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LOCAL

The Alfred Montessori School was recognized in the Oct. 7 issue of *Women's Day* magazine in their list of three ways to make money for schools. The article referred to the walk-a-thon by the pre-kindergarten aged children which raised \$1,200. •Pre-registration for the spring semester begins Friday.

NATIONAL

Louise Woodward, the nanny from England found guilty of killing the infant in her care, was sentenced to life in prison last Friday. •Calm returned to Wall Street last Friday when the stock market finished on a positive note after a week of anxiety over the Southeast Asian market crisis.

WORLD

Chinese President Jiang Zemin returned to Beijing Monday after spending nine days in the U.S. His visit was marred by human rights demonstrations at several of his appearances. •Princess Diana's family announced last week they will open her burial site and childhood home to the public next summer.

PERSONALITIES

When Amy Gallagher made her first visit to AU campus she was warned by a student not to go in Harder Hall, because she would never come out. Maybe someone should have told her that before she set foot on campus.



AMY GALLAGHER

Gallagher is a senior with a dual major in fine arts and theatre. This is her eighth year at AU. She has taken only one semester off from classes due to academic reasons.

Gallagher said it has taken this long to earn her degree due to various changes in majors, including switching from the School of Art and Design to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"People always ask me why I don't transfer. If I didn't like it here, I would have a long time ago," Gallagher said.

She said her favorite thing about Alfred is the Steinheim. She used to spend about 13 hours a week there when it was the WALF studio.

The Steinheim is not the only thing that has changed in the time Gallagher has been here. "I've always known construction on Academic Alley," she said. She stayed in the Saxon Inn the day it opened in 1990 and has watched four other buildings progress from start to finish.

Gallagher plans to go to graduate school next year to pursue an MFA in scenic design and is considering a teaching career, since she enjoys life in academia.

"It is never too late to change your major, it just gets more expensive," she said.

Students express safety concerns

BY MICHELLE PANCOE AND STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Recent attacks on two SUNY campuses have brought safety concerns to the minds of AU students.

Approximately two weeks ago a woman at SUNY Brockport was abducted and raped by two suspects armed with a gun and a knife. Since then a woman at SUNY Buffalo was also raped,

sodomized and robbed.

As a result of these incidents, Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, sent a memo to all faculty, staff and students urging them to use caution when walking on campus.

Lauren Borchard, a senior Track II major, said she was not concerned about safety until she received the memo. She said she

sometimes walks alone after dark. "I try not to let my imagination run away with me."

"I don't walk alone," said Jessica Wiltse, a sophomore political science major. She said she usually walks with friends instead of using the escort service.

"We really encourage use of the escort service," said Pat Schwartz, director of Security and Safety. Schwartz explained that the escort

service starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 3 a.m. on weeknights and 6 a.m. on weekends. Students can call Security to arrange an escort to anyplace within walking distance, including off-campus sites such as the ASC campus and Greek houses.

Schwartz said students should not feel embarrassed to use the

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AU is not immune

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER AND MICHELLE PANCOE

Though many AU students said they were shocked by the recent discovery of an outbreak of the AIDS virus in Chautauqua County, most seem to realize Alfred is not immune.

Early last week, a 21-year-old man diagnosed with HIV was accused of infecting at least 10 young women in Chautauqua County.

"Just because you don't know about it doesn't mean it's not there," said Jesse Harper, a freshman ceramic engineer. Harper said he thinks AU students practice safe sex for the most part, but that AIDS could still become a problem on our campus.

Katie Isaac, a sophomore business administration major, said she is not aware of an HIV problem in Alfred, but there could easily be one with so many young people in one place. She also said she

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PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Members of Habitat for Humanity march in the Homecoming parade on Saturday, Oct. 25. Habitat for Humanity won the contest for the most original float, Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Zeta won for the most thematic float, and Alpha Kappa Omicron won for the greatest number of participants. Approximately 15 organizations participated in the parade. Other Homecoming events included a barbecue, bonfire and band, the Cultural Cafe drive-in showing of *Grease* and the Ed Collivan Show.

Freshmen doing ok

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The deans of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Business and the School of Ceramic Engineering and Material Sciences, said they are not concerned about the freshmen's midsemester grades.

The deans of the College of Engineering and Professional Studies and the School of Art and Design could not be reached for comment.

"Thankfully we're not seeing an inordinate amount of people in academic difficulty," said Joe Gow, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"They're doing very well," agreed David Szczerbacki, dean of the College of Business, of the freshmen business students.

James Reed, dean of the School of Ceramic Engineering and Material Sciences, attributed the success of the freshmen ceramic engineers to their enthusiasm and camaraderie. "They're excellent—better than in recent years," he said.

Actual numbers and statistics are difficult to compare since each college and school looks at differ-

ent information. Gow said 60 of the 223 freshmen in the LAS college have a GPA below 2.0 at midsemester. Also 10 LAS freshmen have GPAs below 1.0.

"Those people... do not go to their classes," Gow said. "And there's no good reason why they don't go to their classes." He said many freshmen have trouble handling the freedom and responsibility of college life.

Gow said the number of students not doing well at midsemester appears to have remained stable and the number of students "doing ok" is increasing. Last year, 18 percent of the freshmen had a grade below a C in one class. This year, that number has dropped to 4 percent, he said.

Szczerbacki said the majority of the 36 business freshmen are attending class and doing the work. "If they don't, they hear from us," he said. Szczerbacki said early intervention is important to helping students and one-on-one contact by professors is an advantage of AU. "A letter at midsemester is too late," he said.

Szczerbacki said the introducto-

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PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

Senior Zach Hampton poses for the camera at Glam Slam last Saturday night. Approximately 250 people attended the semi-annual event, which was sponsored by Spectrum.



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HIV legislation is necessary

The 21-year-old man who knowingly infected at least 10 young women in Jamestown with the AIDS virus can be charged with reckless endangerment and first-degree assault. But that's all he can be charged with... for now. If any of those people die, he could be charged with murder or manslaughter.

But by the time one of these teenagers dies of AIDS, it could be difficult to prove she had gotten it from him. And the most valuable witness will not be able to testify.

What we need is a law on the books making it illegal to knowingly or intentionally infect someone with a deadly disease. A person cannot walk out on the street and shoot someone, or go to a party and poison them; why is it okay to kill someone slowly?

But right now there is no law which applies to the situation. Nushawn Williams permanently altered the course of these young women's lives. And he knew what he was doing. He had already been tested for HIV and received a positive result. Yet he felt no need to inform his sex partners of that result. And they will have to live with the consequences.

Reckless endangerment is defined as conduct that creates a substantial risk of death. The sentence can be up to seven years. What is seven years in jail compared to the pain Williams has inflicted on these young women and their families? That does not even take into account the other 50-75 women he may have infected, or the partners they have had since becoming infected.

Williams singlehandedly created chaos in Chautauqua County, but what he did is not illegal according to the letter of the law. We need to create a law to punish him for his crimes.

Many activities for Halloween

Hidden behind the masks of ghouls and ghosts or tripping lightly about in fairy dresses on slippered feet, Alfredians trekked through the streets and around campus on Halloween in search of friends, fun and candy. College students may be too old to trick-or-treat, but as this weekend's events proved, they are certainly not too old to celebrate Halloween with enthusiasm and creativity.

In the past few years, Halloween has seemed an underappreciated holiday on campus. People dressed up and had parties, and of course kids took the rare opportunity to hoard loads of sugary treats. But nobody seemed to be taking advantage of the potential of the frightening holiday.

We were pleasantly surprised to see the variety of events planned for Halloween this year. Student organizations arranged a number of activities for students and community members.

Student Activities held the traditional pumpkin carving contest Thursday in the campus center. On Halloween, there was a hayride and the Art Union sponsored the first Halloween parade on campus in at least several years. The parade was a great outlet for creativity and gave students and organizations a chance to participate in an event which included neighborhood children. Between WALF's Skalloween and UMOJA's Halloween Jam, students had a few options for dancing and showing off costumes Halloween night.

When we go to college we are forced to grow up. We need to stop being kids and teenagers, and turn into responsible adults. Halloween is one of the few legitimate excuses for acting like a kid again.

COLUMN

Columnist enjoys perfect day



BY CARA STEIN

As Ferris Bueller once said, life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you'll miss it.

This is my senior year, and Ferris was certainly right. In less than a semester and a half, I will graduate and be forced to join the world of jobs, bills and rent.

So last week I took a day to stop and look around. It was one of those rare perfect days in Alfred, and I had no classes until mid-afternoon, so I set off to take some pictures of the countryside. The sun was shining, the air was warm, and I was armed with five rolls of film. The pictures were for my senior project; the day was just for me.

I set out toward Buffalo, and it wasn't long before I came upon a farm. One field still had corn in it; the other had only a few bales of freshly harvested hay. And across the street was a small cow pasture.

The cows drew my attention, especially since my project involves rural life and the "old ways" in general. I ventured over to the rusty barbed wire fence and got a few shots of the cows hanging out in the sun. I expected the cows to take no interest in me whatsoever, but to my surprise, they all looked at me and posed for the

camera. Then they started wandering over to see what I was. I had no idea that cows could smile or that they were hams, but these cows apparently wanted to be famous. Or else they were just bored.

My next stop was Belmont's waterfall. After a bit of exploration, I discovered that the area by the water is a park, and people can go down to the water's edge. The water was only a few inches deep, but the banks were high and the trees still had fall leaves on them and the sun glinted off the water.

An old man was already there when I arrived, standing on a dry patch in the middle of the river and fishing, despite the "No Fishing" signs.

After a few more corn fields and fall leaves, I saw another interesting-looking barn off on some little country road. My meandering down Route 244 looking at the sights had already annoyed quite a few people who had the misfortune to be behind me, so I decided to turn off and check it out.

Some highway workers were taking a lunch break, and I passed them on the way to the barn. They thought I was doing some sort of agricultural study, found me quite amusing, and joked to their boss about taking the rest of the afternoon off to take pictures.

On my way back from the barn, I stopped and talked to them a little longer. We reflected on why

Pennsylvania barns are built with ledges that stick out. (I have no idea why, but one guy hypothesized that it was so that people could stay out of the rain while hitching up their wagons.)

Just as I was about to leave, a plane flew over. I had seen this plane before—it was from World War II, and it normally resided in a field somewhere near Belmont. I could see that it was going to pass right overhead just down the road, so I took off running in hopes of getting close enough to get a good picture of it. The highway workers were howling with laughter. "I never saw anyone chase a plane on foot before," one of them said. I had to admit it was pretty funny.

Then, on the way to Angelica, I discovered some really amazing fall leaves as I was crossing a bridge. I stopped for the leaves, but once I got out of the car, I noticed the river. It was way down in a canyon and had steep, tree-covered banks on either side. After I convinced myself I would be able to climb back up if I climbed down to the level of the water, I ventured down.

It was well worth the climb. The sun through the trees on the water combined with the solitude to make an intoxicating mix.

As I made my way back up, the sun shone at just the right angle to reveal a spider web in perfect intricate detail. I captured that on film too, preserving the memory of this perfect day. □

COLUMN

Be responsible—even if AU is safe



BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

I am amazed at the number of people who walk or go running alone at night. "The escorts take too long. Besides, what could possibly happen?" they ask.

Plenty. Cities don't have a monopoly on rapists or attackers. Is it really worth risking your life to avoid a possible 15 minute wait? It isn't difficult to find someone to walk with, and security is always glad to provide an escort.

AU may be a small school in a rural community, but we are not living in a utopia. Rape, assault and sexually transmitted diseases are a reality here, even if they are not obvious.

Recent rapes of two SUNY students have many college students apprehensive about their safety,

especially when it is completely dark by 6 p.m.

But many people claim there is no need to be overly concerned, since we are not in a city.

I disagree. Alfred is an extremely safe community. That doesn't mean, however, that we can behave as though we're at summer camp.

This lack of concern for safety is frightening, but what disturbs me even more is the number of people who still engage in other high-risk behaviors, even after being warned about them time and time again.

We all know of young women who will allow a man they just met at a party to walk them home. It would be nice to believe that everybody we meet at a party is interested in getting to know us better as a person, and that common sense and good judgment are still in control despite the effects of a few beers. Unfortunately, that is

far from the truth.

I hear so many stories of promiscuity, of people going home with one person Friday night and another person Saturday night. They don't even know each others' last names. How many of these people are likely to be practicing safe sex?

Alfred is not an oasis in the desert of sexually transmitted disease and unwanted pregnancy any more than it is immune to rape and assault. There's even more at stake than hurt feelings and ruined reputations.

We've all heard this before, but I don't think it can be hammered into people's heads too many times.

To paraphrase my tenth-grade health teacher, we live in dangerous times. AIDS, rape and unwanted pregnancies are a reality, even in the smallest of towns.

We are adults. We have to take responsibility for our actions and protect ourselves. □



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Block meal plans would be a better option



BY MICHELLE PANCOE

You can't eat dinner tomorrow night because you ate lunch three days ago. Does this sound familiar?

Student meal plans are currently figured by the week, but that system may change. A new proposal would allow students to budget their own meals, rather than having that done for them.

Students would decide on their meal plan based on how many meals they wanted per semester,

rather than per week. This plan would allow students a lot more freedom.

I always hear people complaining about their meal plans, so maybe this option would help. It's sort of like Murphy's Law. One week, you might have four meals left over, but the next week, without fail, you will run out.

Block meal plans would be especially helpful for students who go out of town occasionally or who have some weeks that are easier than others.

The flexibility of the plan would make it easier for students to cook when they felt like it and go to the

dining hall when it was convenient, rather than when they had meals left. It would give students more control over their meals and meal plans less control over students.

With the plan, though, would come more responsibility for students. It is one thing to get to the end of the week and realize you're two meals short. If it was mid-April and you discovered you were out of meals, life could be more difficult. Students would need to keep track of the meals they were eating and budget them. But it would be worth it for the added flexibility. □

Forests have more than monetary value

BY PATRICK BOYLE

James Booker, assistant professor of economics and environmental studies, suggested that we must look beyond cold hard numbers to truly estimate the value of forests, in a Bergren Forum on Oct. 30.

Booker's speech focused on the controversy over the logging of the 100-year-old second growth trees of Allegany State Park, located outside Salamanca. Booker gave the results of a study he had performed with the help of Russ Patterson, a junior public administrations and environmental studies major.

The study attempted to determine whether the value of logging within the park outweighed the benefit of preserving the landscape. Booker said he was surprised to discover that the value of the trees as lumber was virtually equal to their value as a part of the park.

"I was convinced that a benefit cost analysis would in fact show that the benefits of preservation were much greater than the cost of preservation," said Booker. When his calculations revealed a

negligible difference, Booker revised his definition of the costs of logging. By including other hard-to-quantify advantages of preserving the forest, Booker was able to perform an analysis of the situation that showed clear benefits to preservation.

Booker began his study by performing a benefit cost analysis, "the standard paradigm of economics." He used the travel cost incurred by visitors to the park as a "use value," a dollar value showing the worth of a resource that is not sold but used in its current state.

The use value of Allegany State park was found to be between 10 and 20 dollars per visitor per day. When the value of logging was found to be comparable Booker concluded that a conventional benefit cost analysis did not provide sufficient guidance for policy purposes.

When he reexamined the results of his study, Booker found he had not included all the relevant pieces of the puzzle in his initial comparison of benefits and costs. Booker said he then decided to include so-called "nonuse val-

ues" in his analysis. Nonuse values are benefits derived from not actively using the resource.

The first of these nonuse values is the option value, the value of having a forest available for people to visit in the future. The second is existence value, the value that people derive simply from the existence of a unique forest like the one in Allegany State Park, said Booker. The third is instrumental value, the value that the forest might have in the future development, such as in medicines.

Booker said there is a great deal of controversy among economists regarding whether it is a legitimate practice to quantify nonuse values at all, let alone use them in studies. According to Booker, this debate gained importance among economists as a result of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989.

In his conclusion, Booker stated that the purpose of a park is recreation and visitor enjoyment. He said he believes that only benefits and costs that fit within that purpose should be considered when deciding whether or not to log in a protected area. □



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

James Booker, assistant professor of economics and environmental studies, explained that forests are more valuable than numbers indicate last Thursday during the Bergren Forum.

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escort service—security officers are happy to do it.

About 15 students call for an escort each night, seven nights a week, Schwartz said. She said this is a significant improvement over three to four students a night a few years ago.

Some students said they do not mind walking alone. Andre Marchand, a freshman art major, said he is from a big city and feels safe because "there's no one out here."

"It's pretty damn safe here," he added.

Wiltse said she feels safe walking along Academic Alley and other well-lit places. She said she would like to see better lighting along the upper path between the campus center and Tefft Hall.

Borchard agreed that most walkways have sufficient lighting. She suggested, however, that the administration look into brighter lighting on the walkway between the campus center and Herrick Library.

Schwartz said she feels safe but, "some people are too confident."

"You don't want to scare people, but you don't want them to be so comfortable that they think nothing will ever happen to them," Schwartz said. □

...Freshmen

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ry class mandatory for all business freshmen and transfers has been reorganized to be more beneficial to students. He said it now focuses on self-assessment, personal and professional planning, leadership development and goal setting.

"It lays an important foundation," he said.

Reed said six of the 68 ceramic engineering freshmen have a 1.6 GPA or lower at midsemester. "They're now aware they have to work harder," he said.

Reed also pointed to an introductory class as helpful to the new

students. He said the freshmen lab has been redesigned to include new experiments and rotating professors. "If you can get the freshmen motivated and doing well, you will see benefits for several semesters," Reed said.

Szczerbacki said the move to group tutoring in addition to individual tutoring for introductory classes is beneficial because it provides peer-to-peer interaction. "That's academics at its best... a learning community," he said.

Szczerbacki also said he felt intervention in the residence halls is benefiting freshmen this year.

Sara Hammond, the resident director for Cannon Hall, agreed. "[Freshman have] been really

receptive to any help I've tried to give them," she said.

The students in trouble are having difficulty getting adjusted and managing their time and their social activities, Hammond said. But she said most appear to be attending class. "Overall, they're doing pretty well."

Gow said he does see some problems with attendance. "Not taking responsibility for getting to class every day is the number one problem," he said.

Gow said he would like to see a University-wide attendance policy to universalize expectations, but he would want participation to be left to the discretion of the professors. □

...AIDS

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thought most students had been educated about HIV, though some are still ignorant.

Kathleen Loughran, a sophomore art major, agreed there could be and probably is a problem in Alfred. "I bet not all of them [practice safe sex]," she said of AU students.

According to the Oct. 29 *Buffalo News*, health officials have said Nushawn Williams traveled between New York City and the Southern Tier and may have had sexual contact in other counties.

Williams, who has been in jail in New York City for over a month on robbery and controlled substances charges, recently offered officials the names of 50-75 sex partners he may have infected with HIV.

Williams can be charged with reckless endangerment and first-degree assault for each person he allegedly infected. The state does not have a law that applies specifically to intentionally infecting someone with the AIDS virus.

The Chautauqua County health commissioner told the *Buffalo News* as many as 70 additional people in the county may have been exposed to the virus through sexual contact with one of Williams' sex partners. □

Ways to Get HIV	Sharing Needles	Sex	From Mother to Baby	Blood-to-Blood Contact
How it Happens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIV-infected blood remains in a needle or syringe after the instrument is used to inject drugs, vitamins or steroids, or for tattoos or piercing.• The next time the equipment is used, the infected blood is injected into the person's bloodstream.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During vaginal, anal or oral sex, HIV in semen, blood or vaginal fluids passes through the thin mucous membranes of the penis, vagina, rectum or mouth, or through tiny cuts or open sores on these organs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIV-contaminated blood may pass from mother to fetus in the womb or to baby at birth.• HIV may pass to a baby in it's mother's breast milk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blood with HIV in it comes into contact with blood or mucous membranes of another person.• This could happen from a blood transfusion or organ transplant, but rarely does.
What to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't inject drugs.• Don't share needles or works.• If you do share needles, be sure to clean them before and after each use. The works should be cleaned with water at least three times, then cleaned with bleach three times, then cleaned three more times with water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't have sex. Abstinence is the best way to prevent sexual transmission of HIV.• Be monogamous.• Practice safer sex. Don't allow a sex partner's semen, blood or vaginal secretions to enter your body.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider taking the HIV test if you are pregnant or thinking of getting pregnant. This is especially important if you or a sex partner might be at risk.• Medicine is available for pregnant women to reduce the risk to the fetus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid contact with someone else's blood.• Donated blood and organs which are used for transplant and semen at sperm banks are all tested for HIV.• You may be able to donate your own blood ahead of time for planned surgeries.

Information from a brochure by Nora Krantzler, PhD, MPH.

Alfred area offers plenty of entertainment

BY JEN BUTTARO

Are you bored?

With the cold weather upon us, more and more Alfred students are complaining that there is nothing to do. So for all of you that are so bored that you almost did some homework, check out this list of interesting places to visit and have some fun.

Pollywogg Holler, off Route 244, is a great place to visit with a camera. You can wander the trails and admire all of the artwork that is randomly scattered about. Afterwards, get warmed up in the wood-heated sauna or try some of their stone oven-baked pizza.

Phillips Creek State Park, also located on Route 244, is another nice spot for outdoor fun. This scenic area is open for hiking and mountain biking, as well as cross-country skiing in the winter.

For those of you interested in downhill skiing, there are several great ski resorts in the area. The closest is Swain Ski Center, although it is not a very large resort. If you don't mind the drive, Holiday Valley in Ellicottville (about 90 minutes west of Alfred) is huge. It has 52 slopes ranging from beginner to double black diamond, which makes it the largest ski resort in New York state. Also the resort's restaurant, The Hearth, makes really good hot chocolate.

If you are looking for something a little closer to home, there is no better place to go hiking or mountain biking than on the Pine Hill Trails, located right behind the University. There are entrances at both ends of campus, and the trails offer a variety of different paths with excellent views of the surrounding countryside.

For those of you who would rather spend time indoors, the Maple Tree Inn in Birdsall is a great place to go for breakfast. Maple syrup is made right on the premises

and an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is available. The Inn is open from February until April.

Coffee & Company on Main Street in Hornell is also a fun place to visit. The coffee house has Internet terminals and regularly brings in musicians, poets and other small acts.

In Corning, the Corning Glass Center is definitely worth the hour drive. You can tour the glass museum and watch glass being blown.

If you are interested in historic sights, the area is full of them.

The Genesee Country Museum in Mumfords is a really nice place to spend a day. The museum is a 19th century village made up of restored houses that have been moved to the location. Among the attractions are a one-room schoolhouse and some beautiful 19th century homes. The Genesee Country Museum also has gift shops full of things you wouldn't find anywhere else.

Angelica, off Route 17, is a historic community. There are many interesting antique buildings located along the town square.

On campus, a little known historic spot is the Gothic Church. It was built originally as a private home back in 1851. Later, AU bought it and converted it into a theology school. At that time it was located where Herrick Library is now situated. When the University was going to tear down the Gothic in order to build Herrick, a local citizen paid to have the Gothic moved to its present location, just across the street from the Commons. It now serves as a chapel.

Hopefully there is something here for everyone to enjoy, but if you are still feeling bored, the best thing to do is just go out and explore the area for yourself. You are bound to find something that will interest you. □



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

The Gothic is a little-known spot in Alfred that is rich in history. Originally a private home, the Gothic has also served as a theology school and a chapel. It is located across the street from the Commons.

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Junior Evera Lovelace carves a pumpkin in the campus center for the Student Activities pumpkin carving contest. FNL's pumpkin won the contest.

Steinheim showcases art

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

Antiques from around the world and AU student artwork are currently being showcased throughout the Steinheim.

Stone sculptures created by students are exhibited in a showcase and displayed in the windows.

"It sort of continues the stone theme of the castle," said Kathy Woughter, acting director of the Career Development Center.

The antiques on display are part of Special Collections, overseen by Head of Special Collections Laurie McFadden. She explained that the items currently in the Steinheim are part of a collection amassed by AU's second President, Jonathan Allen and his wife, Abigail Allen.

She chose to display a foreign shoe collection, Eskimo artifacts,

bones, antique glass and pottery and a scrapbook. It is difficult to date many of the items, McFadden said, because the logs and ledgers have deteriorated over the years.

Of all of the artwork displayed, McFadden said "I love the art pictures," referring to the 10 reproduced prints hanging in the castle.

McFadden said the displays will rotate as the year progresses, offering a variety of exhibits.

The Steinheim, which now houses the Career Development Center, was originally created as a museum of natural science, McFadden said. Yet the collection became eclectic, she said. "It's more varied than the rocks in its walls," quoted McFadden from an original museum brochure.

According to McFadden, the early museum had a well-rounded

collection: American Indian artifacts, stuffed animal and insect specimens, paintings, furniture, sculpture and Eskimo artifacts.

The top of the tower housed an intricate wooden showcase built into the room, McFadden said. All of the cases and mountings were hand-made to the specific dimensions of the exhibits, she said.

The museum was closed in 1953, explained McFadden, and the exhibits were finally removed in 1971. She added that many animal specimens and antiques had been destroyed by time and weather or had been pilfered.

According to Woughter, "There's a hope that those who took items to prevent their ruin will give them back, now that there is a safe home for them once more." □



BY JASON GRAY

Rita Dove, in *Mother Love*, spreads seeds of Greek myth throughout the entire book of poetry. The myth she uses is that of Demeter, the goddess of agriculture, and her daughter Persephone. Persephone is abducted by Hades, the god of the underworld, and Demeter is so distraught at the theft of her daughter that she walks morbidly

across the earth and lets crops die and flowers wilt. For Dove, this myth is a way of approaching the separation that must occur between mother and daughter even in contemporary life. The result is a wonderfully constructed book. "Hades' Pitch":

If I could just touch your ankle, he whispers, there on the inside, above the bone—leans closer, breath of lime and peppers—I know I could make love to you. She considers this, secretly thrilled, though she wasn't quite

sure what he meant. He was good with words, words that went straight to the liver. Was she falling for him out of sheer boredom—cooped up in this anything-but-humble dive, stone gargoyles leering and brocade drapes licked with fire? Her ankle burns where he described it. She sighs just as her mother above-ground stumbles, is caught by the fetlock-bereft in an instant—while the Great Man drives home his desire.

There are many reasons why I like this one. The poem comes closest to the sonnet form Dove says she is using in the book's introduction. That in fact is my only problem with Dove's book. She seems to say a poet should not stray from sonnet form. Yet, she never actually uses a traditional sonnet. "Hades' Pitch" has 14 lines, but they are not strict iambic pentameter. Nor is there a regular rhyme scheme within the poem.

Aside from that, the poem is very good. Dove's image of the abduction scene is terrific. How delicate she makes Hades' line: "If I could just touch your ankle." He

speaks with the "breath of limes and peppers." Isn't that great? Her version of the myth is more colloquial in phrasing ("anything-but-humble dive") than Yeats' reworking of the myth of Leda and Zeus, but her poem has equal intensity.

Not all of the poems in *Mother Love* are this directly situated in myth; in some, it is only an elliptical reference. Regardless, the myth works as an excellent framing device for the book and heightens the experience of reading it.

Dove, Rita. *Mother Love*. New York: Norton, 1995.

Featured Student Poetry

BY JENNIFER HAYEY

"The Unspeakable Truth"

"What do you want?" she softly squeaked, Afraid to be heard... Afraid to be ignored. The gremlins began to close in, And she asked of them "What do you want?" but still no reply. They were coming in closer.

Determined to trudge. She crouched in her corner And asked again, louder, "What do you want?" her question still unanswered. A cold slimy hand reached out to her, And she cowered away. She buried her head in her hands And desperately cried out, "What do you want? What do you want!?"

Only her voice penetrated the silence. She looked up and was alone. Was it a dream? Or perhaps they were real. Maybe they left, Or perhaps she was dead. All she could manage Was to ask herself, "What do you want?" and the question just echoed Inside her head.

Alfred Review, Fiat Lux to publish students' serial fiction

The *Alfred Review-Poiésis*, AU's literary and art magazine, is taking submissions of prose, poetry, and visual art, and publishing a selected collection in the spring.

We are announcing a serial fiction contest, a single story to be written by different students and published in monthly installments in the *Fiat Lux*.

We are now accepting submissions for the first chapter of the story. The one that is chosen will appear on Dec. 10 in the *Fiat Lux*. All submitted chapters will be considered *Alfred Review* submissions and will be published in the literary magazine in May. But only one will appear in the news-

paper, and all second chapters should be based on that one.

**YOUR
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All chapters submitted should be 300-500 words long. The ones that are chosen for serial publication may be edited for space

when they appear in the newspaper.

Mail submissions for this contest, like all submissions for the *Alfred Review*, to The *Alfred Review* Powell Campus Center; e-mail them to ALFREY, or drop them in the submission box in the Registrar's Office or Herrick Library. Please include some contact information.

The deadline for first chapters is December 3.

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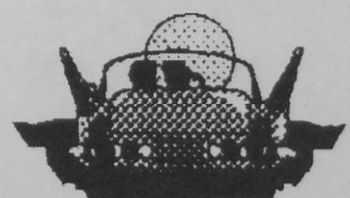
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POLICE BLOTTER

The Alfred Police Department reported the following complaints and arrests from Oct 6 to 26.

Complaints:

Hit-and-Run Accident:

- W. University St. (Oct 20)
- Rte. 244 (Oct 21)

Alarm Activation:

- N. Main St. (Oct 6)
- N. Main St. (Oct 8)
- N. Main St. (Oct 9)
- N. Main St. (Oct 9)
- Waterwells Rd. (Oct 11)
- N. Main St. (Oct 15)
- N. Main St. (Oct 21)

Suspicious Vehicle:

- Lynch Rd. (Oct 6)
- N. Main St. (Oct 8)
- Rte. 21 (Oct 12)

Barking Dog:

- Pine Hill Dr. (Oct 6)
- W. University St. (Oct 15)

Noise Violation:

- Reynolds St. (Oct 7)
- Mill St. (Oct 9)
- S. Main St. (Oct 18)

Harassment:

- Rte. 21 (Oct 7)
- Rte. 21 (Oct 12)
- Cook Rd. (Oct 18)

Parking Problem:

- W. University St. (Oct 8)
- S. Main St. (Oct 11)
- Church St. (Oct 12)
- Terrace St. (Oct 12)
- S. Main St. (Oct 15)
- Church St. (Oct 15)
- Church St. (Oct 17)
- N. Main St. (Oct 17)
- W. University St. (Oct 25)
- W. University St. (Oct 26)

Disabled Vehicle:

- N. Main St. (Oct 8)
- Rte. 21 (Oct 24)

Lost Property:

- Glen St. (Oct 13)
- Waterwells Rd. (Oct 16)

Larceny:

- Arby's (Oct 13)
- Academic Alley (Oct 15)
- Shurfine (Oct 18)
- Rte. 12 (Oct 20)
- Terbury Rd. (Oct 21)
- W. University St. (Oct 21)
- Arby's (Oct 23)

Criminal Mischief:

- N. Main St. (Oct 15)
- N. Main St. (Oct 16)

Bad Check:

- College BP (Oct 6)
- Village Justice (Oct 16)
- The Bicycle Man (Oct 24)

Disorderly People:

- Mill St. (Oct 25)
- N. Main St. (Oct 25)
- Elm St. (Oct 25)

Other:

- Prowler, S. Main St. (Oct 6)
- Speeding, Palmiter Rd. (Oct 6)
- Burglary, Sibley Rd. (Oct 7)
- Person dumping brush on vil-lage property (Oct 8)
- Gas leaking from vehicle, N. Main St. (Oct 10)
- Car passing stopped school bus, Rte. 244 (Oct 10)
- Trespassing, S. Main St. (Oct 11)
- Gun shots, N. Main St. (Oct 11)
- Street lights out (Oct 15)
- Dog, Hillcrest Dr. (Oct 16)
- Forgery, N. Main St. (Oct 22)
- Animal acting rabid, State St. (Oct 24)

- Assault, W. University St. (Oct 24)
- Smoke smell, Sayles St. (Oct 26)

Arrests:

Disorderly Conduct:

- Matthew Sillick, 21, Vestal (Oct 10)
- Michael Hollenbeck, 25, Andover (Oct 15)
- Robert Winslow, 18, Cyme, Conn. (Oct 17)
- 18-year-old, Waterloo, also crim-inal mischief and resisting arrest (Oct 17)

Open Container:

- Brian S. Victor, Alfred (Oct 12)
- Brian Burns, 22, Andover (Oct 15)
- Mark Olender, 22, Webster (Oct 25)

Violation of Noise Law and Unlawful Dealing with a Child:

- Kimberlee Praast, 21, Dryden (Oct 17)
- Jennifer Praast, 19, Dryden (Oct 17)

DWI:

- Roger Monica, 20, Elbridge (Oct 18)
- Kurt Rittenmyer, 40, Sequim (Oct 19)
- Chad Seger, 21, Wellsville (Oct 23)
- Ryan Wiatrowski, 20, Bolivar (Oct 26)

Criminal Nuisance 2nd Degree:

- Larry Stopfel, 43, Alfred Station (Oct 21)
- Susan Stopfel, 37, Alfred Station (Oct 21)

A total of 20 traffic citations were issued from Oct 6 to 26.

Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Senators allocated almost \$400 total for the Art Union's Halloween parade and to Habitat for Humanity at last week's Student Senate meeting.

Also discussed at recent Senate meetings were upcoming residence hall renovations, safety improvements and responses to students' concerns about dining services.

Senators passed two Senate Allocations requests. The Art Union was granted \$200 to pay the Alfred Police Department to block off Main Street for the parade and Habitat for Humanity received \$180.84 to pay for their 1997 Spring Break trip. Habitat had expected money from the Bernstein Fund to pay travel expenses, but the money fell through, said Mark Snyder, representing the organi-zation.

After hearing the Renovations Committee's suggestions, Physical Plant plans to fix Bartlett Hall's roof, the electrical system in the Brick, the windows in Cannon Hall and do some repainting next summer, said chair Chandra Leister.

Sally Prue, the chair of the Campus Safety Committee, reported that improvements will be made to the stairs around Pine Hill Suites to make them less slippery. Prue also said the committee will look at the light-ing on the stairs between Kanakadea Hall and Carnegie

Hall and behind Tefft and Reimer Halls.

Nicole White, chair of the Food Committee, said dining ser-vices is responding to student input. She said they are looking into a block system which would allow students to buy a certain number of meals per semester, rather than per week. Snapple has returned to the Li'l Alf, and campus vending machines will soon be equipped to accept ID cards, she also said.

The Spirit Committee gave away about 200 tickets for their Homecoming raffle and awarded about 10 prizes, said chair Kelly Knee.

Chair Rodger Emmanuel said the Multicultural Committee is planning a Festival of Nations and World Games this year.

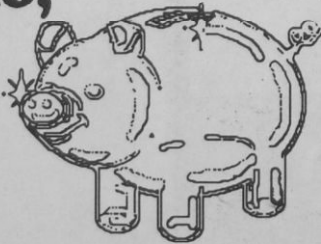
The Academic Affairs Committee has been discussing the possibility of forming a new tutoring center run by students, said Justin Weiderman, chair of the committee.

Mike Pellicciotti, vice presi-dent of Senate, said a committee is being formed as a bridge between AU and ASC student bodies. The group will include five students from each campus and will help with communication between organizations at the two schools, he said.

Senate President Christina Lombardi warned students to be especially careful on campus in light of the recent attacks at SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Brockport. She also informed students of an incident last Tuesday near hairpin turn. Lombardi said a female jogger was followed by a strange man. The student escaped unhurt.

Dining Dollars at the Li'l Alf Cafe

Dining Dollars make it easy to eat at the Li'l Alf. Purchase your Dining Debit Dollars at the cafe and then use your ID card as a debit card to save 8% on all your purchases!! They can also be used in Powell and Ade Dining Halls, Ade Express, and some vending machines. Your balance rolls over to next semester. The Li'l Alf is open until 11:30 Sun.-Th. and 12:30 on Fri. & Sat., so what are you waiting for? Go have some Starbucks Coffee, Frappuccino, pizza or subs.



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WORM increases awareness

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Worms inundated campus recently, as students from several AU organizations participated in the Week of Responsibility and Moderation.

Activities were held October 22-26 to educate students about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

WORM week was organized by Ian Neuhard, director of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education, and Karla Stubenazy, a graduate assistant in the Community Services Administration program.

"It was a lot of work, but it was fun," Stubenazy said. "I think the message was out there."

The events included an information table, "Wings and Worms," Mocktoberfest and the "Worm Hole in One."

Many organizations helped with WORM week. Members of Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles, the Psychology Club, the German class, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, the ALANA Team and the Student Activities Board all helped with events, said Stubenazy.

Abby Frank, the coordinator of peer education for AOD, said she hoped the message reached students but added that "effects like that don't occur overnight." □



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL
Juniors Michael Christakis and Kerri-Ann Appleton pose for the spectators after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen Oct. 25. The other members of the Homecoming Court were seniors Micah Galland and Natalie Krauser and juniors Jennifer Kneuer and Aaron Micetich.

NEWS BLURBS

• According to one study, Alfred University students are at high risk for drinking. *Buffalo News* reported Oct. 25 that 41% of New York State's college students are binge drinkers (defined as having five or more drinks at one time during the previous two weeks). Binge drinking is more prevalent in upstate schools (48%), the *News* said, and less common in New York City (28%).

Some area schools have begun responding to these problems. Rochester Institute of Technology recently banned alcohol in its residence halls.

• AU's chapter of the Financial

Management Association was one of 17 nationwide to earn the designation of "superior" due to the money they have invested and earned for the University.

"I believe we deserved to rank superior because of what we have done with the club and the fund. We have more money given to us to manage than any other college we've heard of," said Rachel Kulp, president of FMA.

FMA began several years ago with \$100,000 to invest in a portfolio of stocks. The net worth of stocks varies with the market, but they have made between 70 and 80 thousand dollars to date.

• Buffalo Crushed Stone is considering donating its old mine site in Alfred to AU, according to the Oct 29 *Evening Tribune*.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. told the *Tribune* the University would use the 300 acres for play-

ing fields and other recreational facilities.

If the land transfer goes through, the parcel would become tax exempt. Buffalo Crushed Stone pays about \$4,300 in taxes on the land, according to the *Tribune*.

The company is also looking into expanding its mine in Almond into the town of Alfred.

• Herrick and Scholes Libraries are looking for student support in asking legislators for money to increase the support for various library activities.

New York State funding for libraries provides for such things as regional resource sharing, education and training programs and shared purchase of electronic databases, according to an e-mail message from Stephen Crandall, associate director of Herrick Library.

COURT REPORT

Speed in Zone:

- Stephanie M. Burke, Pulaski (\$85)
- Angela M. Laurro, Rochester, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Dennis M. O'Keefe, Wellsville (\$85)
- Benjamin J. Pierce, Mexico, N.Y., reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Ehren M. Stark, Pittsford (\$85)
- Thomas G. Cole, Spencerport, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Sean K. Bradley, Landisville, Pa. (\$85)
- Peter D. Byron, East Williamson (\$85)
- Matthew B. Thompson, Reading, Pa. (\$85)
- Joey R. Brugger, Prattsburgh (\$85)
- Johanna M. Northrup, Cobleskill (\$85)
- D. A. Constantino, Kenmore (\$85)
- Barbara A. Graves, Wellsville (\$85)

No Seatbelt Driver:

- Stephanie L. Goodwin, Rochester (\$75)
- Daniel M. Hickos, Painted Post (\$75)
- Warren A. Carr, Pittsburgh, Pa. (\$75)

Passed Stop Sign:

- Tchallo L. Radford, Buffalo (\$38)
- C. G. Simmons 2nd, Rochester (\$125)
- Elysia M. Weakland, Canisteo (\$125)
- Thomas M. Gunkler, Palmyra (\$125)
- Michael J. Manning, Elmira (\$125)
- Melissa J. Morano, Baldwinsville (\$125)
- Matthew P. Caughey, Homer (\$75)
- Donghun Lee, Alfred (\$125)
- John H. Wolcott, Batavia (\$125)

Rubbish Law Violation:

- Steve S. Crosby, Alfred (\$25)
- Victoria E. Henkes, Alfred (\$25)

Disorderly Conduct:

- Justin Hamling, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Randolph Fellows, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Victor D. Harris, Huntington (\$145)
- Jason Mull, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- David Smith, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Terrence Ware (\$95)
- Philip Wegman, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Vehjric Dupree, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)

Speed in Excess of 55 mph:

- Lawrence J. Abel,

Hammondsport, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)

- Gordon R. McCluskie, Alfred Station (\$85)

Criminal Impersonation Reduced to Disorderly Conduct:

- Geoffrey Krull (\$145)
- Nicholas Gudz (\$145)

Open Container:

- Michael J. Clements, Pulteney (\$25)
- Ryan M. Dolan, Rochester (\$25)
- Meghann D. McInerney, Hornell (\$25)
- Nicholas Paolillo, Belpoint (\$25)
- Paul A. Reed, Dunkirk (\$25)
- Elwin A. Marlatt, Canisteo (\$25)

Criminal Mischief Reduced to Violation of Noise Ordinance:

- Jason Mull (\$50 and pay restitution)
- Philip Wegman (\$50 and pay restitution)

Violation of Noise Ordinance:

- Kim B. Praast, Dryden (\$50)
- Brian W. Quinlan, Dansville (\$250)
- Paul J. Valentine, Hornell (\$25)
- Christopher R. Znak, Seatac, Wash. (\$50)

Wrong Way on a One-Way Street:

- Louis V. Binetti, Big Flats (\$125)
- Glenn C. Coe, East Aurora, reduced to no seatbelt driver (\$75)

Failure to Obey Traffic Device:

- Timothy J. Gibbons, Horseheads (\$85)
- Debbie M. Hosmer, Andover (\$125)
- Joshua E. Westezvelt, Lodi (\$85)
- Todd D. Waight, Dansville (\$85)

Expired Inspection:

- Delorne R. Martin, Hornell (\$85)
- Bradley S. Kelly, Cassadaga (\$75)
- Andrew C. Osborn, New Hyde Park (\$75)

Other:

- Judd C. Maslyn, Clifton Springs, refusal to comply with an officer (\$100)
- Terrell D. Morris, Buffalo, inadequate muffler (\$65)
- Phillip J. Bruner, Attica, improper license type (\$75)
- David Hampton, Gouverneur, disturbing the peace (\$25)
- Peter A. Craig, Waterloo, holding more than one license (\$25 and conditional discharge)
- Lavern C. Brace, criminal possession of a controlled substance 7th degree (\$300 and 100 hours of community service)
- Milissa J. Morano, Baldwinsville, failure to reduce speed (\$85)

Fiat Sports Cards

Name: Rob Winkky
Position: XC Runner
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Elmira Heights, NY

Place on the team:
Number one Cross Country runner for two years

Interesting fact:
He won his first collegiate race at the Clarion Invitational in 1996.

Other wins:
The 5000m at the Cornell Pre-Championship Invitational in 1997.

Honors:
1996 1st Team PAC
1997 PAC XC Athlete of the Week

Records:
School record for 5000m

Fiat Sports Cards

Name: Jen McLaughlin
Position: Setter
Year: Junior
Hometown: Hamondsport NY

Favorite Experience:She does not have any particular experience she labels as her favorite.

Reason for playing: She enjoys the team concept and competion. She also likes being athletic.

How started: She began playing volleyball in the 8th grade.

Stats:				
GP	Kills	Err.	Att.	Pct.
122	45	23	210	.105
Asst.	Aces	Avg.	Digs	Block
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Part.	Tot.	Avg.		
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RESULTS

Football

Bethany 38, Alfred 26
Alfred 42, Thiel 6
Canisius 23, Alfred 20
Hobart 58, Alfred 19
Grove City 56, Alfred 35

Men's Soccer

R.I.T. 2, Alfred 1 (OT)
Alfred 2, Baptist Bible 1 (OT)
Alfred 8, Cazenovia 0
Elmira 3, Alfred 2 (OT)
Grove City 3, Alfred 2 (OT)
Nazareth 4, Alfred 0

Women's Soccer

Alfred 14, Thiel 0
Alfred 2, Hartwick 1
Alfred 3, Fredonia 0
Alfred 1, Grove City 1
Keuka 1, Alfred 0
Alfred 5, W&J 1

Men's Cross Country

Allegheny 18, Alfred 45
PAC Championships (2nd place)

Women's Cross Country

Allegheny 25, Alfred 32
PAC Championships (2nd place)

Women's Volleyball

Alfred 3, Waynesburg 0
Grove City 3, Alfred 2
Alfred 3, Keuka 0
Nazareth Tournament
Alfred 3, Nazareth 0
Alfred 3, Keuka 0
Alfred 3, Cazenovia 0
Alfred 3, Elmira 1
Pitt-Bradford 3, Alfred 2
St. John Fisher 3, Alfred 2
W & J 3, Alfred 0

Women's Tennis

Geneseo 9, Alfred 0
PAC Tournament (Alfred 5 of 6)

SCHEDULE

Football

11/8 1:30 p.m. Wash. & Jeff.
11/15 1 p.m. Union

Men's Swimming

11/9 1:00 p.m. *Ithaca
11/16 1:00 p.m. Lycoming

Women's Swimming

11/9 1:00 p.m. *Wells
11/16 1:00 p.m. Lycoming
11/23 2:00 p.m. Millersville

Equestrian

11/9 *A.U. Invitational
11/23 Skidmore

* denotes home game

SPORTS NOTES

•Jim Moretti had planned on retiring as the coach of the football team at the end of the season to focus on his position as Alfred's athletic director. However, Moretti said President Edward G. Coll Jr. convinced him to stay as head coach. As a result he is now responsible for both duties for at least another year.

•The AU men's basketball team is ranked 25th in the nation in the *DIHI Basketball News'* pre-season poll. The ranking is most likely the result of last year's impressive season.

The '96-'97 season ended with a PAC Championship title, and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. This year, all five of the Saxons' starters return.

"We've got the high pre-season ranking and now it's time to go out, show we deserve it, and

Football team gaining experience

BY MIGUEL STURLA

The AU football team, finishing up one of their poorest seasons in recent years, will become better with experience, said Head Coach Jim Moretti.

Entering Saturday's home game against the highly talented 7-1 Grove City Wolverines, the Saxons were 2-5 overall, and 1-2 in the PAC.

Alfred lost the game 56-35, pushing them even further back in the conference. The win for Grove City gives them the PAC title.

The AU loss leaves only one conference foe left, Washington & Jefferson, who, until this season, has held the PAC title for eleven years.

Last year, the Saxons met the Presidents as an undefeated team in the PAC. Although that was a loss, Alfred did go on to beat Grove City, ending their first year in the conference at 4-1.

This year has been quite different. Only Thiel has fallen to AU, in a 42-6 rout.

Non-conference games have not been much better. The only win outside of the PAC was the season opener against an unprepared King's College team.

The other three non-conference games were all big games, and consequently big losses.

Before a large AU Parents' Weekend crowd, rival Ithaca trounced the Saxons 52-7. Alfred's Homecoming spirits were dampened after a 58-19 loss. And finally, in front of a rare TV audience, Canisius dropped Saxon morale by winning in a close 23-20 game.

But there is always next year. This year, the team has youth. Next year, the Saxons are hoping for experience.

Moretti said, "They're young, a bunch of 18-year-olds going up against 21-year-olds, but if they stay together and work hard in the off-season, they're going to be very good by the time they're upper-classmen."

This year's team is by far the youngest in recent years. There are 43 freshmen on the team; six of them are on the first defensive team and two on the offensive team.

Receivers Jason Fenner and Tom Callen have performed exceptionally throughout the season, having average gains of 60.3 yards and 79.0 yards respectively. The defensive leaders on the team are Nick Mancini and Aaron Rounds.

Next year, Moretti will have an older team to coach, with very few seniors leaving. As was the case this year, next year's season should be much different from the one before it. □

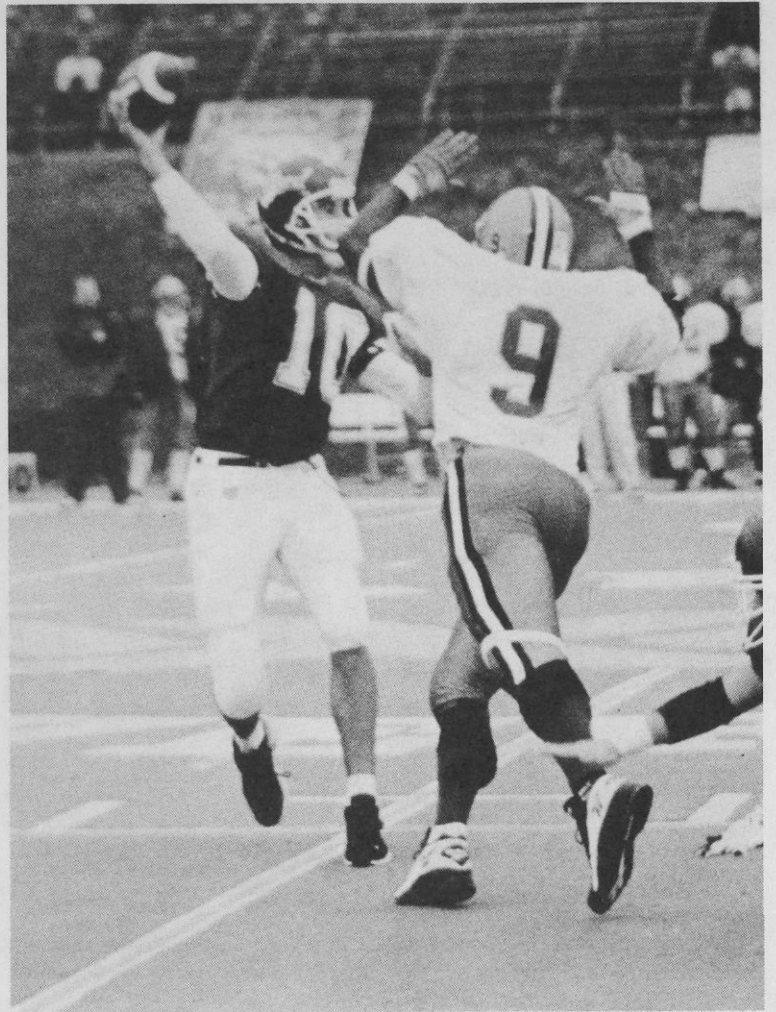


PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

A Hobart defenseman rushes for Saxon quarterback Ryan Woodruff for a sack during the AU Homecoming game. Alfred lost the game 58-19. The game brought AU's record to 2-6.

COMMENTARY

Merrill Field omniturf ready to retire

BY ANDY BERMAN

The omniturf on Merrill Field needs to be replaced. The turf is three years out of warranty. Its battle wounds from the previous ten sports seasons are obvious upon inspection. Seams can be seen and patches where the turf has ripped only add to the problem.

Recently, an independent consultant came to look at the turf problem on Merrill Field. As of now, the Athletic Department is keeping the results of the consultant's report quiet. Administrators will take the consultant's report very seriously, said Athletic Director Jim

Moretti. "Age is the biggest problem [with the turf]," he said.

When the turf was put down, it was high quality turf. It has been worn down by the continual use of the football, soccer and lacrosse teams as well as intramurals.

The field is also used for summer sports camps, some ASC football games, high school marching band practices and is open to public use.

On Merrill Field, the drainage system is the first layer from the bottom. Above the piping is a layer of crushed stone. Next is popcorn asphalt. This is a porous material that is softer than regular asphalt. The padding rests

above this layer. Finally, the turf is placed on top.

Though the project could cost Alfred up to \$1 million, it is well worth it. If you ask any Alfred athlete, they will tell you it's time it was replaced. The turf on Merrill is quite slippery. Newer turf will provide more traction, leading to fewer injuries.

Also, the turf looks bad. From the stands it just isn't attractive.

The turf should also have an extra layer of padding put under it. If you ask a football or lacrosse player they will say it feels like landing on cement. The crushed gravel layer and the porous asphalt doesn't give enough padding.

Also, soccer players will tell you that the ball may get a weird bounce from the splitting seams or uneven patches.

There is nothing worse than losing a game because of something that is out of the control of the players, such as a ball taking a bad hop over a defender and scoring a goal.

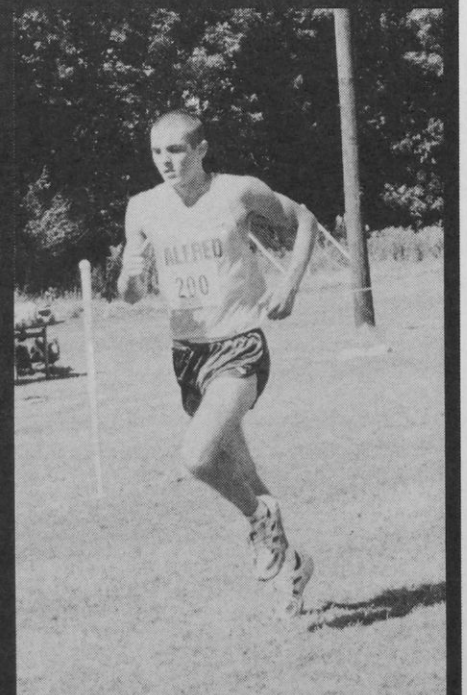
It was a great idea eleven years ago to rip up the natural grass and put down the new turf. Ask around and anyone will tell you they would rather play on grass. However, due to its continuous use during the four seasons, it was completely necessary. Now the turf must be changed again. □

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