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## Conflicts in Africa are being ignored and forgotten

Students should take action to stop the suffering before it is too late

BY DEEN GENZARDI  
NEWS EDITOR

There are three major persistent conflicts in Africa being ignored and forgotten, the Senior Vice President and Director of Public-Private Partnerships at the Academy for Educational Development, Vivian Lowery Derryck, told students, faculty and community members on April 4 in the Knight Club.

"We as a country are so focused on Afghanistan and Iraq that we're not paying strong attention to these other conflicts. And these conflicts are our century's forgotten wars," said Derryck.

The tenth annual Riley Lecture was sponsored by the Riley sisters, Pamela Riley Osborn '62, Patricia A. Riley '65 and Melissa Riley. Pamela Lakin, AU's research librarian at Herrick

Library and assistant director of the study abroad program, was largely responsible for Derryck's visit. Lakin and Derryck are both alumnae of Chatham College.

Derryck's speech was titled "Forgotten Wars, Abandoned Lives: Reclaiming Peace in the 21st Century." Although Derryck's talk covered a wide variety of topics, ranging from the power of the United States, concerns about war and peace, types of wars and women's issues, she focused on three major forgotten wars and what we can do to help.

The three types of wars Derryck discussed are ideological, traditional and category defying. An example of the first war, which is ideological, is the war on poverty. The second war, traditional, can be seen in Darfur, a region of Sudan. The third war, category defying, is the example

of the fight against HIV and AIDS. These wars have the most impact on women and are issues the United States is doing little or nothing about.

"You live in the most powerful nation that the world has ever known," said Derryck. It would take less money and energy to help the abandoned lives in Africa than all the time and energy and money that we spend on Iraq.

In the war on poverty, there are roughly 2.7 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day. This translates to about \$730 a year. The average American makes around \$31,633 a year. That is 43 times as much as those 2.7 billion people. Derryck made it clear that this economic inequality is wrong and unjust.

"We believe that we are our brothers and sisters keepers and that we can lift the less fortunate,"



PHOTO BY ADRIENNE EGGELINGER

The Riley Lecture was held April 4 in the Knight Club. Vivian Lowery Derryck, the guest speaker, spoke of three major forgotten wars and what we can do to help.

said Derryck. "It's time we live up to these values of helping others."

The Millennium Development Goals (MDG) are eight goals bro-

ken up into seven clusters, developed by the United Nations.

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## AU's Take Back the Night protests assault, violence

BY ABBY TRIPP  
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Every fifteen seconds, an American woman is battered by her intimate partner. One out of six women in America has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape. And last month in Allegany County alone, there were five rape calls - three of the victims were children.

These were just a few of the statistics presented on April 8 as part of Take Back the Night, an event co-sponsored by Alfred University's Women's Issues Coalition (WIC) and Alfred State College's Counseling Services to raise awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence and abuse.

Megan Gray, junior fine arts major and WIC co-coordinator, said that preparations for the event began in February. In addition to weekly planning meetings, she said that a great deal of time was devoted to communications with local organizations and businesses. She said that the work was often challenging.

"We're trying to get two schools and a community together," Gray explained.

Assistant Professor of English and WIC faculty advisor Melissa Ryan was active in planning and promoting the event. She said that she saw it as an opportunity to empower participants.

"I'm really pleased that the Women's Issues Coalition is putting together ... a really important event for the community to demonstrate a protest against sexual assault and domestic abuse," she said.

Take Back the Night events began on both sides of Main Street just before sunset. On the Alfred University campus, students, faculty, administrators and other community members gathered next to the carillon, where they were provided with candles, ribbons, a printout of chants and large card stock signs that featured statements of protest.

At 7 p.m. the nearly 50 demonstrators began their march across campus. The chants, at first tentative, grew in strength as the group walked along Lower Pine Hill.

A group of students in front of Tefft and Reimer Halls stopped and watched the demonstrators. A few even joined their ranks.

"All right! We're like magnets!" shouted



PHOTO BY KELLY DONOHOE

Students pin on blue ribbons and pick up printouts of chants before they march to the Village Bandstand during April 8's Take Back the Night observance. The event was organized by AU's Women's Issues Coalition and ASC's Counseling Services.

junior english major Jonathan Hudack, one of the demonstrators.

At the traffic light, AU's group converged with a small delegation from ASC. The combined demonstrators were accompanied by an Alfred Village Police escort as they ended their march to the Alfred Village Bandstand.

As dusk fell, candles were lit and members of the crowd began to share personal stories of abuse.

AU alumna and ASC counseling intern Elizabeth Reina shared an account written by an ASC student of her experiences with abuse and her road to recovery.

Several others discussed what it meant to go "from victim to survivor to thriver" - a common phrase throughout the evening.

Survivors' stories were interspersed with brief statistical presentations by members of WIC.

Toward the end of the evening, a visibly moved Gray tearfully addressed the crowd. She stressed her gratitude for the response of the community and emphasized the importance of activism.

"I truly believe in social change," Gray said. "Be an advocate. It's what the world needs."

After the "speak-out," counseling services and refreshments were available. Several students in attendance said that they had been affected by the experience.

"I was emotionally involved in what everyone had to say," Hudack said. "The more people are aware, the more that we can begin to contribute to an understanding of what people can do to ease the pain [of abuse]."

Hudack, who called himself "a feminist at heart," said that the evening was also a powerful reminder for male participants that abuse is not limited to women.

"I believe that men need to be aware of being victimized and of what they can do to survive and learn to thrive," he said.

Gray said that she was pleased with the turnout and added that she hopes the event will continue with increased participation each year.

"I felt that Alfred really needed this," she said. o



PHOTO BY KELLY DONOHOE

AU students Catherine Cain, Erin Letovsky and Chandra Brackett stand with candles lit at the Take Back the Night "speak out." The event brought together over 50 participants from AU, ASC and the local community.

## Housing points advantageous during sign-up process

BY ASHLEY SWANSON  
COPY MANAGER

"Earn a housing point!" is a sign that stands out of the collage of flyers lining the walls around various residences on campus. Many students, particularly in freshman dorms, have been encouraged by these very signs to attend a Resident Assistant's program or event for these points.

With housing sign-ups this week, what role will these accumulated housing points play?

Housing points can "knock you a peg ahead in the housing process," explained Sheila Morgansmith, Resident Director of Openhym.

The primary system for housing assignments is the lottery. Within each class year (this is determined by the number of

credit hours taken), each student is assigned a number randomly by the computer. This number has nothing to do with an individual's grades, judicial records, or housing points.

It is "hard to predict how many upperclassmen will go through sign-ups to live on campus," commented Karen Porter, secretary of Residence Life.

The lottery system allows each student a fair shot at housing sign-ups. Returning seniors and seniors are given priority, followed by juniors, sophomore, and freshman. The housing points come into play depending on who has the most for each area of campus. One winner from each area is picked. The areas are broken down by Pine Hill Suites (upper and lower), Reimer and Tefft, Barresi and Cannon, and Openhym. One person from each of these areas will benefit.

Approximately six to 10 people benefit every year from housing points, said Morgansmith.

If two or more students all accumulate the same number of housing points, only one name will be drawn, explained Sarah Ryan, RD of Barresi.

"Approximately six to 10 people benefit every year," said Morgansmith who also tallies the housing points.

Originally, housing points were designed to get people to attend programs. This has been successful, as the chance to earn housing points has drawn many students to participate in RA programs.

Concern over the fairness of the lottery system is on many students' minds. Some say it is the only fair solution. If the lottery system were decided by GPA, for example, it would not take into account

students who may have had extenuating circumstances one semester where their grades slipped, speculated freshman Sarah Schwartz, sociology major.

If the lottery were assigned by GPA, extracurricular activities would not be factored in. Because of possible situations like this, the lottery system appears to be the best method.

Eric Thibault, a freshman political science major, was assigned number one for the freshman lottery. Thibault said that he was "surprised" adding, "I didn't do anything to get this. I know people who went to everything. I didn't."

Although Thibault does not mind, he thinks that housing points should have more play in the lottery process. As the system stands now, the student with the

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# Fiat Lux

## America can start change: Students must help end apathy

“Generation apathy” is a term frequently used to categorize our generation. We hear about statistics, such as the millions of people dying from HIV/AIDS and other preventable diseases every day. There are thousands of people being forced out of their homes in Darfur, Sudan, abandoning their entire lives for a chance to simply live, no matter how impoverished. There are thousands of human rights violations that occur every minute, and we don’t stop to think about how things like this that exist so “far” away can affect us here in Alfred., or how close some of these cases are.

In one way or another, we are all connected to each other. We are all human, and most people are born into the situations that they must live with. They don’t get to choose whether they are surrounded by disease or poverty. If the roles were reversed, as humans we should hope to expect aid from those with the ability to help. Being empathetic is key.

As Americans, we are privileged to be citizens of a nation that is able to support their citizens. The poorest citizens in America are considered wealthy in other nations. The average United States income of \$31,633 is more than 43 times the yearly income of the 2.7 billion people living in poverty. These people live on \$2 per day. Imagine if you were to donate your coffee money one day, you would nearly double their income. By living comfortably in the world’s only remaining superpower we should feel obligated to act on these statistics, rather than shrug our shoulders at these overwhelming figures.

We know how easy it is to forget, or to push aside, these statistics. Thinking that it isn’t our job, that someone else will take care of it. It is easy to pass the responsibility on to someone else and allow them to deal with international policies. How much of an impact can one displaced student have, anyway? More than we realize.

It seems as if the United States has a totally different mindset. They would rather send over 120,000 men and women troops to Iraq. The U.S. would rather fight a war that is clearly over expanding military and economic power around the world, and Africa just gets looked over time and time again. It is truly a sad case because Africa would probably only need about \$70 million to end the extreme suffering. But unfortunately, the U.S. has different goals (\$100 billion going to Iraq each year).

America has the resources and knowledge we need to prevent an AIDS epidemic here. Often, America assumes an impatient and a “this must happen now” approach when examining and dealing with other countries. And if the effects are not immediate, they will never happen. We should slow down and evaluate things from the perspective of that land. Change will not occur at our pace. It is important to encourage and support rather than force change. But, with this encouragement and support, there must be people pushing for change. It has to start with taking initiative and making it known your concerns about issues occurring in our world.

By the year 2020, Africa, a continent with 853 million people, will have nearly 10 percent of their population infected with the AIDS virus. That is almost equivalent to America’s entire African American population. Years from now, we will all be thinking “how could we let this get so bad?”

In 15 years, 90 million people will have been affected by the disease, yet we aren’t speaking out very much, are we? Gandhi said that we must be the change we want to see in the world. Rather than being apathetic and letting someone else step up to the plate, we must take on responsibility ourselves.

The United States has been taking steps to help the African situation. They have contributed \$15 million to help twelve African countries fight HIV/AIDS. With the increasing amount of people contracting the disease each day, really, what is that amount going to accomplish? So if the “land of the free” does not feel that the crisis in Africa is worth fighting for, how can we change that?

We as students can help by speaking out. Students can and should participate in an U.N. organization. Other organizations, such as Amnesty International, are a great way to help spread awareness. AU has recently re-instated an Amnesty International chapter. Students who have not joined are encouraged to do so. Change can begin here, even in rural Alfred.

Students can also write to his or her senator. Let them know how you feel. You may not think so, but you have a voice and they will listen to it.

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# Opinion

## College is the real world Take time to appreciate it while you’re here

Either you can’t wait to get out into it, or you want to delay it as much as possible. So what is it exactly, and why aren’t we in it now?

Call me disillusioned, but I’m still trying to figure out why no one considers college at least part of the real world. Sure, I tell people everyday that I want to go to grad school because I don’t want to grow up, but who am I kidding? All I’m really trying to avoid is a 9 to 5 cubicle job doing data entry and filling out TPS reports.

After I decided that I wanted to continue going to school after I leave Alfred, I did some research and decided on two schools: Syracuse University and Emerson College. Only applying to a couple schools is risky, but I figured that if I didn’t get in to either, then it wasn’t meant to be. I’d just have to enter the so-called real world sooner.

As of now, I’ve visited both schools, and I’ve received my acceptance from SU’s S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. With graduation coming up in about a month, it’s starting to hit me. This is pretty real.

Most people tell me I’m crazy for even insinuating that college is part of the real world; they tell me that college kids are babies beyond belief. I agree and I disagree, but is the real world not a place

where people find out who they are and where they fit in to this world? Yes it is. Do you need to have a salaried job to help you find out who you are? No, you don’t. At least I don’t think so.

It has occurred to me that maybe I only feel this way about college because graduation is so close. It goes without saying that the thought of graduating evokes many emotions that are far more than simple. However, if I leave AU with the same mindset as my friends who don’t see college as even a tiny part of the real world, then my goal of finding out who I am, as an individual hasn’t been reached.

What I offer to the Alfred community is the idea that college is almost as real as it gets. We don’t live in a fake world; we’re just getting some help with preparing us for the next step.

Within the next week or so, I’ll be sending my deposit to Syracuse. Next comes apartment hunting and applying for loans. That’s pretty real to me. Then again, maybe I’m just scared.

In an earlier issue of the Fiat, Jessica Ecock wrote about death as being the inevitable next step after graduation. If that’s true, then at least I can delay death another year with grad school, and I’ll be able to die thinking that I was part of the real world since 2001. ◻



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## “Axe” me why I love Staten Island

Graduation is approaching, and more than anything, that means I must dreadfully return to Staten Island.

For most of my life I have been forced to call the New York City borough my home. Besides being the forgotten borough (understandable), Staten Island also holds NYC’s garbage from the last fifty years. The fourteen-mile island houses not only literal trash, but the people, like the scenery, are also trash.

If you have never traveled to Staten Island (understandable), here’s a description for your fancy. Take what I write and add extra grime and sleaze and your image will be near the real thing.

Picture men in wife-beater T’s, fat men with hairy chests, add gold chains, primarily large crucifixes or Italian horns. Picture women with acrylic air-brushed nails, decked out in velour sweat suits and Prada handbags sitting on their stoops gesturing at everyone and calling their children in nasal voices.

Picture one of three types of young guys: either repeat wife-beater scenario minus chest hair, but add orange tan, waxed eyebrows, BMW and Scarface-wannabe persona. Next male scenario: rap-loving white boys wearing the most expensive clothes to look ghetto fabulous, add orange tan, waxed eyebrows, BMW and Eminem-wannabe persona. Third and the most unusual option: Goth boy who only hangs out with other Goths.

The typical Staten Island girl is my favorite to describe: picture fake blond highlights, fake orange tan, fake nails, fake tough-girl persona, plus short skirt, Lexus, and let’s not forget that accent. You know it; you may have even heard the thick speech rapidly shoot from my mouth, painful evidence that, without a doubt, will never

allow me to deny where I’m from. “Ask” becomes “axe,” “talk” becomes “tawk,” “mother” is always “ma,” and “idea” is “idear.”

My aunts, who were raised in Brooklyn, were forced to take speech therapy in school to lose their thick accents. I was told I would never be successful if I didn’t lose mine. The thing is though I love my accent. As much as it reveals my roots of fakeness, the accent is real. I am ashamed to describe the Staten Island girls, because I too am like that, only brunette. And as much as I hate them I will always be compared to those girls because of the way I say “cawfee” or “chawklit.”

Maybe that’s what I hate the most about Staten Island: the way I fit in. I sit on my stoop and I’m nasal and I had fake nails before Alfred and I want them again. Staten Island makes me a different person. You need that fake tough-girl persona to walk down a street. You need to appear tough in front of girls and nonchalant in front of guys, and that’s all it is, a front.

Four years in Alfred may have lessened the harshness of my accent, but it’s still present. I may have left Staten Island, but the characteristics it breeds haven’t left me. In times of unnecessary cruelty I have to wonder why that small island creates angry people. Why is road rage the highest in our borough? Why are we both physically and verbally violent?

When someone asks where I’m going after graduation I can only growl “Staten Island.” When they hear my bitterness, they ask, “Why are you going back then?” Staten Island may have made me resentful of the way it breeds hate and the fakeness of its people, but the only answer that seems real is, “It’s home.” ◻



JESSICA ECOCK  
STAFF WRITER

# Relationships have downfalls

When the dating process begins all sorts of steps are to be taken. At first you crave to learn everything about the person, like their favorite food. You notice the cute things about them, like the way they smile or bite their lip when they are nervous. You learn so much about the person, even stuff like how they would rather drive during the day than at night.

The difficult thing about dating is realizing if the other person in the relationship is there for the right reasons.

In the beginning of a dating relationship you are blinded by your feelings. You have met someone that attracts you and that interests you. It is difficult to question the way the person feels about you because you think they would not be with you if they did not want to be.

After the first month or so of hanging out and getting to know each other, the relationship becomes more intense. When this happens you begin to open up to the other person, expressing some of your inner-most feelings. You may feel as if this person is your best friend just because you feel so close to them.

As time progresses you begin to enjoy talking to them on the phone, sharing your day with them and just look forward to the weekend you will have to share together.

The hard part of a dating relationship is if the other person decides they no longer have feelings for you. When someone tells you they were falling for you, but it is gone, you will feel something so strange happening inside of you. Not only will you feel strange for a little while, but you will question yourself from the inside out.

It is painful to care for someone and then have them tell you they can no longer be with you. When this happens, you look back at all the times you spent together and try to picture when it went wrong.

You will wonder why they said and did certain things if they did not want to be with you and the worst part is when you just feel plain out sad.

The good thing is that you will not feel sad forever. You will be able to move on and even if you feel like never dating again, trust me that feeling will fade.

Just make sure you talk to your close friends and let them know how you feel and what is going on. Accept the fact that person was not meant for you, do not blame yourself and consider yourself free.

We are in college, this is a time to have fun and being hurt through relationships is not having fun. Learn from the past and look forward to the future. ◻



JESSICA HENDERSON  
STAFF WRITER

## Roving Reporter

AU has implemented its first-ever web-based registration for the fall 2005 semester.  
**What do you think about the new online course registration process?**

Quotes and photos by  
Matthew Butts



“I like it because it was easy after I figured out where to go. But I think that the old way was better.”

Jake Rulander  
Business

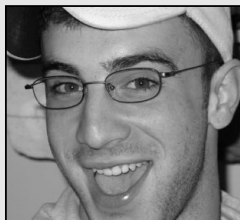


Pedro Cespedes  
Business Administration



“It is a good system. It cuts down waiting time in the registrar’s office and it is pretty easy to use. You know then and there if you got into a class. Banner should read if you are in a prerequisite class so you can take the next level.”

Jason Reyes  
Electrical Engineering



“It was the most useless thing. We still had to meet with our advisors and schedule classes with them – why couldn’t they just turn it in? They did it before.”

Mike Coupe  
Athletic Training



“The Banner system is a lot easier and convenient than the regular registration process. It tells you on the spot if you got into a class and allows you to make changes quicker than before. But, when you sign up for class and its lab, if you don’t get into the lab, you can’t get into the class either.”

Stephanie Thompson  
Biology

# National News

## Rudolph agrees to plea agreement

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Accused serial bomber Eric Robert Rudolph will avoid a possible death sentence by pleading guilty to a string of attacks in Alabama and Georgia, including a deadly blast during the 1996 Olympics, the U.S. Justice Department announced Friday.

Rudolph, 38, will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole in exchange for guilty pleas to all charges against him.

As part of the deal, Rudolph told investigators where in western North Carolina he had stashed explosives, which were found and destroyed, the Justice Department said.

According to the Justice Department, Rudolph will enter his first guilty plea Wednesday morning in Birmingham, Alabama, where jury selection began this week for what was to have been his trial in the January 1998 bombing of a women's clinic.

Rudolph will then be transferred to Atlanta, Georgia, where he will plead guilty to the attack at a concert in Centennial Olympic Park during the 1996 Olympics; two bombings an hour apart at a suburban women's clinic in January 1997; and a bombing at a lesbian nightclub in February that same year.

## MIT developing \$100 laptops for children

(AP) -- In a rural Cambodian village where the homes lack electricity, the nighttime darkness is pierced by the glow from laptops that children bring from school.

The students were equipped with notebook computers by a foundation run by MIT Media Lab founder Nicholas Negroponte and his wife Elaine.

"When the kids bring them home and open them up, it's the brightest light source in the home," said Negroponte. "Parents love it."

Negroponte and some MIT colleagues are hard at work on a project they hope will brighten the lives and prospects of hundreds of millions of developing world kids.

## Harvard loses another faculty member

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (Reuters) -- Another member of Harvard University's African-American studies department said on Tuesday he will leave the school in what one critic called the latest sign of discontent with President Lawrence Summers.

Michael Dawson will be the third professor to leave the department this academic year and the fifth since 2002, when Professor Cornel West -- known for his book "Race Matters" on race relations in America -- decamped for Princeton University following a well-publicized dispute with Summers.

## NBC announcer hangs it up after 62 years

NEW YORK (AP) -- Through the eras of anchors John Chancellor, Tom Brokaw and now Brian Williams, Howard Reig's voice also was heard when viewers turned on the news.

"This is NBC Nightly News," the clear baritone would say, ushering in headlines from Watergate to terrorism. Now 84, with a career that spans the very life of television itself, Reig retires Friday as NBC's last staff announcer.

A gnomish figure who walks the halls of NBC's Rockefeller Center office with the help of two hearing aids and a pacemaker, he's been working for NBC and its parent General Electric for nearly 62 years.

His role as staff announcer is usually limited to those few key words each day. Sometimes he'd even pre-tape them.

His career began in 1943 when, as a high school English teacher, he took a summer acting job at the GE-owned radio station WGY in Schenectady, New York, and its new sister station WRGB-TV.

"You have to face facts," he said. "When you're 84 the end of the road is not that far away and I want to spend as much time as I

To the Alfred Community

# Mission statement of AU may change

Dear Campus Community,

A recommendation from the recent Middle States Oversight Committee (MSAOC) accreditation self-study and visiting team final report was for Alfred University to better articulate its mission and identity. Toward that end President Edmondson charged the group with creating a new mission statement for the university. Together with the president, the MSAOC have decided to, in fact, draft two statements. One (referred to as "the mission statement") is to be very brief and intended for easy communication to outside constituents.

The second ("the statement of planning principles") will expand upon the mission statement and will be more detailed; it is intend-

ed to translate the mission into a basis for future decision-making and strategic planning. This will be developed once the MSAOC have the new mission statement in place.

In February, the MSAOC asked the student body for input regarding the mission statement and they responded! The quantity and quality of the thoughts submitted to the MSAOC were impressive. Most striking was the regularity with which certain themes were repeated; it is clear that people at AU do indeed share a vision of who they and what they should be doing. This makes the crafting of a statement about the university's mission a relatively easy one.

Here is the draft of the new Alfred University mission statement:

Alfred University is a student-

centered comprehensive university offering a remarkable breadth of outstanding programs. It is at once small and complex, rural and globally connected, private and public, undergraduate and graduate, steeped in history yet focused on the future.

Alfred's intimate atmosphere fosters the interplay of diverse perspectives and a strong sense of community. The university's personalized approach to education is aimed at enabling all students to grow intellectually, creatively, and personally.

Alfred is committed to both teaching and research, to combining technical expertise, artistic creativity and humanistic concerns, and to maintaining academic rigor in a caring environment. Uniting the university community is a common dedica-

tion to innovation, open-minded inquiry, and service to society.

Please send us your thoughts and suggestions on this draft. You can email to MSAOC@alfred.edu or go to our.alfred.edu and click on the Task Forces button, then Middle States (the latter makes your comments anonymous). Please respond by Friday, April 22.

The MSAOC will also be bringing this discussion to campus groups such as the Faculty and Student Senates, the Admin/Tech Spec and Support Staff Councils. These sessions will allow for open dialogue.

Sincerely,  
Middle States Oversight Committee

# Latino population rises, but still under-represented

BY JERNEE JOHNSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Miles of hilltops. Grass covered in a white, crystalline coating. It feels like an eternity before specks of green finally peek through. One road leads into downtown Alfred, the equivalent of one New York City block. There are nothing but cows and horses in the fields alongside the road. Welcome to Alfred.

It is a long way home for most AU students from urban areas. But surprisingly, many AU Latino students come from New York City.

The Latino population is currently the largest minority population in the United States. The 2000 census estimates it at about 12.5 percent. Compared with the US Latino population, AU's Latino presence is small.

Although the Latino population at AU is growing steadily, it still appears to be under-represented.

"I thought it [Latino population] would be smaller," said Jessica Cabrera, a freshman communication studies major. "But it could be bigger," she said.

Currently, 79 of Alfred

University's 1,943 full-time undergraduates identify themselves as Latino.

The number of AU Latino students has grown from one percent in 1986, to 4.1 percent (as of 2004). AU's Latino population in 1986 was significantly low. Estimates indicate that 18 Latino students were enrolled at AU in 1986.

The attrition rate of Latino students, the rate at which the university loses students, is considerably low.

In the fall of 2003, 17 Latino students enrolled at AU. Among them, all but one student returned for the spring semester.

That is a very good number, says Karen Johnson, director of enrollment operations and research.

The university currently uses many effective tactics to recruit Latino students, says Johnson.

Every year admissions counselors attend college fairs to help get students interested in AU.

One effective recruitment method is the annual bus trip to New York City, says Johnson. The university provides high school students in urban areas the chance to visit AU.

Alfred University gains much of its Latino population this way, says Johnson.

Informing students about AU's many organizations, especially Poder Latino, helps to attract Latino students, according to Wendy Beckemeyer, vice president of enrollment management.

AU's organizations and groups are profiled in pamphlets. The pamphlets are then sent out to prospective students.

"When I saw Poder Latino in AU's pamphlet, I told my mother that I was going to join it when I came here," said Cabrera, "and I did."

Although the university has productive methods of increasing Latino presence, there are still some who say that more can be done.

AU may be losing out on more Latino enrollment because of its lack of diverse faculty. Latino students need to see more representations of Latin culture at AU, says Beckemeyer.

Providing better services for students of color may help get more Latino students, says Johnson.

Nadine Shardlow, director of AU's opportunity programs,

says that the development of a multi-cultural office may help attract Latino students and other students of color.

Improving services for students of color goes beyond campus services. Being a black woman in Alfred can be challenging, according to Johnson.

When she first came to Alfred there was no ethnic hairdresser in the area or surrounding area. She had to drive over an hour every two weeks to get her hair done in Rochester.

Location is a big challenge at AU, says Johnson. There are needs that Latino students have that the Alfred community as a whole may not have, she says.

While all of these plans have been taken into consideration, no plans have been put into action as of yet.

Currently the admissions staff is working on methods to improve diversity. Beckemeyer is preparing a roundtable discussion on diversification at AU.

There are no set dates, but Beckemeyer encourages students to attend the discussion with suggestions that would help AU acquire more diversity. ☐

# Accepted students kickoff with a warm welcome

BY KATIE KIELY  
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The first Accepted Students Kickoff weekend of the semester was held from April 2 to 3. Many different events and tours were held throughout the weekend in order to recruit the potential freshmen. It was a joint effort to make the potential freshmen and their families feel welcome.

The admissions staff worked with the Student Activities Office and the club members of different student groups to put on the Student Activities Fair, which was held on April 2, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

About two-thirds of AU's clubs set up tables to promote their organizations and talk to the newly accepted students. James Morris, a parent of an

accepted student had some thoughts to share on the events,

"This event is crucial for my son in determining whether or not he will come, he has been accepted to a few different schools that academically are very different; what else the school has to offer will be the determining factor," he said.

The Student Activities Office managed the main table as people walked in. Dan Napolitano, the director of Student Activities, greeted students and their parents. John Ketcham, the new assistant director of Student Activities also gave students and their parents a warm welcome.

The Knight Club offered free soft drinks and pizza for everyone. Each AU club on campus represented themselves by their own table. Club members were present to answer any questions

that accepted students had about their club.

Jessica Henderson, vice president of student senate, a communication studies and marketing major, represented her table. She greeted and waved as people walked by and asked questions about the event.

"The accepted students kickoff was extremely successful, from the student/parent dinner to the club fair. As an AU ambassador I saw a lot of accepted students finding themselves impressed with what AU has to offer," she said.

Jessica Webster, vice president of SAB, also attended. "I had a lot of fun and that it was nice to see what the new freshmen class was going to be like," said Webster. At her table the club had a display of all the top bands and artists that the club

has brought to Alfred in the past few years.

The AU Dance Team also put on a show for the event instead of staffing a table they performed a few different numbers on the stage. They performed to a variety of music that attracted quite an audience.

Clubs put a variety of things on their table to show what their club is really about and what makes it so special to them.

People Acting for Animal Welfare (PAW), which was just reinstated last semester, had heart wrenching pictures of animals behind cages in an effort to display the problem.

Anticipated to be one hour, the fair spilled over that mark. Prospective and current students left feeling welcomed and satisfied. ☐

# Psychology club beats away the winter blues

As apparent from the rain that drenched tours of accepted students on April 2, Alfred isn't known as the most sun-filled place to live.

This gloom that seems to consume 364 days out of the year affects an estimated half-million people every winter with a type of depression called "Seasonal Affective Disorder," or SAD.

In order to lift spirits and raise

awareness about this disorder, the Psychology Club sponsored "Beat the Winter Blues Bash."

"It's the first time we've had this event and I think it's going really well," said Crystal Myers, secretary of the Psychology Club. "We chose this weekend hoping to attract prospective students and we're very happy about the outcome."

While it was the first time this

event was held, the Psychology Club intends to make it an annual event.

"In the future, we hope to hold it in January or February before the weather starts to get nicer," said Myers.

Since SAD is most prominent from January through February, it is hoped that introducing such lively activities to the University will decrease the depression that

began with the Upper Pine Hill suites and went through all of last week.

RD's took time to explain this process and give students their lottery number. Those who applied for a common interest suite and received it were able to skip the lottery process.

To make this system easier, Assistant Director of Residence Life Bonnie Dungan stressed the

winter causes.

From 9 to 12 p.m. on Apr. 2, Davis Gym was transformed with games, food and music for everyone to take part in.

While enjoying mock-tails and delicious pineapple upside-down cake, students and prospective students mingled to play Twister, dominos, sing Karaoke, dance, and participate in the many other activities offered. ☐

importance of attending these meetings. She also encouraged that students looking for a roommate go to the "roommate connection" program. This information will be available when sign-ups begin on April 13 in Susan Howell Hall. Every student must bring their signed housing contracts along with their student identification. ☐

# World News

## Pope John Paul II buried in Vatican crypt

VATICAN CITY (CNN) — Pope John Paul II was buried Friday in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica after a funeral Mass that millions of people around the world watched.

Guests attending the elaborate open-air service in St. Peter's Square cheered and applauded, many chanting "Santo, Santo" — a call for John Paul to be canonized. Some pilgrims who came from the pope's homeland waved Polish flags.

"Today, we bury his remains in the earth as a seed of immortality — our hearts are full of sadness, yet at the same time of joyful hope and profound gratitude," Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said in the homily during the Mass.

CBS stringer arrested in Iraq BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — A CBS stringer has been arrested as a suspected insurgent, U.S. military officials said Friday.

The video cameraman was wounded during a firefight in northeastern Mosul between U.S. troops and insurgents Tuesday.

U.S. military officials said the man's camera held footage of a number of roadside bomb attacks against American troops, and they believe he was tipped off to those attacks.

A U.S. military statement said troops believe the man "poses an imperative threat to coalition forces" and that he "will be processed as any other security detainee."

CBS said the photographer was hired about three months ago, and it asked news organizations not to identify him.

## Islamic group claims Cairo bombing

CAIRO, Egypt (CNN) — An obscure Islamic group has claimed responsibility for a bombing in the heart of old Cairo Thursday that killed three people, including one American.

On a Web site, a group calling itself the Islamic Brigades of Pride in Egypt said Friday it carried out the bombing in retaliation against the United States and other "colonial powers" oppressing its Islamic brothers in Iraq and the Palestinian territories.

Egyptian officials said two people died in the blast, a French woman tourist and a man believed to be an Egyptian and most likely the bomber.

The U.S. Embassy said an American died early Friday morning of wounds he sustained in the blast. It gave no other details.

Another 18 people were wounded.

Egyptian officials said the bomb was crude, homemade and stuffed with nails.

It went off in a market section of old Cairo that is popular with tourists. Thursday night hundreds of riot police had sealed off the area and a number of investigators were combing the scene for clues.

## Marburg virus death toll hits 180

(CNN) — The World Health Organization is investigating an outbreak of hemorrhagic fever in northwestern Angola, it said Friday.

As of Thursday, 205 cases of Marburg hemorrhagic fever had been reported in the country, and 180 of those affected had died. Seven provinces have been affected, the latest being Zaire province, where six cases have been reported, the WHO said in its most recent update.

"It is a very, very dangerous and lethal virus in human beings," Mike Ryan, director of alert and response operations for WHO, told CNN. The virus — in the same family as the Ebola virus — spreads through blood and body fluid contact.

In this case — only the second natural outbreak of the virus — there is evidence it has been amplified through ineffective containment in hospitals, Ryan said. ☐



# Poder Latino enriches Alfred with knowledge of Latin culture

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On April 1, Poder Latino welcomed a packed audience aboard Air RAICES.

In their constitution, their vision states that "Poder Latino wishes to educate and increase communication between its members and the rest of the campus in order to foster and enrich the Latin community in Alfred," which is exactly what they accomplished through RAICES.

RAICES is one of the performances that Alfred University looks forward to all year long. The cross-cultural experience alone is worth donation.

"The choreography and costumes are all professional, in scope and execution. Performers give 160 percent. Quality [is] exceptional. I save a slot on my calendar every year," Gail Walker, professor of Psychology.

The show opened with host Raquel Mejia as a flight attendant. She greeted the audience and explained to them that they would be taking a flight through Latin America on Air RAICES. Before we took off, we met the Captain, Jason Reyes. They informed the audience about the different places they would be visiting such as Spain, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Brazil, and the Dominican



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BUTTS  
**The Captain and flight attendant of Air RAICES, Jason Reyes and Raquel Mejia, shown here, hosted this year's RAICES performance at Holmes Auditorium on April 1. With this theme, they took the audience on a flight through Latin culture, entertaining all who attended.**

Republic.

The first stop was Spain, where the Flamenco dance was introduced. Flamenco is a traditional song and dance of the Gypsies in southern Spain.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BUTTS  
**Asia Pina and Penelope Perdomo join the rest of the performers toward the conclusion of the show, where each person represented individual countries.**

In Argentina, the presentation was the Tango. Originally, the Tango was an expression of the relationship between a prostitute and her pimp. Freshman Seward Molina seduced the crowd by playing his guitar, and lured sophomore Penelope Perdomo to the stage; a sensual dance ensued.

When Air RAICES landed in Puerto Rico, a dance named the Quimbara was performed by student dancers. A moment of silence was given for deceased Latin singer Celia Cruz.

The next stop was Latin America. Latino Mix was the name of the act. The dance Quebradita which hails from Mexico was performed.

In Brazil, was the Lambada, a forbidden dance consisting of two partners having their hips close to each other.

The Punta was showcased in the stop to Honduras and Nicaragua.

In Colombia, the Cumbia, a flirtatious couples dance was performed.

In the Dominican Republic, Panama and Puerto Rico, the performance was to a popular reggaeton song "Gasolina" by Daddy Yankee. The Latin America stop ended with the Cuban Conga dance.

"I thought the show was a nice display of different cultures through diversity. It was a very creative method of displaying cultures for those who do not get the opportunity or privilege to experience other cultures," said Vernisha Gill, graduate student of business administration.

Special guest performers included the AU Divas, The Notables, Alfred Steppas, Middle Eastern Dancers and the Hip Hop Dance Troupe.

Evette Cabral, a sophomore elementary education major, expressed her enjoyment of the show. "It was a beautiful thing. I'm proud that Alfred got to see how beautiful and diverse the Latino Culture is," she said.

The first stop after intermission was Brazil to see the Samba, originally an African dance. The Samba was a beautiful act full of gorgeous costumes and wonderful dance moves.

After the stop in Brazil, Chaz Bruce, sophomore performing arts major, performed the gospel song "Stand". Soon after, focus shifted to the Dominican Republic, and the audience saw the Merengue Topico. The performers wore traditional dresses that were white with red and blue trimmings.

"I brought my two-year old son and I was very proud to expose him to such diverse cultures. It made me grateful that we have such a production contributing to our campus," said Director of Student Activities and ALANA Coordinator Dan Napolitano.

Towards the end of the show, there was a beautiful performance that included the representation of all Latin countries. Performers entered from the staircases and waved flags from the country they represented to the song, "Mi Tierra" by Gloria Estefan.

Every performer dressed according to each one's country. One by one each performer, waving a flag, approached the micro-

phone and said their name and the country they represented. Screams from the audience were heard when the name of their country was announced.

"I thought the show was very well put together. All the acts were really entertaining," said Inis Feliz, a sophomore child psychology major.

Andreina Simet, a junior marketing and economics major, one of the directors and producers of the show and President of Poder Latino reflected on the show, saying that, "It was definitely a lot of work, it showed because of the response received from the Alfred Community. Next year we will need more people to participate and help out, not just Hispanics, it's apart of the learning process."

When you think of your roots, think of Poder Latino and RAICES. Although everyone in the audience was not of Latin descent, you could tell that everyone was certainly proud of their roots. Poder helped to convey the message of being proud of one's culture and heritage and being able to share it with the world. ◻



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BUTTS  
**Penelope Perdomo and Anthony Liriano perform the Tango, a traditional dance from Argentina.**

# Myth about HEOP dispelled: More diverse than many know

BY MATTHEW BUTTS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) at Alfred University is more diverse than many know, according to the Director of Opportunity Programs, Nadine Shardlow.

HEOP is a program for New York State students who are financially and academically disadvantaged, said Shardlow. Students, who would have been unable to attend a college or university, are able to do so through the program, she said.

Perhaps the biggest misconception about the program is that it is only for minorities.

"I think that people do not know enough about the program to make such

a generalization," said senior HEOP student Danny Occena.

Students and faculty tend to make that common assumption of minorities and the HEOP program, said Shardlow.

Every semester she receives calls from faculty about minority students who they believe are in the program but are not, Shardlow said.

Although the majority of students in the program are minorities, the non-minority population of HEOP has steadily increased over the years, said Shardlow.

Currently, a total of 75 students are enrolled in the HEOP program at AU.

According to Shardlow, 38 percent of students in the program are Hispanic, 37 percent are African-American and 25 percent are Caucasian.

According to the New York State

Education department website, more than 75 percent of HEOP students are Black or Hispanic.

Much of the HEOP student population comes from metropolitan areas such as New York City and Rochester, said Shardlow.

Counselors and advisors in these locations are better and more educated about the program than those from non-urban areas because they deal with much more minority students, Shardlow said.

Out of 200 to 300 applications, only 25 students are chosen for the program every year, Shardlow said.

Minority students in the past were afraid to admit to being apart of HEOP, Shardlow said, because it meant confronting financial and educational shortcomings.

Today, HEOP students are proud to say that they participate in the program, said Katie Arseno, freshman HEOP student. Shardlow said that sophomore HEOP student, Chaz Bruce even wrote a song about the program.

Effective ways for people to learn about the HEOP program is to attend events such as the annual HEOP conference and to go to locations where these students congregate, such as the HEOP office, freshman HEOP student, Kathie Arseno said.

To show people that HEOP is not just a minority program, Shardlow said, "We need a minority affairs office on campus."

Shardlow said that she recalls the HEOP office and the ALANA affairs office at AU being a unit at one time, but faded away.

Dan Napolitano, coordinator of ALANA affairs said that the two offices split because of two main reasons.

There were staffing issues and both offices did not want the notion that every student involved in HEOP was part of ALANA and vise versa, Napolitano said.

HEOP is making strides to better educate advisors and counselors in non-urban areas about the program. This would aid in the recruitment of a broader range of students into HEOP, according to Shardlow.

In order to dispel misconceptions about the program, "people need to be willing to find out what the HEOP program is really about," said Occena. ◻

# S.A.F.E. and AU faculty experience life with a disability

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Four members of SAFE (Students Acting For Equality) spent the morning April 4, trying to experience living with a disability.

Katie Kiely placed herself in a wheelchair. Josh Drake impaired his hearing. Darnell Thompson also impaired his hearing and did not speak. Dan Napolitano blindfolded himself to experience blindness.

What follows is their personal accounts of a morning with a disability. 8:30 a.m. (Darnell): Awoke in my room to silence. Tried to register for classes, but I had some problems and I couldn't ask for help.

8:45 a.m. (Dan): I'm walking up to Powell blindfolded and guided by my wife. There are some icy patches on the paths that Tricia thankfully warns me about. She keeps joking that she is

going to push me in a snow bank. She is evil. I just want to get into my office where it is safe and I know my way around.

8:50 a.m. (Katie) – Getting in the wheelchair. I realize I have no idea how to carry my backpack and wheel at the same time. The doorway in Myers is not wide enough and I scrape my hand wheeling through the door.

9:05 a.m. (Josh): Walked into the office said hello to everyone, not sure if I was too loud or if people responded. Felt like I was there but not completely part of the office.

9:10 a.m. (Katie) Wheeling from Myers. Ice on the sidewalks. Most of the way was all right, but no one would make eye contact with me unless they knew who I was. Some crossed the street to avoid me. The sidewalks were not bad but there were no breaks in the curbs so the wheel chair would get stuck when having to cross the road between the lawn next to the Science Center and Myers.

9:20 a.m. (Josh): On the way to get

coffee I saw some people in the lounge, but I can't hear what they are saying. I think they may have tried to get my attention, but I was not sure so I just kept walking. I think I may have pissed them off.

9:30 a.m. (Katie): Entering Olin. The handicap door does not work. I need to use the elevator to get to my class on the second floor but you need a key and the secretary is on the floor below me.

9:45 a.m. (Dan): I have checked my voice mail five times already. I can use the phone easily so I have been calling everyone by phone. It was funny how I feel "equal" on the phone but useless otherwise.

10:13 a.m. (Josh): I saw two co-workers talking and I walked over to join in and think they were having a private conversation. I am just going to stay in my office and mind my own business.

10:20 a.m. (Katie): From Olin to Powell. The sidewalk curves around at the end of Scholes and makes it almost impossible to keep the chair from going down the hill toward the traffic light. I

had to make myself hit the wall to stop the chair.

10:30 a.m. (Dan): Fire alarm just went off. Everybody left me. Travis from security came in and helped me out.

10:35 a.m. (Darnell): My Golfing instructor approached me and asked me a couple of yes or no questions about my disability and how much of a struggle it was. I couldn't really hear his instructions so I had to pay close attention to my classmates to know when it was time for me to hit the ball.

10:45 a.m. (Katie): I met up with Dan for mozzarella sticks in Powell. Teamwork helps. We found that him holding on to the back of my wheel chair gave me better direction and control and it kept him from bumping into things.

10:50 a.m. (Dan): Need to use the bathroom. It was kind of scary.... I don't know if the toilet seat is clean and I don't want to use the urinal and risk missing. I never even thought about needing to use the bathroom when I decided to be blind for the morning.

11:15 a.m. (Katie): Time to go to the Science Center for Psych 100 with Dr. Walker. The next challenge was the cobble stone ramp: cobblestones and wheel chairs do not mix! Once again the handicap button was broken.

11:45 a.m. (Josh): Someone had to come into the office and ask me if I wanted to go to lunch. I can hear noises but unless I can see someone face and make eye contact I can't tell for sure if they are talking to me.

12 p.m. (Darnell): Arrived in Powell for the Disability Awareness Panel, was greeted by Kevin, a deaf student on campus who related to my partial disability. When the panel discussion began I was able to hear and speak again but I have much more respect and admiration of the obstacles Kevin faces.

*SAFE would like to thank everyone who attended the panel and shared their experiences. SAFE is a group committed to creating equality for all students and they can be reached at [SAFE@alfred.edu](mailto:SAFE@alfred.edu) ◻*

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# Habitat hammers build homes, bring happiness and hope

BY TESS AND MEG CODDINGTON  
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Long bus rides. Short nights of sleep. Hot work-days. Cold showers. No fun you say? Well, you obviously didn't go on the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build in Florida for spring break.

Although waking up at 6:15 a.m. and working until 5 p.m. seems against the normal spring break agenda, the Blitz Build has helped some AU students build friendships, learn skills, and make memories in Florida for almost a decade.

As juniors, we were a little worried about missing out on the normal spring break, such as trips that include home cooked meals or lying on the beach and replacing that time with swinging a hammer precariously close to our fingers, nailing shingles to a rooftop, and strapping on a belt filled with nails.

Fortunately, we made the right decision and went to Florida with some of the most wonderful people to pass through our campus.

Thanks to our fundraising and the support of the Alfred community, we departed for our Florida adventure at 5:30 a.m. on March 5 and arrived ten movies and two days later.

The first thing to greet us at Daytona was the gunning of engines and glistening of black leather-Bike Week!

The culture of Florida exploded as we felt our



A Habitat for Humanity volunteer works diligently on one of the two houses that they constructed over Spring Break in Florida.

PHOTO BY LAURA LAPIERRE



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The weary Habitat workers rest by the nearly constructed site. Habitat for Humanity is a national organization that builds houses for those in need. The trip included 27 Alfred University students and one Alfred State College student.

first sunrises and realized how much we have missed them. We proceeded to our campsite, glad to be away from the noise of the city and eager to start our first day at the worksite.

It seemed like we had just shut our eyes when our advisor and friend, Dave Snyder, woke us up with a camp song. After racing to the showers we were off to the worksite in Deland, Florida to start our day's work after a good breakfast.

That brings me to one of the many great parts about the trip—the food! There was never a point when anyone even thought about being hungry.

The people in Deland and in the surrounding towns were wonderful to us and brought amazing snacks and meals at least three times a day.

When we weren't eating and socializing we were working hard on the siding of the houses, the indoor walls, the precarious nailing of every board, tarring and shingling the roofs, cleaning, organizing and helping each other.

At the end of the day we left the site having worked tirelessly on the two houses and feeling a sense of pride that comes with creation and hard work.

Our guides in the building process, men of every age who have mastered their art, saw to it that we

knew what we were doing and that they knew all of our names.

Every night we ate dinner at a different location and did all kinds of activities.

Local people welcomed all thirty of us into their churches, nursing homes, hot tubs and pools. We went mini golfing, shopping, exploring and swimming while we were there.

And all of the fun was capped off by a fabulously sunny beach trip on our last day in the state.

When we sit down and think about our trip, the hard work we put in at the worksite isn't the first thing that comes to mind.

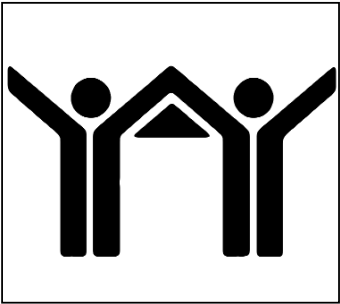
Most of what we remember involves people coming together and helping two families in need. We are proud to say that we were a part of such a heroic group— changing the world one Habitat house at a time.

To anyone who is reading this and wants to get involved, come to our meetings on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. in the Kenyon-Allen room or donate a quarter next time you see us in a booth.

If you are thinking of joining the Blitz Build in Florida next year—do it! You will never regret your decision.

We went away from Alfred thinking that we were going to help others and be an influence in someone else's life, but through the residents of Florida, all our supporters, the builders onsite helping us everyday, and the deserving family who worked side by side with us, we have gained and learned more than we ever thought possible, and have received far more than we have given.

It is a worthwhile cause for people who were incredibly grateful for our efforts, and we encourage everyone to get involved and get on the bus with Habitat 2006. ○



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SUMMER SCHOOL



# Second Alfred-to-Asia performance a huge success, showing Asian traditions

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The crowd quieted to a murmur as the curtains rose in a dimly lit Holmes Auditorium. A hint of orange and pink fluttered momentarily behind loosely pulled backstage curtains. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight fan dancers in quick succession took center. It was not the opening of a New York City dance troupe, but rather Alfred University's own fan dancers performing during the April 2 Alfred-to-Asia show.



Host Judy Tsang performing her interpretive dance for the Alfred to Asia show which included the use of bright colored ribbons

The A2A show, organized by Pacific Rim and Bonnie Ye, a sophomore accounting major, is becoming a yearly staple after its debut last year. This year's show was co-hosted by Ian Phillips, a junior philosophy major, and Judy Tsang, a 2002 AU alumna. While the presence of Tsang, now a first-year law student at the University of Albany, was a treat in itself, the show was about the performances. This year's acts ranged from a calligraphy demonstration to a fashion show with the overall goal of spreading Asian cultural awareness.

"The aim [of the show] is to educate Alfred people and teach them the richness of Asian culture, because not a lot of people have experienced different Asian performances," said Ye prior to the show's opening. Indeed, the show, which featured 11 acts compared to last year's six, was a showcase of different Asian traditions. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Indian, Pakistani, and Middle Eastern cultures were represented in the one and a half hour presentation. The variety of

performances will give exposure to Asian culture people do not know about, said Ye. Maybe they will also see the performances and be encouraged to perform in next year's show, she added. To get several of the acts for the show, Ye reached out beyond Alfred University and contacted people such as the Jonchhe sisters from Hornell high school, who performed an Indian dance. Only one percent of the AU community is Asian, said Ye. Accordingly, it was difficult finding people to be involved in the show, she said. However, Ye was confident that her efforts with the A2A show would gain more exposure for Pacific Rim and help attract more Asian students to AU. While efforts to further spread Asian cultural awareness at AU were at the forefront of the A2A show, co-host Judy Tsang said that she was impressed at how far Pacific Rim had already come. "Pacific Rim started at the end of my junior year [in 2001] and for it to now have a full-blown schedule as diverse as the schedule tonight, it's really amazing how far Alfred has come in terms of diversity and the programs they put together," she said. Tsang recalled that during her time at Alfred, there was a lack of a centralized Asian organization such as Pacific Rim. Most Asian students seemed to be in the art school or engineering or graduate students and tended to stay within their own programs, said Tsang. When initially asked to host the show, she recalls being very flattered but also amazed that Pacific Rim had



PHOTO BY MELANIE BRAUN  
An ASC student performed a piano piece called "Butterfly Lovers" during the Alfred to Asia show on April 2. The song is a Chinese love song, telling a story similar to Romeo & Juliet.

grown to host such cultural events under Bonnie Ye's leadership. For co-host Ian Phillips, Ye's leadership in producing the show was his reason for participation. "I think everything [Bonnie] does ends up being very successful," said Phillips, "so when she came to me about hosting with Judy I immediately said yes," he said. Phillips attributed the shows' success to Ye's energy and vision in putting on such an event as well as Student Senate and AU providing funding and support for her efforts. Audience members such as Anna Diesslin, a prospective student from Brooklyn, New York, felt that the show was

an opportunity to learn about Asian culture. The fashion show and calligraphy were highlights said Diesslin, but the entire show was unique and well put together. After the curtains dropped wild applause ensued and Diesslin said she was happy to have come to the event. Once the audience had left and the cast and crew were left to eat Chinese food, according to Ye, who added that she looks forward to making next years show even better. As for this year, with her simple modesty, Ye voiced her opinion of this year's show. "I think it was good," she said. ○

## ...Riley

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These goals attempt to tackle poverty. They focus on education, gender equality, the environment, health systems, world development, urban development, and science technology. Poverty limits access to education, health, clean water, food and technology. The U.N. may meet some of these goals but in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Arab world, poverty is increasing, stated Derryck. The onset of conflict and poverty have adverse effects on one another. One usually starts the other and they are both common in countries at war. The second war is a traditional war in

Darfur, a region in the Sudan that has always known war, according to Derryck. They haven't experienced displacement, rape, murder and hunger of this magnitude since the genocide that took place in Rwanda in 1994. The Janjaweed, a militia group, are systematically killing the people of this region. They rape women and purposely impregnate them, resulting in the women being outcasts in their communities. It has been estimated that it would only take 550 United States men and women to end the genocide and unrest in Darfur. However, the US claims that they cannot spare any of their troops. Meanwhile there are between 120,000 and 140,000 men and women in Iraq, said Derryck. More than 1.6 million people have been displaced as a result of this war. Derryck gave an example of one woman who was forced to flee her home and go

to a displacement camp just to be turned away because her son exceeded the 80 percent body weight requirement for the feeding program. The United States is obligated to do something, according to Derryck. If there were a well-known figure, such as Colin Powell or Jesse Jackson to draw more attention to the situation, there would probably be more action taken to end war. Derryck said the African Union would only need \$70 million to end the suffering. This is an insignificant amount of money compared to the \$100 billion being spent on Iraq every year, claimed Derryck. The third war is the war on HIV/AIDS. In Africa, the life expectancy has been cut in half because of the disease. According to Derryck, by the year 2020 there will be approximately 90 million

Africans infected with HIV. Derryck talked about a young girl from Kenya who lost both her parents to HIV/AIDS. She had to support her brothers and sisters. Desperate, she started having sex for money and was dead within two years because of the virus. Poverty breeds violence and disease, says Derryck. Derryck suggested that in 100 years we'll ask ourselves, "How could we have watched this happen?" The United States has contributed \$15 million to help twelve African countries fight HIV/AIDS. Derryck also explained that Africans are encouraged to use the ABC's: Abstain, Be faithful and use a condom. Unfortunately these suggestions aren't the reality in Africa, just as they aren't in the United States. It is, however, important to insist on the use of condoms to curb this disease.

To help stop the suffering in Africa there are several actions students can take. Students should participate in any U.N. organization. On AU's campus, students can participate in Amnesty International to help spread awareness and begin change. It's important that everyone writes to his or her senators. Derryck explained that if you let these people know how you feel about certain issues, they will listen. "It's not enough to be knowledgeable, you've also got to make your voice known," said Derryck. All of these wars are "just undertakings" and something needs to be done about them, claimed Derryck. "Each of you has to be a drum major for justice. You've got to remember these forgotten wars," said Derryck. ○



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# Sin City: Comic turned movie scores big

## Not your typical film, must be seen to be believed

BY JOHN TOMMASINO  
STAFF WRITER

When you look at many films, the old saying that “the book was better” is true all-too-often. But in the past decade I’ve found myself saying that the comic book (or graphic novel) was better than cinematic duds like Ang Lee’s *The Hulk* or Ben Affleck as *Daredevil*. *Sin City* is the rarity of films based on illus-



photo provided

trated books. It stays true to the form and style of its source material. Just sitting in the theater gives you the feeling that you’re reading a good graphic novel. Maybe that’s because Frank Miller, creator of the *Sin City* graphic novels, sat in the director’s chair. Sharing directing credits is Robert Rodriguez, who also photographed and edited the new film. Even the pretentious and overblown talents of guest-director Quentin Tarantino don’t hamper this movie. *Sin City* is a gem. The film is comprised of distinct and interconnected episodes chronicling the adventures of two street fighters, a hard-boiled detective and a bevy of homicidal harlots set to the backdrop of retrograde film noir urban landscape. Frank Miller’s graphic novels have more to do with the hard-boiled detective genre of Mickey Spillane and Daschel Hammet than the super powered fisticuffs of comic book creators such as Stan Lee and Jack Kirby. The film’s episodes are set to a snappy and energetic narration that makes the film seem more like a literary adventure than just a night at the movies. Mickey Rourke makes a strong comeback performance as a physically deformed street hero named Marv who seeks vengeance for the murder of his prostitute lover. It isn’t your typical comic book and it is not your typical film. The main characters seek a type of primordial justice, but there is no happy ending waiting for the questionable heroes. Think of Charles Darwin’s survival axiom and the philosophy of Frederick Nietzsche, that’s *Sin City*. The cinematography is a rich black and white with only occasional, surreal splashes of color. I’ve never seen anything quite like it and I’m sure directors will be imitating the style of it for years to come. Cameos by veteran character actors Rutger Hauer and Powers Boothe add deep texture and grittiness to the flavor of the film. The only negative points are some truly bad computer-generated effects that are especially glaring during several car chases. *Sin City* must be seen to be believed. ○

# Horoscopes

(courtesy of www.astrology.com)

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)**  
All that hard work? It’s finally going to start to pay off on Monday. The key to your recent successes has been perseverance. And your ability to communicate well with grumpy people. Your life is filled with a wide variety of characters, but you are one of those people who always knows how to smooth things over. You make even boring tasks a pleasure. Later in the week, turn your communication talents toward your love life. You and that certain someone are drawing closer and closer together these days. You really have an intuition for one another. It’s pretty amazing.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
You are feeling good and your immediate neighborhood has never looked more beautiful. It’s amazing what a little sunlight can do. With your spirits up, you’re in the ideal mood to tackle this new challenge in your love life. You and you-know-who are really into each other; that’s not the problem. The problem is that, more and more, this romance just doesn’t seem to be very practical. A little problem-solving is in order, as well as a frank discussion about the future. Maybe you two are just rushing things. Whatever happens this week, communicate your feelings. Contentment will come this weekend from an unexpected source.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 21)**  
This is not the end of the world. This is just a minor bump in the road. You’ve been dealing with minor bumps in the road all your life. Besides, the little detours that life sometimes forces you to take often lead to great things. People you wouldn’t have met otherwise, for example. You’re going to meet someone on Wednesday who, completely out of the blue, lets you know they’re really attracted to you. Even if you’re not interested, you’re going to be hugely flattered. And why shouldn’t someone be really attracted to you? You’re a rock star. People adore you. Don’t forget that.

**Cancer (June 22 – July 22)**  
A group of friends are organizing a dinner party this week, and even though it’s not exactly in your honor, it’s pretty clear that you are going to be the centerpiece of the night. The thing is, you have this ability to really bring people together. In an unofficial way, you’re sort of in charge of the group dynamic. Still, encourage everyone else to bring their own friends into the fold. Take a risk. Meet people who have nothing in common with you. There’s not a lot that’s more stimulating than getting to know people who swim in totally different waters than you do.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)**  
Your career is all you can think about Monday. There’s a lot going on right now, and your reputation at work is at stake. Do this well and you will really impress everyone. The key is to be flexible but focused — a tricky balance, but you have a couple people you can rely on if things get nuts. After work the next couple days, do whatever you can to take your mind off the stress. You have to play just as hard as you work, as the saying goes. Toward the end of the week, when all your efforts start to pay off, you’re going to feel like a million bucks.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)**  
Sometimes you have to focus on the big picture, but not Monday. Monday is all about making sure the little details are taken care of. Later in the week, when some of the finer points have been hammered out, you can take a step back and figure out what this all means in the grander scheme of things. The second half of the week, you’re going to be crazy

busy with social obligations. You get a lot of energy from spending time with other people, but at a certain point it might all get to be too much. Feel free to opt out of anything you just don’t have room for.

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)**  
On your way to work on Monday, you’ll pass a garden or a flower shop or a beautiful tree and it’s going to strike you that the world is truly spectacular. It’s a spectacle. It’s awe-inspiring. Clearly, you’re in the mood for love. And love is coming your way this week, although not necessarily in the romantic sense. Expect to reconnect with a great friend Wednesday or Thursday — someone you haven’t had a really great conversation with in a long time. You are constantly calling everyone’s attention to the beauty of the outside world. Great friends have the ability to remind you of the beauty of the inside world, too.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)**  
This person has been by your side through thick and thin, and chances are they’re not going anywhere. This isn’t the end of the world. This is just a little snag. And the solution is probably going to require a little compromise on your part. You care about this person and you’re willing to make a sacrifice or two. Make sure they know that. A deep conversation is in order later this week. Go into it with an open mind and try not to control the outcome. That’s the only way to arrive at a solution you can both be happy with.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)**  
You have all these big ideas, but you’re at a loss when it comes to the finer points in your plans. It’s time to start thinking about the details. It’s a lot to think about, but you have friends who’d be happy to help. And anyway, asking a friend for a hand might be a great way of reconnecting with them again. As you think about the future, you should also be thinking about the people you’re going to want to still have in your life. Putting your energy into those relationships now is a wise investment.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)**  
You’re in the mood to be wild and frivolous, but that’s not what Monday’s about. That’s not what any of this week is about. There are a couple things you really have to get done. Keep your head down and see them through and, in a couple days, you’ll be so happy to have them off your plate. Later in the week, someone you know is going to fly off the handle about a minor thing. The best way to respond? Hear them out. Sure, there’s a chance they’re overreacting, but no one likes to be told that. Be the friend you’d want them to be if your roles were reversed.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)**  
The more you look into your own family’s history, the more you find out about yourself. History is such an abstraction it can be hard to get a handle on — and everyone has their own version of what’s happened in the past — but it’s fascinating and, these days, eerily relevant. Tuesday or Wednesday, an intellectual conversation with someone is going to take an unexpectedly romantic turn. If you’re single, go for it. If you’re not single, well, consider what this might mean about your current relationship. You might want to spend the weekend organizing your feelings and figuring out your next move.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)**  
The week is going to begin on a romantic note. In fact, it might begin with a romantic note — a poem, a letter, something like that. It’s so flattering to see someone’s feelings for you written out on paper, isn’t it? And so rare these days. You’re going to be completely distracted and overwhelmed, but it’ll feel great. Later in the week you’re going to be able to really indulge this new romance, even if that simply means staring out the window and thinking about it for hours on end. Sometimes

# Weird News

**Nation's Tall Asked To Stand Back**  
WASHINGTON, DC-In a wide-reaching relocation of U.S. citizenry, all Americans above six feet tall were asked to please move to the back Monday. "Those fortunate enough to be blessed with stature, please step to the rear so that others may be able to see and be seen," said Nolan Mills, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Height. "Anyone willing to crouch or sit cross-legged on the ground is welcome to move to the front." This is the largest measure of its kind since 1993, when U.S. citizens were asked to not block the nation's doorways.

**Colombian Teen Going Through Anti-Government Guerilla Phase**  
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA-Like many Colombian teens, Juan Ardila, 15, is experiencing typical growing pains, characterized by mood swings, raging hormones, and a fervent allegiance to a squadron of leftist anti-government rebels, his 48-year-old father Rafael reported Monday. "I have told him that no good can come out of running with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia," the elder Ardila said. "But he'll snap out of it. When I was his age, I was kidnapping state officials and car-bombing nightclubs in the name of Communism myself." Ardila said he expects Juan to grow bold of drug trafficking and extortion when and if he reaches adulthood.

**1998 Powerball Winner Returns To Food-Service Job**  
RAPID CITY, SD-In spite of winning an \$18-million Powerball jackpot in 1998, William Berringer, 39, insisted on returning to his line-cook job at Nelson's Steak House Tuesday. "Winning all that money didn't change me," Berringer said. "I'm still the same Bill Berringer that I was before I hit the jackpot, then proceeded to spend it all on partying, bad stocks, and a Jamaican condominium." Berringer added that he hopes everyone at work will treat him the same way they always did, or at least the ones who were there when he quit his job the day after he won the jackpot.

**Five Minutes Of Watching Indian Channel Leads To Five Hours of Watching Indian Channel**  
NEW YORK-A five-minute sampling of Hindi-language channel Zee TV stretched into a five-hour Indian TV marathon for Craig Mieritz, 23, Monday. "I have no idea what's going on, but I can't turn it off," the channel-flipping Mieritz said about a colorful, frenetic music number on the soap opera Tum Bin Jaoon Kahaan. "Maybe I'll just watch another minute..." Following the soap, Mieritz watched a Hindi pop variety show, 11 music videos, and the three-hour Bollywood epic Khuda Gawah, the remote in his hand the entire time.

**Nation Planning Surprise Party To Cheer Up Conor Oberst**  
OMAHA, NE-American citizens are coordinating efforts to lift the spirits of wunderkind singer-songwriter Conor Oberst, sources reported Monday. "I saw Conor's picture in a Spin article about Bright Eyes, and he just looked so down," said Lindsey Keisner of Youngstown, OH, one of the party's 4,000 planners. "The country feels really bad that he's going through such a rough spell, so next Friday, everyone who can should meet in Omaha with balloons, funny cards, and silly little gag gifts." Britt Daniel from Spoon will lure Oberst to Omaha by asking him to overdub some vocals.

**Congress Awards Itself Congressional Medal Of Honor**  
WASHINGTON, DC-In recognition of its "service above and beyond the call of duty in the legislative field," Congress awarded itself the Congressional Medal of Honor Monday. "We've done a very good job this past year," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX) said. "After passing H.R. 682 through the Senate, we realized the 109th U.S. Congress had done something that would benefit the entire country. We felt it was time we officially recognize our accomplishments." The Congressional Medal of Honor, created in 1861 to recognize soldiers who distinguish themselves in battle, is the highest military decoration awarded by the U.S. government. Although the medal is traditionally reserved for members of the U.S. Armed Forces, a bill signed into law last month allows Congress to award the medal to "national legislative bodies charged with the responsibility of making the laws that govern the nation," as well.

"The Medal of Honor is a reward for extraordinary bravery and dedicated service on behalf of our great country," said Allard, his medal gleaming on his chest. "It is an honor reserved for that rarest of men: the hero." Before Monday's ceremony, only 3,459 individuals had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Some Americans-including the family of Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith, who received a Congressional Medal of Honor last week-have suggested that awarding the medal to 535 people at once diminishes its prestige. ○

# AU Sports Highlights

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**Crandall named AU's Empire 8 sportsperson of the week**  
ALFRED, NY — Andrea Crandall (Alfred, NY/Alfred-Almond), a senior second baseman on the softball team, has been named Empire 8 Sportsperson of the Week. The Empire 8 Sportsperson of the Week program, which debuted this semester, identifies and rewards one student-athlete from each of the Empire 8 conference's member institutions on a weekly basis. The honorees distinguish themselves through exemplary sporting behavior on and off the field of play. Crandall, who was nominated for the honor by Jaime McLaughlin, head softball coach at AU, was honored for the week of March 28-April 3. "Andrea is a four-year starter and a team captain," McLaughlin commented. "She has always exhibited a positive attitude and demonstrated good sportsmanship, which has helped her serve as a role model for our underclassmen." Student-athletes' performance is also considered when being nominated for the honor. In Alfred's split of a doubleheader against Empire 8 opponent Utica last week, Crandall went 1-5 with a triple, an RBI, a run scored, two sacrifice bunts and a stolen base. She was also perfect in six chances at second base, recording four putouts and two assists.

**Three from equestrian team compete at IHSA regional championships**  
CAZENOVIA, NY — Three members of the Alfred University equestrian team competed in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone

II, Region II championships at Cazenovia College on Saturday. Junior Elizabeth Feinberg (Oakland, CA/Beacon) placed second in novice equitation over fences. By placing in the top three at regionals, she advances to the IHSA Zone II championships Saturday, April 9, at Skidmore College. The top two in each event at zones will qualify to compete at the IHSA national championships April 5-8 in Sunbury, OH. Two other AU riders competing in the regionals Saturday — sophomore Ashley Wawrzynski (Hamlin, NY/Brockport) and junior Jessica Howe (Rochester, NY/Greece Athena) — placed 10th and 11th, respectively, in advanced walk-trot-canter. Alfred University's Bryant named ECAC men's basketball all-star ALFRED, NY — Quentin Bryant (Buffalo, NY/Seneca Vocational), a junior on the Alfred University men's basketball team, has been named an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate NY honorable mention all-star. Bryant, a 5-10 shooting guard, led AU and the Empire 8 Conference in scoring with 18.9 points per game. He also led the team and conference in steals (1.96 per game) and ranked in the top 10 in the Empire 8 in field goal percentage (.453), free throw percentage (.794), three-point field goal percentage (.390) and three-point field goals made per game (2.28). Bryant was previously named an Empire 8 First Team All-Star, a National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Second Team East District All-Star, and a D3hoops.com Second Team All-East Region selection. ○

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## Men's tennis looks to extend their winning streak

BY CHAD WINANT  
SPORTS EDITOR

If you haven't hopped on the AU men's tennis team train, you might want to buy a ticket, fast.

"Has anybody noticed we have something special on campus," stated Head Coach Brian Friedland about his teams 4-0 start to the 2005 season.

There is magic brewing because Friedland's women's team went 12-0 during the fall season giving the combined squads a 16-0 undefeated streak.

However, Friedland was quick to stress the fact that he does not want to jinx his men's team. He just wants to bring the streak to the attention of people who might not know.

"We are definitely thinking about him when we are out there winning matches," junior Steve Ventura explained about the streak.

This team has been able to jump out to their 3-0 start

with wins over Elmira 7-0, Penn St. Behrend 4-3, Frostburg 6-1 and Roberts Wesleyan 5-4. The team's amazing stats started when Alfred faced Elmira. They had played only one match to Elmira's 13, and two matches to Frostburg's 12. Their match against St. John Fisher, scheduled for April 4 at home, was cancelled due to snow between courts three and five. A large pine tree blocked the sun from melting the snow.

Even with opponents getting more court time, the Saxons have relied on their experience and competitiveness to pull out victories. It has been a thing of beauty what this men's team has been able to accomplish this early in the season with limited preparation, according to Friedland.

Other teams are able to play so many more matches than Alfred because they have indoor facilities. Alfred on the other hand must compete with Mother Nature's elements, but that does not mean they don't like that.

"Playing in the cold weather with the snow right next

to you is great," junior Andrew Lee said. "Other teams don't play in these conditions so it works to our advantage."

Lee also stressed the team's comradery, stating that there are no cliques within the team that you might see on other teams. Being close as a team contributes to the team's success. Playing consistent, learning from teammates and competing with teammates is key in the game of tennis because it is an acquired sport.

The players that really carry this team are seniors Randy Vecchione who was named First Team Empire 8 All-Star last season, Tim Inthirakoth and Kevin Dillon, juniors Andrew Lee, Ventura and freshman Haki Nkhrumah. Dillon and Vecchione teamed up to earn Second Team All-Conference honors. Nkhrumah is a 21-year-old freshman who is extremely talented and provides a boost to this already talented team.

According to Friedland, Inthirakoth's backhand is "picture perfect." The team leadership comes from

Vecchione on and off the court. This is a well-rounded team with potential to carry on that perfect streak with much of the thanks going to Friedland.

"Coach Friedland runs a very good program," said Lee.

Friedland coached the women's team from 1983-90 and the men's team from 1987 to 1991. After a six-year absence from coaching, he returned to AU in 1997 to coach both the men's and women's teams. His knowledge of the game and well-rounded humor are what his players respect most about him.

"Coach Friedland is never in a bad mood," Ventura stated. "He can also notice the smallest thing you're doing wrong in a match, and when you correct it, it turns the whole match around."

AU's next home match will be played on April 11, versus Nazareth at 4 p.m., weather permitting of course. ○

### Umoja's Jump Off Basketball Tournament



PHOTO BY MELANIE BRAUN  
**Bill Battaglia shoots the ball into the basket for his team during Friday's basketball jump off tournament which was sponsored by Umoja.**

## New steroid policy adopted by Major League Baseball

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him." By now we've all heard the statement made by L. Paul Bremer when the United States Army captured Saddam Hussein. It was a simple sentence that summed up a world-wide search for the former Iraqi dictator.

Only a straightforward explanation was necessary to convey the immense pride in bringing to justice exactly who they set out to capture. When baseball's new steroid policy brought its first non-complier to justice, Commissioner Bud Selig needed many more words than the six Bremer used to describe the success of catching ... Alex Sanchez.

That's right; baseball caught the Devil Rays' horrible backup center fielder with only four career home runs. Who did you think Selig was going to catch, Sammy Sosa? If you did, you obviously have not been paying attention. Since Balco has been introduced into the American vernacular, Selig has fought steroid testing just as much as Donald Fehr and Barry Bonds. He's made all of the speeches, and he's said all of the right things, but no matter how much he says; Selig still looks like Gerald Rivera standing in front of Al Capone's empty vault. For Selig, the public relations campaign is just beginning.



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"The player tested positive, and we did what we said we were [gonna] do," explained Selig in his lengthy April 5 press conference.

He did exactly that, and Sanchez was suspended ten games. How will Tampa Bay's season ever recover?

The problems with the steroid policy were clear from the moment the owners and union representatives stepped up to the table. First of all, blood tests were left off the policy. HGH or human growth hormone only shows up on blood tests. So the steroid policy will only target things like "the clear" which are

present in urine tests. This neglects amphetamines, which has been part of the game for much longer than we will ever know.

Another large problem with the policy is that Major League Baseball is in charge of testing instead of an independent firm. The Olympics have their testing done by an outside firm and they actually catch significant athletes who are cheating (i.e. Ben Johnson).

One other thing that the Olympic policy has over baseball's policy is the punishments. Had Alex Sanchez been an Olympic luger (instead of a just being a loser) he would be beginning his two year suspension right now. As it stands, Sanchez could be caught twice more and still not be suspended

for an entire season.

Selig still contends that the real punishment is the blackballing that will occur once someone is convicted. I doubt it though. Jason Giambi would have never received his \$13.5 million a year salary from the Yankees had he not taken steroids during his MVP season. I'm sure being booed by fans who won't earn in a lifetime what Giambi "earns" in a month is worth that amount of money.

The biggest problem is that no testing policy will ever really work. The only reason we figured out a test for "the clear" was because an athlete left a syringe in a hotel room. As long as athletes can afford to pay scientists to treat them like horses there will always be a way around testing. For instance, the Olympics have the most stringent testing policy today; yet they were unable to connect Marion Jones with anything more than a cloud of suspicion.

The steroid policy is more of a public relations play than an attempt to clean up the game. As long as the game appears to be played on a fair level, Selig, the owners, and the players still stand to make a lot of money.

In effect, Selig is a magician. The fans gave him complaints and demands for an effective policy, and he turned that into Alex Sanchez. Ladies and gentlemen, we got you. ○

## Men's lacrosse still searching for first win

BY CHAD WINANT  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's lacrosse team has slipped this season. They have just about fallen, but are still holding themselves up, barely.

"We cannot afford to lose another game," explained junior defenseman Tristan Hujer.

The squad has started the season 0-7, 0-3 in conference play with four conference games left. The key is to win four conference games to make the post-season.

However, with games against Ithaca and defending National Champion Nazareth still left on the schedule, it will take some brilliant play and a touch of luck to get into the playoffs.

The three losses suffered in conference play have come at the sticks of Harwick, RIT and St. John

Fisher.

According to assistant coach Jeff Podolak, Fisher gained its first ever conference victory with a 13-6 win over the Saxons. St. John Fisher recently instated lacrosse as a varsity sport in 2001.

The main problem with this team, despite being young, is the fact that they commit too many mistakes offensively and defensively, such as poor passing and making turnovers.

This team practices six days a week, two hours a day. According to head coach Preston Chapman, the team is continuing to work hard in practice. The fundamentals need to carry over into games for us to be successful.

"At this point in the season we shouldn't be having mental mistakes," said Chapman.

Youth and inexperience has also plagued this team. However, the future does look bright because

they will only lose one senior.

A losing season can really damage a team, but perseverance could push them back on top. Teamwork is a key ingredient when trying to overcome obstacles in any sport. This team works well together at times, but is having trouble staying focused and executing the fundamentals needed in order to succeed.

"We all have to get on the same page," said senior co-captain Josh Parker about the team. If this team wants to start winning, it is going to take a lot of work, he said.

Character is another ingredient in which a team can build upon. Losing isn't fun, but a team can never hang their heads. A good team will find ways to improve and keep working hard.

Look at the men's basketball team who suffered back-to-back horrific seasons and turned it around

to being one game out of the post-season this year.

The lacrosse team is in the same boat. Maturity must take place for this team to be successful in the next couple of seasons.

For the next four conference games, AU will have their backs against the wall because if they lose they will be eliminated from the playoffs.

"This will really test us and see what we're made out of," explained Chapman about the remaining games.

"We have to play like there is no tomorrow," said Hujer stressing the importance of not only needing a win, but needing one bad.

AU's next game is against Nazareth on Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m. on Merrill Field. ○

## National Champs, UNC is facing deep roster issues next season

The University of North Carolina Tar Heels defeated Illinois 75-70 and claimed their first National Championship since 1993 on April 4.

The first for head coach Roy Williams in his third attempt (first with UNC) hushing the critics who said he was the best coach never to win the big game. The media and critics now ask questions like, "How does it feel to not be called the greatest coach to never win a title?" Williams responds with a smile and says, "Now you people will have to ask me something else."

What people are failing to recognize is that Williams inherited an 8-20 North Carolina team when he chose to return back to his alma mater. He coached the game of his life in this title game.

When Raymond Felton picked up his

second foul early in the game, Williams did not panic and pull his star point guard, instead he calmly called a timeout and North Carolina came back out in a point 1-3-1 zone which eliminated Felton from picking up any cheap fouls.

He was constantly subbing players in and out of the game, playing a total of 10 players, to keep guys fresh and when it came down to making big plays the Tar Heels were in the right place at the right time.

Sean May, who was named Most Outstanding Player, was a wrecking ball in the paint all tournament long and deserved the award, hands down. He car-

ried in his gym bag all tournament the game tape of the 1976 National Championship in which his father, Scott May, and the Indiana Hoosiers won.

Collectively the Tar Heels watched the tape before the title game. May did it to show his teammates what "team basketball" was all about because the Heels were criticized all season for being selfish.

May, who finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds, beat his dad in the score books by grabbing two more rebounds in the title game. They both scored 26-points, but Daddy May's Hoosiers recorded a perfect season going 32-0, the last team to do so.



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is a potential top two or three overall pick. Williams would be the anchor for this team next season, who does have a promising freshman class coming in, because of his size and leadership.

If UNC lost all four of these players mentioned that would leave them with David Noel, Quentin Thomas and Reyshawn Terry. With the exception of Noel, I find myself saying, "Who?" We got a glimpse of Thomas, and I say that literally because the moment he stepped on the floor he ended up right back on the bench, and Terry has been about as much action as a fat kid in dodgeball. For the sake of college basketball and a repeat national championship, let's all hope and pray some of these guys stick around. ○