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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

TEMPORARY OFFICERS ELECTED

The Student Senate last week held an emergency meeting to elect three temporary executive board members after a series of resignations.

Pamela Strother will replace Todd Wagner as vice-president, Tracy Lazarony will replace Gerald Jerome as treasurer and Chrissy Smith will replace Lana Gorodetsky as projects coordinator.

No reason was given for the resignation of Wagner and Gorodetsky. Jerome is not returning to AU.

The three new board members will temporarily serve until all senators have returned and can take part in a new election. A campus-wide election will be held in late September for the position of vice-president and the other two offices will be voted on within the Student Senate. The interim officers may or may not keep their positions.

Senate President Darryl Moch said a committee will be formed to revise the Senate Constitution because it does not state how officers will be replaced when resignations occur during the summer. The constitution has also drawn criticism because it does not differentiate between standing organizations and voting members.

FOOD SERVICE ADDS VEGGIE DISHES

Upon recent complaints from vegetarians that food services does not offer enough for their diet, several additions have been made to menus in the dining halls and the Lil' Alf Cafe.

"There aren't a lot of vegetarians, maybe 2 to 5 percent, but they're very vocal," said Gordon McCluskie, senior director of dining services.

A stir-fry bar has been created for dinners at both dining halls as well as vegetarian meals in the Cafe such as tofu burgers and vegetarian chili. Also, a wide variety of natural juices are now available in the Cafe.

The stir-fry bar will have 6 or 7 different toppings that will change nightly according to McCluskie. He is also starting "bake your own Belgian waffles" each weekday morning in the dining halls. McCluskie is also planning an international night with a variety of ethnic foods available for dinner.

"As always we will be changing the menus to offer some variety," McCluskie said.

In addition to the stir-fry bar each dining hall will continue to offer three international entrees, the traditional "Heartland" choice, salad bar and a made-to-order deli bar.

REPORT: '90 GRADS FARED WELL HEAVY RECRUITMENT IN NURSING, ENGINEERING

(CPS)-Despite dire predictions of a lackluster job market, corporate America recruited this year's college graduates as actively as it did last year's grads, a new report contends. The Class of 1990 also tended to get higher starting salaries than the Class of 1989.

In a July poll by the College Placement Council, a Bethlehem, Pa., based group, campus placement officers across the country reported that engineering, nursing and business majors were still

being heavily recruited and receiving substantially higher starting salaries than last year.

A December, 1989, Michigan State University survey found major corporations planned to hire 13.3 percent fewer grads in 1990.

"They (MSU) didn't take into account the hot spots like nursing and engineering," said Dawn Oberman, a statistical services specialist with the College Placement Council. "Things are not as bad as

they had made it sound."

MSU officials, however, stood by their predictions. "From our indications, our predictions are accurate," said Patrick Sheetz, author of MSU's survey. "13.3 percent may even have been optimistic," he added. "These may be pockets (of opportunity), but I sure would like to know where they are so I can send our grads there." Others sided with the College Placement Council.

"We seemed to have a pretty good year," agreed Lynn Compton, assistant director for career planning and placement at Southwest Missouri State University. "The number of on-campus interviews was a little higher than last year."

Compton said career-planning officials at Southwest Missouri had not yet tallied all the responses from graduating seniors, but so far most graduates reported they were working in their fields at "fairly decent salaries."

Chris Miller, assistant director of the placement office at the University of Redlands in California, said even liberal arts majors are finding jobs. "Those who are wholeheartedly pursuing jobs are finding them," Miller said. "They seem to be pretty pleased with the salaries they were able to get," he added.

One Redlands business school graduate will be earning \$36,000 a year with Southern California Edison "but that's the exception," Miller reported. Miller said \$22,000 to \$25,000 was the typical starting salary. However the picture may not always look this rosy.

"Right now there are fewer graduates in hot areas," Oberman said. "In a few years, things may change."

The work is just beginning!



A group of freshmen head for the campus center to get their schedules and ID's.

HOUSE ADDED TO HONORS PROGRAM

By Taryn Volk

An honors house, located at 8 Park Street, adds a new dimension to the Honors Program this year. The house will be called Park Place, a name invented by Professor Reed, because of its location on Park Street across from the Boardwalk (the Saxon Inn).

The main purpose of the house is to lend more cohesion to the Honors Program. Dr. Paul Strong, director of the Honors Program hopes the house will serve as a "focal point" and gathering place for Honors students.

Most of the Honors seminars will be

held there unless special equipment is needed. The house will also serve as a meeting place for various Honors social events such as cook-outs and pizza parties.

Two women and two men live in the house which has a study room and VAX terminal.

One student will serve as a contact person for Strong, answering to him in disciplinary matters as well as making sure repairs are done and supplies are purchased. The Honors Advisory Committee, which consists of faculty and students, will be the main factor in deciding which students will live in the Honors House. Strong feels that upperclassmen should have preference, but beyond that he will be leaving the final decision to the committee.

The idea for the Honors House came from the program's first director, Dr. Larry Greil, who is now the assistant dean of the Liberal Arts College. Greil attended a conference at the University of Maine, which has an honors house. They were pleased with the results their house had produced in drawing the program closer together.

Strong said he is, "open to any suggestions from Honors students for new and creative ways to use the house."



The honors house is at 8 Park Street across from the Saxon Inn

Freshman take heed!

As the first week of classes begins to wind down and the weekends' festivities approach, the Fiat Lux staff would like to welcome all new students to Alfred University.

Although some will disagree, college is not just maintaining a fine balance of homework and partying. It can be done quite easily, in fact some have it down to a science. But they don't get their money's worth.

Lets face it: you're paying one hell of a lot of money to attend this university. Take advantage of the resources that are available to you. There are clubs and organizations to meet just about any interest and usually without any financial obligation from you. Since mid-August student leaders, orientation guides and resident assistants have been on campus preparing for the upcoming year. They attended seminars and workshops specifically designed to improve their leadership and organizational skills.

Now all they need is you. Student participation has been poor in the past but with the revival of the Student Activites Board and several other organizations last year, we have the potential for a productive and rewarding year. This is not a plea but a challenge. Do you have what it takes to

plan a large concert? Or run a radio program? Or be a representative in the Student Senate? Some of you will take this challange and have a good time for the next four years; others won't make it past this semester. Sure, there's work involved but the skills and friendships you'll develop will be quite valuable when you enter the work force which is a lot sooner than you might think. By participating in a student organization you will not only meet other students but also work closely with faculty members and administrators. This helps to break down "us and them" barriers and gives you a better understanding of what makes Alfred University tick. In todays' world, the more people you know, the better.

You may be intimidated by college and worried about time constraints. Things will fall into place in a few weeks and by the end of the year you'll know just what you can blow off and what you can't.

Welcome and good luck.

BITS N' PIECES

The Alfred Alternative Cinema will present the *Lenny Bruce Performance Film* on Thursday, September 6 at 9 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium. Plus a special feature showing of Roman Polanski's *Whats a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This?* Admission is \$2.

The Student Senate will hold its' first official meeting on September 5 at 8 p.m. in the Parents Lounge of the Rogers Campus Center.

The Anti-Defamation League has produced a short film and five discussion guides dealing with issues of prejudice on campus. Topics include race, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation. For more information write to Department JW, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

The Nevins Campus Theater will present *The Hunt for Red October* on Friday, September 7 at 8 p.m. *Driving Miss Daisy* will be shown at 9 p.m. on Sunday, September 9. Both films will be shown in the McLane Center and admission is \$2.50.

The AU Chorus needs accompanists and pay is available. For more information contact Laurel Buckwalter, director at 587-8090.

Prisoners are seeking correspondence with students. For more information contact the Fiat Lux.

NYC Swing Band will perform Friday, August 31 in Davis Gym at 9:00PM.. Music will include hits of the 50's and 60's, Motown, R&B, and Jazz.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Alfred Cynic Speaks

To the Editor:

I have been in Alfred attending this university for the past four years and I am very glad that I came here. During those four years, Alfred University has been expanding, growing and improving, and I along with it. I have not only gained in the classroom, but from the dynamic life of the university itself.

Four years ago, during my first semester here, there were raging editorials about whether we should call the buildings we live in 'dorms' or 'residence halls'. I even contributed my own two cents to the debate. Eventually, the argument died away and calm returned to this page. I have not become an expert on campus living but I do know that the quality of my living experience on campus was enhanced simply by calling my building a Residence Hall. Lesson: A name is immeasurably more important and meaningful than that which it describes.

Alumni Hall looks like a brand new building, is a grand example of historic restoration, and had been completed just as I had arrived. It was a shame to see the paint began to peel and blister shortly after its completion, and needed to be re-done. I have not become an expert in home improvement, but I do know that the job wasn't done right. Lesson: Don't let the lowest bidder play with your landmark.

In that same year, the Seidlin Annex was being constructed. It stands now a monument to frugal spending: the building was built on an existing foundation and even parts of old walls were used. I have not become an expert in architecture or aesthetics but I do know that different styles of bricks on the same building looks a little silly. Lesson: Don't let looks keep you from saving a buck, and No town has too many Terra Cotta-like brick display cases.

Then, Alfred became a big league school: plastic grass was installed on Merrill field. Our athletes no longer have to play in muddy clothes and the maintenance staff never has to reseed the field again. I have not become an expert in sports medicine but I do know that the athletes I have talked to say that they are more likely to hurt themselves on The Rug than on real grass. Lesson: Prestige is worth every penny, and then some.

This summer, the trim on the Steinheim was painted. It has long been an historical landmark on campus and is well remembered by all who visit. It looks so new and fresh now, not at all like the shell it was, on the verge of condemnation. I have not become an expert in restoration but I do know that some well placed paint can make an eyesore more bearable. Lesson: college students, alumni and visitors are shallow (and are morons).

Alfred has even begun to diversify. It has bought out and rebuilt the old bookstore downtown, and has decided to take on local business in the hotel market. The shelves in the new bookstore are a marvel to behold and they have books, too. I haven't been in the new Saxon Inn, but I'm sure it is at least as exquisite. I haven't become an expert entrepreneur but I do know that there is goodness in diversity. Lesson: There is no money to speak of in education and a little fooling around on the side can't hurt.

And now, to top it all off, Alfred is going to be blessed with a new Campus Center. I have been asked to make a donation towards the Worthy Cause, gladly make my contribution to what will become a wonderful Hub of campus activity. What little price for immortality: I paid my Student Activity Fee. It is unfortunate that enrollment has declined and more students cannot contribute, never give to the The Monument, never know the Inner Joy I have found. I do not mind that I will likely graduate before its completion-I am part of the Movement, one of the Elite. I have not become an expert in theology, but I have found such a reason to live and share in the Alfred Experience that mere words are wholly inadequate. Truth: Alfred has so much more to offer than Ivory Tower Academia; it is a Showcase of Contemporary Values, and an Experience Divine.

Ecstatically Yours in Alfred,
David DiCarlo

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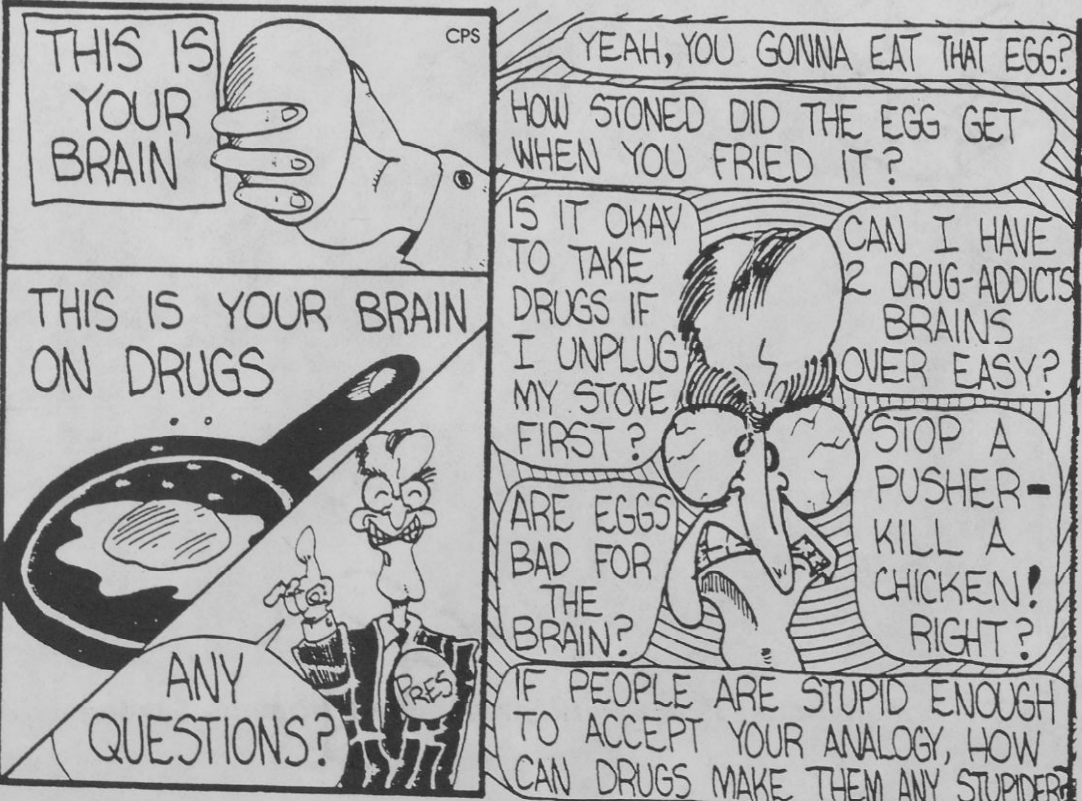
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Study sparks changes in campus parking policy

Following a detailed study of the parking situation on campus by two faculty members, AU has approved several changes in its' parking policy.

The changes include requiring faculty, staff and administrators to pay fines for illegal parking; earmarking registration fees and fines for parking related expenses; and expanding parking in the Ade Hall area. In the past only students were fined for illegal parking.

A memo sent out in May by President Edward G. Coll, Jr. also said AU would, "launch an informational campaign to convince the campus population that there is no serious parking problem and that parking spaces are available for our traffic requirements even though a short walk to the driver's ultimate destination might be involved in securing a legal parking space."

Last year Dr. Gordon Godschalk, director of the environmental studies program and Dr. Thomas Rasmussen,

professor of political science, conducted a full-scale study on parking patterns and the amount of spaces available on campus. That data was then compared to the university population and other factors, including information from surveys of students and faculty on parking habits.

While the researchers concluded that inadequate parking is a minor inconvenience to which the community adapts, they also found the parking situation on campus has worsened in the last ten years and will continue as the university expands.

Unless the number of parking spaces are increased or the demand for them is decreased, parking will become more difficult in the future.

Last year in an effort to combat illegal parking, AU raised fines from \$5 to \$25 and purchased a "boot", a device that attaches to the wheel of a car, making it immobil.



SAB will present the New York City Swing Band on Friday in Davis Gym.

Author addresses freshman

Some leaned forward in their seats with keen interest and others glanced at their watches and closed their eyes for another orientation speech, but either way Joyce Carol Oates delivered a stimulating Autumn Commencement speech to freshman and faculty. Oates who has written 20 novels and has over 30 publications under her belt spoke Friday in the McLane Center on the "Life of a Writer and a Life of a Career."

She is a graduate of Syracuse University and a native of Lockport, which explains the Upstate New York settings in her books. She is currently teaching at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Oates discussed the creative process in writers and artists and some of the odds that famous artists have been up against. Beethoven, for example, composed masterpieces that he couldn't hear and John Updike had a skin disease and a speech impediment. Oates provided some

personal insight on the psyches of famous writers and the personal problems that many have faced. Many artists had eccentric families and a strong passion for their work. "This is why so many artists and writers turn to drugs and alcohol," Oates explained. "They use them as an outlet for that passion."

She also discussed the counter-world and it's place in literature. She gave the example of Louis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland as a way of using a counter-world to deal with issues that we don't want to face in reality.

She cited Stephen King and Stephen Spielberg as two contemporary artists in this genre.

After her hour-long talk, Oates answered questions from the audience of about 500. Later in the afternoon the film version of her short story Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been? was shown.

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21 club cancelled

Local tavern owners may see an increase in business on Thursday nights due to the cancellation of AU's 21 Club. Bob Miller, assistant dean of student activities said the cancellation is the result of short-staffing and a trend towards non-alcoholic events. Miller said because he is short-staffed and the event did not have a large following that it wasn't worth storing the inventory and keeping up with the paper work involved.

"I can also think of better ways to spend Student Activities money than to sell cheap beer," he said. "That's a business that's downtown."

The event was held in the Saxon Underground where students could socialize, play video games and watch t.v. Discount beer was available.

But several students seem disappointed in the decision.

"It's a good place for juniors and seniors to meet and hang out," said one senior. "It wasn't really the beer that brought people there." The event has not been as popular in the last few years with more people attending Alex's Mug Night on Thursdays.

Slow business may close bar

Plans in the works for converting GJ's to apartments

By Taryn Volk

Gentleman Jim's, a popular downtown bar, may close in the spring due to lack of business.

"I'm losing money," says Jim Grillo, owner of the bar. "Since the drinking age was raised from 19 to 21, I've lost two-thirds of my business."

Grillo cited the proliferation of house parties as the major problem he has to face. "I can't compete," he says. "They're illegal, but for all you can drink they charge \$3."

Grillo has to pay for a liquor license and staff the bar with four to five bouncers, two or three bartenders and himself. If business does not improve during the fall semester, Grillo says he will close. If the bar closes it will be converted into an apartment complex.

He intends to add 11 apartments to the existing six. "I want them to be the nicest apartments in Alfred," Grillo said. "They'll be designed for students. They will be one, two and three bed-room but mostly two."

He intends to rent them by apartment,

not by the number of people living there. Many landlords in town charge per person. Each apartment would have a full kitchen, living-room and bath. Additional plans include a balcony, skylights and connecting alcoves.

"I hope I don't have to close," Grillo said. "My heart's not in it. A lot of people are upset about it and so am I."

Grillo said other bars in town have asked him not to close due to problems that might arise from the mixing of two different crowds. Grillo said his bar attracts the "Joe College" crowd while other bars attract art students instead of athletes. Some University officials are also concerned because they feel students will have no place to go if Gentleman Jim's is closed.

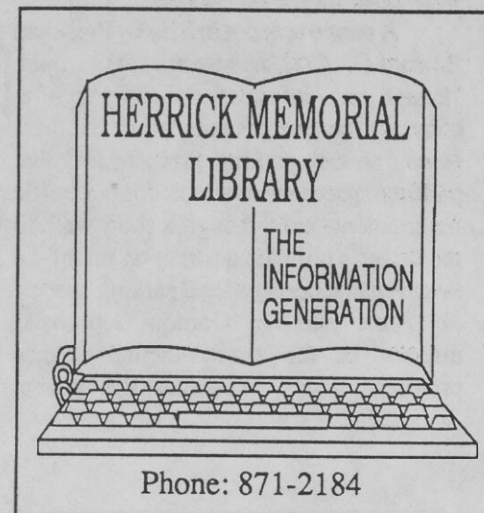
Grillo also said that local businesses may suffer from a decrease in downtown traffic.

He also cited personal reasons for not wanting to close. "It's my social life and that goes for my wife and daughter, too. My little girl loves to play video games here and have her Shirley Temple. It makes her feel adult. It's very much a family business," he

said.

Grillo also owns the Alfred Sub Shop, Apartment and Business Rentals and the recently closed Ling-Guini's restaurant.

"We had to close that because it was losing money, too," he said. "People just aren't supporting Alfred businesses anymore. Gentleman Jim's is a tradition in Alfred and I hope to continue that tradition."



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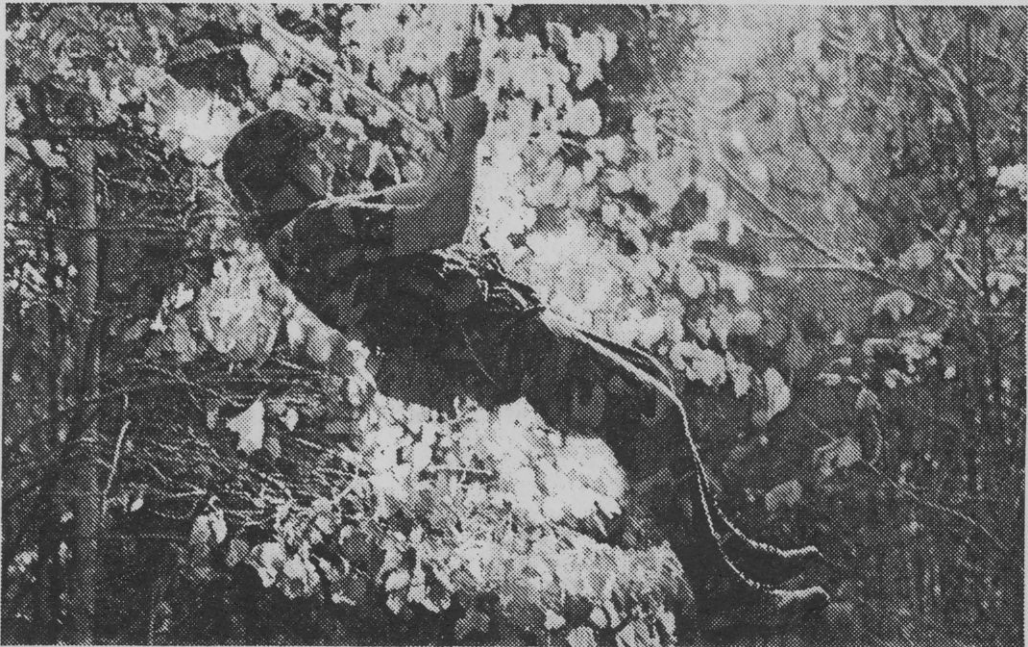
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