



Students prepare to judge their peers

Nine selected to serve on peer review board as part of new judicial system

BY ALEXIS J. DIAMOND

The nine students comprising AU's new peer review board completed their single training session on Nov. 9 and now prepare to take their place in AU's revamped judicial system.

For Susan Smith, associate dean of students, and Kym Orr, chair of the review board and resident director of Barresi Hall, the new system represents a step toward due process and community building. Others say it will lead to an abundance of social and legal problems.

Thumbs up or thumbs down?

William MacCrea, Alfred

Village Court judge, said he disapproves of student judicial boards because he thinks they tend to be too hard on the defendant.

"Peer adjudicators were used in Communist Russia, Communist China and even Cambodia," MacCrea said.

"Unless there are some carefully prescribed guidelines, history has shown that peer adjudicators tend to be too strict," MacCrea said.

Orr acknowledged that peers could "sometimes" be the "toughest" judges, but said, "peer influence, and peer pressure, are great when they're positive. I think that this board

will speak to that."

Hear no evil, speak no evil

Other students are worried about peer pressures of a different nature.

Jennifer Monoson, a sophomore, said she would not trust peer adjudicators.

"I don't care how much they say they're sworn to secrecy," she said. "People talk."

James M. Picozzi, an expert in legal issues in higher education, expressed similar views in a 1987 *Yale Law Journal* article.

"Students live together. Peer pressure is strong and rumors spread quickly, often disseminated in the pages of student

publications. For a student decision maker to face what can amount to outright coercion by his peers may be too much to ask," he wrote.

Picozzi also noted that administrative influence over students' lives can bias a peer review board.

Dean Smith conceded that there are questions about privacy, prejudice and pressure unique to student adjudication, but said that such questions were addressed during interviews and training.

"I think that there are inherent concerns whenever you involve a multitude of people in anything that is confidential or

private," she said.

"One of the things we are constantly conscious of is a person's rights and ensuring that the students on the board were selected because they were able to keep things to themselves and understand ethically why things can't be shared," Smith added.

Judgment day approaches

Sarah Canfield, a student adjudicator, said she understood her responsibilities and looks forward to becoming part of the system.

"I wasn't the one who created the rules, but the rules are necessary," Canfield said. "Now, at continued on page 7...

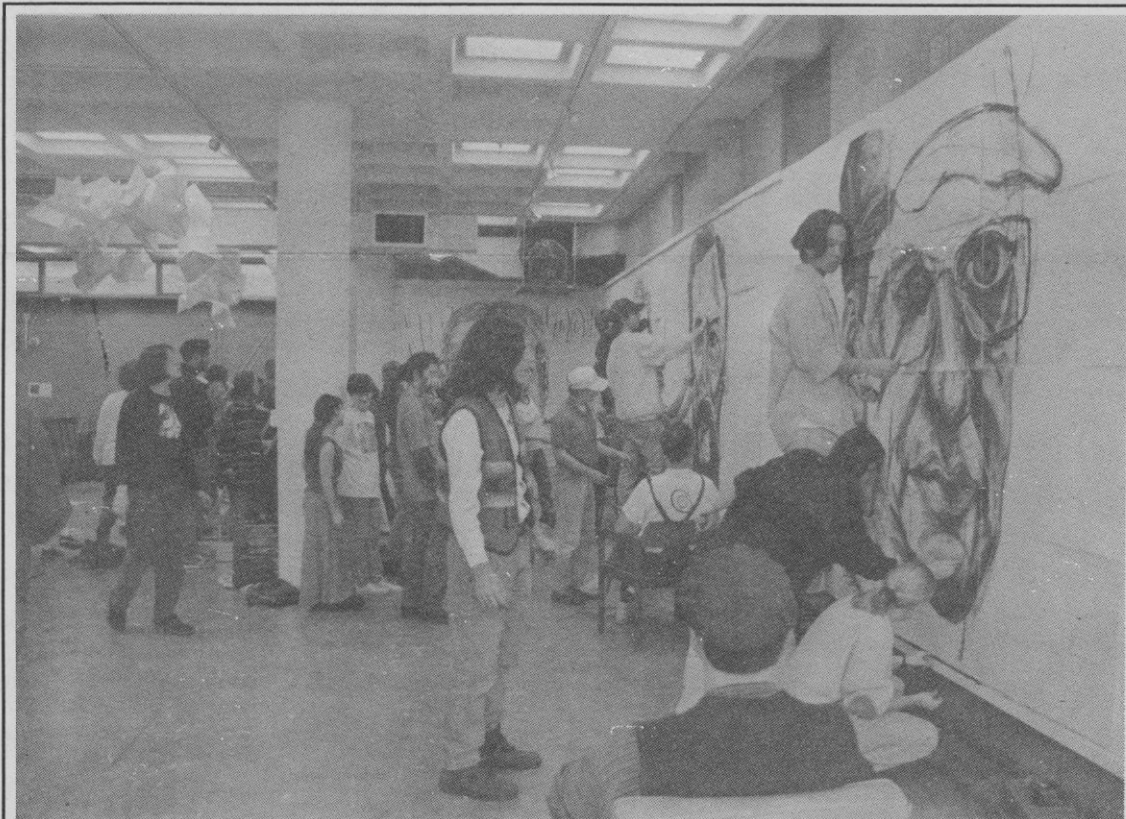


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Freshman Foundation students sketch a giant portrait of Wayne Higby, professor of ceramics. Instructors intended for the project to teach student artists how to work together in groups.

St. John Fisher College to begin paying jobless graduates in 1998

BY ALLEN ADAMS
AND JONATHAN SPRINGER

It will soon pay not to have a job. St. John Fisher College in Rochester has instituted a new program that will pay graduates up to \$5000 if they don't have a job when they six months after they graduate.

In 1998, the program, called "The Fisher Commitment," will give unemployed graduates in the program \$417 a month for a maximum of twelve months, or until they find a job.

Harriette Royer, Fisher's director of career services, said students must sign a contract to maintain a 2.75 GPA, to participate in extracurricular activities, and to meet regularly with a career counselor.

"The road is paved for them," Royer said. "They're connected to someone on campus that is connected to them."

This year's freshman class will be the first to take advantage of Fisher's program, and, so far, almost half have registered for the program, Royer said.

The program was initiated by William L. Pickett, Fisher's president, last spring, Royer said. "We were looking at dropping enrollment at not only our college, but at all colleges, so he formed a feasibility study for this program."

According to an article in the Dec. 10, 1993 *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, Fisher's enrollment dropped by 101 students this year. □

Hillel serves as social center for Jewish student community

BY JENEEN LEHOCKY

On both a local and national level, Hillel, a Jewish student organization, seeks to dispel its image as a purely religious organization.

Dara Herschfeld, Alfred Hillel vice president, said that although the organization "offers a place for college students to meet other Jewish students and to celebrate the holidays together," they have other goals as well.

"We're trying to make it more social," she said.

Rachel Goldenberg, president of the group, said that while many students are forced into religious activity at home or in Hebrew school, the atmosphere at Hillel is one where people "want to be involved."

Senior David Hyman said that although the theme of Hillel is Judaism, "people who are not Jewish are welcome. A lot of non-Jewish people come to Hillel events. It's multifaceted; we are a social organization, too," and now the group's

new house at 18 South Main St. provides a setting for social events. "Last year we held our Hanukkah party in the Commons; this year it will be in our house," Goldenberg said.

Larry Greil, Hillel co-advisor, said that the group is changing its programming. "It's not that Hillel still isn't mostly social, but students are interested in education as well as pizza parties. We have established a discussion group, and are hoping to start Hebrew lessons. The perception that Hillel is all religious has never been true."

Hyman said, "Most Jews at Alfred think that Hillel is merely religious. I wish they would come and check it out. Unfortunately, many don't."

The national Hillel organization appears to have the same concern. Richard M. Joel, head of the national group, stresses the importance of the social aspects of Jewish life.

According to a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Joel believes that many students think Hillel is either

"geeky" or too focused on religious rituals.

Ben Gose, the author of the article, wrote, "Hillel knows it can't focus on Jewish students alone, but leaders add that Hillel must first solve the 'continuity crisis' in its own ranks. Young Jews are assimilating at record rates, and many students start the process as freshmen by avoiding Hillel."

The article describes the national group's efforts to draw people in, and make Hillel more social: "Offerings this year will be diverse—everything from Jewish ultimate Frisbee to panel discussions on how Judaism fits into the environmental movement."

Greil said that "nationally, Hillel has been pretty much irrelevant to us. Our problems are very different than the problems of large urban campuses. They are not oriented toward small campuses, and if you asked them, they would agree with that."



PHOTO BY JESS COPE

Seniors David Hyman and Rachel Goldenberg outside the Hillel house.

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ECO-STORE PROMOTES RECYCLABLE PRODUCT LINE

BY HEATHER M. HARRINGTON

Have you ever seen a notebook made out of a television circuit board? Have you ever seen a backpack made from a rubber inner tube? All these creative things can be found at Eco-Naturals.

Eco-Naturals, a store which owner Joanne Hageman calls "environmentally friendly", will open in Alfred on Nov. 25. In a time of growing concern about the environment, people take precautions and recycle. Hageman, a local resident, wants to take this a step further.

"This store will offer a wide variety of environmental-friendly products. These products are made of natural, organic and recycled fibers, materials and cruelty-free ingredients," she said.

Hageman said she came up with the idea for Eco-Naturals because she saw a need for environmental products in Alfred. She said she has always wanted to own her own business.

Hageman will offer internships to AU students. She said she wanted to "utilize the network of students at Alfred and bring about a meshing of the community with the college."

This innovative store will sell men's, women's and infant's clothing made from natural products. Linens and flannel products will also be available.

Hageman also will offer shower curtains,

robes, undergarments, nightwear, sheets and towels. Customers can fill their own jugs with soap that will be bulk-stocked, and thus cut down on the number of plastic laundry detergent containers wasted.

Hageman pointed out that it is important to recycle when possible.

"It takes energy to recycle and manufacture new products. So what is more important is that people should utilize what they do have to it's greatest potential," she said.

Eco-Naturals will also feature personal care products made only from natural ingredients. Hageman will stock skin and body care products, aroma-therapy and essential oils for men and women. Customers will be able to try some new scents from testers and sample sizes of the aroma-therapy and essential oils.

Elizabeth Ormsby, a junior, said, "I think students will be very interested in this store, since many students are concerned with the environment."

Amanda Van Eck, a junior, said, "I hope it will not be too expensive so that people can afford to buy these products. I will be very excited about buying 'safe' products." Eco-Naturals is located on 2 West University, across from the bus stop. The store will be open from Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. □



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YMCA's Turkey Trot celebrates 99th anniversary

BY JENNIFER WARD

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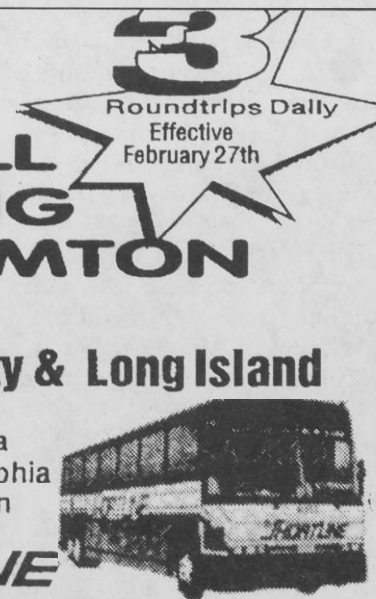
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ON FIGHTING GOD

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Why do nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision... I will declare this decree: The Lord has said unto me, You are my Son; this day I have begotten you... You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings; Be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blesses are all they who put their trust in Him.

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Give thanks to our local authorities

On Oct. 1, an AU student was physically assaulted on Main Street.

That is the one, and to date, only report of a violent attack being committed against an AU student.

Yet rumors of violence have run through the campus like wildfire. Many rumors are absurd, some are plausible.

Fear began to strike AU students. In fact, fear could have taken a heavier toll on the student body than any number of mysterious assailants in the Village of Alfred.

And the authorities acted to ensure that no one need fall victim to fear.

By acting promptly, swiftly and decisively the authorities sent a clear message that violence will not be tolerated in Alfred.

The authorities sent a clear message that no one need fear violence in Alfred.

Here's what they did:

AU security added one more patrol team during their hours of operation.

AU security now uses a car to speed their response time.

The Alfred Police Department (APD) is hiring an additional part-time police officer. After the new position is filled, the APD will have 12 officers working in a town whose population is under 5000 year-round residents.

The APD instituted weekend foot patrols in the downtown area.

These measures seem to have worked.

No arrests for assault or reports of assault were released by the APD for the previous two-week period.

The authorities took action, and it seems to have worked.

Let them know that you appreciate their responsiveness, their effectiveness and their willingness to listen to student concerns.

Tell Gerald Brody, dean of students; Susan Smith, associate dean of students; Patricia Schwartz, director of safety and security; and Randy Belmont, chief of police, that you appreciate their work—for our benefit.

Deliver a simple phrase to the next security aide or police officer you see.

Say, "Thank you." □

Letters to the Editor

Comedian encourages FNL to find its artistic voice

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the article concerning Spectrum's objections to FNL sketches regarding their organization.

The joke cited as being objectionable, where one male says to another "Do you sleep on your stomach? No? Do you mind if I do?" is actually a somewhat obscure Groucho Marx line. That fact alone should tell you that the "writer" of the FNL show is a comedy novice feeling his/her oats, trying to learn the craft of comedy writing (a very difficult one indeed).

When someone is trying to find their artistic voice, it is improper to brutalize them with criticism. Take it from a man

who knows—silence is powerful enough. The only reasonable reaction to this comedy neophyte's "offense" would be to take him, or the whole group if necessary, and open the lines of communication with them—away from the glaring spotlight of the press.

If a student in pursuit of knowledge asked a stupid question of a professor, you wouldn't expect said professor to publish it in the *Fiat* in lieu of resolving it privately. Only the worst type of bully attacks someone publicly first without a chance to discuss a possible mutual compromise (see Al Sharpton).

To further show how Spectrum has used a shotgun to kill a gnat, consider that when

Groucho delivered the line it was not viewed as a condemnation of those "darn horny heteros" but as a playful scamp getting the better of someone again. Groucho was also known to "skip" in his films. This act was not used to indicate anything other than whimsy.

I'm sympathetic to Spectrum's attempts to modify people's misconceptions of them. I'm sure the student who wrote the show would appreciate the same courtesy. To paraphrase John Lennon: Imagine the *Fiat* being able to report that a productive dialogue between Spectrum and FNL had transpired.

Sincerely,
Keith Barany

Organizations should consider students' right to peace and quiet

Dear Editor,

Perhaps AU should question whether certain student organizations are truly motivated by an interest for all students.

The peaceful calm I often enjoy in the silent study room of Herrick Library became turbulent on Oct. 30, as noise from outdoors was extremely audible through the closed windows.

Outside, there were large speakers set up on the steps of The Brick. A few students were gathered about, but a larger number of residents were leaving their dormitory with sour looks directed at the thunderous speakers.

Now I ask you, is it really necessary for the student organizations which sponsor

this sort of event to set up speakers on the steps of a residential dormitory which neighbors a library? Is it necessary to raise the volume so that it fills the air and can be heard on the entire south side of campus?

It is not that I disliked the music which had been presented by the Ibero-American Student Union.

But was this the proper forum to be presenting music? Would not the Knight Club be a better place to dance and play loud music than adjacent to a library, a center for learning and study?

This not the first time I have been trying to study and have been interrupted by outside noise. The Brick steps have been repeatedly used in this manner before.

What an organization does, I do not care to judge. When they begin to force their activities upon others, however, there is just cause for anger.

The responsibility for a university is first and foremost to those who desire to learn. A retreat such as the Silent Study room should remain void of noise rather than become prone to the activities held on the Brick lawn.

All AU-sponsored organizations should think of others while engaged in their events, not merely how pleasurable their event will be. Do what you want, but leave me out of it.

Sincerely,
Dan Myers

Point

FNL performs with double-standards

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Friday Night Live (FNL) made a decision.

The FNL writers have decided that it is acceptable to use hurtful stereotypes of gays and women.

But FNL writers have decided not to use stereotypes of other minorities.

No one hears the word "nigger" at an FNL show.

No one sees Jews portrayed as fat money-grubbers out to control the world.

FNL portrayed gays as geeky, limp-wristed, lisping interior decorators.

Female characters are called "whore," "bitch" or "slut" and sketches usually end up with women rolling on the floor.

No one who has attended recent FNL performances can disagree.

I am at a loss to describe this. FNL decided that it can offend some minorities, but not others.

It seems that it is acceptable

to poke fun at gays and women, but not at African-Americans and Jews.

This seems odd given Alfred's historic tolerance for both women and gays.

AU, as many know, was the first university in the United States to grant women baccalaureate degrees.

Alfred, in 1974, became the first municipality in the state of New York to pass an anti-discrimination measure to protect the human rights of gays and lesbians.

This is not to say that sensitive topics cannot be dealt with in humor.

One of Monty Python's funniest sketches is about the Spanish Inquisition—a very non-funny topic.

Stereotypes can be legitimate targets of humor—when fun is made of the stereotype, not the people it hurts.

Hey, did you hear the one about...

Counterpoint

FNL pokes harmless fun at everyone

BY RICK MCCONOLOGUE

In response to the article "Students object to FNL's comedic taste," printed in the Nov. 2 edition, I think Spectrum misinterpreted the meaning of the skit.

It is my opinion that the FNL sketch was intended to poke fun at a person who had no social life, not a homosexual. This is evident from the fact that the "launderer" made obscene comments and remarks to everyone that passed by, including members of the opposite sex.

I will concede, however, that the lines "Do you sleep on

your stomach? No. mind if I do?," and the action of the skipping off the stage were analogies to homosexuality, but this was obviously not a malicious attack on Spectrum.

I am rather surprised that the Alfred University Society of Dorks and Nerds have not yet responded in the same manner as Spectrum. After all, it would seem that they were injured to a greater extent.

Since FNL makes fun of all student groups and faculty members of this campus, the sketch should be laughed at, and not taken as a serious commentary about homosexuals.

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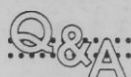
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Corrections: The court date when a student's petition against AU will be heard in Allegany County Supreme Court has been moved from Nov. 7 to Nov. 21.

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Ask College Guy

Dear College Guy,

What is it with this new grading system? One semester, I'm cruising along with a nice 3.2 g.p.a., and I am a happy college student. The next semester, they bring in this new grading scheme, and I'm very confused. I admit, I'm just a lowly ceramic engineer, but, seriously, the grading system shouldn't be that tough. Explain it, College Guy.

Sincerely,
Joe the Engineer

Dear Joe,

Here's the deal. The administrators of Alfred, in their infinite wisdom, decided that the old grading system needed revision. (Editor's note: The word "infinite" has extremely relative value in certain situations.)

The problem is, grades from F to A only provided 10 possible grades per class. The best students in a given class were a whole half a letter grade above the next brightest of their peers.

"Who," you might ask, "gives a rat's tuchis?"

The administration does. It is their job to ensure that all students enjoy equality, safety, good education and protection from the exposure to real food.

The new grading policy should maintain a higher degree of fairness on campus.

If one student does only slightly better than another, it is unfair to assign them grades that differ by an entire letter.

But giving them the same grade would be like saying, "Hey, go ahead, do a tenth of a point worse on your exam. It doesn't matter." This would kill anyone's urge to learn.

The real point, though, is our civil rights. Somewhere in the Constitution, there is a clause that says, "Government shall make no law concerning the rights of the people to peaceably assemble and measure their self-worths by the most ridiculous standards."

Alfred, being a supporter of your rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of a master's degree, complies with this ethic.

Now, any two students can peaceably assemble and calculate the difference in their g.p.a.'s to 37 decimal places.

They may even brag about the fact that they both beat the nearest innocent bystander by a jillionth of a point. It is their right.

To protect the rights of others, however, they must do so in a politically correct manner.

Saying, "That guy is stupid. He only got a 0.2 g.p.a." is unethical. It is preferable to say, "That guy is cranially challenged."

Don't be afraid to be competitive. Just do it in a nice, politically neutral way. Say, "Hey, I beat your g.p.a. by 3 points, but that's ok, 'cause you're good enough, you're smart enough, and gosh-darn it, people like you."

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Political InCorrection: This column was written by Jarod Finlay. □

Letters to the Editor

Head writer of FNL defends humor; skits written to be funny, not offensive

Dear Editor,

Since your paper has decided to present the public with an unflattering story on Friday Night Live, headlined as "Students object to FNL's comedic taste," I am prepared to offer you and anyone who cares to read the following explanation for the three "offensive" sketches.

In February, we did a sketch in which a hypothetical Spectrum meeting was portrayed. Everyone who attended turned out to be heterosexual, and each had an ignorant motive for being there, such as looking for an interior decorator.

The group leader kept insisting "This is *not* a decorating service" and "This is *not* a swingers' club." Spectrum's advisor previewed this sketch as did a number of students, both heterosexual and homosexual.

The general consensus seemed to be that the skit was "not offensive" and "funny." Anyone offended by this sketch probably missed the point. A realistic portrayal of a Spectrum meeting would not have been funny. Duh.

Last show, we did a sketch called the "New Roommate Game," a parody of the "Newlywed Game."

The idea was to take pairs of roommates and have them act like newly-married couples. The sketch made no mention of, and had nothing to do with, homosexuality.

The third sketch we've been criticized for was the now-infamous "laundry sketch." I didn't write this one, but I don't think it was over the line.

Yes, it was kind of sick, and twisted. This is nothing new to FNL.

In the sketch, we had a loser-type character who made a few perverted attempts at picking up women and then ended the sketch by leaving with another man.

If this was offensive, it should have been offensive to everybody, and not just homosexuals. The lines used on the women were just as bad as, if not worse than, the line used on the man.

The only reason we ended the sketch with a man was to give it a "twist," or something unexpected. I think we succeeded.

Basically, we're not looking to offend anybody. We don't deliberately write sketches that are "cutting edge" or "offensive."

We write whatever comes to mind, and if it's funny, we put it in the show. People have been offended before, and I'm sure people will be offended again.

But don't come to our shows planning to be offended, or looking for something to be offended by. That's not what we're trying to do.

We're just having fun, and providing students with a unique, alternative source of entertainment.

By the way, you might want to watch those "out-of-context" quotes. I noticed a couple that were either inaccurate or didn't make much sense.

Sincerely,
Dan Glanowski
FNL Head Writer

Student wonders why so few showed up to hear IASU speech on retention

Dear Editor,

Recently, the Ibero-American-Student Union hosted a guest speaker. Unfortunately, only eight students showed up to listen.

The speaker, Dr. Manuel Alguero, is the director of Hispanic American Affairs for the central administration of the SUNY schools. He works to spread Hispanic heritage to maintain pride and enhance educational advancement, work force participation and the overall success of Latin Americans.

He must do this, he said, because Latin-Americans are still facing a great deal of discrimi-

nation.

He advocates efforts, including attempts at Latino unity, the only way to end differential treatment.

He labors for equality, and in doing so he said, "I feel I am working for the eventual disappearance of my job."

Dr. Alguero's speech was entitled, "Dropping in Versus Dropping Out—And Shaping the Future." Through a combination of his words and many descriptive statistics, he showed us exactly where the Hispanic population stands, in terms of educational enrollment, attrition, and graduation rates. It was easy to see that a great deal of

advancement is necessary.

He stressed issues including the importance of registering to vote, the distortion of a Latin name into a more "Americanized" version, and the problems with the organized English-only movements that currently exist in 31 states.

It was evident that he had succeeded in educating and enlightening our small group. Our only wish was that more students and the faculty could have been in the room to hear his words and experience his vitality.

Sincerely,
Nicole Joseph

Campus Voices

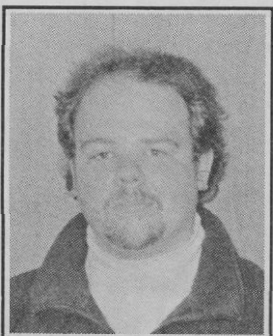
The *Fiat* asked people involved with student senate, "Do you think constitution committee meetings should be open to the public?"

These are their answers:



OCEANA WILSON
STUDENT SENATE VICE
PRESIDENT

"I think the meetings should be open to the public, but I can understand that the committee might have reasons why they don't want to be open."



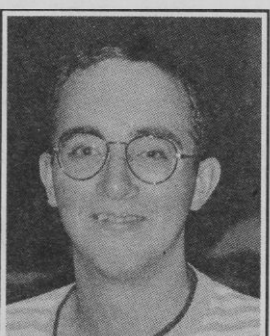
STEVE HARPST
STUDENT SENATE
ADVISOR

"I understand why some people want open meetings. But I understand the committee's position. They have a big task. They want to present a whole package, with no secrecy. They want to present a finished document for review."



TRACY SMITH
UPPER PINE HILL
REPRESENTATIVE

"I think it should be open to any student, but I can understand why they don't want it reported on until the final draft is done."



BRYAN NIELSEN
LATTER DAY SAINTS
STUDENT
ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

"I don't see how it can hurt to let the public know what they're doing, as long as it's clear that it's only a proposal."

Humor

BY JAROD FINLAY

Ah, yes, it's that time again. The time when the leaves change, when there's a nip in the air, and a snowstorm the size of a small planet is poised directly over Alfred.

Most importantly, however, it's state election time. For students, elections have special meaning. Students realize that their freedom to be students is secured solely by our wonderful democracy and that their votes count as much as anyone's.

In recognition of this fact, students all over the United States lie to their friends about why they don't have an absentee ballot. Some even go to the length of pretending to know who the candidates in their states are. For those who regret not having bothered to vote, I will proudly tell you what you missed in New York State.

Mario Cuomo, the Democratic candidate, was the incumbent. An incumbent is someone who refuses to fight in a war.

I have no idea what this has to do with the election. It was the opinion of a large number of people that Mario had spent most of

the last 12 years doing something other than what he should have done.

He vetoed death penalty legislation every single year. He appealed to those who liked the idea of a state without capital punishment. (Vote for Mario...another year, another veto.)

In any event, don't worry about Mario Cuomo. He lost.

The Republican candidate was George Pataki. "Pataki" rhymes with "p'tooie," the sound a camel makes when spitting out a large coconut husk. The fact that camels *don't* eat coconuts didn't keep George Pataki from being elected.

He based his campaign on the age-old tradition of political mudslinging. His campaign slogan read, "George Pataki: He's not Mario Cuomo." Fortunately for George, there was no strong third party candidate to say, "Neither am I, so there."

Also fortunate for George was New York's requirement that candidates for political office disclose their financial records. After all, it would have been downright embarrassing to lose the election to Howard Stern. □

Freshmen express confusion over sexual harassment issues

BY DARCIA HARRIS
AND CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

Although Tammy Redhead, president of AWARE, said that the group offered extensive workshops to educate new students about sexual assault, the issues remain hazy for many freshmen.

When asked if he knew the dif-

ference between sexual assault and sexual harassment, freshman Brian Levenson said, "No. The only difference I see between the two is that assault involves physical contact while harassment is verbal."

Daria Galbo, another freshman, said she didn't know the difference between the two, nor did she know where to find a

copy of the policy.

And, the five freshman Reimer residents interviewed, none attended AWARE's sexual assault presentation during orientation.

Redhead said that AWARE educators defined rape, acquaintance rape and sexual assault for freshman, showed a movie about date rape and explained how victims of rape could "save evidence."

However, she said there was very little AWARE members could tell freshman about AU sexual assault and harassment policies because they "really weren't clear on what those policies were and how they worked."

Susan Smith, associate dean of students, said that all freshman attended mandatory hall meetings during freshman orientation where resident directors distributed information about these

policies.

Steve Siffringer, resident director of Tefft, said that he distributed the *Student Life Policies and Procedures* handbook to his residents, but never talked specifically about the sexual harassment policy.

Smith said that AU is not required to distribute copies of the sexual harassment policy to every student each year.

But there may be a need for such distribution. The *Fiat Lux* interviewed 22 freshmen, both male and female, and none knew where they could find a copy of the policy if they needed to.

The handbook lists locations of reference copies of the sexual harassment policy: Herrick Library, Scholes Library, Residence Life office, Student Affairs, President Coll's office, Provost Ott's office, Associate Provost Strong's office and with the resident directors. □

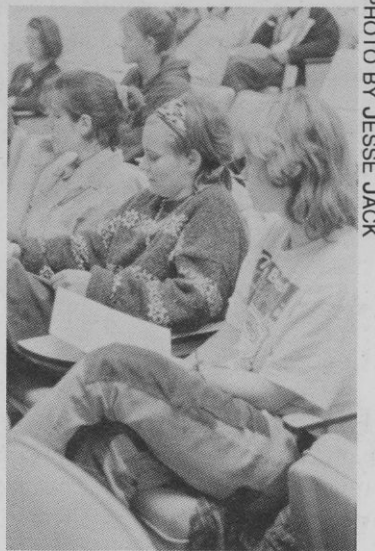


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Administrators cancel policy panel discussion

BY DARCIA HARRIS
AND CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

Women's Issues Coalition (WIC) was forced to cancel its Nov. 3 panel discussion after administrators declined to speak about AU's sexual harassment/assault policy.

Rebecca Weger, WIC co-chair, said, "Joyce Rausch told us that University lawyers advised that it wasn't a good time to speak about policies because AU was in the midst of several lawsuits."

Rausch, AU affirmative action officer, said the administrators declined to speak when it appeared that "the policies and procedures which may be a topic of litigation could have been the topic of the forum."

Former music professor Thomas Evans filed one such lawsuit against AU. Also, a student filed a petition in which she alleged administrators violated the sexual harassment policy by failing to notify her of the disposition of her case in time for her to respond during the five-day appeal period.

Both Rausch and Weger suggested that there was another reason administrators canceled on the scheduled date of the

panel discussion.

Weger said, "Joyce was edgy about this because AU is in the process of changing the sexual assault policy."

At present, AU does not have a free-standing sexual assault policy. Sexual assault cases are handled under the same set of procedures as sexual harassment.

Although Rausch would only suggest that a policy change was possible in the Sept. 14 issue of *Fiat Lux*, both Angela Rossington, adjunct associate professor of health education, and Rausch said that the policy is indeed being revised.

To avoid an open forum, Rausch suggested the possibility of speaking privately with a group of six to eight students.

She said she hoped this small group could "consolidate the concerns and questions" of all students.

Weger, however, said this would not adequately address the concerns of the student body.

"It wouldn't educate students who don't understand AU policies and procedures," she said. "It might give students input into revising the sexual assault policy, but that's all." □

Redhead a "catalyst for change"

BY REBECCA S. WEGER

As Alfred Working Actively for a Responsible Environment (AWARE) takes on the task of making sense of AU's sexual harassment policies, the "level-headed" leadership of Tammy Redhead becomes all the more important.

"It's students like her who can act as a catalyst for change," said Chris Naspo, a graduate member of the group that concerns itself with educating the student body about issues of social concern.

Redhead, president of AWARE and a senior psychology major, has an interest in issues of rape and alcohol abuse. She said she hopes that AWARE will focus on diversity,

eating disorders and student health and safety issues in the future.

Redhead is also involved with the newly formed proactive student caucus. The caucus will address issues about the sexual assault and harassment policies.

"I think we've come to a time where they need to be reviewed and evaluated for improvement," Redhead said. "I see sexual assault as a very serious issue, from knowing rape vic-

Nicole Levy, Evelyn Kunkel, and Amy Palms look over the mission statement and agenda for the Pro-Active Student Caucus, held on Nov. 9. The next meeting will be Nov. 16 at 9:30pm in Room C of Binns-Merrill.



Tammy Redhead

times and seeing the effects it has on their lives. They're not short-term effects, they're long-term."

Angela Rossington, AWARE's advisor, sees Redhead as an effective student leader. "She's very positive about things. She wants to work with the administration," Rossington said.

Redhead said she intends to use her experience with AWARE throughout graduate school. She hopes to establish a private practice as a psychologist, counseling victims of sexual assault and other kinds of abuse. □

Village of Alfred election results

BY JONATHAN BAUM

On Nov. 8, Robert Heineman, professor of political science and director of community services administration program, was elected to the position of County Legislator for Allegany County's fifth district.

Heineman ran unopposed on the Republican ticket. He received 1,425 votes.

The mayoral terms of Susan Goetschius, assistant director of external affairs at the NYS College of Ceramics and mayor of Wellsville, and William Hall, professor of sociology and mayor of Alfred, did not expire this election day. Hall's term ends in March. □

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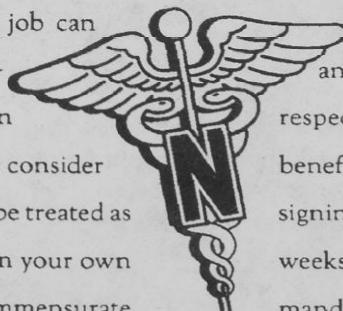
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Too many people could open your door

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

About a month ago, a student broke into several rooms in Openhym, said Susan Smith, associate dean of students.

The student came into possession of a master key that opened rooms in residence halls on the south side of campus, she said.

Smith said the problem was resolved when another student turned in the master key and several credit cards that were allegedly stolen.

This was "an isolated incident. Appropriate action was taken," she said.

But stolen master keys are not the only way that rooms and buildings can be opened by people who shouldn't be able to do so.

Each of the 1900 lockable doors on campus should have its own lock, said Bill Dillon, director of physical plant. Keys that open particular doors should not open other doors.

"The security system is that you only have a key for what you need," Dillon said.

At least, that is the plan.

Keys to residence halls may open doors to other buildings.

Steve Winn, a junior ceramic engineering major, discovered this last year.

When visiting a friend, Winn found that his key opened the front door of a building he did not live in.

"I was very surprised," Winn said.

That reaction was shared by AU officials.

Pat Schwartz, director of safety, security and telecommunications, said, "That shouldn't be happening."

"If there are duplicate keys, that could be a definite problem," she said.

Craig Reynolds, AU locksmith, said, "That was a malfunction."

Dean Smith also said she was unaware that residence hall rooms may not be secure.

However, she noted that thefts may happen when students leave room doors open or prop open exterior doors.

Kym Orr, Barresi resident director, said that residence hall staffs work to ensure that buildings stay secure.

R.A.'s make rounds of buildings at least twice a night, at 10 p.m. and midnight.

R.A.'s also have "If I were a thief..." sheets. If an R.A. sees an open room door, he can fill out a memo listing all the things that would be stolen if the R.A. were a thief.

However, the problem is not limited to residence halls.

An un-named faculty member said that all of the faculty offices in her building operate on the same key. □

Senate committee update

BY JONATHAN SPRINGER

On Nov. 2, the senate took no significant votes and engaged in no debate.

The student senate committees did not meet on Nov. 9 because senate was working at the AU telethon.

Constitution committee

The constitution committee had nothing to report.

Speaker series committee

The speaker series committee reported that it is looking for input from everybody and is not getting much feedback.

Spirit committee

The spirit committee thanked all those who participated in

interoffice trick-or-treating Halloween.

Food committee

The food committee reported that Nov. 9 would be steak night.

Multicultural committee

The multicultural committee spoke with Dwight Varnum, assistant professor of education, about his proposal for a multicultural conference.

Campus safety

The campus safety committee reported that AU is placing priority on lighting by Ade and Norwood, and has several long-term goals for lighting near Ford Street and on the green stairs between campus and McClane. □

...Peer review board

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least I can help decide how those rules are dealt with and enforced."

Although the board members were selected from a pool of only 14 applicants, Orr said that all peer adjudicators were highly qualified.

He also said that the board of three men and six women adequately represented AU's different colleges and classes.

"I was disappointed in the number of people who were interested," Orr said, "but we got lucky because the people who applied were desirable."

"If we hadn't found people who met our requirements we would have held another interest meeting and done another search for more candidates," he added.

Dean Smith said the peer review board will judge repeat offenders accused of committing mid-level crimes.

Smith said that incidents concerning illegal substances and alcohol violations could come under the board's jurisdiction.

Decisions to impose sanctions will require a majority vote of the three adjudicators who will hear each case. □

...Hillel

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The national organization is "starting to deal with issues that we've had to deal with all along," he explained, "with the shift from being a 'synagogue on campus' to maintaining a sense of Jewish identity when it is being lost."

Goldenberg agreed that the Alfred chapter has different concerns than the national group: "We do our own thing," she said.

However, she too discussed the need to draw more people in, indicating that there are at least some parallels between the Alfred chapter and the national organization.

"We're trying to change, get people together," she said. "If there's an idea, we'll run through every possibility of getting it going. It's always changing with who we have, what we have and what we want to see. We're trying to wake people up."

Hillel at Alfred was founded in 1949 by Mel Bernstein, a now-retired professor of English emeritus.

Hillel's charter says the group is designed to serve the Jewish community of Alfred. The Jewish population of Alfred is estimated at seven percent of the student body; however, Greil said he feels that 12 percent would be a more accurate estimate. □



World Notes

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

Africa: Gambia's military government put down a coup attempt. • U.N. peacekeepers will leave Somalia by March 31. • Fighting continues in Angola despite recent peace overtures. • Multi-party elections will be held in Ethiopia early next year. • The United Nations voted to establish a war crimes tribunal in Rwanda.

Asia and Pacific Rim: Talks concerning the future of North Korea's nuclear program continue; the Communist regime denounced joint American-South Korean military exercises. • An APEC, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, summit will be held in Indonesia; U.S. President Bill Clinton is attending.

Europe: U.S. President Clinton ordered American forces to stop enforcing the U.N.-sponsored arms embargo against Bosnia and Croatia. • Russian President Boris Yeltsin's cabinet is in crisis after Russia's economy slipped. • The stock market in Prague, Czech Republic, was closed for 12 days after an insider trading scandal became widely known.

Middle East and North Africa: A massive flood and oil fire killed more than 200 in Egypt. • Jordanian King Hussein became the second Arab leader to visit Israel after a peace treaty between the two nation was signed. • Iraq dropped its claim that Kuwait is Iraq's 19th province.

The Americas: The economy of Latin America grew at a 3.5 percent annual rate last year. • Argentina and Peru will sign a trade agreement. • The Brazilian army will launch an offensive against organized crime. • The majority of U.S. forces in Haiti will be withdrawn by the end of November.

United States: The Republican party rode a wave of voter anger to win control of the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate and a majority of governorships. • North Carolina mother Susan Smith's tale of her sons' kidnapping proved false; she has been charged with their murder. • A special prosecutor investigating former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy has selected his legal team. • Russian ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy is on a two-week tour of the United States.

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Police Blotter

The Alfred Police Department (APD) reported the following arrests and incidents from Oct. 28 to Nov. 11:

Oct. 30, 8 p.m.: Toni G. Martin, age 24, of Syracuse, was arrested for disorderly conduct after an incident at the Sub Shop.

Nov. 4, 1 a.m.: Shawn D. Butler, age 19, of Rush, N.Y., was arrested for criminal impersonation after he tried to use a fake i.d. at G.J.'s.

Nov. 8, 10:25 a.m.: Jessica Weida, age 21, of Houston, Texas, was arrested for aggravated harassment—disturbing, threatening or prank phone calls.

Nov. 10, 8:45 p.m.: Donna J.

Strong, age 32, of Alfred Station, was arrested on a warrant from Wellsville for issuing bad checks.

After her arrest, Strong was turned over to the Wellsville Police Department.

Nov. 11, 2:20 a.m.: Michael J. Miller, age 18, of Hornell, was arrested for possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

This violation of the state's alcoholic beverage control laws carries a \$50 minimum fine.

The following people were arrested for driving while intoxicated:

James B. Witmer, age 23, of Buffalo (Oct. 30)

Nathan J. Sutton, age 21, of Clarence Center, N.Y. (Nov. 5)

Frederick A. Griswold, age

42, of Arkport (Nov. 5)

The following people were arrested for violating the village's open container ordinance:

Matthew J. Andres, age 22, of Fairport, N.Y. (Oct. 29)

Erin M. Zegel, age 19, of West Sayville, N.Y. (Nov. 4)

The following people were arrested for violating the village's noise ordinance:

Zachary Al Keeting, age 21, of Bedford, Mass. (Nov. 6)

Joy H. Patterson, age 22, of Hudson, N.Y. (Nov. 6)

The APD was notified of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle—joyriding—on Oct. 31.

The APD was notified of bur-

glary on:
Sayles St. (Nov. 1)

The APD was notified of larceny on:

State St. (Oct. 30)

E. Pine St. (Oct. 31)

Rte. 244 (Nov. 6)

The APD was notified of larceny from a vehicle on:

Ford St. (Nov. 3)

Greek Row (Nov. 4)

Greek Row (Nov. 7)

Sayles St. (Nov. 8)

Ford St. (Nov. 11)

The APD was notified of disorderly conduct on:

Alfred Station (Nov. 4)

The APD was notified of criminal mischief on:

Sayles St. (Oct. 28)

S. Main St. (Nov. 3—twice)
N. Main St. (Nov. 5)

The APD was notified of aggravated harassment on:

Oct. 30

Nov. 2 (twice)

Nov. 4

The APD was notified of trespassing on:

W. University (Oct. 29)

The APD made mental health arrests, where individuals are taken into custody to receive mental health care and insure their safety, on:

Oct. 28

Nov. 10

The APD reported 6 issuances of bad checks.

Court Report

David B. Carnrike of Buffalo was charged with passing a stop sign (\$75 fine)

William J. Marshall of Wellsville was charged with driving with an expired inspection sticker (\$40 fine)

Michael Smilkstein of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., was charged with driving while intoxicated. The charge was reduced to driving while alcohol impaired (\$375 fine)

Paul D. Bragger of Watertown, N.Y., was charged with disorderly conduct. The charge was reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50 fine)

R.S. Polanski II of Cattaraugus, N.Y., was charged with disturbing the peace (\$50 fine)

Matthew J. Andres of Fairport, N.Y., was

charged with an open container violation (\$25 fine)

The following people were charged with speeding in a zone:

Matthew G. Sturgeon of Niagara Falls, N.Y. (\$85 fine)

Eric Valenti of Rockville Center, N.Y. (charge reduced to failure to obey a traffic control device, \$100 fine)

Mark A. Covais Jr. of Scarsdale, N.Y.

(\$85 fine)

Tracy L. Smith of Avoca, N.Y. (\$85 fine)

The following people were charged with driving without a seatbelt:

Johnny M. Harris of Norfolk, Va. (\$50 fine)

Edwin S. Warnes North Collins, N.Y. (\$75 fine)

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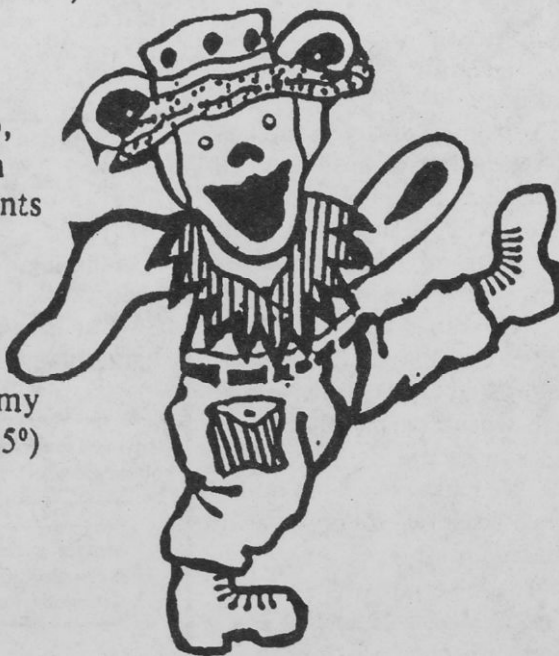
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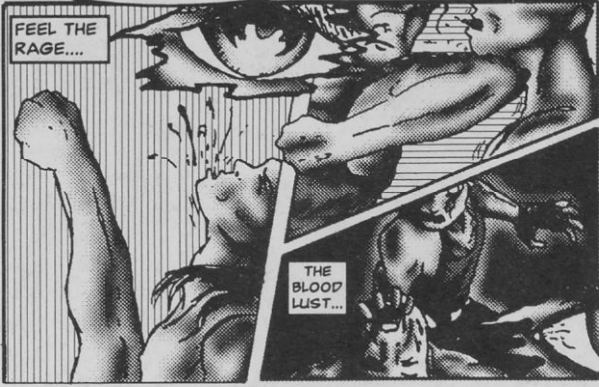
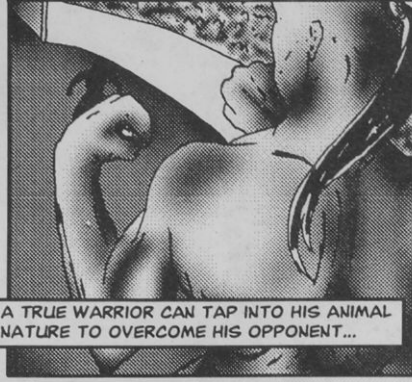
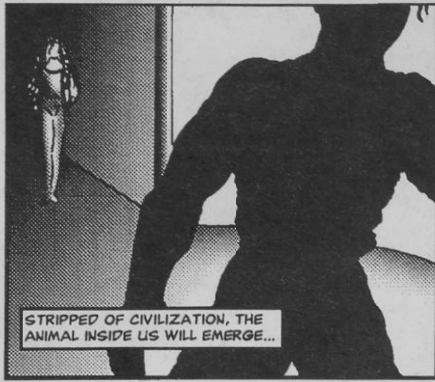
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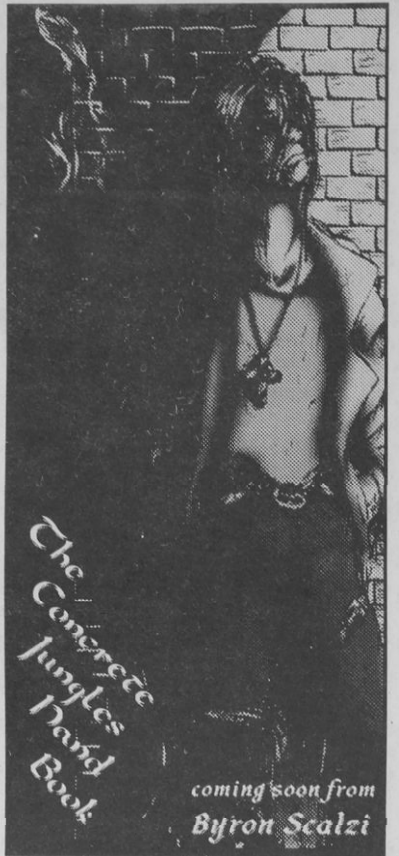
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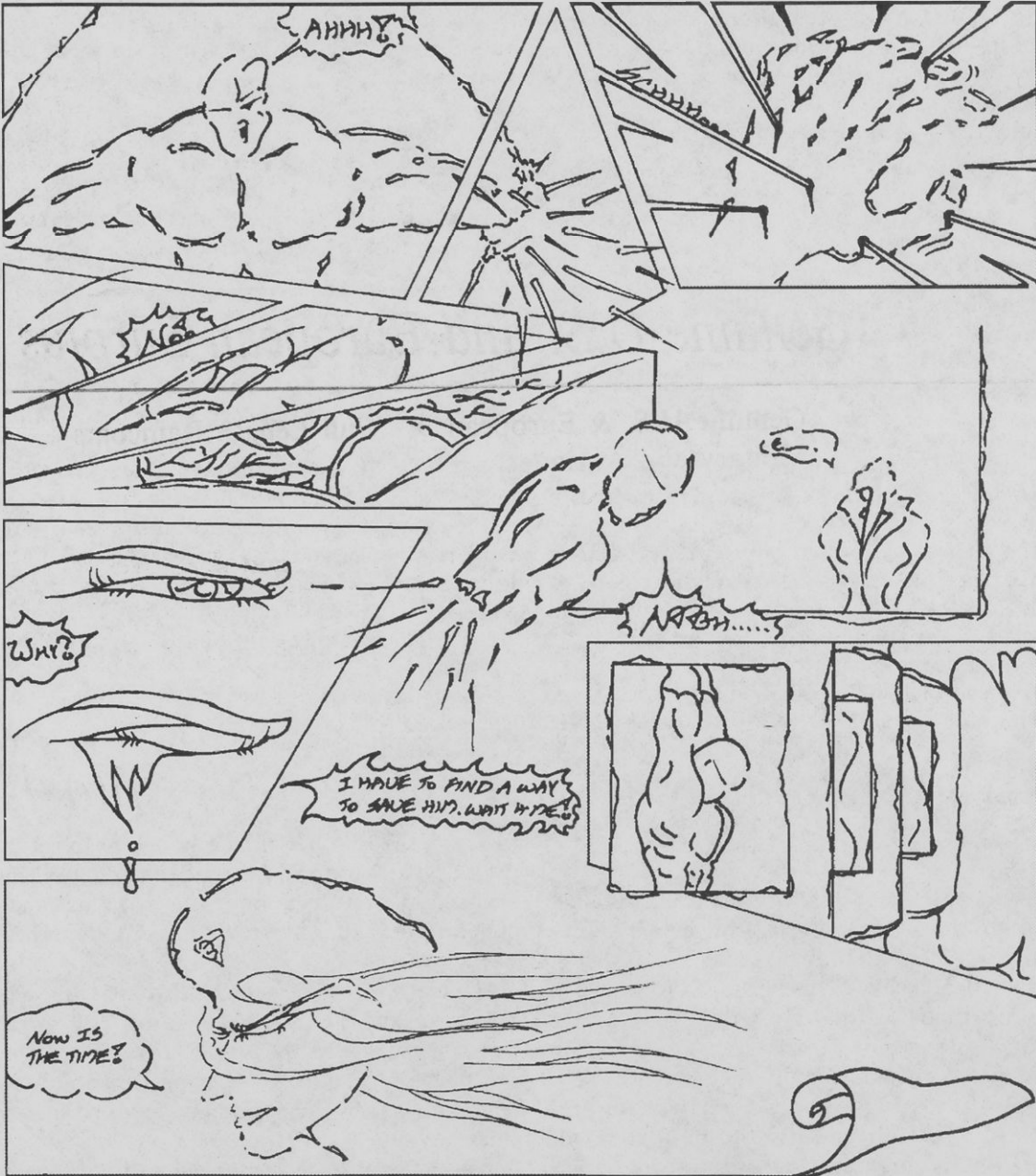


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Experience on side of men's basketball

BY ERIC FLORCZYK

In his inaugural year of coaching the men's basketball team at Alfred University, Tom Spanbauer inherits an experienced team where four of five seniors are beginning their fourth year with the program.

Spanbauer has plenty of coaching experience, having coached nine years of college basketball. For five of the nine years, he coached other Division III schools including Albany State and Cortland State. He worked for the last four years as an assistant coach at

Alfred. He also coached the Empire State Games during the last two summers.

In addition to coaching, Spanbauer played four years of basketball at Cortland State. He had a post-collegiate career playing in the Empire State Games in the open division. He was an all New York State Division III player, and ECAC All-Star, and all SUNYAC for two years.

Spanbauer's assistants have plenty of experience as well. Steve Lester, a 1977 AU graduate coached at Alfred State as head coach of the women's

team and an assistant for the men's team. Spanbauer's other assistant, Wayne Walton, coached last year at St. Lawrence. This will be his second year coaching in the college ranks.

Former basketball coach Kevin Jones left because he took a job with NBA Europe as manager of basketball operations. He is involved with promoting and organizing NBA activities in Europe.

Leaders on the team this year seem to be the five seniors. The captains are Cyrus Nesbit and Pep Skillon.

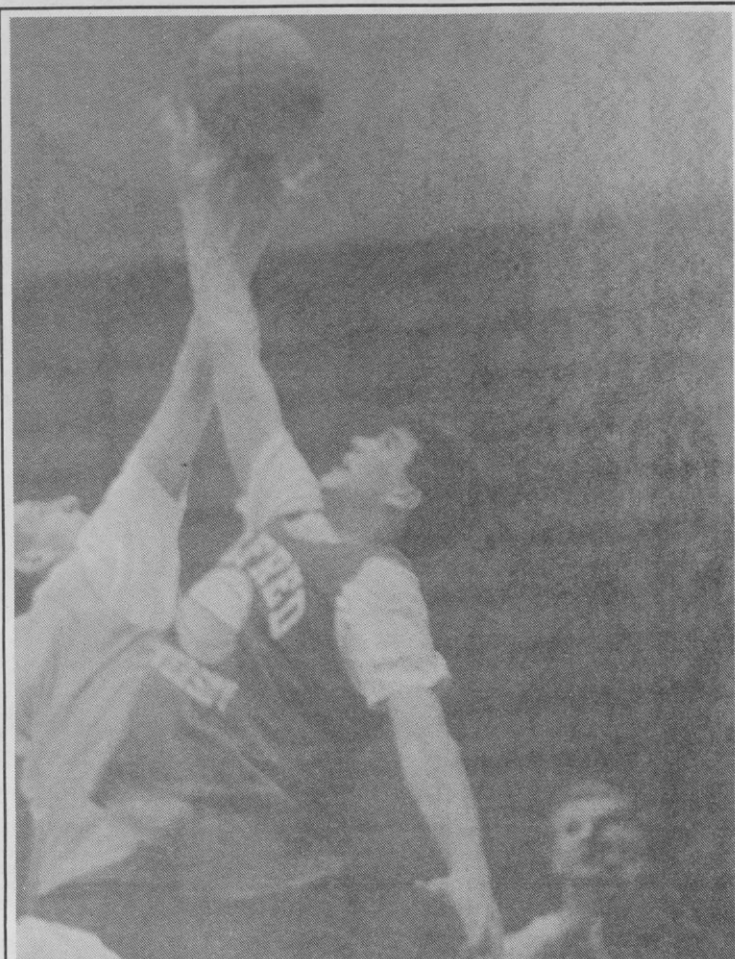
This year's standout will most likely

be Nesbit, a first team all-league player last year. He led the team in rebounds and scoring last year. "He is statistically our best player," Spanbauer said.

When asked about goals for his team this year, Spanbauer replied, "Our goals for this year are to improve on our play within our league, try to earn a berth in our post-season tournament and improve upon our record from last year."

The Saxons open the '94-'95 season at the Buffalo State Tournament Nov. 18-19. □

PHOTO BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ



Jason Amore (left) and Jason Dobrinick sky for a jump ball.

Women's basketball looks to rebuild

BY CYRUS NESBIT

Coach Jeannette Yeoman will be going back to the fundamentals this year as the Lady Saxons rebuild their basketball team. It is a new season, with a new coach and new attitudes.

Yeoman said one of her goals is to create an attitude where the women control their own fate.

Yeoman's example may be hard for her team to follow. In her college career at St. Joseph's in Indiana, she finished her days as the all-time leading scorer and a 1990 first team All-American.

"We have to go back to mastering the fundamentals," said Yeoman. "Making sure their habits are good ones and having the patience to get rid of the bad ones."

Yeoman said she hopes to turn last season's 4-20 record around. "The girls are happy because they started with a clean slate," said Yeoman. "They are playing hard, having fun and working together."

Yeoman said that her women will do well because

they are "receptive to new information because they wanted change."

The Lady Saxons will revive their inside game with Susan Boyle and Carrie Seargent. "They both need to finish to feel more confident. Then the inside game will help Jill with her outside game," said Yeoman.

Yeoman said she felt good about the last week's scrimmage against Brockport. "They played pretty well and did some things I thought they couldn't do but they needed to finish the plays."

Yeoman said she wants the team to improve by playing team defense and take good shots.

"I like her a lot. She has a lot of new ideas for the team and she stresses the fundamentals," said center Susan Boyle.

Terra Johnson and Jill Ireland will lead the team as co-captains. The Lady Saxons begin their season on Nov. 18 at the Penn State-Behrend Tournament. Their season opener will be against Walsh University on Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. at the McLane Center. □

Swimmer anticipates undefeated season

BY SHAWN COSTANZO

Profile: Steve Farrenkopf, rookie on the men's swim team.

Name: Steven Erik Farrenkopf

Age: 18

Year: Freshman

Major: Liberal Arts

Hometown: Brewster, Mass.

High School: Cape Cod Academy

Swimming Background: Cape Cod Swim Club. Started at age 14 and competes in the 100 yard freestyle and 400 yard individual medley

Why he came to Alfred: "It was the best combination of scholastics and academics."

Thoughts on Alfred swimming: "A lot harder than I thought, and more challenging." Farrenkopf said. "I also like swimming for a team rather than personally at the private club."



Team Expectations: "The teammates and I have the feeling that we will be undefeated."

Self Expectations: "I started swimming at the age of 14, where others started at the age of 5," Farrenkopf said. "I feel I have improved to where I can be very competitive with the other swimmers, but I also have a lot more room to improve whereas the others have already peaked."

Opinion on Coach: "Coach is a funny guy, a caring one, and good with one-on-one conversation with his players. I feel he has an excellent coaching style, he's definitely a player's coach, and has good morale with the swimmers."

What the Coach Says: "Steve will do well this year, he has the ability, not this year, to make national cuts," said Coach Schaeberle.

Special Thanks: Farrenkopf thanks his mom, Teresa, and Dave Mason who has motivated him since he started swimming. □

Lady Saxons will try to break records

BY DEREK CASE

Last year the AU women's swim team posted a 6-7 record. Head coach Jim Stien, who coached the team for five years (19-27), said that the team is looking at a possible .500 season this year.

The team is led by senior co-captain Alethea Cariddi and junior co-captain Amber Apel.

Stien described Cariddi as a "solid diver" and Apel as a "very hard worker" in the breaststroke and backstroke.

The team will look to sophomore Leigh Allen, holder of the school 100-yard backstroke record.

"She should break both the school 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke records this year," Stien said.

Freshman Shannon Youmell "looks great" in the 100- and 200-yard fly, Stien said.

Stien said he is confident that his team will work hard, but, "you don't know what the other teams have."

He said that Geneseo, Binghamton, Hartwick, and William Smith will be their tough meets this season.

The lady Saxon's next meet is Nov. 19 at Geneseo. □

Saxon swimmers look to make a big splash

BY SHAWN COSTANZO

After what head coach Mike Schaeberle called a "rebuilding" season last year, men's swimming now aims for higher goals.

"Our goal," says Schaeberle, "is to finish in the top three in the states this year." Last year's squad went 5-7 in the regular season dual meets and was sixth in the state.

With returning seniors Chris Adam and John Mitchell, there seems to be a surge of optimism as this team looks to improve their coach's lifetime record of 163-85.

Adam, last year's leading point winner and

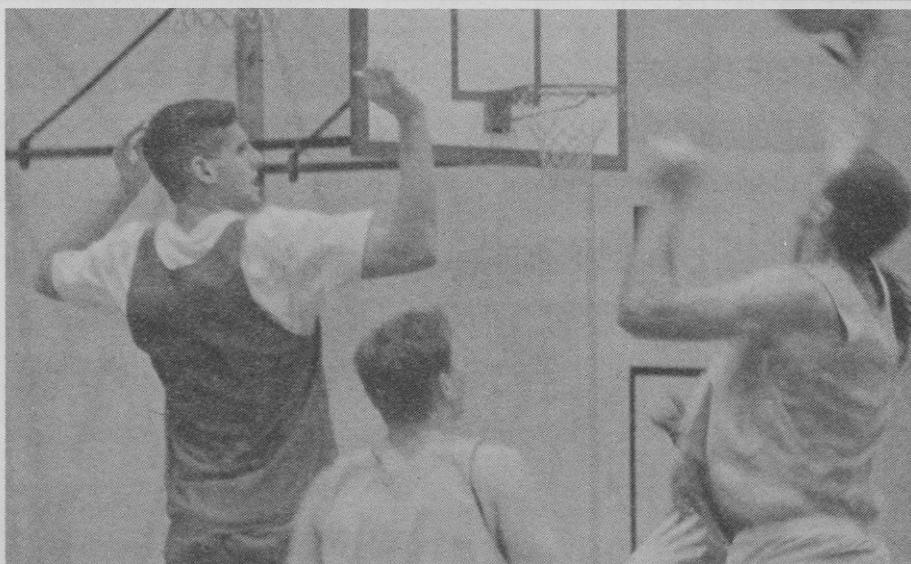
this year's captain, said he hopes to excel in the 200-yard individual medley and breaststroke. Adam said he hopes to make national cuts this year after narrowly missing them last year.

The team will also rely on Mitchell, who will compete in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle, as well as the breaststroke.

Schaeberle also expects strong contributions from juniors Owen Sayre, Noel Pelczarski and Jim Chayka.

The Saxons open their season against Geneseo at the McLane pool Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. □

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Jason Dobrinick and Matt Sillick look to get a rebound off Jason Amore's shot.