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## Troy Davis: A shocking injustice



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KIM RAU

Despite a vast array of inconsistency and doubt, Troy Davis was still executed for the murder of Mark MacPhail.

Davis had his execution stayed four times over the course of his twenty-two years on death row, but legal appeals repeatedly failed to prove his innocence.

“Killing a man under this enormous cloud of doubt is horrific and amounts to a catastrophic failure of the justice system,” said Larry Cox, executive director of Amnesty International AIUSA.

The past 22 years has seen growing debate over the events of Aug. 19, 1989, when police officer Mark MacPhail was murdered under what has come to be controversial circum-

stances.

At the time, MacPhail was working an off-duty security guard job for a Savannah, Georgia bus station. He was shot to death after rushing to the defense of a homeless man being assaulted in a Burger King parking lot adjacent to the station. That much is undisputed; it's who pulled the trigger that has resulted in contention.

In 1991 the case went to trial. Troy Davis was convicted of the murder after nine witnesses testified that they had seen him shoot MacPhail.

The case against Davis would consist solely of circumstantial evidence. Prosecution provided no physical evidence and based their entire case upon witness statements. Even throughout the time of the trial, these testimonies con-

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## Alfred debates moratorium on gas-drilling

ERIC HUDACK

The town of Alfred held a special meeting to discuss the moratorium on gas and petroleum exploration and extraction activities Thursday at the town Fire Hall.

The town was aided by attorney David Slottje in drafting the moratorium, whose pro bono work with Alfred and other small towns has been geared towards the affect of unconventional gas drilling on local communities.

Slottje explained that the moratorium is “fundamentally a zoning law,” which prohibits gas and other drilling for one year in the town. In that time, Alfred officials will decide what they want to do about potential hydraulic fracture drill-

ing -- or hydrofracking -- in the area.

“We are not going to make a decision tonight on the law,” Town Supervisor Tom Mansfield said. “The board needs time to go over it.”

If the moratorium is passed, town officials will have one year to decide whether to ban hydrofracking completely, allow it in certain areas or allow it altogether.

As with any controversial debate, there are many factors to consider.

While the moratorium will allow Alfred the time to make decisions, it does not guarantee that gas-drilling companies will give up and never come to Alfred. Gas companies have the money to exhaust every possible option.

“Can we get sued for this? Yes, you can get sued,” Slottje said.

There are cases in two New York towns -- Middlefield and Dryden -- where gas companies are currently suing to overturn local bans on gas drilling. One such company, Anschutz Exploration, claims to have made a \$5 million investment in Dryden. As mentioned above, companies like Anschutz Exploration have the financial backing to engage in a long, drawn-out, court battle.

“This guy is a super lawyer,” Slottje said in reference to Thomas West, an Albany-based attorney representing the company.

“They could have gotten any lawyer the wanted and



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they got this guy,” Slottje added.

Companies like Anschutz Exploration are suing on one platform: The town does have the legal authority to ban gas mining with these statutes.

Legal council could cost the town more than \$150,000. The subsequent financial burden on small towns like Alfred becomes a major concern. cont. on pg 5

## Ya Gotta Bill-ieve

GRIFFIN TAYLOR

Last Spring, I wrote to AU students that the fastest route from Ramen noodles to the good life was to open a psychic stand in Buffalo. You would need to predict neither next week's lottery numbers nor or a future office romance, but simply a Bills loss -- a relative inevitability -- to be regarded as the 9th wonder of the world in Buffalo.

I had reason for such a claim. When Buffalo won its first game of the season to go against eight losses, Justin McCombs, former Sports Editor at the Fiat, approached me.

“If we win out (the Bills win their final seven games after winning only one of their first nine), and team X, Y and Z all lose the rest of the way, we can make the playoffs,” said McCombs.

I waited a moment or two for a smirk. It never came.

So one can only imagine the ideas bouncing off the campus walls this past Monday, twenty-four hours after Bills WR David Nelson walked into the endzone to give Buffalo a 38-35 win over the Raiders and its first 2-0 start since 2008.

Fitzpatrick breaks Manning's touchdown record? Foregone conclusion.

AFC East Champs? I don't see why not.

Super Bowl Champs? Save that for Tuesday's discussion.

Nevermind that the Bills romped a Kansas City Chiefs

team in Week 1, which advanced statistics had pegged for an epic demise in 2011 -- the Chiefs were the healthiest team in football in 2010 (the team's top offensive and defensive players, RB Jamaal Charles and S Eric Berry, have already suffered season-ending ACL tears in consecutive weeks), and were the beneficiary of the league's weakest schedule.

Nevermind the Bills needed a clutch 4th Down conversion to defeat an Oakland team that won all of two road games last season.

Nevermind that, thanks to NFL Films, we now know Ryan Fitzpatrick's reaction to the ultimate man's man's moment -- throwing the game-winning touchdown in an NFL game -- was a shrill reminiscent of a six-year old girl on the recess deck.

The Bills are 2-0. And for that, there isn't a better day in the lives of Western New York residents than today.

In seasons past, such blissful ignorance on the part of Bill-ieveers angered me. In a league where payroll and schedule are geared toward parity, the Bills have not sniffed the playoffs since 2003. How could fans accept such mediocrity?

It should be noted that a portion of my bewilderment and frustration stems from me being a Mets fan. We share a town with fans who boast more championships than any other, and thanks to I-95 and Boston Post Road, now



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co-exist with residents of the winning-est sports towns in the game today.

We Mets fans are pariahs of the sports fan kingdom -- big enough to know there is something else out there, small enough to know we can't have it.

To stand by a team mathematically eliminated in The City the Never Sleeps, you must live in your parents' basement or something.

Bills fans don't know there is anything else out there, but here's the catch: you get the sense that even if they did, even if the NFL relocated the Jets to Buffalo, I'm not so sure they'd jump ship. And that's not because Mark Sanchez wears tight white pants in magazine spreads, but because this Bills outfit perfectly embodies its fan base.

On paper, Buffalo is the worst team in the AFC East, much as on paper Allegany County is the poorest in New

York state.

But have you spent a few minutes at the local diner? There is no place in the world these people would rather be.

In an era of trade demands, free agent bounties and tweets from disgruntled athletes who wish to be anywhere but where they are, you get the sense that the Bills suddenly-potent offensive trio of Fitzpatrick, Johnson and Jackson is right where it wants to be as well.

Ryan Fitzpatrick chose the one profession where his degree in Economics from Harvard would subtract commas from his paycheck. One would think Fitzpatrick to be intelligent enough to appreciate the franchise that gave him his first full-time starting gig.

As for the man who makes Fitzpatrick look good every Sunday? 223 players were drafted ahead of wide receiver Steve Johnson in 2008. Only cont. on pg 7

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Arts & Entertainment

Concert Review: Brown Bird



BRIDGETTE ORTIZ

Brown Bird is full of lovely surprises. Strewn across the stage was a myriad of different instruments. It could be easily assumed that a large band was about to play. Instead, only a man with a large beard and a cute girl with a pixie cut walked out. Comprised of the lovely David Lamb and Morgan-Eve Swain, Brown Bird performed at the Knight Club on Saturday the 17th. Alfred, was the last stop on a ten day tour.

The multi- talented duo, who hail from Rhode Island, have a knack for putting together contrasting elements and

making them sound beautiful. Take for instance their voices: Lamb has a deep raw voice while Swain has a soft melodic voice, but when combined with their dark, mystical lyrics, they give their listeners complex layers of folksy wonder. As Lamb played his banjo and simultaneously beat his drum with his foot, Swain soothingly played her violin. That is how the whole set went. Swain would play one of her many orchestral instruments while Lamb would croon into the microphone while playing his banjo or guitar. He switched between fast and slow

tempos often getting the audience to dance or clap along. Their set list composed of mostly dark material, like a love song that included “death and other shit.” Between songs the band would joke and they even told the audience some Alfred trivia. They gave such a great performance that by the time they wrapped up their set list the audience requested one more song and Brown Bird happily obliged. Be sure to check up Brown Bird’s upcoming album, which they graciously played from, Salt to Salt out October 18th.



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Kate Weare Company Performs Alfred

KIM RAU

The Kate Weare Company, performed in Miller Theater on September 17th. The New York-based contemporary dance group entertained a sold-out crowd with two pieces, “Bridge of Sighs” and “Garden.”

The two pieces were danced by artistic director Kate Weare, and company members Adrian Clark, Leslie Kraus and Douglas Gillespie.

The first piece, titled “Bridge of Sighs,” began without music; the dancers’ fierce contact with each other was the only sound to echo throughout the silent theater. Intense physicality contrasted sensitive, yielding movement to create a piece about the “wry and tender investigation of partnership and loneliness.”

“Garden” the second piece performed by the four. It evoked

a sense of community among the dancers. A surrealist looking tree-stump was the only decoration to the stage, and it served a set-piece which functioned as a throne of sorts. The concept drew “on primitive issues of origination, collective identity and safety amid the natural world.” While “Bridge of Sighs” was easier to connect with, “Garden” was by no means inferior.

It is rare to see a performance that combines spectacular athleticism with such fleet of foot. Unless it was intentional, the dancers never betrayed the sound of footfall to the stage.

Beautiful, evocative and agile, you do not need to have a knowledge of dance to recognize and appreciate the wonderful, honest performance that Weare and company brought to the stage.



Album Review: Neon Indian’s Era Extrana

BRIDGETTE ORTIZ

If you didn’t already know, hipsters on acid make pretty good music. I don’t advocate drug use, but some of the most popular and acclaimed indie bands are taking acid trips to a whole new body-swaying level.

Such is the crop of “chill-wave” artists that infuse early 80’s electro-pop inspirations with melancholy musings; bands that include the psychedelic Animal Collective and the beachy Washed Out. Neon Indian epitomizes this shoe gazing sub-genre, as is especially evident on the band’s newest album, Era Extrana.

Neon Indian is the brain-child of 23 year-old Texas native, Alan Palomo, whose first foray into music came in the song “Should’ve Taken Acid With You,” which later was a single off Neon Indian’s first album, Psychic Chasms. When it was released in 2009, Psychic Chasms garnered Neon Indian mass hype among the internet world and critical acclaim from the likes of Pitchfork and Rolling Stone.

Era Extrana demonstrates Neon Indian’s growth since Psychic Chasms. There is more cohesiveness in Era Extrana than there was in Psychic Chasms, which had a fragmented feel. Still, Era Extrana shows

more of a loneliness – a subtle darkness that wasn’t as present before in Palomo’s music. But that is what makes Palomo so great; he can sing about heart-ache, or even distaste for ex-girlfriends, and still make everything feel okay.

Opening the album beautifully is the instrumental track “Heart: Attack.” The first of three interconnected instrumental tracks that highlight Palomo’s ability to make chill, lo-fi music with the use of a laptop and synthesizers. The other two tracks, “Heart: Decay” and “Heart: Release” separate the album into sections that ease the listener into the different parts of heart break.

The first single off Era Extrana, “Polish Girl,” is an instantaneously infectious track. As Palomo croons indistinguishable lyrics, you can’t help but close your eyes and dance along. “Polish Girl” is the perfect lead-off single from the album because it is the quintessential Neon Indian song: full of synth-pop rhythms and sad-kid lyrics. In the chorus, Palomo longingly asks “Do I still cross your mind?”

“Hex Girlfriend” is an evident future single. It has the catchiest lyrics of any of the songs on album. In the song, Palomo takes a bitter stance on a cheating girlfriend --

“Girl caught, parking lot of the Cineplex/Stupid face looking so perplexed -- but later somberly retreats into the lyrics.

“Fallout” takes a gloomier and slower approach than any of the other songs on the album. It sounds like it should be on an M83 album instead of Era Extrana, although it does stay on the subject of longing for an old love -- “If I could fall out / Of love with you.” Again, Palomo includes blatant drug references, but it somehow lacks the same enthusiasm as the previous songs.

Neon Indian ends Era Extrana on a high note with “Arcade Blues.” Here, Palomo sings of an absence from life and his surroundings with what sounds like an Atari game being played. The odd combination meshes well and leaves the listener with one last dance track.

Neon Indian has the ability to refurbish old 70’s and 80’s synthesized music and, oddly enough, make it sound futuristic and fresh. What can be expected from Palomo are hazy laments on lost love over psychedelic beats. Era Extrana is a solid release for Neon Indian, but it’s one that should be savored with headphones – it’s definitely not a blast-through-your-speakers album.



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Trefzger Gets a Laugh

RAFFI JANSEZIAN

Comedian and ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger, who has appeared alongside the likes of Jeff Foxworthy, Ray Romano, and Tim McGraw, performed at Alfred University on September 16th, 2011. Her act was a part of the entertainment for Family Weekend.

Trefzger’s family-friendly show provided laugh after laugh, with six distinct characters. The characters ranged from “Camelot” the drunken camel to, “Judd” a cantankerous old man, each with his or her own unique and hilarious personality.

Her unique style is a breath of fresh air, and requires a good amount of audience involvement. Trefzger’s brought audience members up on stage, making “human puppets” out of students and parents alike.

I say a ‘breath of fresh air’ because the standard comedian who comes to AU often begins his routine with a lame joke along the lines of:

“Hey screw the A State kids, right?”

But not with Trefzger. Ventriloquism is a difficult

art to master but I believe it is a bit played out. People like Jeff Dunham or Lynn Trefzger can garner a good laugh, but they only have so much they can do with a dummy. Personally, I enjoy being able to connect with the comedian on some level, and feel ventriloquists suffer a detachment from the audience.

Not to say that they aren’t funny though. Trefzger was still able to get many good laughs. When I say ‘good laugh’ I mean the kind of laugh that’s leaves my cheeks cramped and hurting afterward.



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Editorial

E Pluribus Unum

They say two wrongs don't make a right. It is a phrase mighty clichéd, but also mighty significant in light of the recent execution of Troy Davis and the recent appeal of Duane Buck. There are those, such as Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who will reply to the above cliché with another: "An eye for an eye."

But what does taking the former eye do to bring back the latter?

Stanley 'Tookie' Williams co-founded the infamous American street gang The Crips. In 1979, Williams was convicted on four counts of murder and sentenced to Death Row. From 1993 until his execution in 2005, Williams served as an influential anti-

gang activist. He co-wrote children's books and participated in efforts to prevent youths from joining gangs. Williams is said to have played a major role in the peace brokerage of The Bloods and The Crips. Williams was denied clemency by Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2005 because of the 'eyes' he took a quarter-century prior. Ignored were those he saved in the twelve years leading up to his execution. Ignored were the many more he could have saved had he been left breathing.

Of course, for every Davis and Buck exists a Timothy McVeigh, who wiped out 168 innocent people in an Oklahoma federal building with nary a blink. In fact, for every Davis and Buck exists one hundred Timothy Mcveighs.

Which brings us to the question: Why should we spoil the masses with justice to reward the rare exception? Because what makes America the envy of other nations -- in principle, at least -- is the fact that we would reward one-hundred guilty men before we punish one innocent man. A majority of us would rather see O.J Simpson breathing than Amadou Diallo shot forty-one times for raising his wallet.

Did Timothy McVeigh deserve to die? Probably.

But wouldn't we rather stomach McVeigh in a cage with watered-down soup and stale bread than carry the words "what if" on our conscience, as we now will in the case of Troy Davis.



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The Alfred Beat

Main St. Profile: Kinfolk Grocery

GRIFFIN TAYLOR

An eclectic mix of cheese and spices on my right. To my left, homemade maple cookies and organic ice cream. Organic ice cream.The ultimate compromise.

Rarely when I set foot in a grocery store does my entire day improve, but this was the case when I arrived at Kinfolk Grocery.

Tucked away on the corner of West University and Mill, Kinfolk celebrated its 30-year anniversary this past May. Though it is often passed over for Wegmans by students, the local grocery store offers an advantage conglomerates cannot.

"70% of our product selection is chosen by students," said store owner Elliot Case.

When asked of the changes



PHOTO CREDIT SARAH SHAFER

he has seen in the student body over his three decades in Alfred, Case pointed out an interesting trend in the demographic of AU students.

"Students used to come here from small towns or big cities, which are like small towns because each neighborhood is its own community," said Case.

"Today, we see more students from the suburbs, where malls and shopping centers rule."

Case remarked that students from small towns and urban communities are more accustomed with the 'personal' effect Kinfolk offers, but maintains the grocery store is still going strong.

Students unfamiliar with Kinfolk should cite its clientele for reassurance of quality.

"Local people shop here too, so that should give students confidence."

In a town where cable companies, and fast-food restaurants inhale our money and offer little in return, it is nice to know someone has our best interests at heart.

And organic ice cream.

Engineering Career Fair

ANA DEVLIN GAUTHIER

The 2011 Engineering Career Fair is here! This year's event will be Thursday, Oct. 6, from 12:00-3:00pm in the Knight Club in Powell Campus Center. The event is free and open to all students, alumni, and community members.

Co-sponsored by World Kitchen and PPG Industries, this event will provide the perfect opportunity for engineering companies to recruit Alfred University students for for paid, full-time positions as well as unpaid internships. They are seeking all engineering majors as well as: business, biology, chemistry, math and physics.

Employers seeking Doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's candidates will be present to speak with and will be recruiting candidates for their current openings. Potential job opportunities throughout the United States, not just Western New York, will be available to students at the fair.

For a growing list of attending employers, please visit the Alfred University Career Development Center Website: <http://www.alfred.edu/cdc>.

Following the Career Fair, there will be an 'invitation only' networking event from 6:00-7:30 in Susan Howell Hall. Employers who selected the networking opportunity, as well as faculty, staff and administration will be present along with an impressive array of candidates who receive a golden invitation to attend. This portion of the event is by invite only.

Business professional or business casual dress is recom-

mended and you should bring multiple hard copies of your resume as well as an electronic copy on a flash drive. For additional preparation information please visit the CDC website at [www.alfred.edu/cdc](http://www.alfred.edu/cdc) or schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor. Companies are recruiting you, so give yourself the greatest chance for success and prepare thoroughly!

This is an amazing opportunity to set yourself up with a job, co-op or internship, so why not attend!

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Student Lounge Update

RAFFI JANSEZIAN

Ronja Ogrodnik, Vice President of Student Senate at Alfred University, is spearheading efforts to attain the much needed repairs and renovations for the Student Lounge on the bottom floor of Powell Campus Center.

Believe it or not, Saxons, we do have a Student Lounge. Orchestrated by Kevin Kostyk in early 2010, the Purple and Gold room includes a crooked pool table, a powerless pinball machine, and a classic arcade game that doesn't turn on.

"It's kind of amazing that things are already broken," said Ogrodnik during an interview on September 16th regarding the current state of the Student Lounge.

The lounge has been operational for just under two years, but due to abuse and neglect, has fallen into disarray. The lounge issues have been brought to the attention of Student Senate, but the fate of the repairs are still uncertain.

Ogrodnik has been the frontrunner for the issue, and is adamant about getting the much needed renovations. However, a clear cut solution to the issue is not yet apparent. The question, "What do the students want?" is frequently brought up by the



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Student Senate, but a lack of involvement by the majority of the student body is the main setback impeding progress. Although Student Senate has the funds to deal with issues such as this, there is no specific budget for the lounge restoration. Ogrodnik is in the process of creating a student committee to oversee the student lounge's revival.

Perhaps more student club involvement could resurrect the lounge from it's current state. One new club rumored to have been formed on campus deals with the construction of video-games; perhaps a custom game for the AU Student Lounge would add some much needed panache.

For more information regarding the restoration of the Student Lounge, contact Vice President of Student Senate, Ronja Ogrodnik.

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Kim Rau  
Bringing you Notes From Abroad





Opinions

“That Dude”

GRIFFIN TAYLOR

I have found the weekend walk home to be a relatively lonely one thus far in the semester. Come midnight, girls generally tire of listening to me ramble on about myself. At which point it becomes G.J’s or ‘bust.’ At which point, having HBO On Demand makes the latter seem far more appealing. My non-existent dance moves are the icing on the cake. Of course, we live in a sex-driven culture where your weight in gold among your fraternizing peers is often based on



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your sex quota. For example, a popular term in the AU Men’s Basketball locker room was “I’m getting my numbers game up tonight.”

And so I sometimes wonder, in between bites of Ben & Jerry’s and priceless advice from everyone’s favorite bald, Jew, whether my complacency

with solitude has become a problem. And then I encounter ‘That Dude.’ ‘That’ dude should be ‘those’ dudes; about ten a night who pass my bedroom window between 1am-2am hollering one of two lines: “Who’s Talking Shit?!?” or “Who wants to go?!?” I must confess that I do not spend every waking hour of the day in the gym, and thus do not possess such an abundance of testosterone that the slightest dose of alcohol would possess me to accuse the air of talking behind my back. But I do want to thank those who do. Because when I nestle under my queen size comforter, solo, and the slight-

est of doubts begins to creep up, they are interrupted by: “Who wants to go?!?” And at that moment, I know I can sleep like a baby. Because at least I am not ‘That Dude.’

A Simpleton’s Hope

JERICHO SHACKLEFORD

I am not a professor, well-paid pundit or some other highly educated stalker of our American plutocracy. Despite four years of education summed across the State of New York in two different institutions I have zero degrees. I am nigh but a voice (if printed). Back in 1954, President Eisenhower wrote the following to his brother Edgar: “Should any political party attempt to abolish social security, unemployment insurance and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you would not hear of that party again in our political history. There is a tiny splinter group, of course, that believes you can do these things. Their number is negligible and they are stupid.” The world has changed and so too has it’s “freest” nation’s politics. The United States was never Rousseau’s perfect democracy of men educated by sexually manipulative women, but never before has American history been witness to such morally depraved plutocrats. Socioeconomic factors germinating out of early ‘90s depression grew into psychological dependency within the middle-aged of Middle America. They were the hard workers, and willing to believe the social dogma of Republican rhetoric -- that the weak lose while the strongest win. Thus was born the low-information voter.

When I think of the economy I realize I am a loser. Therefore I moved to middle America where the proud, physically apt, middle-aged work. Following the 2008 election of Barack Obama, Republicans began scorching earth. Through a slanderous video, they discredited ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) and later bankrupted it in the same way House Republicans hoped to dispatch of Planned Parenthood under a year ago. Acorn was a community-based organization started out of Little Rock, AR which operated for 40 years on behalf of primarily underprivileged homes. The group was a loud speaker for the subaltern voice, until chapter seven bankruptcy followed a legislative cut in funding and electric bills could no longer be paid. ACORN’s primary offense was registering the huddled masses and getting them to vote. ACORN was not the first incident of legislative aggression in this nation’s history nor is it the last. The NLCHP –National Legal Center on Homelessness and Poverty – is the legal arm of a nationwide effort to end American indigence, and (as one may suspect) they do lobby congress. On Sept. 8, they submitted the following: “Since our founding in 1989, we have never seen a year in which such a concerted effort

to weaken the voting rights of low-income and homeless Americans has been undertaken. Such attacks contravene our government’s obligations under international human rights treaties, may violate the Constitution, and surely offend the core principle that all American citizens should be able to both register to vote and cast a ballot that is counted.” Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin have all passed bills making more stringent the requirements of voting – extending the requisite time between registration and voting, presenting various photo I.D.’s, new rules for absentee voting and it goes on. Red states that had it are getting rid of same day registration, and Florida legislation has already broken the abilities of a women’s rights organization to register the poor. As Americans we sometimes think we are entitled to our all-too-audacious plot of land named after Amerigo Vespucci, and we are. When the “fathers” wrote America’s constitution they feared an ‘us’, and so too do politicians now. Historically, they bifurcated America with the birth of a party system and then multiplied two into hundreds through the exploitation of federal rule and statutory greed. Divided we fell and we have fallen time and time again. But, we are so entitled to the fruits of this land in a Lockean way. Our descendants are Mecca,

Aztecs, Mayan, Anasazi, Pueblo, Cherokee and Iroquois – they made this land. They are Mestizo, English, African, Irish, Italian, German, Hebrew, Chicano, Western and Eastern European, Chinese, Japanese. They grew this land; they are Native American. “The western land, nervous under the beginning change... I am alone and I am bewildered. And in the night one family camps in a ditch and another family pulls in and the tents come out. The two men squat on their hams and the women and children listen. Here is the node, you who hate change and fear revolution. Keep these two squatting men apart; make them hate, fear, suspect each other... The night draws down. The baby has a cold. Here, take this blanket. It’s wool. It was my mother’s blanket – take it for the baby. This is the thing to bomb. This is the beginning – from “I” to “we.” “If you who own the things people must have could understand this you might preserve yourself. If you could separate causes from results, if you could know Paine, Marx, Jefferson, Lenin, were results, not causes, you might survive. But that you cannot know. For the quality of owning freezes you forever into “I,” and cuts you forever from the “we.”” – John Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath. My hope is for “we” to bloom into a better US. For every elementary school gutted and revisited by hope there is at least one child who

will aspire to be something larger than the projected diorama of his life. For each life changed by positive conversation a voice has been given to that nameless face. From each voice there springs a web of ideas – this is the recreation of Mills’s marketplace of ideas. There is ideological revolution when those factioned masses become one resurgence of thought. This idea is what brought the Arab Spring and is the reason China imprisons its artists. Those who have fear the we who do not have, for we may soon learn to cooperate and thus refuse to be shepherded into an Orwellian America. We may be the Weiße Rose of America. As individuals turned US we are America. We have become America time and time again in 1915, 1933, 1941, 1963, 1970, 1989 and again we were America in 2001. This is the naïve hope of a frustrated simpleton, but in a world where only our dreams may parallel reality I have found too few utopian dreamers. I hope that as a collective we may dream of a US again. To be American means not to forget the dreams that made US dreamers. We are our estranged ancestors and we are our brilliant future.

From Patriot To Critic, and Back Again

KIM RAU

Last year, I spent five months living and taking classes in Stellenbosch, South Africa. During my time there I partook in an interesting conversation with a PhD student from Belgium. He was invited by the staff of Stellenbosch University to spend a month conducting research in South Africa. When he discovered I was from America he was thrilled, and began excitedly discussing the US with me. It turned out he spent a part of his undergraduate years studying at NYU. In the course of him reminiscing his experiences he said something that struck me; “I think it must be very great to be from America.” I was speechless. I have lived in the United States for twenty years and never once considered myself lucky. I was left to consider the ways life in South Africa starkly contrast those of the United States. A country of glaring

contradictions, South Africa claims to operate as a democracy yet actually functions as one of the most socially divided nations in the world. The country proudly refers to itself as “The Rainbow Nation” in reference to its supposed diversity. The South African constitution even boasts eleven official languages. Yet Afrikaans and English -- traditionally “white languages” -- which combine to serve as the first language of a mere twenty-five percent of South Africa’s population, are the only languages of higher instruction. Therefore, students whose primary language is Xhosa must to some extent abandon their traditional roots to achieve any sort of social mobility. Before embarking on my journey to South Africa, I was prepared to enter a country still very much tortured by extreme social discrepancy; Apartheid had only just ended in 1994. But I did not fully grasp the impli-

cations of a society so wrought with inequality until I found myself immersed within it. Prior to the trip, I had spent my life forming opinions about world issues from the ethnocentric confines of small-town American life. For me, both hometown and college town are sheltered and intimate. I recognize faces wherever I go. In South Africa though, all the ideas I previously had about race, charity, equality, democracy, freedom, economics and history were challenged and contradicted on a daily basis. I never saw it as upsetting though, I saw it as an immense opportunity. I believe Alfred University students have been conditioned, as students of a liberal arts institution, to be especially critical of the United States. I don’t necessarily think there is anything wrong with this. After all, an open and general discourse amongst citizens is a concept our country was found-



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ed upon. “Freedom of speech” exists as the First Amendment for a reason. Sometimes though, I think we take for granted our freedoms and become too quick to cast stones at those defending them. At the risk of sounding sentimental, I challenge you to appreciate the good. After all, we are college students. For us, possibilities are endless and to

take such a liberty for granted would be a shame. You have an opinion? Great. But perhaps rather than expressing it out of self-righteous entitlement, consider what a privilege it is to have the platform to do so.



## Flood Aftermath

MAIMOONA RAHIM

Floods are nothing new to upstate New York State residents. The area experienced similar disasters with the great floods of 1996, 2005, and 2006. Although many are accustomed to excess amounts of rain, few were prepared for the magnitude of this latest latest catastrophe, which resulted in record-high flood waters. Many people across New York State were affected, including the families of many AU students. Getting numerous calls a day from home can be a hassle for anyone; but it is far worse when the only the subject of these calls is an update on the

current state of your soon-to-be flooded house and the safety of your family. Such was the case with Courtney Smith, a sophomore here at AU. Smith's hails from Binghamton, New York. Although she did not experience the horrendous flood first-hand, her family wasn't so lucky. Smith's house flooded; water filled the entire basement and a few inches on the ground floor. The Smiths were forced to deal with a similar situation in 2006, but were not prepared for the damage caused by this recent flood. The Smith family had no choice but to move out of their now dilapidated home, and are currently staying with Courtney's aunt, whose house

miraculously remained unscathed. "I think Mother Nature is having a really bad year and she's just messing everything up," said Smith. Smith will be heading home for the next couple weekends to help her family relocate the few belongings which weren't destroyed by the flood. Many find themselves in situations similar to the one of Smith's family. Even Beds 4 Kids, a disaster relief organization which provides furniture to those in need, was affected by the flood. The storage place, which held over 2,000 tons of furniture, was submerged by over four feet of water as a result of the flood. A the majority of the furniture was damaged. On Saturday, October 1st, a



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group AU students will travel to the Beds 4 Kids organization in Owego to help clean the facility and rebuild the storage space. The group will depart from Alfred at 9:00am and returns at 5:00pm. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

If you would like to take part in the trip, please contact: Jessica Jennings, Service Learning Coordinator at Alfred University at [jennings@alfred.edu](mailto:jennings@alfred.edu).

## General Education Outcomes Updated

SONYA ELLISON

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is exploring structural general education models from other universities to adopt in its effort to revise the current gen-ed model here at Alfred. "Based on these analyses, we will then discuss whether or not the CLAS model should be changed," said Dr. Chad Harriss, Assistant Professor of Media Studies at AU. "This is not an attempt to import model from another institution, but instead offers a way for us analyze and interrogate our model," said Harriss. During the Fall semester of 2010, the General Education Taskforce, a committee of nine AU CLAS Faculty members, was created in an effort to formulate new outcomes for the University's CLAS General Education requirements. The outcomes, which have already been approved, contain qualities and skills students should develop during the course of an Alfred University CLAS educa-

tion. Dr. Harriss is a member of the task force and the student liaison of the group. "We believe that by publishing these outcomes prospective students and other members of the Alfred community will gain a better sense of what the Alfred experience entails." Three of the five primary outcomes are to "explore human cultures, the physical and natural world", to "communicate as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and artists", and to "apply knowledge and skills across general and specialized studies."

By clearly stating the goals of the program we believe that we can all develop a better sense of what a liberal education at AU encompasses," Harriss explained. Though official changes are yet to be made to the actual program and requirements, the Education and Athletic Training majors will eventually be moved into a School of Professional Studies.



CHAD HARRISS  
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Harriss stressed that Alfred University's CLAS general education model, for now, has remains the same, but is in the process of interrogating and analyzing its current model as well as exploring other schools' general education models. "There has been no decision made in regard to that topic. We believe that the learning outcomes we have adopted also describe the current model in many ways so further changes remain an option, but are in no way a certainty," said Harriss.

## Attorney reflects on Russian judiciary system

SONYA ELLISON

Attorney Mark Bennett spoke Monday about the Russian judicial system in honor of Constitution Day. While abroad in Moscow in 1989, Bennett studied the legal system in St. Petersburg before coming back to the US and graduating from law school and returning to Russia in 1993, the year the country's constitution was ratified. In his discussion, Bennett focused on the judiciary branch of Russian government. "Constitutional provisions are flexible and idealistic. Only at the judicial margin are these provisions seen in action," Bennett said. "(Much) of the law happens in the appeals court as far as refining the rights goes, but it is the trial courts that carry out the procedures." "What's fascinating about the Russian and American constitutions is that they are similar because both share the same fundamental values, yet the Russian judiciary system doesn't guarantee the basic civil rights



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that are protected under the US system," Bennett said. For example, Bennett talked about the clause preventing double jeopardy in both constitutions; the US has a provision preventing someone for being tried more than once for a single crime. He explained that although the Russian constitution also has a similar clause, it states that no person can be convicted of a crime, meaning the accused person can be tried as many times until they are convicted. In Russia, the plaintiff is referred to as "the victim" in court. As the prosecutor, the

plaintiff has the right to appeal, select the jurors, and is allowed to testify before the prosecution while the defendant stands in a cage during the trial. In the US, however, if the defendant does not pose a serious potential threat and enters the courtroom in handcuffs, there is grounds for mistrial since it comes in the way of presumption of innocence. "Technically, it is now an adversarial system after the partial move from the inquisitory system was made in 1993, which means before, questions about the case were asked during the trial and if evidence was insuf-

## Pink Week 2011



GRIFFIN TAYLOR

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October means three things in this great country of ours: changing leaves, playoff baseball and Alfred University Pink Week. Spearheaded by Director of Residence Life Brenda Porter, Pink Week 2011 is again loaded with activities for students to help support a cure for Breast Cancer and have fun in doing so. Below is the schedule for Pink Week 2011: Sept. 26-30: T-Shirts, Wristbands and Tickets to Zumbathon available outside bookstore in

Powell Campus Center Oct. 3: Pink hair extensions in Powell Oct. 7: Annual Pink picture @ The Brick - 12:15 pm Oct. 8: PINK OUT @ Homecoming - AU vs. Hartwick Banner Contest @ Homecoming (sheets/paint available in Residence Life) Oct. 9: Party in Pink Zumbathon Fundraiser @ McLane Gym: 1-4 pm Oct. 9: PINK OUT: Women's Soccer vs. Hartwick - 2 pm COME SUPPORT THE CURE!

ficient, prosecutors would make investigators find more evidence after the case was given a ruling," Bennett said. Bennett also described the US appellate court procedural rights. The preservation rule states that if the defendant sees an error in the trial, he or she must raise it during the appeal so the problem can be addressed and fixed during the trial. Another US legal rule is the refusal to admit evidence into the trial that is not relevant to the case and holds no standard of proof. These two crucial rights are absent in Russia. "Because of the plea bargaining system, we can negotiate trials. In Russia, it's slow and the policy almost marginalizes the jury trial system," Bennett added. While the current U.S. system dates back to colonial times, Russia's current constitution has been around since only 1993 and only 9 of the 89 Russian regions had jury procedures until a 2003 criminal investigation code mandated that the entire country follow judicial process.

"Russia is still in infancy in their system so we have to understand that and not just condemn the things we see as undemocratic. The Russian system is still getting there and needs time to develop. It took decades after the Emancipation Proclamation for our country to gain and guarantee rights for its citizens," Bennett said. Bennett concluded by reminding the audience that 'similar' does not mean the 'same' when it comes to constitutional provisions. "It is the execution of these grandiose ideas that have an impact on the judicial process. Our only goal in the system is to ensure the correct legal verdict," Bennett said. Now working for the appellate court in Rochester, whose Russian sister city is V. Novgorod, Bennett is the Deputy Chief Appellate Court Attorney for the city's fourth department in the appellate division.

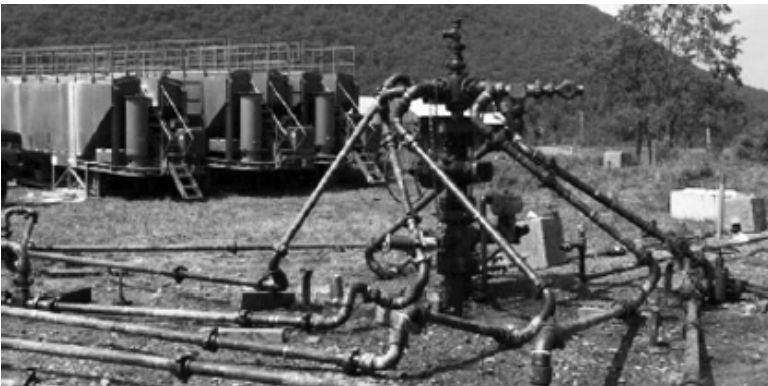
## Alfred debates moratorium on gas-drilling (continued from pg. 1)

ERIC HUDACK

cern as the length of the case wears on, though Slottje believes the cost of permitting drilling in Alfred would be more severe. "If you let this industry into the town, it's gonna cost you a heck of a lot more than \$150,000. It's a no brainer," Slottje said. Another major concern is the compulsory integration

clause, which allows a gas company to force property owners to comply with their drilling. "If gas companies can get 60 percent of land they want, the remaining 40 percent has to let them drill on their property. You do not have a right to tell them no," Slottje said. Although surface rights protect the top of property owners' land, gas companies would have the right to drill underneath.

An outright ban may not be a permanent solution; it may not keep drilling companies out of Alfred. However, the passing of the moratorium will allow Alfred citizens the time to educate themselves on how to ensure the long-term quality of life this town has long provided its residents.



MACHINE USED FOR HYDROFRACKING



News

The Journey of a Writer: Susan Bartoletti



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LYDIA DeMARTINO

Accredited children’s author Susan Bartoletti came to Alfred University on Monday, September 19, 2011 to speak at the Women’s Leadership Center about her life-long journey toward becoming a writer. As a former 8th grade teacher, Bartoletti saw great potential in her young students, and admired their passion for learning. Her students constantly reminded her of her own youthful years, and how she was filled with the spirit of activism. She referred to her younger self as “an activist in progress;” and recalled writing letters to President Nixon urging to send our troops home as an example of her wanting to be involved in politics. Through her writing, Bartoletti urges children and young adults to get involved and be unafraid of risks. She lent a quote from T.S. Elliot’s The

Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock to her audience --“Do I dare disturb the universe?” “Yes, disturb the universe because courage dares to disturb,” Bartoletti replied. Bartoletti believes the potential in young adults is undeniable, and that belief is exactly what caused her to research further the role played by youths in major historical events. Bartoletti’s nonfiction novels dare to provide a voice for the untold stories of our history. “In order to write the truth you have to research to the edges,” said Bartoletti. And that is exactly what she does. Her two books, “Kids on Strike,” and “Growing Up in Coal Country,” divulge into the lives of young boys and girls that fell victim to child labor during the early 1900’s. Her point is not to exploit their struggle, but rather to make light of what

really happened. In her novel, “Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler’s Shadow,” Bartoletti traveled to Germany in hopes of finding stories that were never told. Through intensive research, Bartoletti almost always has found something astonishing. For her most recent novel, “They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group,” Bartoletti did not have to search very far to find what she was looking for, as KKK groups still exist today. In closing, Bartoletti again reminded the audience to speak up. “Dare to disturb and have a voice,” she said. Susan Bartoletti’s journey as a writer is ongoing. Her books do not belong to her, but rather to the stories themselves.

PayPal Blacklists Anti-LGBT Christian Sites

MAIMOONA RAHIM

PayPal disabled its options on three Christian websites that allegedly use the money to promote an anti-LGBT agenda and LGBT hate, Tuesday, Sept. 20. The week before, PayPal launched a formal investigation of several Christian websites after a hate campaign targeting the websites was started by supporters of AllOut, a prominent Pro-Gay rights organization that fights for equality around the planet. Websites under investigation are all supporters of the biblical opposition to homosexuality, Leviticus 20:13. The verse in question states that “If a man lies with a man as one lies with a women, both of them have done what is detestable.” The verse furthers states that the men be “put to death” and that “their blood will be on their own heads.” The barbaric views of killing a human for simply expressing who they are, that is detestable. The creators of the website deny that violence or hate is being promoted against the gay community. “We Christians love homosexuals, but we disagree with their immoral life-

styles,” said one of the site-operators. AllOut stated about the websites: “These anti-LGBT extremists... are currently using PayPal to fundraise for their dangerous cause.” Along with launching a campaign against the websites, AllOut also created a petition, which almost 40,000 people signed requesting that PayPal take action against these unjust websites. After a week of heavy investigation, PayPal reported that , the three websites Paypal options were deactivated: “[PayPal] take[s] very seriously any cases where a user has incited hatred, violence or intolerance because of a person’s sexual orientation.” Andre Banks, the co-founder of AllOut stated, “If PayPal hears us and terminates these accounts, we will cut funds from some of the most dangerous extremist groups and have a real impact against homophobia worldwide. This isn’t about free speech or freedom of religion, it’s about hate speech—which PayPal’s own ethics policy expressly forbids.”

Troy Davis: A shocking injustice (continued from pg. 1)

KIM RAU

NAACP both advocated on behalf of Davis as well. On Sept. 21, the scheduled date for Troy Davis’s execution, journalists and Davis supporters waited outside the Georgia Diagnostic Prison. From 7 p.m. to just after 11 p.m. the website Storify, which creates stories using social media, tracked the Twitter updates of reporters gathered outside the facility. At 7:05 pm, just five minutes after his scheduled death, Davis was given a brief reprieve as the Supreme Court reviewed the decision. Ultimately his stay was denied and at 11:12, Kim Severson of the New York Times provided the haunting update: “Troy Davis dead at 11:08.” “Our hearts are heavy, but we have not lost our spirit of defiance. Millions of people around the world now know of Troy Davis and see the fallibility of the U.S. justice system,” Cox said. One positive outcome of the Troy Davis case is the national awareness it has provoked. More than 630,000 petitions were delivered to the Georgia board to stay the execution. With the impending presidential elections, bringing the injustice of the death penalty to the forefront of American minds is crucial. Might we finally be able to abolish the practice of capital punishment from our legal system? Amnesty International and

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Sports

October is Miller Time



GRIFFIN TAYLOR

The Memphis Grizzlies and the Milwaukee Brewers. Both reside in a small market, both have a franchise face which bears more resemblance to teddy bear than superstar athlete, and prior to 2011, both brought about as much excitement to the game as Eeyore to an episode of Winnie The Pooh. It all began to change this past April. Sure, there were rumblings about the San Antonio Spurs getting old, but no one had the nerve to be the home wrecker who destroyed the decade-strong springtime marriage of Tim Duncan’s face and ABC. Then the Grizzlies ducked into the playoffs as the eighth-seed, an afterthought, and did not beat the Spurs; they knocked the top-seed out cold. How did they do it? The Grizz do not have the revenue to spend with the Joneses. The city of Memphis cannot lure big-name free agents because, well, Elvis died forty years ago. And so GM Chris Hammond put his thinking cap on, and he remembered the one basic, universal rule about basketball – you need height to play this game. In 2007, he swapped the older, skilled Gasol for the

younger, Goliath-sized Gasol. And everyone laughed. In 2009, he acquired Zach Randolph – the only player in the NBA to average 20+ points and 10+ rebounds four of the past five seasons – for the high price of Quentin Richardson, a guy unable to hit the side of a barn with a jump-shot since 2005. And everyone laughed again, because Randolph was also the only player in the NBA with a rap sheet the size of a Tolstoy novel. When the rest of the league was overpaying for guards, Hammond underpaid for size. And come April, Randolph, Gasol and the Grizz were bigger and badder than the team with the league’s best record, and everyone else for that matter. Which brings us to Brewers GM Doug Melvin. A few years ago, when word of Billy Beane and his aging sluggers with good plate-discipline was exhausted around the league, GM’s searched for the next sabermetric lightning-in-a-bottle. Thanks to a new wave of advanced fielding metrics, defensive specialists became the new craze. The new trend saw the 2008 Rays go from baseball’s version of the L.A. Clippers to the World Series overnight. It saw the 2009 Mariners jump from American League West cellar to above .500 behind guys who prevented runs rather than score them. But the same stock that is

undervalued at \$20 becomes overvalued at \$30. And so when the rest of the league got defensive on the expensive, Melvin got offensive on the cheap, revisiting one basic, universal fact about baseball – chicks dig the long ball. Next, Melvin brought in Zack Greinke, an ace just two seasons removed from a Cy Young award. Greinke’s value to the Brewers exceeds that of your ‘average’ ace; he leads all starting pitchers with a K:9IP of 12.74, which means he keeps the ball in the catcher’s mitt and away from the Brewers crutch -- a defense which would (keeping with the baseball/basketball cross-references) make Mike D’Antoni’s look good. Having already butchered his farm system to attain Greinke, Melvin decided to wipe it out altogether, shipping prized prospect Brett Lawrie to Toronto in exchange for “ace on a bad team aka no. 2 starter on a contender” Shawn Marcum. The move pushed Milwaukee’s pro tem ace of 2010, Yovanni Gallardo, into a formidable no. 3 starter role. With Prince Fielder likely to command a free agent purse unfit for the state of Wisconsin this winter, and Greinke likely to follow suit after next season, Melvin has gone all-in for 2011, the only opportunity he may have to field a true contender. In doing so, Melvin did what equates to fingers on a chalkboard for small-market GM’s – he mortgaged the future



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in the form of his farm system. But a loaded farm system does not a future contender make. Just ask Kansas City Royals fans. The same smirk a prediction of a Grizzlies upset over the Spurs would have drawn back in March, I suspect my intuition of the Brewers taking the National League pennant from the Phillies will draw here in September. The Phillies have a machine to start Game 1, Mr. October (sorry Reggie, before my time) for Game 2, and a guy three seasons removed from World Series MVP to start Game 3; the perfect recipe for a sweep in a best-of-five series. Yes, advantage Phillies on the pitching side, but the disparity isn’t to the point that it cannot be compensated for by the Brewers bats. Ryan Braun and Fielder are the 3-4 punch that Chase Utley and Ryan Howard once were. In 2011, Braun and Fielder have produced respective lines of .329/.382/.587 with 32 HR

and 109 RBI and .292/.407/.547 with 35 HR and 114 RBI. In 2008, the year the Phillies won it all, Utley and Howard put up respective clips of .292/.380/.535 with 33 HR and 104 RBI and .251/.339/.543 with 48 HR and 146 RBI. Assuming the Braves retain their shaky grasp on the NL Wild Card, there will be no Albert Pujols come October, which means all eyes and dollar signs will be on Fielder, the other prized First Baseman and free-agent-to-be. Statisticians may claim such bylines do not sway production; I say Carlos Beltran circa 2004. Can an equally convincing case be made for the Phillies, Yankees and Red Sox this October? Sure, but that would be boring; it starts and ends with the fact that Goliath has more money to spend than David, and can assemble his roster accordingly. But if it is indeed the Brewers who do it, I will be sure to let you know who told you so.

Can The Yankees Make it 28?

ALEX HOFFMAN

It’s almost October, which means it’s almost time for another epic baseball postseason. The New York Yankees punched their ticket to the playoffs this past week, clinching yet another AL East title, overlooked in the midst of the Boston Red Sox current meltdown. But do they Yanks have what it takes to reach the World Series? The Yanks do have Curtis Granderson who, with a .270/41/119 line is considered by some to be the front-runner for American League MVP. The team is still paced by Robinson Cano (.305/27/116), a dark horse MVP candidate in his own right, and Mark Teixeira (.245/37/104). However, it has been an off year for Alex Rodriguez



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(.291/16/61), hampered by injuries which have limited A-Rod to 95 games. Then there is Derek Jeter, who has been on the decline the past few seasons. Jeter did join the 3,000 hit club this year, but the chase was a major distraction, and although he has maintained a .297 batting average, Jeter only has 5 HR and 57 RBIs this season.

As the San Francisco Giants proved in 2010, the name of the game is pitching come October, which could spell trouble for the Yankees. The Bombers have a Bona fide ace in CC Sabathia, who has gone 19-8 with 230 strikeouts and a 3.00 ERA. Sabathia led the Yanks to the 2009 World Series championship,

and if the Yanks hope to recapture the magic of ‘09, Sabathia will have to pitch on three days rest on more than one occasion come October. Unfortunately for the Yanks, Sabathia cannot start every game. The rest of the rotation is still up in the air, with youngster Ivan Nova emerging as the front runner to start a Game 2 based on Nova’s 16-4 regular season record. Another option would be Bartolo Colon, whom the Yanks picked up in spring training to be a relief pitcher but became a member of the rotation, and sported an 8-10 record with 132 strikeouts and a 4.02 ERA on the season. What about Freddy Garcia? Garcia has gone 11-8 record with 93 strikeouts and a 3.77 ERA in 2011. Finally, the Yankees must figure out what to do with the dilemma that is A.J. Burnett. After signing a lucrative 5 year,

\$82 million dollar deal with the Yankees in 2009, Burnett nicely complimented Sabathia en route to the World Series in his first season in pinstripes. The past two seasons have been a disaster for Burnett. In 2011, Burnett has posted a 10-11 record with an ugly 5.28 ERA. Burnett has the stuff to stifle opponents in October, but when it goes bad for Burnett, it goes really bad. Do the Yanks really want to take a chance on Burnett in the must-win setting that is October? With all the question marks surrounding the rotation, it sounds like a stretch to say the Yankees will represent the American League in the World Series. However, the Yankees did have the best record in the American League this year, and are no strangers to winning in October.

Ya Gotta Bill-ieve (cont.)

GRIFFIN TAYLOR

six players caught more touchdowns than Johnson in 2010. And perhaps none can touch his swagger (after catching the go-ahead TD in Cincinnati last season, Johnson revealed to a silenced crowd the hand-written message on his undershirt: ‘Why So Serious?’) Neither of the above journeys compares with that of running back Fred Jackson. Roughly ten percent of Division I football players see a snap in the NFL. Take the above number, divide it by infinity, and those are your odds of making it out of a Division III school like Coe College, Jackson’s Alma mater. And yet there stands Jackson, starting running back on a team tied for first place in the AFC East, consecutive 1,000 yard rushing seasons and counting. The city of Buffalo boasts a night life that resembles a nursing home about as much as it does the bright lights of Broadway. It boasts weather to depress a four year-old on his way to Toy’s R Us. It also boasts the most loyal fans on the planet. It is up to the Bills to

change the rest. Much as the Detroit Lions’ resurgence can be so vital to a city in which 21.7% of the residents currently reside below the poverty line, so too can the Bills rescue a city which was, in the words of Grantland’s Peter Richmond, “Once known for its mighty port, its Frank Lloyd Wrights and its Frederick Law Olmsted landscaping, and now best known for a bar snack featuring the part of the chicken that you used to throw away.” But the beautiful thing about it is even if the Bills don’t win more games than they lose in 2011, no one around here will stop smiling at you (even if they have never seen you before) and no one here will remove his Bills cap. Buried in fourth place in the National League East, I nonetheless fetched my Mets cap from the back of my closet this morning. Perhaps the colors match my shirt, but I would like to think something else is at play; that the Bill-ievers have shown me that I too can be proud of my team. With spirits sky-high in Buffalo, it may be as ripe a time as ever to open a psychic stand. Just don’t be a jerk about it.

Saxons start Empire 8 on right foot



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Going into Saturday afternoon’s contest vs. Springfield, talk was of the Pride’s formidable rushing attack. Saxons running back Austin Dwyer (Hornell, NY/Hornell) never got the memo. Dwyer was the dominant rushing force throughout the afternoon, amassing 137 yards on 26 carries en route to a 30-22 victory in the Saxons conference opener. Springfield jumped out to a 7-0 lead early, but Alfred soon regained momentum when Junior wide receiver Andre

McCloud (Bath/Bath,NY) blocked a punt to set the Saxons offense up at the Pride 20 yard-line. The Saxons capitalized with 8:39 in the second period, when Senior quarterback Tom Secky (Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove) hit sophomore wide receiver Justin Oliver (Rocky Point/Rocky Point, NY) for a six yard score to put the Saxons ahead 14-7. Springfield evened it up at 14-14 late in the first half, before Alfred went ahead for good on a back-breaking 10 play, 61 yard drive capped by

a one yard touchdown run by the team’s goal line specialist, Senior linebacker Nick Clark, with 10:03 remaining in the third quarter. Clark scored again, this time from three yards out, with 4:28 left in the third to put the game out of reach. Clark was a force on both sides of the ball Saturday, also piling up 19 tackles (11 solo, one for loss). The Saxons travel to Rochester on Oct. 1, for a key conference showdown with rival St. John Fisher.

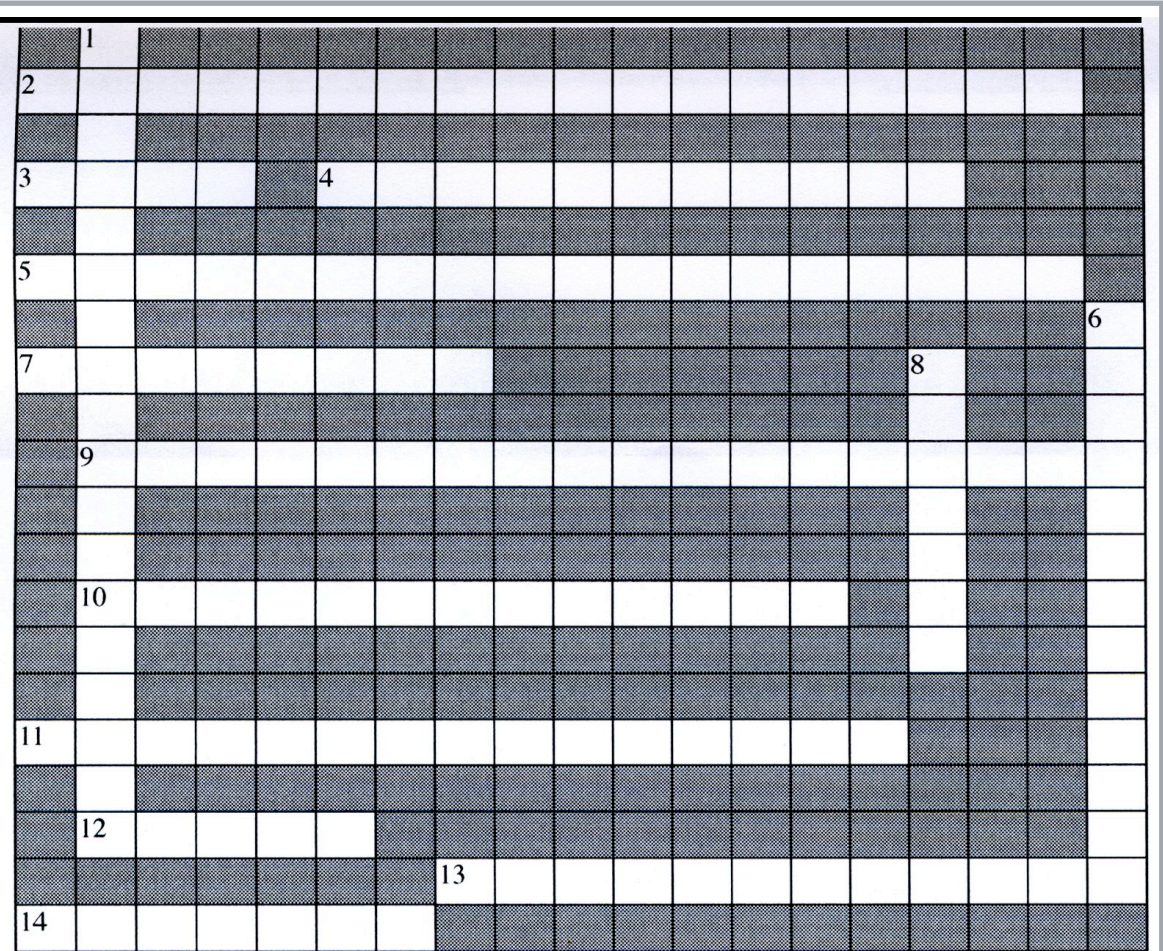


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