty pageant take a cross-country road trip in their VW bus. This movie is as wholesome as it gets.



Almost Famous (2000)

Filled with adventure, a great soundtrack and the essence of the '70s, this film is bound to make you smile. It follows the story of a high-school boy that is given the incredible opportunity of writing for Rolling Stone Magazine about an up-and-coming band. The boy accompanies them on tour and makes memories that he will never forget.

An Extremely Goofy Movie (2000)

This animated movie is about a regular kid who goes to college... only to find out that he'll be attending college alongside his recently fired father. The title of this movie says it all—it's goofy, a fun watch and pretty brainless.

The 40-Year-Old-Virgin (2005)

What's funny about a 40-year-old-virgin? Pretty much everything. This film follows a nerdy 40-year-old as his friends pressure him to have sex for the very first time. Doesn't sound convincing? Steve Carell plays the nerdy guy.



Lost in Translation (2003)

An aging movie star and recently married woman end up crossing paths in Tokyo and form an unlikely bond. Lost in Translation will warm your heart.

Meet the Staff: Taylar Banks

Taylar Banks - Photo Credit: Taylar Banks

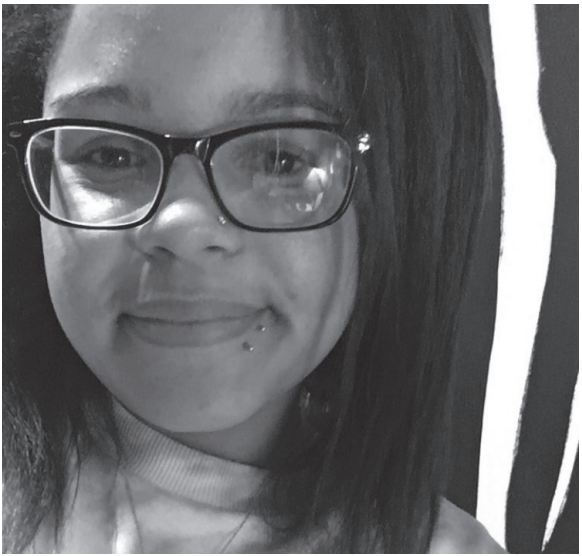
Talulla Torthe, Managing Editor

In this week's issue of our "Meet the Staff" segment, we would like to introduce you to someone who is not only fun to have around, but also one of the most hardworking members of the Fiat Lux. Meet Taylar Banks!

Taylar is a senior Communications major, with a minor in English. She is a Copy Editor, Social Media Manager and frequently writes articles. Taylar is an experienced addition to the team, having published numerous articles on an online platform called Odyssey. In addition, Taylar has been an intern at her hometown newspaper. Her favorite thing about Alfred--and she disclaims that this

might come off as "corny"—is the beautiful scenery with gorgeous sunsets that paint the sky. She enjoys working on her photography by taking pictures of Alfred's scenery. A fun fact about Taylar is that she used to have a pet albino frog named Fred and spelled Fred with a backwards 'R' because, "[She] thought [she] was cool." We love having Taylar around and cannot wait to see what she does next!

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Fiat Lux team, do not hesitate to reach out at aufiatlux@gmail.com, or come to one of our weekly meetings, which take place at 5:30pm every Tuesday in the CSI Media Hub, Powell 106.



Line to sign petitions - Photo Credit: Jodi Shephard

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control of basic human rights. The information kept going, piling on detail after detail that highlights a big problem people should be aware of. In an emotional exposition of last December's events, the audience focused on exactly what was happening overseas.

Afterwards, a few students in the audience were glad to give their opinion on the talk. "You know you're aware of a problem when it's someone from Alfred," said Ren Dessart. Dozens of people waited after the talk to shake Sophie's hand and give their support. When asked what Sophie's first priority is for awareness on the issue, she replied with, "Stop the secret detention! The eyes of the world are now on this issue!" Needless to say, it seemed like every single person in the audience got up and signed the petitions.

For more information on the topic, please go to Amnesty International's website and search, "Ding Jiaxi" in order to view the Urgent Action order. You can also contact Dr. Robert Reginio at reginio@alfred.edu. There are copies of the petitions available for anyone who's interested in obtaining more signatures or helping out in any way.

AU Students Are Underpaid

Taylor Banks, Copy Editor

As of the moment, the minimum wage in New York State (NYS) is \$11.80. I know we're students, but 10 dollars an hour? If they're not going to give us minimum, they can at least increase it.

A few years ago, for the first few weeks of school, students were getting paid 11 dollars; that was short lived, but the extra dollar really made a difference.

So why did they switch it back? I know students are annoyed with this, so why haven't we changed it?

On top of worrying about grades, doing our school work, trying to figure out what we want to do when we leave college, extracurriculars, trying to maintain a social life, get enough sleep and being on our own, a lot of us work; some of us for a lot of hours. For the amount of work some of us have to do, we should definitely be getting paid more.

A lot of people are under the impression that, because we're college students, we don't have "real adult problems" because the campus provides a lot of services for us,

such as housing and dining. However, that doesn't mean that we don't have "real adult problems."

I asked three seniors their opinions on this situation because we've dealt with this for so long and want to see a change happen for the students after us.

"I mean pay's trash since it's like 10 dollars an hour. But if you get a lot of hours, I feel like it's not terrible as a college student. Pay could always be better considering that the minimum wage in New York City was raised to 15 dollars an hour and [a student] pay raise didn't really happen. I know that last year we had a pay raise from like \$9.70 to 10 dollars. But nothing changed in the new year when the city went up so I think it would be nice for it to go up, definitely not to 15 dollars an hour, but up," says Geena Levitt.

A senior who's currently working three different jobs says, "The minimum wage rate in NYS has risen twice so far and we are still receiving the same rate of pay... I have enough for my credit card bills, phone and groceries."

Some of us rely on our paychecks and fend

for ourselves, that could include having bills to pay or helping family; we don't all get outside help.

Elizabeth Carter, an AVI student worker, says living in an area where she's paid more and coming to Alfred where she's paid less is difficult. "Coming from the city, it's hard to keep up with some of the expenses when you go from getting paid 13 or 15 dollars an hour to 10. The AVI student workers work harder than 10 dollars an hour."

Personally, I've worked at Powell since my freshman year here, and I'm a senior now. Granted, students are paid by the university, but I do the same work as the non-students, aside from making the food. In addition to that, I've been a FYE peer leader for the past two fall semesters, and currently have a work study job, even if they raised it by 50 cents; that's still a big deal.

Students have bills, cars, self-care, school supplies, buying necessities and everything that comes with living on your own.

We might not have it as hard as others who don't have some of the university resources we do, but we're still struggling.

So, AU, let's talk about it.

Trump says "One Trillion Trees"

Dale Mott Slater, Guest Writer

"We're committed to conserving the majesty of God's creation and the natural beauty of our world," promises President Trump. But how committed is he really?

Last month, the World Economic Forum (WEF) held its annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland under a Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World theme. During one of the sessions, President Trump announced that his administration would be officially joining the One Trillion Trees initiative, a platform that was created by the WEF whose goal is to regrow, save from loss, and better protect one trillion trees worldwide. WEF decided to set the initiative up to support the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a larger movement through the United Nations to spend 2021 to 2030 aggressively addressing climate change. As can be found on their website, www.1t.org, this initiative will serve as a platform that will connect grassroots programs, funders, political leaders and scientists in order to plant trees and create a clearer dialogue on the topic of reforestation.

Another reforestation initiative is music to any environmentalist's ears--but why has President Trump agreed to join? Trump has made it clear in the past that he does not believe that the globe is warming, and has made it even clearer through his policy

that he has no concern for the state of the environment in any capacity. Since his election in 2016, Trump has made rollbacks to 58 environment-related policies. While he was making his announcement in Davos, his administration in Washington was working on cutting down 37 more. So, why the sudden shift? What interest would President Trump have in conserving or planting any trees when his real goals seem so misaligned? In answering this question, we must consider the full scope of the situation. President Trump is up for re-election, and is in the middle of his Keep America Great campaign. Meanwhile, the state caucuses are coming in--voters are concerned about the environment and it will be a major factor in who they vote in as president later this year. Trump is not committed to planting one trillion trees; He's committed to getting re-elected so that he can finish unraveling America's environment protection policies. Even in the speech where he pledged to join the initiative, Trump went on to denounce anyone that advocated for extreme action to be taken in response to climate change, and reminded listeners of his support for fossil fuel energies- the leading proponent of climate change.

How thick will this veil to cover up his environmental atrocities be? Unfortunately, it's hard to say. WEF's initiative is not one of a kind; there are many organizations operating under the same goal around the world, many

of whom offer tree-counters, financial transparency, and clear ways to get involved in a minor or major level. On the

WEF initiative website, there's no inclination of what "joining" would entail, even for an entire nation. Which, unfortunately, means there's no guarantee that this isn't just another one of Trump's empty promises.

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Banning Israeli Boycotts is Not an Effective Measure Against Antisemitism

Nikolai Osinoff, Guest Writer

On December 11, 2019, President Trump issued an executive order allowing the government to effectively classify Judaism as both a nationality and a religion under federal law. The reason behind this move, it appears, is the desire to allow for direct action to be taken against antisemitic sentiment on college campuses. While data has made the steep rise in anti-Jewish hate crimes over the past decade evident, this ruling set it sights primarily on support of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, which seeks to protest Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories through economic means.

Regardless of its actual effects, this order demonstrates a belief held by many in the United States, both Jewish and not: that anti-Zionism and criticism of Israel are inherently antisemitic. I'm not a political scientist. I'm a folklorist. And popular rumors and urban legends about both Palestinians and so-

called "PC culture gone mad" all play a role in reinforcing this notion. Pro-Palestinian groups are commonly targeted by claims that they are funded by Hamas, and the frequently reinforced cliché of the overly-sensitive and violent college leftist only adds to the idea that the greatest threat Jewish people face is from those who oppose Israeli policies, despite evidence that shows that the majority of American antisemitic violence over the past several years has been committed by those on the far right. Are liberal arts colleges all run by a cabal of evil anti-Zionists? No, but fat chance I change your mind in a college newspaper. Look, I'm not just a pile of bookmarked links to Snopes.com stuffed into what barely passes as a human body. I'm the president of Alfred's chapter of Hillel International, which bars explicit support of those critical of Israel. These policies have widespread implications for how I live as a Jewish college student, and how I interact with the American Jewish community at large. Viewing blind support for Israel as

something intrinsic to the Jewish identity not only ignores the complex history of Jewish views on Zionism, it draws focus away from the canards and legends from which antisemitism is born, as well as how support of Israel is used to perpetuate distrust of other Middle Eastern peoples.

Jewish-Americans, in a manner similar to other model minority groups, are praised only to make other groups appear worse by comparison. Many show a deep desire to defend us from discrimination while failing to consider where said discrimination comes from. There is little desire here to protect Jews, rather prejudice against Jewish people is used as a rhetorical tactic to justify the vilification of Middle Eastern Muslims.

The claim that criticism of Israel is inherently anti-Semitic is highly flawed, and its continued use, especially as the rise far-right antisemitic extremism goes ignored, does Jewish Americans little good.

German Auto Industry Trip

Megan Alper, Guest Writer

Germany was nothing like I had expected. I found the architecture to be incredible. The wood, combined with the structure of the houses, is a very classic German look that I am happy I got to see in person. I loved seeing the different structures in the town of Kirchheim, especially the new Town Hall. The Ulmer Muenster, a church in the center of the town, was incredible; the amount of detail was gorgeous and I enjoyed being able to see the bells. I never realized how big church bells were. I was very excited to view the Slanted House after seeing it in so many videos before the trip. I cannot imagine staying there, but it was fun to see. Heidenheim also had some interesting buildings, including their library, Town Hall, and the castle.

The Germans I met were very blunt with their questions, and honest with their opinions which gave me a clear understanding of the country they live in. The classroom setting in Germany is more relaxed than in the United States. Over the course of three days, I was to work in a group setting

with three other German students. I learned that the German students worked in a more direct manner. They were straight forward and would bluntly state if they disagreed with you. If an idea was voiced, there had to be evidence and data to back up the theory. I found that, working in this manner, we were able to be more productive and honest with each other. Comparing this to classes in the United States, it made the process a lot faster— not having to beat around the bush in order to determine who did what, leading us to be more efficient.

Out of the three museums we toured, Mercedes-Benz was the most informative and my favorite. From the first small high-speed internal combustion engine to run on gasoline, to the Mercedes-Benz B-Klasse F-Cell that produced pure water instead of pollutant emissions, it was fascinating to see the progress over the years. As a business major, my eye immediately caught onto the collection of marketing posters and Mercedes-Benz logos through the times. At BMW World, I was fortunate enough to sit through a lecture about self-driving

cars that will be produced in 2050! It was interesting to learn that the Porsche museum had such incredible race cars and the different aerodynamics that they used. The highlight of the trip was the Mercedes-Benz manufacturing plant. Watching the machines flip the bottom body of the car while they were being welded was amazing. I also found it fascinating to learn about a process where they fuse aluminum and steel. The precision of the machines was impressive; we were able to watch a dashboard get inserted into the framework where there was limited room. The most impressive part of the manufacturing plant is that a car is produced in four days. The factory is constantly running in three shifts to ensure it does not stop. If any part of the plant was to stop running, it would be an immediate concern to get it back up and running.

The trip was eye-opening and enjoyable, both for the knowledge I gained in the marketing and business fields, and experiencing a country's culture and people for the first time.

An Evening of Dance

London Scarupa, Staff Writer

AU Dance has shown that you don't need to have that much dancing history to dance and have fun. They also showed that choreography doesn't have to be complex to be good. Some of the dances reminded me of kids at play.

The first dance was very much reminiscent of playgrounds, with choreography that seemed to be influenced by childrens games, like "follow the leader" and "duck duck goose." Most of the dancers reminded me of children at play or teenage movements. They were very culturally diverse with the last piece by Guest Artist Jenise Anthony. Moné Rodgers, who graduated last year, returned to be in Jenise Anthony's piece. The piece, entitled, "Wona Womallan Fare Borobe," is an African dance that is very high energy throughout the entire piece. The performers in all the pieces seemed to be having a lot of fun. It almost makes me want to join dance.



from www.instagram.com/alfredudance/

Saxons Cap off Season with Dominating Victory at Houghton

Men's Basketball, February 22
From gosaxons.com

HOUGHTON, NY – The Alfred University men's basketball team capped off its season on Saturday afternoon in an Empire 8 road game at Houghton College.

The Saxons (11-14, 5-9 Empire 8) had a convincing outing to pick up the 101-62 victory over the Highlanders.

Sam Dagon (Hornell, NY / Hornell) finished up a historic Alfred career with 24 points, seven rebounds and four assists on the day. Dagon now sits 19th in all time scoring at Alfred University with 1,123 total points scored over his four-year career.

The Saxons got off to a hot start and never looked back as they scored the first 10 points of the game.

Brewster Marshall (Horseheads, NY / Horseheads) hit a three pointer with just over three minutes left in the first half to give AU a 17 point advantage.

Two additionally three's from Dagon to end the first half made it 54-30 at the break.

The second half was more of the same as Alfred built its lead up to as many as 44 points after a Zeke Ogbonna (Binghamton,



Photo Credit: Chris Boswell

NY / Binghamton) triple and came away with the dominating 39 point win over the Highlanders.

Cole Eells (Ithaca, NY / Ithaca) continued his strong offensive play with a 19 point outing.

Marshall ended with 18 points and seven rebounds while Ogbonna finished with a

career high, 16 points.

The loss of its senior star, Sam Dagon will without a doubt be a dagger for AU, but the young squad will return much of its talent in the 2020-2021 season and has high hopes to once again compete for a spot in the Empire 8 Championships.

Saxons Secure Third Straight Empire 8 Victory with Win at Houghton

Photo Credit: Peter Mangels



Women's Basketball, February 22
From gosaxons.com

HOUGHTON, NY – The Alfred University women's basketball team was at Houghton College on Saturday for its season finale against the Highlanders.

The Saxons (8-17, 4-10 Empire 8) used a late fourth quarter run to sneak by Houghton by a score of 64-60 to pick up its third straight Empire 8 victory to wrap up the season.

After Alfred jumped out to a 16-11 lead after the first quarter, the Highlanders cut it to a 28-24 game at halftime.

A tight third quarter made it a three point game in favor of AU heading into the final 10 minutes.

Houghton quickly took its first lead of the game at the eight minute mark of the fourth quarter.

The gap got to be as many as five before the Saxons settled



Zooperstars perform at half time Feb. 15 - Photo Credit: Geena Levitt

in and began its final run of the game.

At the 2:54 mark Bri Hicks (Burlington, VT / Ithaca) made a layup to regain the lead for Alfred.

That was short lived as a foul followed by a pair of made free throws returned the lead to Houghton, 56-55.

On the next possession, Lyndsey McCoy (Middleburgh, NY / Middleburgh Central) hit a timely three pointer to give Alfred a 58-56 lead with 2:21 to play.

The Saxons never looked back from that point and made enough free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

"Huge game for us tonight," Head Coach Mike Moskowitz said. "The last few games, we've executed defensively with minimal mental errors, which has been big for us. We also have

played together and shared the ball well - a lot of paint touches, both with the drive and good, hard cuts led to open three's. We did a nice job of aggressively offensive rebounding and being relentless with our pursuit of the weak side. Lastly, so proud of this group for their overall toughness and resilience after a season of ups and downs. It's always great to finish strong with three quality conference wins."

AU ended with four players scoring in double figures including a team high 16 points and seven rebounds for Ana Ion (Bucharest, Romania / Episcopal of Jacksonville) .

Jamie Wilcox (Forestville, NY / Pine Valley) capped off her career with 13 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

McCoy and Hicks each finished with 11 points in the afternoon.

Women’s Swimming & Diving Defeats All AMCC Schools in Allegheny Empire Championships



Women’s Swimming & Diving, February 22
From gosaxons.com

Photo Credit: Chris Boswell

WEBSTER, NY - The Alfred University women’s swimming & diving team finished third overall and within its conference during the final day of the Allegheny Empire Swimming & Diving Championships as the Saxons defeated all six of the AMCC schools, making it an Empire 8 1-2-3 sweep.

“Awesome night! We had solid miles to start the night,

but things got exciting quickly when the team created a great atmosphere for the swimmers in finals by being very loud and animated,” Head Coach Brian Striker ‘00 said. “Our momentum started when [Justin] Chadima, [Bryan] Rafoth and [Andrew] Yates went 1-2-3 in their heat and then Caitlin [Behr] did the same thing in the 100 freestyles. That trend continued in the

backstroke and breastrokes. Both teams placed really well and made it a really interesting meet as we competed for top spots. I’m really proud of the women for picking up the third place overall.”

Lauren Serotta (Niskayuna, NY/ Niskayuna) picked up her second championship title and All-Empire 8 First Team Honors as she won the 200-yard backstroke

with a time of 2:07.55, besting her prelim time by almost four seconds. The second half of the dynamic duo, Rachel Flaherty (Middlebury, CT/Pomperaug) was in the running of top swimmers in the backstroke event as she swam a 2:15.82, better her time from prelims by almost two seconds and just barely being edged out of fourth place by almost half a second.

The next event in the pool resulted in an exciting finish for the Saxons as Amanda Guariglia (Valley Stream, NY/Valley Stream South)came from behind to tie for fourth place in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:34.24. The women’s 400-yard freestyle relay team of Caitlin Behr (Long Beach Island, NJ/ Southern Regional), Guariglia, Ivy Valley (Lancaster, NY/Lancaster) and Serotta finished third with a time of 3:47.36 to not only secure their team’s spot in the final score list, but to also help boost Alfred State College to claim it’s first conference championship since joining Division III, vaulting them past Penn State-Behrend.

Men’s Swimming & Diving Finishes Fourth in Allegheny Empire Championships

Men’s Swimming & Diving, February 22
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WEBSTER, NY -- The Alfred University men’s swimming & diving team finished third in the Empire 8 and fourth overall during the first Allegheny Empire Swimming & Diving Championships on Saturday.

“Awesome night! We had solid miles to start the night, but things got exciting quickly when the team created a great atmosphere for the swimmers in finals by being very loud and animated,” Head Coach Brian Striker ‘00 said. “Our momentum started when [Justin] Chadima, [Bryan] Rafoth and [Andrew] Yates went 1-2-3 in their heat and then Caitlin [Behr] did the same thing in the 100 freestyles. That trend continued in the backstroke and breastrokes. Both teams placed really well and made it a really interesting meet as we competed for top spots.”

The Saxons were led by the one-two finish of the dynamic duo of senior Andy Edmister (Belmont, NY/Genesee Valley Central) and first-year Phillip Volaski (Poughquag, NY/ Arlington) in the 200-yard



backstroke. Both entered the Championship Finals seeded one spot below their finishes as the both got out to great starts and held the lead over the rest of the pack, with Edmister registering his final collegiate backstroke time of 1:50.92, falling short of an Alfred University school record and Volaski hitting a time of 1:52.12.

Both Colin Schultz

(Spencerport, NY/Spencerport) and Noah Koltenuk (Danville, PA/Danville Area) had sixth place finishes on the day as Koltenuk picked up the first in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Koltenuk led the majority of the race until the other racers caught up and passed his time of 16:38.69. Shultz swam a 2:12.77 in the 200-yard breaststroke for his sixth place finish and was

followed by teammate, Justin Jarmer (Flagstaff, AZ/Northland Preparatory Academy) in eighth place with a time of 2:16.73.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Edmister, Ryan Brown (Olean, NY/Olean), Vincent Tamplain (Luling, LA/Hahnville) and Volaski finished sixth to wrap up the season with a time of 3:16.75.

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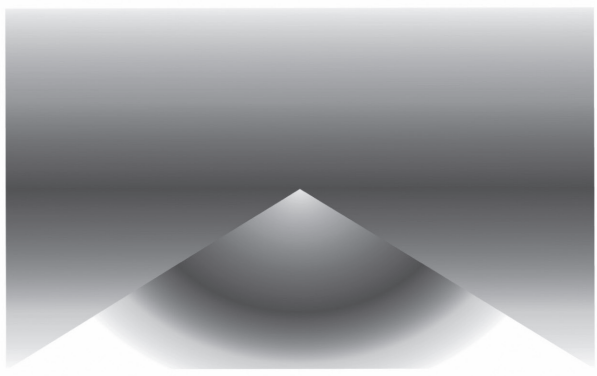
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