



# Fiat Lux



The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

## Trustees approve first budget deficit in 7 years

BY ALEXIS DIAMOND

In its most recent meeting, AU's Board of Trustees approved its first unbalanced private-sector budget in seven years, but officials said that the anticipated \$130,000 shortfall will not impact student life.

According to Susan Strong, associate provost, said the deficit was unfortunate but not significant.

"We would prefer not to have a deficit," Strong said, "but it is important to remember that \$130,000 is less than one percent of our total expenditures."

President Edward G. Coll, Jr. said that he expected to receive well over \$130,000 in bequests and other grants by year's end, but said that those funds were not reflected in the budget figures.

"We're not going to end up with a deficit budget," Coll said.

Earl Pierce, director of student financial aid, said that the new budget would not put any pressure on financial aid availability.

According to a memo sent to faculty and staff on Nov. 10, the shortfall was due in large part to higher-than-expected utility

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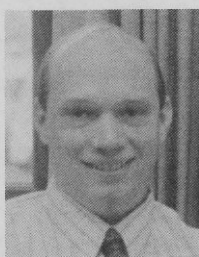
## AU hires drug and alcohol educator

BY ANDREW GEORGE

"It's not about intervention, it's not about enforcement. My program is about making people think a little bit and hopefully make the right choice," AU's newly hired alcohol educator told student

senate last Wednesday night.

AU hired Ian Neuhard using monies from a recent Fund for Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE) grant of



Ian Neuhard

\$133,646.

AU may take over the funding of the program entirely when the grant is exhausted in two years, said Gerald Brody, dean of students.

The grant started on Sep. 1 and allowed a

four-month start-up period, during which time Neuhard said he would "set up his offices and meet with key players, such as the deans, resident hall directors and assistants."

Neuhard said he has not been in Alfred long enough to see if there is a drug and alcohol problem.

The program will target residence halls and Greeks, along with athletes and others, he said.

Some of the programs *continued on page 7*

## Heim discusses possible impact of virtual reality

BY JENEEN E. LEHOCKY

Every time Dr. Michael Heim tried to push a key or move the mouse, an ominous message appeared on the computer screen: "Printer fonts inaccessible." After trying, in vain, to remove the message, Heim turned to the audience assembled in Nevins Theatre and said wryly, "Obviously, this technology is not quite here yet."

Ironically, Heim delivered a speech about new developments in technology that make possible what we call "virtual reality."

Heim, currently a freelance philosophy professor in California, was internationally recognized as an expert on virtual reality. He wrote two books on the subject and

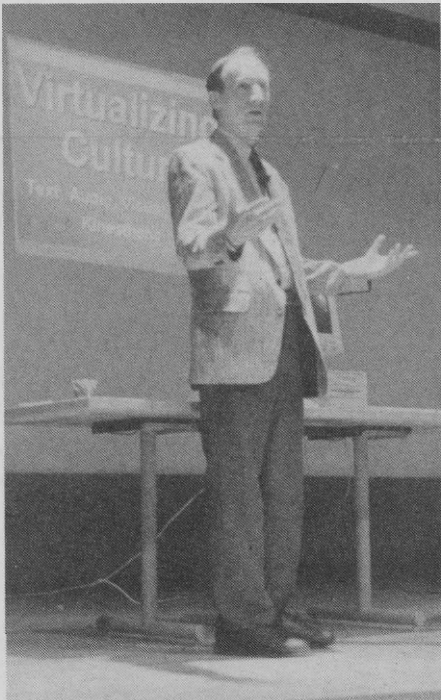


PHOTO BY JESSE JACK

Dr. Michael Heim

organized and chaired six national conferences that explored virtual reality and its implications for society. These implications were the focus of his Dec. 1 lecture on.

Virtual reality, Heim explained, "is technology that tries to give a living experi- *continued on page 7*



PHOTO BY JESS COPE

Linda Peacock and Michael Link dance to the groovy sounds of the 70's and 80's at the WALF prom, held in the Knight Club, Dec. 2.

## Court dismisses petition against AU

BY JONATHAN BAUM

The petition filed by an AU student against AU was dismissed on Nov. 21 in Allegany County Supreme Court.

The student claimed in her petition, which was filed June 30, that AU violated its own sexual harassment policy.

The student alleged in a complaint filed with AU that she had been raped by a fellow student. A committee consisting of Joyce Rausch, affirmative action officer, Susan Smith, associate dean of students, and James Reed, professor of ceramic engineering, heard the complaint and dismissed it due to lack of evidence.

The petitioner claimed she was never personally notified of the decision, thus preventing her from appealing within five days as outlined in the policy.

But Judge George F. Francis dismissed the case on two counts. Francis said such a civil action must

be filed within 15 days of the alleged negligence.

According to Francis, because the student did receive written notification no later than March 22, her June 30 filing occurred after the 15-day statute of limitations expired.

Francis also stated that despite the disagreement between the parties over what constitutes "proper notification" the University did allow the student the opportunity to appeal.

According to AU's policy, a decision may be appealed to the Ombudsman on the basis of any procedural problems or with the discovery of new evidence.

"We're pleased with the outcome," said Provost W. Richard Ott, who said the decision was "fair and consistent with the facts."

Ott also said AU had no plans to modify the sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures because of this case.

The petitioner's attorney could not be reached for comment. □

## McCauley resigns as dean of College of Ceramics

REPORTED BY JONATHAN SPRINGER  
WRITTEN BY DARCIA HARRIS

In a time of declining enrollment for ceramic engineering and sciences, James McCauley, dean for the New York State of College Ceramics, announced he will resign on Dec. 31.

In a memo circulated to faculty and staff, President Edward G. Coll, Jr. wrote that McCauley's resignation was decided "after several meetings and by mutual agreement."

Enrollment in ceramic engineering and sciences has declined by 100 students since 1986, but both Provost W. Richard Ott and McCauley refused to comment on whether this was a factor in McCauley's resignation.

"We've been working very hard to impact that decline," McCauley said. "Engineering enrollment has dropped worldwide and we've been about average in the drops."

Kathleen Collins, dean of the school of art and design, and Alastair Cormack,

dean of ceramic engineering and sciences, will manage the college with Ott and Susan Strong, associate provost, until a replacement for McCauley can be found, said Coll.

According to Coll's memo, a search will begin shortly and should be completed by July.

"During this transitional period I ask for everyone's cooperation with the management team," he wrote. "We are faced with substantial budget pressures which will test our ability to deliver the excellent

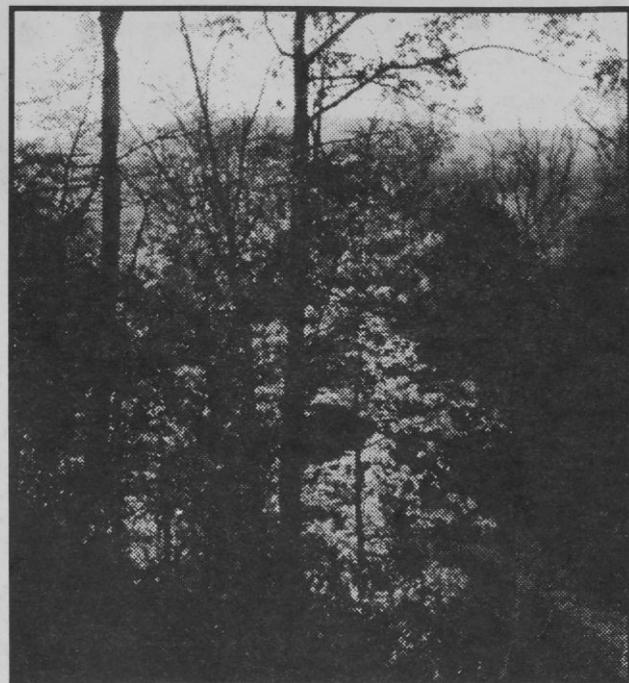
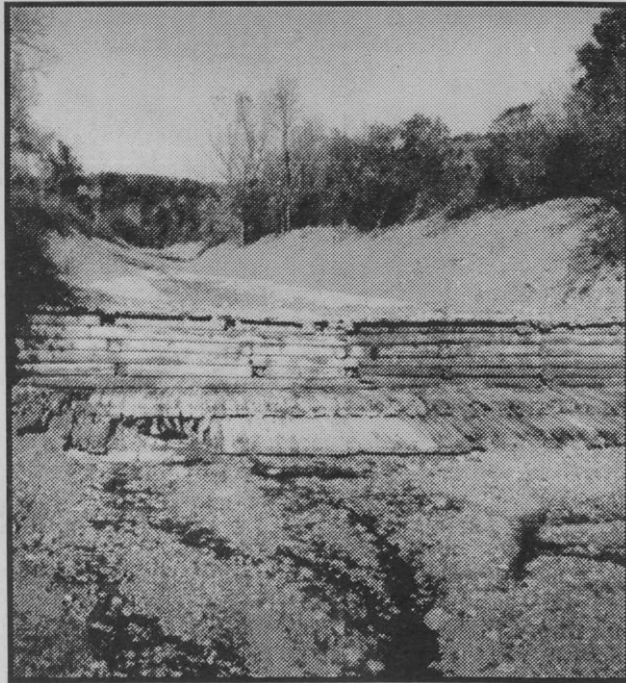
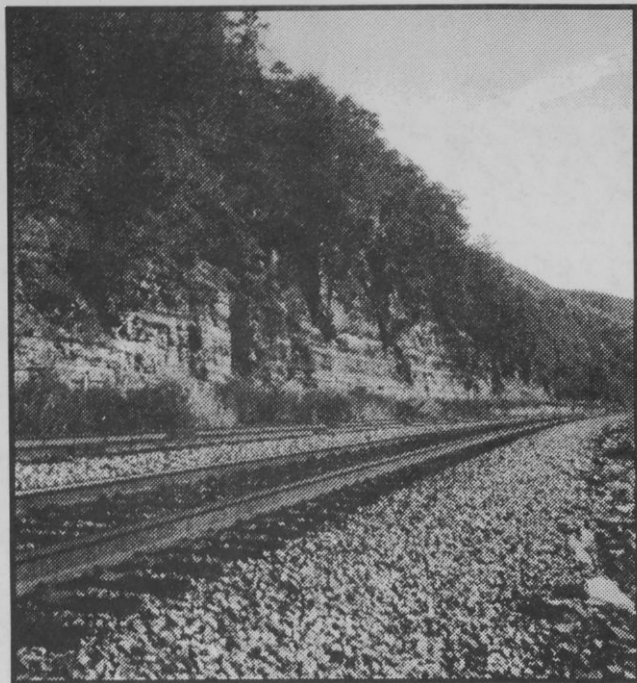
education of which the College is justifiably proud."

McCauley wrote in a memo to students that he will go on sabbatical for a year and then return to teach for the School of Ceramic Engineering and Sciences.

"What will transpire over 12 months, I don't know," McCauley said. "I have many colleagues and associates out there."

McCauley said most of his previous work experience was in research and research management. □





# PHOTOGRAPHER DOCUMENTS

BY DARREN MILLER

The first morning of mid-semester break came more quickly than I anticipated as Lauren and I took inventory and began our hike. The packs felt heavier than expected. We walked briskly down Main St. until Stanlee Hardware's "Friday is Pie Day" sign was barely legible when I peered over my shoulder. As our distance from Alfred increased, I allowed myself to observe the landscape and the heat rising from the pavement.

"Look out! Don't step on it," I shouted. I gave Lauren a nudge to prevent her from crushing a

pregnant locust. We crouched down and balanced our heavy loads. The locust's swollen, red abdomen pulsated and shuddered and bubbling foam from the locust's uterus filled a crack in the pavement. A car honked loudly as a group of young people stared at us in the same way we stared at the bug. We walked away slowly to let the locust finish her work undisturbed.

"I feel like I'm in that book," Lauren said, referring to *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard. I agreed and pointed to the stratified rock exposed by the quarries in Alfred Station where the Erie main line, now largely owned by ConRail, intersects Rt. 21. When we stepped onto the tracks I felt as if we had entered another time period. The beauty of the landscape did nothing to disguise the economic hardships of Western New York. I felt like I was looking through the lens of Edward Weston's camera when he documented the conditions of Depression-era American for the Farm Securities Administration.

The rails were rusty due to lack of use and soil had slid from some of the steeper slopes to cover complete sections of track. On my left, opposite the quarry, was a square reservoir. Its fluorescent green water looked as if it would leap its artificial boundary and rush down to meet the homes in the valley below.

Thistles and Queen Anne's Lace sprouted from abandoned ties and brushed my legs. I spotted a nearly complete deer skeleton scattered across the gravel in the distance ahead and we moved quickly to get a closer look. As if it were a puzzle, my walking companion and I took turns taking it to pieces and reassembling it.

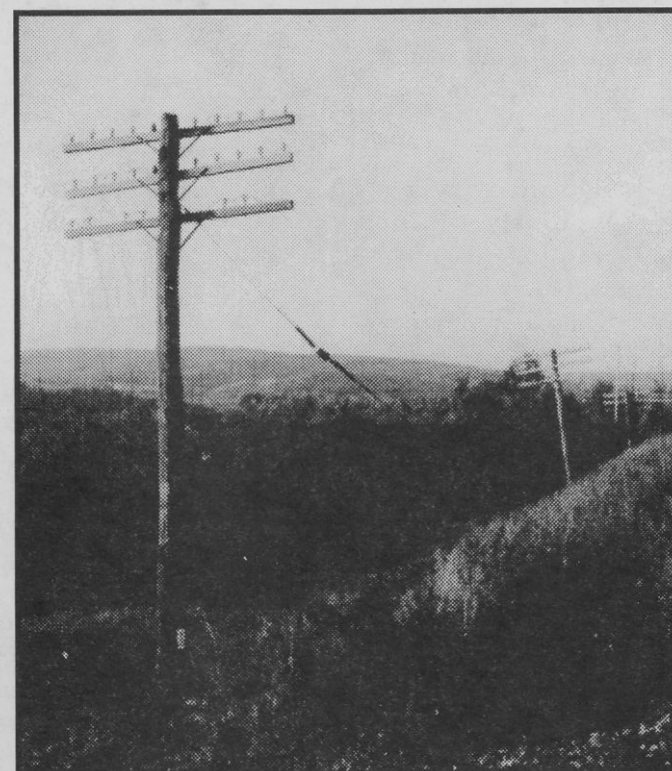
Lauren talked to me as I visually surveyed my surroundings and responded with silence. When a train whistle echoed in the distance, we turned our heads to the north and saw only the autumn leaves. We were approaching the junction of the main line with the Buffalo branch—Hornell. The tracks emerged from the woods and ran along Rt. 21 near Almond Lake.

"The sun's going to set soon," I said. "We have to find a place to pitch the tent." I turned quickly at the sound of rustling leaves in the woods behind us and was greeted by the sight of a pair of bow hunters. The father and son walked past us with an air of annoyed silence, packed their gear into a rusty Pinto and sped away.

"Oh great. I feel so much better now that I know there are hunters out here too," Lauren said. Her fear was obvious despite her sarcasm. I, too, was nervous.

We pitched our tent only ten feet from the rusty rails. After a dinner of bagels and sardines, nervousness and uncertainty gave way to sleep.

I awoke slightly disoriented by the dense fog which made everything heavy with dampness. I dressed and left the tent to observe and photograph the hazy landscape. After we packed and ate some celery with peanut butter, my walking companion and I quickly covered the distance to

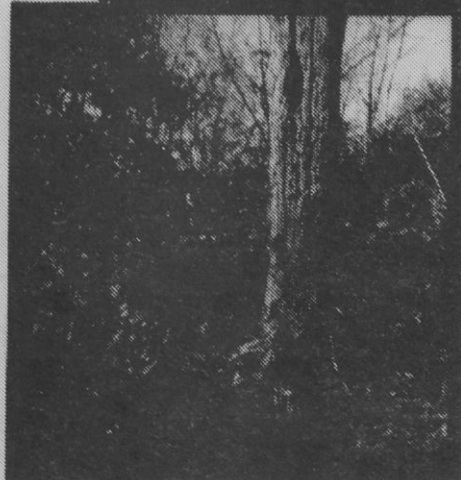
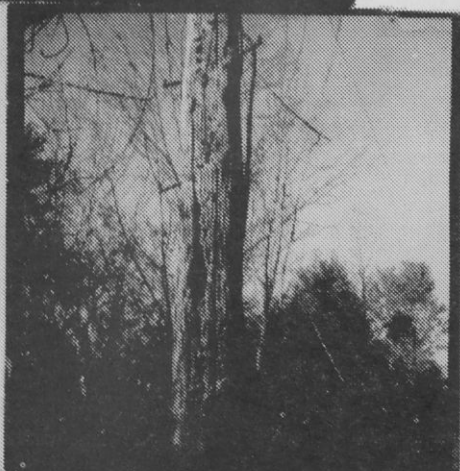
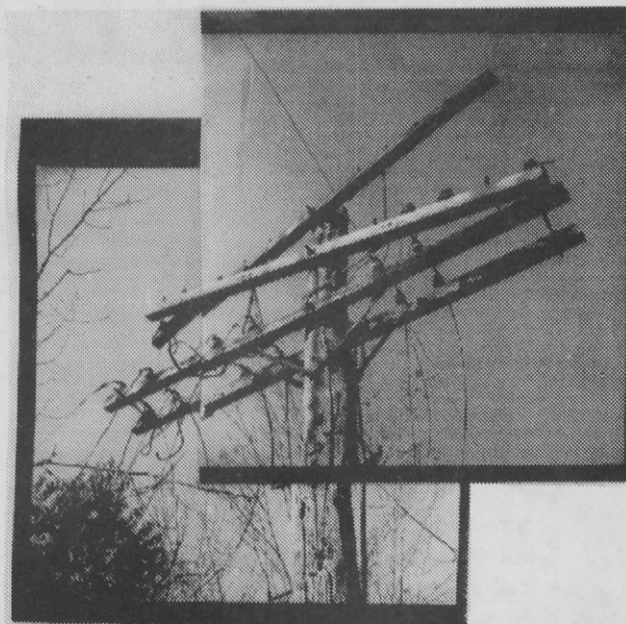


Hornell. We stopped chatting as the Maple City came into view. The only sounds were the clicks of the cameras' shutters.

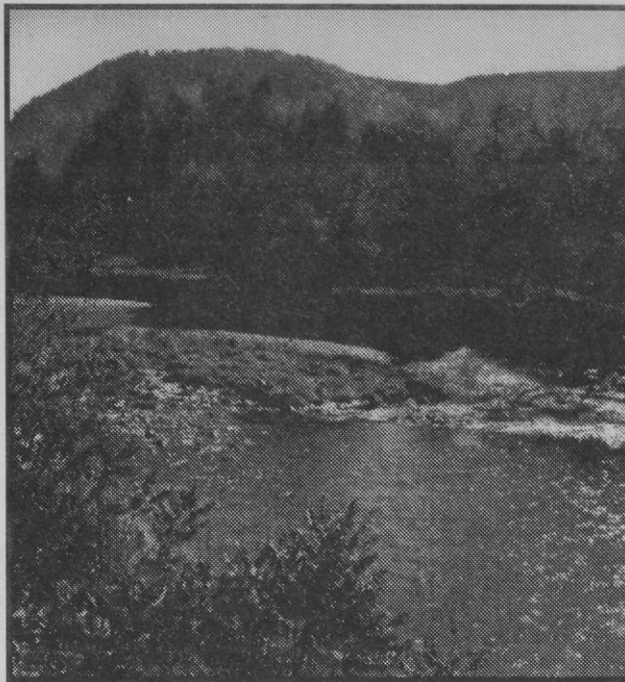
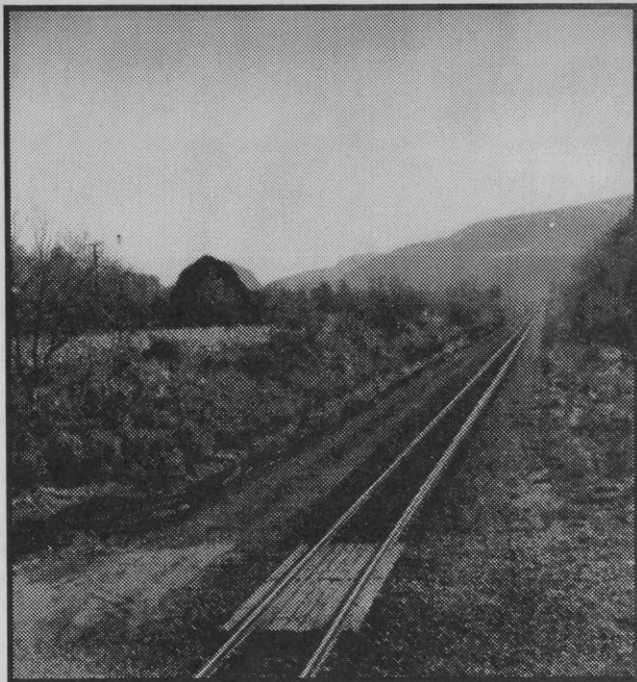
"You want to get some real breakfast?" Lauren shouted from across the tracks.

"Sure, if you're buying. I'm broke!" I hollered in return. We made our way across empty parking lots and onto Main St. As she retrieved cash from an ATM, I smiled and waved to the passers-by who usually stared.

"Have you ever been to the Texas Cafe? Let's go to the Texas Cafe. You wanna go there? Let's go there," she said as if it were all one sentence, all one breath. I made a mental note of what I often refer to







# JOURNEY TO PAINTED POST

as run-on rhetorical. We seated ourselves in a large booth and set our packs on the benches. We were, to say the least, conspicuous.

We left the diner, took a few more photographs and bid our farewells to this once prosperous railroad city.

Beyond Hornell, we entered the unfamiliar realm of small-town, rural middle-of-nowhere-land. Magnificent corn fields stretched off in every direction until they reached the mountains and hills in the distance.

At the height of their colorful saturation, the leaves were brilliant reds and oranges and I was surprised to feel an unexplainable sense of novelty. My footsteps, the rocks I overturned and the leaves which fell from the trees all resonated with equal importance in my mind. For a split second, in all its diversity, everything seemed clearly and obviously connected, but as soon as I attempted to apply my intellect, the sensation and the clarity of the moment vanished. Lauren's eyes were engrossed with each passing shadow and color and I wondered if she was having an epiphany of her own.

The sun was getting low when we pitched our tent on the banks of the Canisteo River. The sunset cast the mountains in Technicolor. "Do you know where we are?" Lauren asked as I began to fall asleep.

"Not exactly; no."

"We're going toward Corning, right?"

"Yeah," I replied.

"So, what's between here and there?" she asked.

"This is," I answered curtly pointing toward the mountains. I lay silent when I heard a train in the distance. As it approached, the ground trembled, the tent shook, and my ears rattled. The train came with incredible speed.

"Quick. Wake up; look at this!" I shouted through the sharp October air. We kept our ears open for the train sounds which echoed through the valley and gave adequate warning of an approaching locomotive. A thick layer of frost covered everything making the grass and trees sparkle in the sunlight. I carefully stepped toward the river bank and steadied my camera looking downstream. Thick mist rolled from the

water and up the hills as the sun rose and quickly melted the frost. We soon were on the move.

The limp deer, skunks and possums lining the edges of the track reminded us of our need to be aware of railroad traffic. Some of the animals had been thrown from the tracks, but they were never difficult to find since we were usually downwind. Walking in silence we stopped regularly for Lauren to explore the maggot filled ribcages with her camera.

I took out the water bottle and realized we were running low. Due to heat and dehydration, our pace slowed and our heads dropped. "Let's go up there and see if they'll refill our water bottles," I said, pointing toward a small group of houses.

"You'd best be careful with them high speed trains truckin' along here," the middle aged woman said without removing the cigarette from her mouth. She happily filled the bottle under her kitchen tap as her small dog yapped at my ankles. "An' watch for those snakes. I've seen some as big around as your thigh." She handed the bottle to me.

"Thanks for the water," I said dryly and left small house.

"The lady said there's a little town a mile or so ahead," I said. We walked eastward.

We arrived in the village of



Cameron to find that a gas station and a small grocery store constituted the entire town. We stopped at the store, bought chocolate and oatmeal cookies, and walked to the perimeter of a cornfield before pitching the tent.

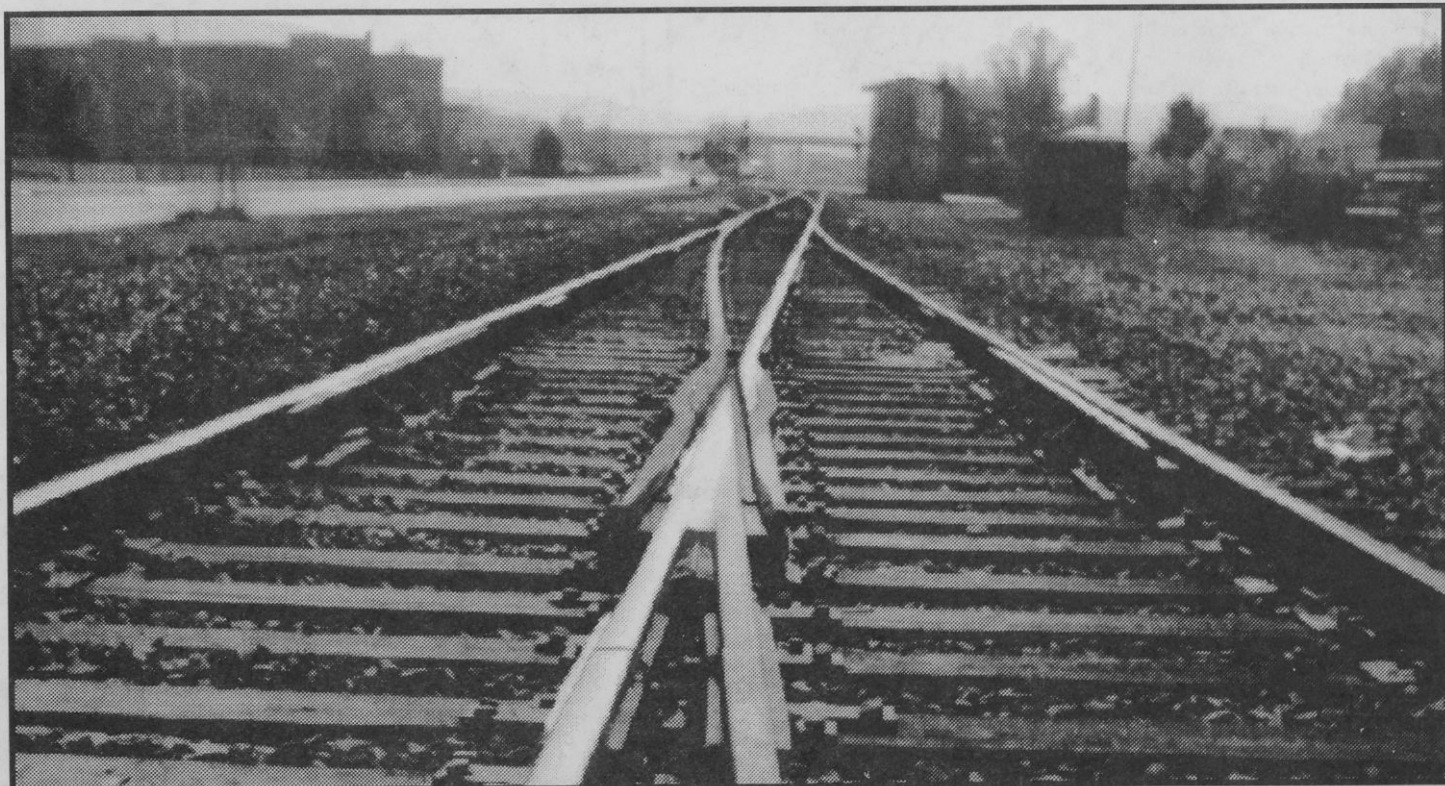
We walked most of Tuesday morning without saying a word as I quickened the pace in hopes of reaching

Corning before sunset. "I'm tired. Let's eat lunch," Lauren said as she surveyed the landscape for a shady spot. Surprised by the timing of the request, I looked suspiciously at my watch. 1:00 blinked faintly gray from my wrist. We set our packs under a small group of gnarled apple trees and ate our lunch. Surrounded on all sides by cornfields, the twisted fruit trees seemed like an oasis.

We finished eating, grabbed our cameras and ran through the adjacent fields. Side-stepping through the ten foot high rows, I whispered, "If you build it, they will come." We giggled loudly while clicking shutters mingled with the sounds of the insects living in the unharvested ears.

Our packs seemed lighter with our buoyant moods and each step became a determined stride closer to our destination. Arriving in Addison, I privately admired the quaint but crumbling store fronts. It looked like the facade for a cowboys and Indians flick. Drinking Gatorade, we made a phone call and arranged to be picked up in Painted Post.

We travelled that final ten miles in just a few hours, and watched the sun set as we arrived in Gang Mills. For me, it was more an intellectual journey than an accumulation of mileage on the worn soles of my hiking boots. □









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## Celebrate humanity this season

I grew up in a small town in upstate N.Y. where it seemed everyone had a home and enough food and clothing to get by.

But during a seven-week stay in Washington, D.C., this summer, I came into contact with homeless people on a daily basis for the first time in my life.

At first, I rushed past them on my way to work and tried not to look. But they called out for money, and I'd see them huddled in doorways, wearing all the dirty, torn clothing they could manage in the sweltering heat. Some of them were injured, some drunk. All of them were stripped of their humanity.

I started handing out dollar bills to make myself feel better. I thought if I gave them what they asked for, I could walk away guilt-free.

I passed one particular homeless man each morning. He often sat on the hot pavement wrapped in a blanket.

"Some change for the homeless?" he'd ask, but most people only stared straight ahead and walked by briskly. One morning, I finally shoved a wadded dollar bill into the cup at his feet.

"Thank-you very kindly, ma'am," he said.

I didn't hear that gentle, polite voice until I'd already walked away, nodding my head. I never acknowledged the human being who spoke to me.

I didn't realize until later that I cried that morning out of shame. I'd treated that man no better than the people who simply walked by. I, too, had failed to see his face.

I met Sam a week later at a Metro bus stop. I'd seen there him before, mumbling to himself and hugging a tattered stuffed animal to his chest.

But this time, I saw that Sam's doll was Alf (Alien Life Form), a character from a situation comedy I'd watched as a child. Sam chattered in the voice of Alf at the people walking by and used the toy's arms to rattle the change-filled cup in his hand.

I put a dollar in the cup and suddenly this man was talking to me—through his doll.

"Well, now, what a nice lady. Not at all like Willy who used to lock me in the garage," he said.

I smiled, recognizing his reference to the sit-com.

For the next half-hour, I sat listening to a doll. He showed me a letter to the editor, published in *The Washington Post*, that he and his "partner", Sam, wrote demanding respect for the homeless.

He also told me about his travels across the country, including a stay in New York.

"We didn't like it there," he said. "Brrrrrr. Too cold. And the cats. Yuck!"

When my bus arrived, I collected my belongings and said good-bye. Sam made the Alf doll wave a good-bye.

Just as I turned away, Sam said, "Thank-you, and God bless." This voice was clearly his own, so different from the one he used for the doll. I looked at him and smiled, grateful to see and hear him.

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Television news constantly presents us with images of the violence, loneliness and human suffering in other countries. But there is little we can do to help these people when we cannot see the suffering of those in our own communities.

Consider the elderly woman living next door. Will she spend the holidays alone again? What about the homeless man on 16th and Delaware? Will he have a warm dinner on Christmas day? Can the single mother down the street surviving on welfare afford to celebrate with her two children?

Watch the elderly woman moving alone through the rooms of her house. See yourself there. Look at the homeless man sitting on the street corner. Imagine your face in place of his.

This is where we can help. We can reach out to those in need in our community. And believe it or not, they often only want to speak to another person, face to face.

Before you close your eyes to rest for the duration of Winter break, please look at the people around you and truly see them.

Reach out. Help. Share your time and your lend your ear. Celebrate humanity this holiday season.

Darcia R. Harris

### Letters to the Editor

#### Loud music at block party not meant to offend anyone

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to comments made by Dan Myers about the Oct. 30 block party thrown on the Brick lawn by the Ibero-American Student Union (Letters to the Editor, Nov. 16).

As a member of IASU, I feel obligated to defend the actions of the organization by offering a different perspective.

Events sponsored by IASU are for the benefit of all Alfred students. Plans are not made on a whim. It takes a lot of preparation to make an event successful, and pleasurable.

A block party is a time to hang out with friends and family while an entire block or neighborhood comes together for food, fun, games and dancing.

The Brick lawn was chosen because it is a spacious area appropriate for a picnic-type event.

In his letter, Myers asked why we didn't use the Knight Club instead. The answer is simple: ever try to have a cook-out indoors?

In case anyone has not been to a block party, I'd like to tell you that the music is supposed to be loud.

If anyone's quiet study time at Herrick Library was interrupted, I apologize. The walls of the silent study rooms should definitely be thicker.

However, students were informed of the date, time and place of the party by flyers posted all over campus.

And correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't their two libraries on campus?

Don't take this the wrong way. I appreciate and respect the comments and concerns expressed by Myers.

If anyone had come to us and complained, we would have gladly obliged.

There was no intention to "force our activities" upon anyone. The purpose of the event was not to disturb anyone.

IASU just wanted to give AU a chance to experience Latino culture.

Latino culture is not based on disturbance and loud music.

But for too long, we have been silent neighbors in some communities.

We are about community, appreciation of music, good taste in food and just plain old laid-back fun.

Why not enjoy it with us? No one wants to "leave you out of it," Dan. We want to let you in.

Sincerely,  
Takisha Saldaña

## Holiday celebrates tradition of African-American unity

BY DWIGHT VARNUM

"Kwanzaa" is an African-American holiday originated in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, chair and professor of the Department of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, California. A non-religious holiday, Kwanzaa was created not to take the place of Christmas, but according to Dr. Karenga, "to reinforce the bonds between African-Americans." It is based on the agricultural celebrations which were times of harvest, ingathering, reverence, commemoration, recommitment and celebration. Therefore, Kwanzaa is a time gathering of African-Americans for celebration of their heritage and their achievements, reverence for the Creator and creation, commemorations of the past, recommitment to cultural ideas and celebration of the good. Festivities last for seven days from Dec. 26th through Jan. 1st.

As Christmas has its symbols, so does Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is symbolic of the "first-fruits" celebrations of Africa. It's a great time to strengthen family consciousness and solidarity while educating children in social and spiritual manners. A straw mat symbolizes tradition and history because it is an African object. Fruits represent the roots of the holiday. The candleholder is placed on it and one candle is lit on each day of Kwanzaa. Have one ear of corn for each child in your household (and even if you have no children, one ear of corn should represent the African-American tradition of extended family). Gifts should be given mainly to children and must include two items: a book and a heritage symbol as a poster, African art, a framed family photograph or a black doll. The unity cup is used to toast to the Ancestors.

"Habari gani" means

"What's happening?" in Swahili. During Kwanzaa it is a special greeting that is answered with the name of the principle of the day.

**the Nguzo Saba**  
(The seven principles of Kwanzaa)

- Umoja (Unity) - To strive and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race. Dec. 28.
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) - To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of being named, created for and spoken for by others. Dec. 27.
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) - To build our community and hold it together. To make our sisters' and brothers' problems our problems and to solve the together. Dec. 28.
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) - To build and maintain our stores, shop and other business, and to profit from them together. Dec. 29.
- Nia (Purpose) - To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness. Dec. 30.
- Kuumba (Creativity) - To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful than we inherited it. Dec. 31.
- Imani (Faith) - To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle. Jan 1st.

**Harambee!**  
(Working Together in Unity)

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# 12 cars burglarized in Ford St.

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Twelve cars in the Ford Street parking lot were broken into early on the morning of Friday, Nov. 18.

Stereos and radar detectors were stolen from some of the cars, said Patricia Schwartz, director of safety, security and telecommunications.

The break-ins were noticed when an APD officer saw several cars with their doors open in the parking lot.

A student later reported hearing breaking glass

between 3 and 3:30 that morning.

Schwartz said an APD officer said that the thefts were likely carried out by 3 or 4 individuals.

The burglars broke windows and used a crowbar to break into cars, Schwartz said. Some cars were broken into without things being stolen from them.

Senior Susanne Dunn had her car broken into twice. On Nov. 16, a window was broken. Dunn covered the window with a sheet of plastic.

On Nov. 18, the plastic was

cut open and a portable radio and a camera bag were stolen.

Schwartz said students could deter thieves by not placing valuables in cars. If valuables must be in a car, they should be out of sight or in the trunk.

Laurie Richer, director of admissions, said the admissions office had not seen an increase in questions about security from prospective students.

She said, "I feel comfortable with AU's security problems, and I tell parents that."

Dunn said that "AU security did all it could. They saw the break-in, called me and called the police."

Schwartz said students may further help deter crime by reporting any suspicious or unusual activity to AU security.

"Students are our eyes and ears on campus," she said. □

# AU buys home for environmental science students

BY MEGAN PARK  
AND MEGAN ALLEN

AU recently purchased a Park Street house, slated to be special housing for students in the environmental studies program.

The house, located at 16 Park St., will be a "showpiece" for the University, said Dan Siess, a junior environmental studies major and head of the program's studies house committee.

Provost W. Richard Ott said that to expand the environmental studies program, AU wants to establish a "residence where various environmentally sound strategies could be implemented and a place where students could gather."

Christine Grontkowski, dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences said, "these students have developed a sort of community and one way of supporting that community is to

give them a residence," she said.

A task force organized by Ott last fall suggested purchasing the house as a way to expand the environmental studies program.

Plans for renovations on the house have not started because the current resident did not move out until Dec. 1.

Now that the house is empty, it will be toured, and an estimate will be submitted to the AU, said Bill Dillon, director of physical plant.

AU plans to keep its \$79,000 purchase on the Alfred Village tax rolls, said Peter Fackler, vice president of business and finance.

By paying taxes on property that could be tax-free, AU maintains the tax base and the tax rate for Alfred taxpayers.

The old bookstore, the Honors House and the Language House are also on the tax rolls, Fackler said. □

## ...virtual reality

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ence of an artificial world."

The most common form of this technology involves a head monitor, through which the user "views" the artificial world and a data glove that tracks the person's actual movements.

Another way of achieving virtual reality involves "projection panels," in which image generators show different parts of a scene on the walls, ceiling and floor of a room. This has recently been used by astronomers.

"You can take a step and move light years," Heim said.

Other fields to which virtual reality are already being applied are aviation, banking, psychiatry, mathematics and the military. Pilots in the Gulf War, for example, used this technology to run through simulated situations so they would be better prepared for the actual combat experience.

While these developments are helpful in many fields, Heim pointed out that the advent of this technology has created some potentially disturbing issues.

"Our product in this country,"

Heim said, "is information. We have to protect it. This is our capital, our value, we can't just give it away. How will people be properly compensated?"

In addition, Heim said some people believe that this technology will render universities extinct.

"Distance education is flourishing," Heim admitted. "It seems to be a future development."

"The question is how to define what is essential to a rich educational experience. How much of a physical, primary world is needed and what does it contribute?"

If virtual reality continues to develop to the point where books, newspapers and even schools are obsolete, Heim said, "Eventually we may have a revolution on our hands... people may say that this is enough technology."

However virtual reality is developing rapidly. Professor Ben Howard, in his introduction to Heim's lecture, mentioned "Text 21," a symposium that will take place next year on this campus, for which Heim will be consultant and coordinator.

Howard said the symposium is "designed to speak to the question of what will happen to the written word." Related issues for discussion include "the fate of the book, paperless publishing, and the possibilities and perils of the Internet."

"For those of us whose stock-in-trade is the written word," Howard observed, "the past two decades have been both exciting and unsettling." □

## ...deficit

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costs and a staff pay raise.

The memo also said low Ceramics College enrollment had a negative impact on private sector revenues.

James McCauley, dean of the NY State College of Ceramics and professor of ceramic engineering, attributed the enrollment figures to nationwide trends.

He also predicted that the school may bear the brunt of Governor-elect George Pataki's promised spending cuts.

"It's still too early to tell, though, because no one really knows what's going to happen yet," McCauley said. □

## ...Neuhard

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Neuhard said he planned to implement an advisory committee, alternative activities, peer education and a positive media campaign.

Neuhard worked previously as a Coordinator at Brevard Community College in Florida, where he oversaw similar programs. □

# Brody initiates evaluation of placement services

BY ALLEN ADAMS  
AND JONATHAN SPRINGER

A study is underway to improve AU's placement services.

Gerald Brody, dean of students will lead the task force charged with evaluating and improving placement at AU.

"We started this summer, and we'll be looking at it all year," Brody said. "We'll be looking at surveys, comparing our graduates with other schools', viewing other placement offices, meeting with recent alumni, and talking to employers and grad schools about programs."

Brody said the task force will focus on student concerns.

The current strength of the placement office is in contacts through alumni networks, said the directors of the placement offices.

"Our office looks past the initial job. We teach skills in finding jobs and networking," said Charles Shultz, director of AU's office of career services.

"About the only thing they were really able to do for me was print out a list of alumni in my area," said Jay Richardson, a 1994 AU business graduate who now lives in Ohio. "They really

didn't have much information about my part of the country."

Shultz's office serves the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Professional Studies, and Business.

Students in the College of Ceramics are served by the Office of Placement and Cooperative Education, headed by Ann Baldwin. Baldwin's office also runs AU's cooperative education program.

Any changes made in the placement offices will not be revolutionary. "We have no thoughts of beginning a program [like St. John Fisher's]," Shultz said.

Fisher announced a program at the start of this semester that would pay graduates up to \$5000 if they don't have a job six months after graduation.

Both offices at AU provide recruiting programs, workshops and how-to sessions.

Last semester, Shultz's office brought 50 companies to campus to recruit. □

# Senate committee update

BY JONATHAN SPRINGER

At its Nov. 30 meeting, the student senate voted to give \$300 to Shades of Ebony to help sponsor a speaker and disc jockey the group's Third Annual Kwanzaa Dinner.

At the Nov. 16 meeting, Matt Biagi was elected senate secretary, replacing Leslie McElheny who will be studying overseas next semester.

Only two committee reports were given on Nov. 16. Most committee meetings had been cancelled so senate could volunteer for the AU Telethon Nov. 9.

## Steinheim committee

The committee reported on an Alfred Town Historical Society meeting they had attended. At the meeting, President Edward G. Coll Jr. spoke about restoration on campus.

## Food committee

The committee reported that Dec. 2 would be rib night. □

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## Police Blotter

The Alfred Police Department (APD) reported the following arrests and incidents from Nov. 11 to Dec. 2:

Nov. 11, 2:20 a.m.: Michael J. Miller, age 18, of Hornell, was arrested for a liquor law violation.

Nov. 11, 2:35 a.m.: Kenneth J. Buskey, age 24, of Rochester, was arrested for a violation of the village noise ordinance.

Nov. 14, 2:20 p.m.: Danilo F. Reyes, age 21, of Alfred, was arrested for criminal possession of stolen property.

Nov. 15, 10:35 p.m.: John A. Cobb, age 19, of Burlington, Vt., was arrested for criminal possession of marijuana.

Nov. 15, 4:30 p.m.: A minor was arrested for larceny.

Nov. 21, 9:40 p.m.: A minor was arrested on a bench warrant from Alfred Village Court for assault.

The following people were arrested for driving while intoxicated:

John R. Fedyszyn, age 19, of Fredonia, N.Y. (Nov. 13)  
Keith E. Moffat, age 19, of Mt. Morris, N.Y. (Nov. 19)

The following people were arrested for disorderly conduct:  
Donald Steininger, age 26, of Upper Grand View, N.Y. (Nov. 13)  
Eric Winkelman, age 22, of Almond (Nov. 26)

The following people were arrested for violating the village's open container ordinance:  
Michael T. Balcarczyk, age 19, of Lackawanna, N.Y. (Nov. 13)  
Randy S. Frayne, age 17, of Buffalo (Nov. 17)  
Roger T. Alligood, age 19, of Rochester (Nov. 19)  
Shon L. Miller, age 21, of Rochester (Nov. 19)

The APD was notified of larcenies from:  
Ford St. (Nov. 11)  
Academic Alley (Nov. 11)  
Powell Campus Center (Nov. 15)  
Shur Fine (Nov. 17)  
Ford St. (Nov. 18—10 reported)  
S. Main St. (Nov. 22)

Kenyon Hall (Nov. 27—5 reported)  
Ford St. (Dec. 1)

The APD was notified of aggravated harassment on:  
Nov. 14 (twice)  
Dec. 1

The APD was notified of harassment on:  
Shur Fine (Nov. 22)

The APD was notified of motor vehicle accidents on:  
Main St. (Nov. 12)  
N. Main St. (Nov. 23)  
Main St. (Nov. 23)  
Jericho Hill Rd. (Nov. 26)  
Alfred Station (Nov. 27)  
Rte. 244 (Nov. 28)  
Harder Hall (Nov. 28)  
Ford St. (Dec. 1)

The APD was notified of false solicitation of funds on Nov. 16.

The APD was notified that a village resident received unsolicited marijuana in the mail on Nov. 21.

The APD was notified of 7 issuances of bad checks.

## Court Report

The following people were charged with driving while intoxicated:

Keith E. Moffat of Mt. Morris, N.Y. (\$325 fine)  
Frederick A. Griswold Jr. of Arkport, N.Y. (\$590 fine)

The following people were charged with disorderly conduct:

David M. Nigriny of Scotia, N.Y. (\$95 fine)  
William M. Olsen of Massapequa, N.Y. (\$95)  
Donald R. Steininger Jr. of Upper Grandview, N.Y. (\$50 fine)

The following people were charged with an open container violation:

Michael T. Balcarczyk of Lackawanna, N.Y. (\$25 fine)

Randy S. Frayne of Buffalo, N.Y. (\$25 fine)  
Erin M. Zegel of West Sayville, N.Y. (\$25 fine)

The following people were charged with failing to keep in the right lane:

Troy W. Blake of Dansville, N.Y. (\$125 fine)  
Frederick A. Griswold Jr. of Arkport, N.Y. (\$125 fine)  
Keith E. Moffat of Mt. Morris, N.Y. (\$75 fine)

The following people were charged with driving without a seat belt:

Jennifer C. Booth of Canisteo, N.Y. (\$75 fine)  
R.V. Rittenhouse of Angelica, N.Y. (\$75 fine)  
Blake W. Keil of Londonderry, N.H. (\$75 fine)

Danielle R. Wallace of Canisteo, N.Y. (\$75 fine)

The following people were charged with speeding:

Jonathan T. Baum of Storrs, Conn. (\$85 fine)  
Shelley L. Back of Springvale, Maine (\$85 fine)

Eun Sung of Park, Columbus, Ohio (\$85 fine)  
Gregory I. Pitarresi of Floral Park, N.Y. (\$75 fine)  
Melissa J. Tingley of Hornell, N.Y. (\$85 fine)  
James A. Miller of Perry, N.Y. (\$85 fine)

William S. Mounce of Williamsville, N.Y. (\$85 fine)

Fred E. Srock III of Newfane, N.Y. (\$85 fine)

Troy W. Blake of Dansville, N.Y.; was

charged with driving while intoxicated; the charge was reduced to driving while alcohol impaired (\$425 paid) Also charged with passing a stop sign (\$200 fine)

Lee T. Welfel of Barton, N.Y. was charged with criminal possession of marijuana (\$50 fine)

Brian E. Wilkinson of Quoguc, N.Y. was charged with violating a noise ordinance (\$50 fine)

Susan R. Malec of Jermyn, PA. was charged with disturbing the peace (\$25 fine)

Daniel J. Racalto of Hornell, N.Y. was charged with driving on the sidewalk (\$75 fine)



## World Notes

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

**Africa:** The U.N. Security Council decided to allow peacekeepers to stay in Rwanda until next June. • South Africa's economy is expected to skyrocket now that trade sanctions have been lifted. • The Ethiopian governing body has approved a plan to create a bicameral legislature.

**Asia and Pacific Rim:** Hong Kong is working on a project to increase the island nation's land area by filling in coastal areas. • The cruise ship *Achille Lauro*, best known as the sight of a 1985 PLO hijacking, sunk after catching fire in the Indian Ocean. • The Pakistani government faces a scandal over the alleged bribing of legislators. • The Chinese government ordered the closing of the world's largest McDonald's restaurant to make room for a shopping center. • A Communist prime minister has taken power after winning an election in Nepal.

**Europe:** Tensions are high in the break-away Chechen Republic, a part of Russia where rebels fear an impending invasion by the Russian army. • U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali met with an international conference on AIDS in Paris, urging nations to act together to end the AIDS crisis. • NATO is looking for diplomatic solutions to end the fighting in Bosnia after threats of force were proven to be empty. • The European Council's Committee on Torture issued a report finding that Greek prisons routinely torture inmates.

**Middle East and North Africa:** The Palestinian Authority in the Gaza Strip and Jericho was given control over taxation and health care. • The death toll from civil unrest in southern Egypt has passed 500. • The Lebanese government stated that it will not increase wages even though a general strike has been called. • The U.N. Security Council decided to maintain sanctions against Libya.

**The Americas:** The Summit of the Americas will be held in Miami starting Dec. 9; the conference will attempt to create a free-trade zone throughout North and South America. • Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo was inaugurated on Dec. 1. • The United Nations will send 500 observers to Haiti to supervise the nation's return to democracy. • A regional anti-drug agency will be set up in Latin America.

**United States:** The Congress voted to ratify GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade by overwhelming margins. The trade treaty will lower tariffs by about 38 percent. • Scientists discovered a gene that may be the cause of obesity, the most common nutritional disorder in Western nations. • The thirtieth anniversary of the passing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act was celebrated in the United States. This bill provides the legal base to protect the civil rights of women and racial minorities. • Early signs show that the holiday retail season is doing well; this is the busiest shopping season of the year.



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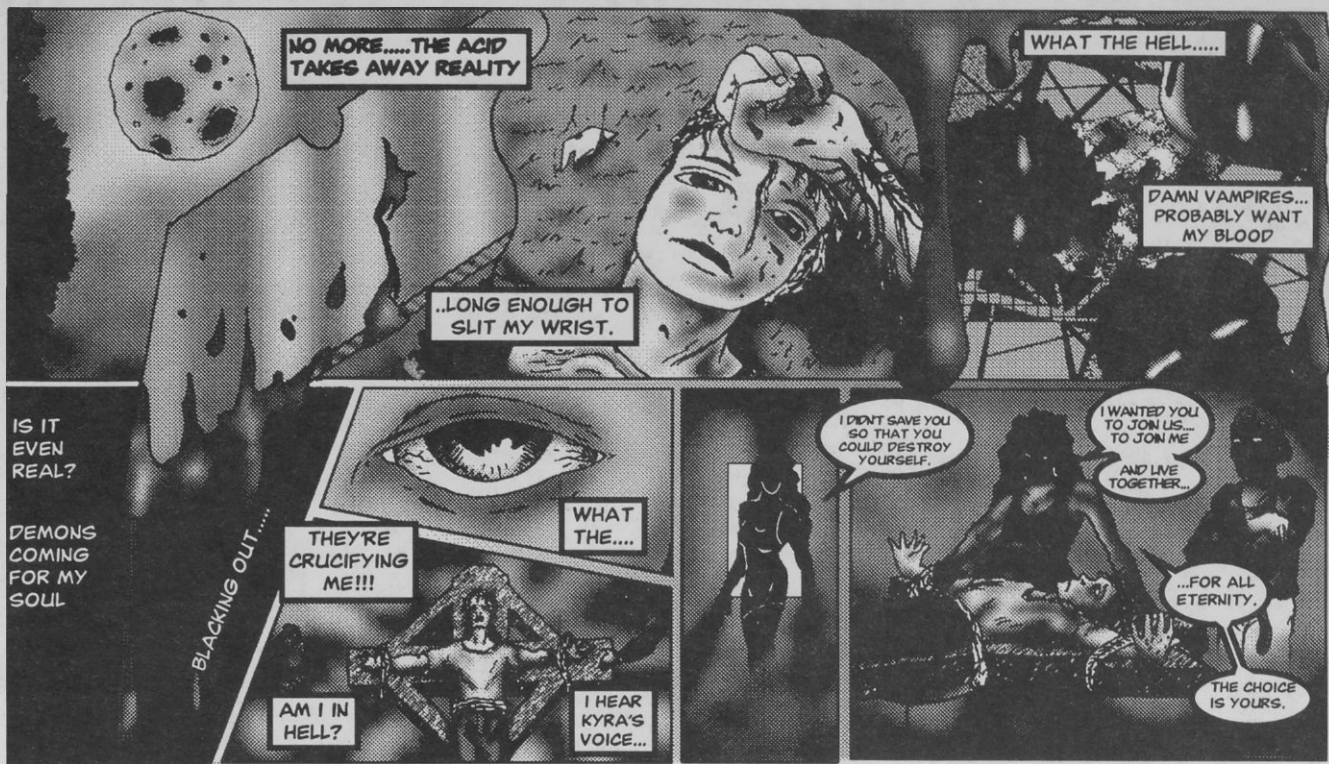
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by Byron Scalzi

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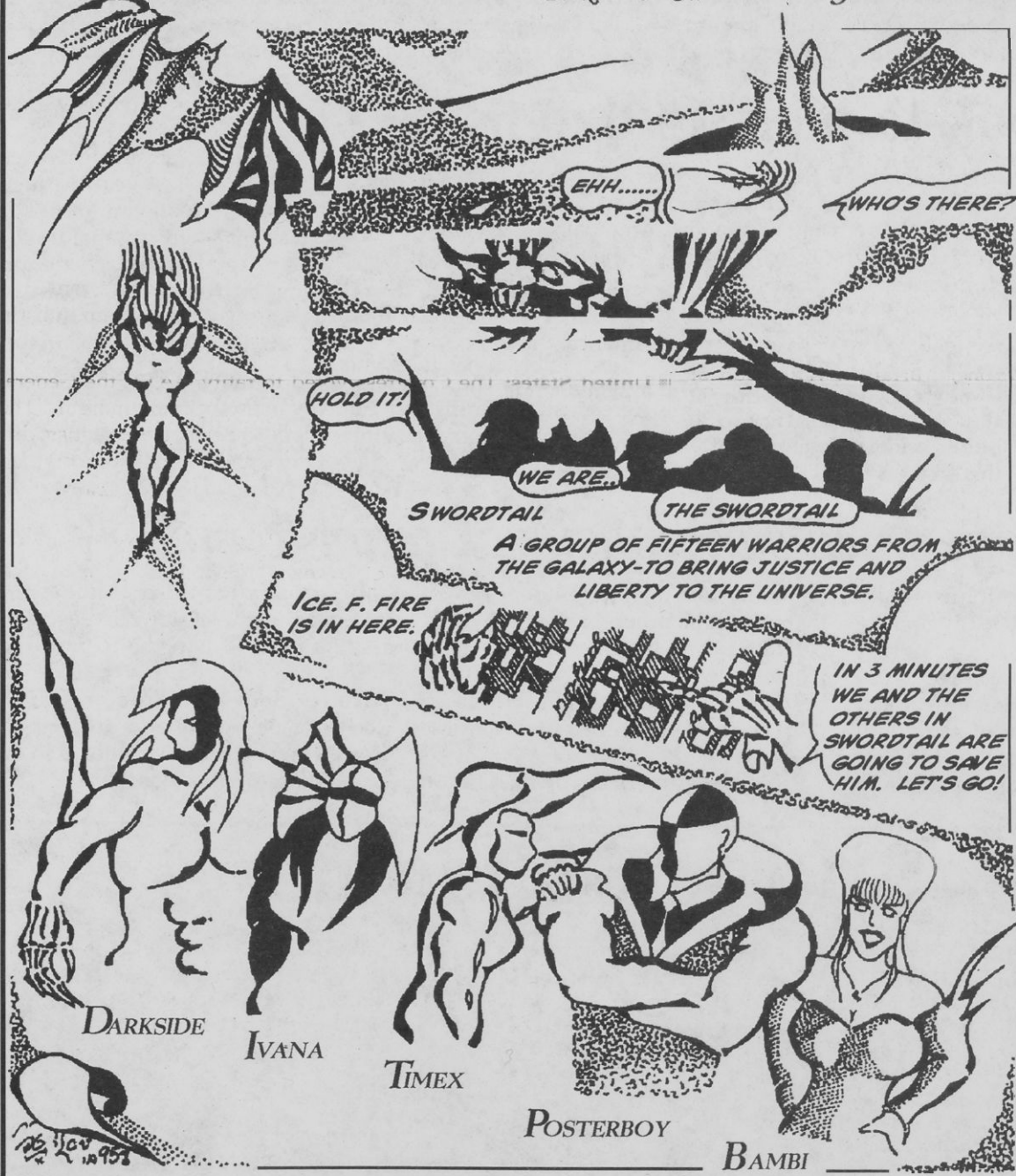
10. The photo editor is in Foundation. 'Nuff said.
9. Baum was being a pain in the ass.
8. The production manager.
7. The editor had to guest star on *Ricki Lake*.
6. Three words: *Desperately Seeking Zarkin*
5. The sports editor was too sore from being body-pierced.
4. "My Dingus is gone!"
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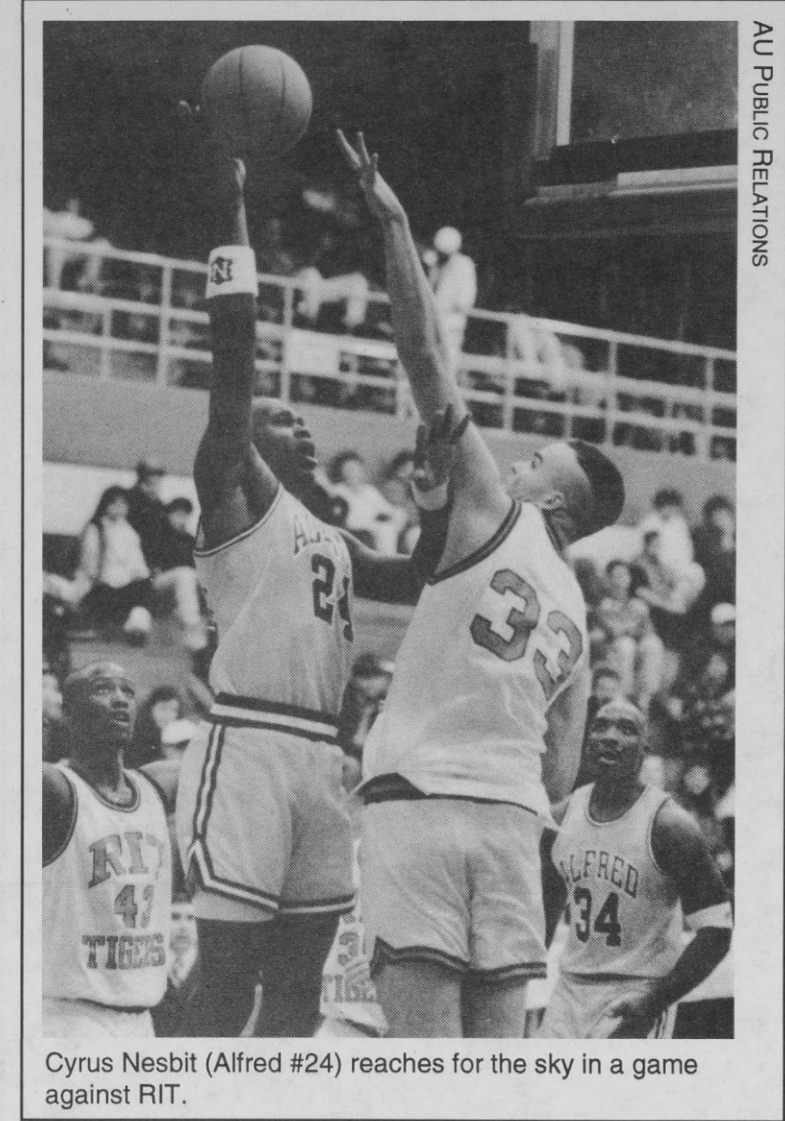
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Cyrus Nesbit (Alfred #24) reaches for the sky in a game against RIT.

AU PUBLIC RELATIONS

# Skillon and Harris carry load

BY ERIC FLORCZYK

The men's basketball team opened the '94-95 season with a disappointing 81-61 opening round lost to Defiance College.

The two teams met at the Coles Classic Tournament at Buffalo State University Nov. 18-19. In a poor display of shooting, the Saxons hit only 37 percent of their shots from the field, including 4 of 21 from three-point range.

The Saxons were led by seniors Frankie Harris and Dan Popadick, who scored 18 and 16 points respectively.

The following night the team bounced back against Buffalo State with a 73-69 win. The Saxons shot 60 percent from the field and out-rebounded a powerful Bengal team 34-33.

Once again, the Saxons were paced by All-Tournament selection Harris, who scored a game-high 19 points and dished out five assists. Senior co-captain Jerrold Skillon scored 12 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. The Saxons took third place in the tournament with a 1-1 record.

In the season opener against Elmira, AU lost 83-75.

Both teams started the game shooting well with AU going in at half time with a three point lead and shooting 64 percent from the floor.

Alfred made only 13 of 35 shots in the second half, losing the game despite a strong performance by co-captains Skillon and Cyrus Nesbit. □

## Costanzo's Corner

**Full Name:** Cyrus James Nesbit  
**Age:** 21  
**Year:** Senior  
**Major:** Communication Studies  
**Hometown:** Bronx, NY  
**High School:** John F. Kennedy

Cyrus' passion to be the best basketball player is rooted in getting cut from his junior high school team when he was in eighth grade. In addition to keeping him off the streets,

playing enabled him to meet such stars as the University of Pittsburgh's Orlando Antigua.

Since Tom Spanbauer replaced Kevin Jones as coach of the Saxons this year, Cy feels that there is a major transition taking place. Cy feels that Spanbauer focuses more on the team concept. All the players do the same drills during practice. Consequently,

the team improves as each player does.

**Expectations for the team:** Go to the NCAA's and win the ECAC's.

**Expectations for self:** Cy wants to be an All-American after receiving an honorable mention last year. He would like to go to the NCAA tournament and make first or second team All-American. Cyrus says, "I want to dominate every game, so we can win every night."

Cyrus' greatest achievement at AU was last year during a Roberts Wesleyan game. Cy was matched up against RW star Alvin Mobley. The Saxons lost by five, but Cy held his ground. Mobley was held to 22 points, while Cy scored 30 and dominated the boards.

**Future plans:** Cy hopes to get a job in the public relations or sports information field. □

# Lady Saxons hoopsters look to pick up defense

BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

The lady Saxons basketball team (1-3) looks to pick up the defense as they head into conference play.

Their first game was a 81-54 loss to John Carrol University at the Abby's Creative Imprint Systems Invitational. Kari Sergent lead the attack for the team with 15 points and eight

rebounds.

In a consolation game, the Saxons started quickly and led 51-32 at the half en route to crushing Lake Erie college 92-60.

The hot shooting of Jill Irland led the Saxons to the big victory, as Irland lit up the Lake Erie team for 22 points while grabbed 13 rebounds. Irland was one of four Saxon starters

to score in double figures.

In their third game, the Saxons fell to a tough Walsh University team, 80-52. Walsh dominated the first half by shooting 19-39 (49%) from the field while AU went 5-24 (21%).

AU's Susan Boyle picked up the slack in the second half of that game by pouring in 26 points and six rebounds after the break. But AU lacked the

outside touch from Irland who went 0-6 for the game and eventually fouled out.

The Saxons could not hold a 24-22 half time lead against Nazareth, losing the game 61-47.

Terra Johnson had 12 points, four rebounds, four steals and three assists. Boyle also stood out, scoring 11 points and nine rebounds. □

# New feet and old hope to propel men's indoor track team to victory

BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

The men's indoor track squad includes many new faces and looks to fill the field in the high jump, distance, triple jump and hurdles.

The Saxons will ride the shoulders of young stars from last year while

adding freshmen Levie Johnson and Kervin Duncan to an already speedy squad.

The senior captains are Will Morrow, Evan Enke, Lou Springer and Glenn Clinton. "Their leadership will guide us through a successful indoor season," says Eddie Najeeullah, "and

hopefully into another outdoor season that we can be proud of."

The Saxons began the season at Cornell on Dec. 3. Najeeullah, Springer, Duncan and Johnson placed third in the 4x400m relay with a time of 3:27.

Senior All-American Glenn Clinton

hopes to win his third national title this year in the 110m hurdles; he is also favored to win the 55m indoor hurdle.

Najeeullah, a sophomore out of Rochester, N.Y., will add depth in the 400m. He won the silver medal in last year's states competition. □

# 1994 Winter Sports Schedule

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK			MEN'S BASKETBALL			MEN'S SWIM		
1/14	QUAD MEET AT U. OF ROCHESTER		2/17	R.I.T.	H	1/14	LYCOMING	A
1/21	AT FREDONIA		2/18	WILLIAM SMITH	H	1/18	BINGHAMTON	H
1/28	HAMILTON COLLEGE INV. @ CLINTON		2/23	ROBERTS WESLEYAN	H	1/20	MANSFIELD	H
2/4	U. OF ROCHESTER INDOOR RELAYS					1/28	R.I.T.	H
2/11	BUCKNELL TRACK CLASSIC		12/7	HOUGHTON	H	2/1	NAZARETH	A
2/18	BOB KANE INV. AT CORNELL		12/9	U. OF PITT-BRADFORD	H	2/4	HARTWICK	H
2/25	EAA'S @ R.P.I.		1/2-3	RAONOKE TOURN	A	2/8	BUFFALO ST.	H
3/3-4	STATE MEET @ PLATTSBURGH		1/13	CLARKSON	H	2/11	LEMOYNE	A
3/9-11	NCAA'S AT N.OHIO		1/14	ST. LAWRENCE	H	2/16-18	STATES AT UNION	A
			1/20	HOBART	A	3/9-11	NCAA'S AT WESLEYAN UNIV.	A
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL			1/21	R.I.T.	A	EQUESTRIAN		
12/7	HOUGHTON	H	1/24	ITHACA	A	12/7	U. OF ROCHESTER	A
12/9	BINGHAMTON	A	1/27	R.P.I.	H	12/9	CANISIUS	A
1/7	PENN ST. BEHREND	A	1/28	HARTWICK	H	1/14	LYCOMING	A
1/10	BUFFALO ST.	H	1/30	NAZARETH	A	1/18	BANGHAMTON	H
1/13	CLARKSON	H	2/3	ST. LAWRENCE	A	1/21	ITHACA	H
1/14	ST. LAWRENCE	H	2/4	CLARKSON	A	1/25	HOBART	H
1/20	WILLIAM SMITH	A	2/7	ITHACA	H	1/28	R.I.T.	H
1/21	R.I.T.	A	2/10	HARTWICK	A	2/1	NAZARETH	A
1/24	ITHACA	A	2/11	R.P.I.	A	2/4	HARTWICK	H
1/27	R.P.I.	H	2/14	ELMIRA	H	2/8	BUFFALO ST.	H
1/28	HARTWICK	H	2/17	R.I.T.	H	2/11	LEMOYNE	A
1/31	ONEONTA	H	2/18	HOBART	H	2/23-25	STATES @ HAMILTON	
2/3	ST. LAWRENCE	A	2/23	ROBERTS WESLEYAN	H	3/16-18	NCAA'S AT MIAMI UNIV.	
2/4	CLARKSON	A	2/24	ST. JOHN FISHER	H			
2/7	ITHACA	H						
2/10	HARTWICK	A						
2/11	R.P.I.	A						
2/14	ELMIRA	H						
WOMEN'S SWIM								
12/7	U. OF ROCHESTER	A				2/18	SKIDMORE	A
12/9	CANISIUS	A				2/25	ST. LAWRENCE	A