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Local Briefs

AU Ranks Third Among Small Schools

Alfred University ranks third among 167 small comprehensive colleges and universities in the nation, according to a special report released last week by U.S. News & World Report.

In addition, the quality of AU's faculty was ranked in the top five among the schools.

AU earned third rank based on several criteria: selectivity, strength of its faculty and per-student size of its budget, resources available for its educational programs, and its success in seeing freshmen through graduation.

Researchers Make Superconductivity Breakthrough

Researchers at the New York State College of Ceramics brought the dream of superconductivity closer to a commercial reality last week, when they announced their discovery of a new way to make ceramic superconductors.

Drs. Arun K. Varshneya, Robert Snyder and Atit Bhargava said they have produced a stronger, more durable superconductor by making a glass and then turning it into a ceramic.

To date, worldwide efforts to produce a viable superconductor have failed because they have focused only on the use of ceramic materials.

A glass-ceramic combination offers engineers a better way of molding superconductive materials into shapes, including wires, sheets and tapes.

Superconductive materials conduct electricity without a loss of power when exposed to extreme cold.

If the materials can be shaped into conductors, their practical application will revolutionize technology; scientists envision superconductive electric motors, power plants that send electricity long distances using less fuel, and flying trains.

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Concerned Citizens Fight Environmental Hazards

Brian Folker

The environment is an important issue in the upcoming election, indicating that more Americans are becoming concerned.

The Citizens for a Clean Environment of New York and Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization aimed at environmental education and correcting damage already done.

The group consists of citizens with a wide variety of environmental concerns ranging from pesticides in foods to disposable diapers.

Walter Davis, founder and president of Citizens for a Clean Environment, started the organization out of concern for groundwater contamination which is rampant in Northern Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York State. There are problems throughout both states but concentration is on these areas.

A recent study by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources found that of the 700,000 wells supplying Pennsylvania residents with water, two-thirds are unsafe due to bacteria and chemical impurites.

"What is happening to our ground water should be the number one concern of Americans today", said Davis. "Steps are being taken to clean up the air, and it is being done, but groundwater is a much more serious problem. The State is working on it, but they won't tell us anything. They don't want us to know how bad it is."

Around Davis' home in West Union Township, Ben County, animal waste from area farms is seeping into groundwater causing nitrate contamination, particularly dangerous to infants. In some instances, there are pipes running from chicken and milk houses directly into nearby creeks.

Katherine Cantwell, the local representitive of Americans for Safe Foods said, "We cannot point fingers at others about environmental problems, we must first change our own lifestyles".

If you are interested in joining the group or want to learn more about these problems and what you can do, attend a meeting being held on October 18, at 7:00 at St. Judes chapel. There will also be a coffeehouse on October 22, at 7:00 at St. Judes featuring information on a variety of environmental interests including ACREP, an organization dedicated to recycling. Entertainment will be provided by local folk musicians.

AU, Businesses Try To Cope With Drinking Laws

Bryan Sullivan

In the fall of 1983, President Coll appointed a committee to review and revise Alfred University's alcohol beverage policy and to study alcohol use here.

The committee, comprised of a representative group of students, faculty and administrative staff, has met three times since 1983.

The alcohol beverage policy had to be revised because New York State laws on alcohol consumption were changed. Vice-President Donald King stated that AU must adhere to the laws of New York State to avoid serious problems. The University feels their policy is one of responsibility.

King said, "We want those who can drink to do it with the responsibility of an adult." He said that drinking and driving has had a larger impact on students' drinking habits than state law or university policy.

The drinking and driving laws also help to enforce the policy the university has developed. AU does not promote the consumption of alcohol on campus or at university functions.

Sue Smith, assistant dean of residence life said, "We don't want students to come to a function just for alcohol. We want them to know you can have fun without alcohol."

Since Smith started at the Office of Residence Life, she says the student population has changed its attitude.

Smith said, "Students who can't drink because of their age would rather go to a place where alcohol isn't served."

These statements do not reflect what the Alfred Police and Alfred students have been saying.

Officer R.R. Humphrey, of the Alfred Police Department, said, "Underage students still want to drink and they are doing it." He believes that students come to college to study a little and party a lot."

Some students at the university disagree with Smith's statements as well.

Karlyn Wedin, a junior said, "Students at Alfred—21 or not—are drinking often."

Wedin says that AU seems to have a problem on its hands when it comes to alcohol consumption. After spending a year in Alfred, Wedin said, "Almost everyone I have met goes out to drink on the weekends. Some even drink a few times during the week."

John Atkins, a senior business student said, "The underclassmen are having to hide their drinking. They are finding it fun or a kind of challange to get away with it."

AU policy seems to be working according to the administrative staff, but not according to police and students.

ALFRED'S BARS LOSE BUSINESS

When New York State raised the drinking age to 21, Alfred's taverns lost a large amount of their profits. Since then, tavern owners have stepped up their efforts to draw in students who can drink legally.

John Wesniervski, one of the three brothers who own and run Alex's College Spot, said, "Seventy-five percent of the students in Alfred are under 21. This

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Ott Discusses Future Plans As Provost

Roslyn Tyre

Dr. W. Richard Ott, former dean of the NYS College of Ceramics, began his duties as the new provost for Alfred University on July 1, 1988.

The position of provost, or in plainer terms, Vice President of Academic Affairs, was awarded to Ott based on two key factors. The first was the substantial amount of experience Ott acquired from his position as dean for 8 years. The second was a recommendation from President Edward Coll. It was formulated from a close working relationship that exists between them.

Ott's duties as an academic administrator includes control of the libraries and computer centers on campus. He also works closely with faculty members on a regular basis and with university students on occasion "in order to make this the best possible institution."

Changes for the future are an important concern of the provost. Ideas that are under consideration involve promotion and tenure for teachers. A policy dealing with these factors exists in the College of Ceramics, the College of Nursing and the School of Art and Design. Ott wants to extend it.

The policy is targeted at teachers qualified for promotion and/or tenure. They are each required to enlist the judgement of three people from their specific educational field, but from outside of the Alfred area. The three references are then asked to write letters of recommendation and review resumes for the teacher they are supporting.

Ott's proposal entails instituting this procedure in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Business and Administration. He believes that the best and most successful students are those who study under successful teachers. This policy of tenure and promotion existing throughout the entire university would assure the administrative staff that the teachers they reward are accomplished in their discipline and capable of directly assisting students.

Another of the provost's goals is to push AU higher on the scale that rates tertiary schools in the United States. Presently, U.S. News and World Report ranked AU third on a national scale. As well, the magazine awarded a "star rating" to the university based on faculty quality among small comprehensive colleges.

An open house will be held at St. Jude's Center for Catholic Campus Ministry on Oct. 23rd from 12-3 to celebrate the reconstruction. All are welcome (students, faculty and community members). Refreshments will be served.

Don't walk alone, call AU security at ext. 2108.

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Setting the Record Straight on AKA

It's time to set the record straight on Alpha Kappa Alpha. Rumors flying about the controversy between AKA and the Intergreek Council have bred unnecessary tension and petty grievances. Following are the facts as we have pieced them together, along with a few suggestions for solving this crisis.

Last summer newly-hired minority affairs counselor Tonja Benson met several women interested in AKA, a predominantly minority sorority. At the beginning of the year, Benson, an AKA sister, formed an interest group of 36 women. She had previously spoken with Don King, who spoke about AKA at an IGC meeting.

Since then, rumors have flown like crazy, rumors to the effect that AKA didn't play by the "rules:" Becky Branch, president of Theta Theta Chi, and Danny Palumbo, president of Alpha Kappa Omicron, said they believe AKA has an unfair "administrational advantage," since administrators Benson and King brought the idea to IGC.

But AKA doesn't have an advantage. Administrators can't force IGC to admit new members to the Greek system; IGC alone has the power to accept or reject a Greek organization's request to form at Alfred.

Further, the advantage, Greeks accuse AKA of having, comes from the nature of Benson's and King's roles at AU.

As a minority affairs counselor, Benson must recruit and retain minorities by finding ways to help them adjust to life in a predominantly white school.

Benson said she did not herself pursue the idea of an AKA chapter here; she acted only after women expressed an interest to her. She said she is "more than willing to meet with IGC" and abide by their rules.

King is under fire because he is a top administrator. As IGC advisor, King considers himself a "mediator;" he said he has kept his personal views away from the AKA debate so IGC doesn't feel pressured.

Notions of administrational advantage aside, some sororities worry about AKA cutting into their territory. Pam Schnabolk, president of Sigma Chi Nu, said her house hasn't decided how it will vote when IGC decides on AKA. "Our house is split 50/50, because some sisters are concerned about competition," she said.

Such territorialism is silly. Benson said most minorities don't join greeks. Moreover, as Branch put it, "AKA won't take away from us. It's an entirely different girl who pledges Theta."

The controversy is more pressing since IGC's constitution says little about handling requests for new chapters. Before Sigma Alpha Mu colonized, IGC had no guidelines for admitting new chapters. After SAM took IGC by surprise, the council established in its constitution that all new chapters must meet IGC approval.

But when it amended its constitution, IGC didn't establish any criteria for making a decision. They planned to create the criteria this fall. Ironically, while the council makes the criteria, AKA is waiting for a vote.

Branch said AKA should repetition for their chapter after the criteria have been set. Unfortunately, asking AKA to repetition later seems like a stalling tactic, even if it isn't.

With the facts out in the open, IGC has to recognize that AKA is wanted by students, not by the administration. IGC must also recognize that territorialism is selfish and a disservice to the student body; voting down AKA on the basis of turf concerns tells students they have no real options in the Greek system.

Further, IGC should admit it got caught with its pants down on the criteria issue. Rather than make AKA reapply, the council should allow it to bypass the criteria. AKA shouldn't have to pay the price for a vague constitution.

Voting down AKA now would be poor judgment on IGC's part. Thankfully the controversy has not been racial in tone. But a "no" vote based on the council's insupportable gripes would put a strain on minority-Greek relations. More than that, it would send the message that Greeks are merely self-serving.

To the Editor:

Dear Editor:

Don't Judge a Topic by its Title

I was very surprised to hear the discussion on God, Sex and AIDS on Thursday night. I thought I was going to have to hear the wrath of God on homosexuals and our society for condoning such behavior, but this was not the case.

Danny Legault, the speaker, thoroughly discussed the subject. He gave the statistics from Christian doctors and nonchristian doctors on how AIDS is spread. Then he discussed the most common symptoms of AIDS and how the victim is ostracised by his/her family, friends, and society. I was very moved to emphasize with the victim and gained a greater understanding on the spread of AIDS.

Then he discussed how God was related to AIDS. He said God does not wrathfully pour AIDS on people because he is angry, but God has given us in the Bible a standard to live by because He knew that if we went against His standards of "Do not commit adultery," no fornication of whoremongers; there would be consequences. He used a modern parable: "When a father tells his child not to play in the street, but the child goes in the street and gets hit by a car, was it the father's wrath? No, it was the child's disobedience." What do you think?

Patricia C. Guiher
Student Rep. for BASIC

Dear Editor:

It has come to our attention that there is a lack of knowledge concerning the Greek system on this campus. In our attempts to increase awareness, the Sisters of Alpha Kappa Omicron would like to inform you about some of the aspects of Greek life. Currently at Alfred, there are seven fraternities and three sororities which play an integral part in Alfred's social life, campus activities and community service. Greeks as a whole, pride themselves in encouraging participation from the entire student body. Through the IGC (Inter-Greek Council), the fraternities and sororities form a unified group to promote and enhance a better understanding of the Greeks, and in particular, cooperation between a diversified and rich environment for growth. Each sorority has its own individuality, while maintaining positive interaction with the others.

Our individuality began in 1944 with the purpose of opening sorority life to all University women. Based on this premise, the preamble to our Constitution evolved. It goes as follows:

"We the members of Alpha Kappa Omicron, establish this sorority to be interfaith and interracial. We pledge to defend and perpetuate the ideals for which the sorority stands, even to the destruction of the sorority itself. For, without truth, understanding, and a sisterhood equity, such an association shall be meaningless. In the event that the sorority fails to uphold these ideals, it will no longer have the privilege of continuing under this name. In this we believe and have committed ourselves."

We urge the student body to further investigate the Greek system at Alfred University. We feel that our assisting fraternities and sororities have much to offer to any interested students.

The Sisters of Alpha Kappa Omicron

To The Editor:

The American Red Cross would like to thank all students, faculty, and townspeople who donated blood on Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27, during the Alfred State College and Alfred University blood drive. 193 usable units of blood were collected at Alfred University and 102 usable units at Alfred State. Thanks are due to all who volunteered their time (and their blood). For those of you who tried but were unable to donate blood this time, thanks and please try again next Spring! Special thanks are due to the many townspeople who worked again so faithfully, to students who took histories and vital signs, acted as escorts, made and distributed posters, and unloaded and loaded the Bloodmobile. Without the help of all these people, these blood drives would not be possible. We do thank you for your continuing efforts on behalf of the American Red Cross.

Marty Fuller
Allegany County Coordinator
American Red Cross

Dear Editor:

The First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The ACLU tell us, the free exercise of religion is wrong, or in their letter, the ACLU said: "teaching and practice of religion (are) pervasive in the public school system."

In this presidential election, we have the right to say yes to the First Amendment. Then perhaps all our school children can say, "one nation under God," without the ACLU threatening to sue and seeking damages.

Isaac Colvin

Dear Editor :

For many, waking up can be a hard process. Still, the morning ritual of the alarm clock is preferable to other ways of being disturbed. Last night, I encountered the worst way. I woke up to the sound of a key unlocking my door.

The Bartlett authorities (i.e. RD, RA's) were conducting a furniture "survey". The why of which was never explained, but presumably it was a search for missing items from the dorm. While I would have been happy to cooperate with such a search when I was awake, I still cannot see why it was important enough to break into my room.

They could point to the housing contract and use it as justification for such a search since it states the signee must obey the rules of the residence hall. To this I have one reply:

When I signed the housing contract, I, in no way, surrendered my rights as a United States citizen. Those rights are guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. I suggest the Bartlett authorities read it.

Ray Laird

Candidates Propose Child Care Solutions

Joe Raguso

Americans want the federal government to do more to help them out with child care.

A spokesman for the Dukakis campaign cited statistics in a telephone interview showing that Americans need help with child care: Three out of five mothers with children in school work out of their homes; twenty-five percent of U.S. children live with a single parent; one out of four U.S. children are born into poverty, as defined by the federal government, each year.

The candidates have responded to these statistics. Dukakis, who established a child care program in Massachusetts heralded as the most progressive in the nation, supports the Act for Better Child Care (ABC Bill), which is currently in Congress. Bush, also feeling popular pressure, has proposed a new federal program to assist low income families with child care. Bush's program has recently been endorsed by President Reagan, who in the past has vowed to veto any federal child care legislation. The programs are estimated to cost $2.5 and 2.3 billion dollars, respectively, giving new meaning to the phrase 'you can't get something for nothing.'

The main differences between the candidates' proposals are their ideological approach and the money they would provide to low and middle income families. The ABC bill, supported by Dukakis, is a directly financed government program, while that proposed by Bush is regarded as a hands off based tax-credit approach.

The Bush program is geared for families with children under four, whose annual earnings are less than $12,000 (eligibility limit will rise to $20,000 over the next four years). Eligible families would receive a $1000/year tax credit which could be spent any way they wish. The money is meant for child care but can be used to supplement income. Selling points of the program include the individuals freedom to spend as they see fit and lack of government intervention. Its fault, parents can spend the $1000 on anything because it is not mandatory it be used for child care.

The ABC bill, supported by Dukakis, sets the age limit at six years. The bill does not set a national income limit. Instead, eligibility is based on each states median family income. The money awarded can be used only for licensed care. The bill requires that national standards for child care be established as well as sets up agencies to insure child care quality, provide refer all assistance for parents, and train day care workers. The strength of the program is its comprehensive approach to provide complete quality child care. Its weakness is the bureaucracy it establishes.

As for the money provided by both proposals to assist low and middle income families, Newsweek magazine gives an example. A family living in Maine, and making $10,000 with a four year old child would receive $1000 per year from the Bush proposal and approximately $3,200 per year from the ABC bill, which Dukakis supports. It is estimated that average child care costs $3000 per year.

Town Board Votes Down New Drinking Laws

Mike Downey

Despite rumors to the contrary, the town of Alfred will not lose its alcohol.

The laws in question, involve rules against loitering and open containers. These laws are already in place in the village, where the Alfred University and SUNY Alfred campuses are located.

The idea for the laws was started when an incident involving a minor being given alcohol was brought before Mr. William McCray, town justice of Alfred. McCray was concerned because there was no lesser law to plead down to. Since giving alcohol to anyone under 21 is a violation of the state penal law, the person accused would have a permanent, criminal record. This person is a 21 year old student who gave alcohol to a 19 year old friend (the names of the accused or the school, the person attends was not divulged by McCray). However, there were no such laws for the town of Alfred.

McCray proposed the open container and loitering legislation to help protect first time offenders, especially students. He feels "court...is an extension of the education process." Without these laws to plead down to, "first timers" would breach a state penal law, which is an offense punishable by imprisonment.

If there had been "anti-drinking" laws proposed by the town, they would not affect the village of Alfred, which, again, contains the AU and SUNY Alfred campuses. The town justice only acts for the village in cases when the village justice is absent. Otherwise, the town court will not interfere in the village court's jurisdiction.

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Fabulous Food For One

Paula-Jeanne Mills

If you always thought cooking and eating for one was the worst possible fate anyone could ever be subjected to—think again! Cooking for yourself can be fun!

Our consultants for this story—the people from Kinfolk Grocery, a natural food store in Alfred, say one should not "overbuy" when buying vegetables especially when buying soft vegetables such as zucchini, cucumbers and lettuce.

Whatever the food, no one likes to eat leftovers day after day. Our consultants from Kinfolk suggested that a person buy only portions of large meats, vegetables and fish—to keep from eating leftovers and to keep from having spoilage.

Another key factor to enjoying your food is to buy crops in season. This will not only help in the food's taste, but also in the food's preservation. Apples, artichokes, some fall corns and tomatoes are great because they are already packaged for single consumption. Pumpkins can be good also—if you buy one that isn't too big.

The people at Kinfolk gave us some ideas for "Meals for One." An example of one is to cook a cup of macaroni in olive oil and in the meantime, cook some vegetables. You may cook the vegetables to adante or longer—however you like them better. Then, once the macaroni and vegetables are each ready, mix them together and serve with grated cheese on top.

Another type of meal that is fun is fish. It's great because you can buy single portions of any kind of fish and cook it up anyway you'd like. You can bread it or not, and you can serve it up with different vegetables and parsley to keep the meal colorful.

That leads us into another important part of cooking for oneself. You not only taste a meal, you look at it also. Even though you're the only person eating the meal, it should look appealing and appetizing enough so that you can get full enjoyment out of the meal and all of your hard work!

So, the next time you don't quite know whether you should cook or not—try it! You just might have some fun!

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Career and Counseling

Cathie Chester

Midsemester means a rest from routine and the opportunity to evaluate your year so far. Whether you spend the break at home, traveling, with friends or alone, you have time to reflect and ask yourself: How am I doing? Have I done those things I want or need to do? What next?

At home, your parents will have questions concerning your program of study and/or career plans. Parents are reassured when given information about concrete tasks such as grade reports, requirements being met, major chosen, career field targeted, resume written and letters of recommendation secured, job contacts made. Being specific about these areas will help give parents a better understanding of the demands you face at school. Relieving parental anxiety on these points makes it easier to share more personal information-thoughts, hopes, dreams, and who you're dating now.

Questions to ask yourself involve satisfaction. Am I enjoying my classes, major, projects? Am I progressing with my work, learning academic and professional skills? Am I making good decisions and keeping my commitments to myself? It may be time to adjust and prioritize your goals for the semester.

It may also be time to adjust your time budget- to include more (or less) activities that give you personal satisfaction. Are you getting any relaxation, recreation or exercise? Have you been to a dance, to dinner, to a film or to the gym? Are you spending your time in a bar and settling for mediocre performance in the other areas of your life? Be honest with yourself when finding your balance between work and play.

The four years you have at AU may seem endless at times, but too short for all the things you really want to do here, if you list them. Get organized for the rest of the semester. Make your detailed list of priorities and set your goals. If you have trouble with this or with following through, come by the Career and Counseling Services office and let's consult. Have a good break!

Ammons Comes To Alfred

Gwyn Clarke

A. R. Ammons began the reading with poems serious in tone. His first, "Clown Act," compared the antics of the crow to the act of a clown. Other poems included "Boon," "Time Rate of Change," and "Appreciation of feet," a selection written after his father's feet were amputated.

He then read some humorous poems and filled two requests from the audience. He recited poems on needs, inspired by a three-month fellowship in Rome. In one of these poems, "Alternative," Ammons discussed Archimedes' concept of moving the earth with a fulcrum and lever. Though he says he knows it is impossible, Ammons said he would like to move the world with words.

Ammons started writing when he was stationed in the Pacific. "I was terrible!" he said. But he added some advice to aspiring writers: "You just have to keep writing."

The Writer and the Language

Flora Williams

We can't think without language, according to Dr. Hiber Conteris, a visiting professor from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Conteris is originally from Uraguay, where he was held as a political prisoner for 8 years. While imprisoned he wrote 4 novels, a novella, and several plays.

He spoke about one of his novels, *The Trace of the Serpent*, to introduce the topic.

In the book, two anthropologists from Mexico and Latin America go to Ohio to investigate the Serpent's Mound, a long hill shaped like a serpent.

While, there an Indian Chief explained to the Mexican that everything from animals to clouds to trees to humans once spoke the same language. Then man began to assign different names to everything, so eventually man could not understand the others. This resulted in man's separation from nature. Different groups of humans then started assigning their own names and new languages evolved.

Language in its simplest form is merely assigning names to objects, but as it grows more complex, words for concepts are added. Values and judgement's are added by the speaker. Language then becomes a substitute for reality. Conteris describes fiction as language that merely describes worlds, while poetry creates worlds. It is his ultimate aspiration. He joked that unfortunately, fiction sells better.

Conteris posed the question, "Can we think without language?" He feels not. We think in words and are prisoners of words and language. We do not chose the language we originally speak. We learn it and think in it. We can transcend the barriers of language though. He states that it is the writer's responsibility to create change in language.

In his native land the military dictatorship uses language in absolute terms. They have tried to homogenize the language and oppress some meanings of words. It is up to the writers to show that words do have plural meanings and to create new meanings. It is their obligation to destabilize the language.

Interpreters Aid Deaf Students In Class

Deirdre Frank

Two deaf students are attendig AU this year. These students are accompanied to class each day by an interpreter who translates the class lecture to them.

Cindy Essick, 35, and Kathleen Finan, 21, are the interpreters for these students. Both Essick and Finlan received their education at the National Technical Institute for Deaf, at RIT. The program, which began in 1981, consisted of two years of intense training in the areas of deaf culture and studies, and required them to learn all the various types of signing. This field of interpreting is relatively new, yet there is a great demand for these skills.

It's the job of the interpreter to attend each class with the student. During the class, the interpreter will sit in the front of the room facing the student and translating what the professor is saying. Essick described this as a physically and mentally taxing job, because it goes in the head and out the hands so quickly. They interpret phone calls, meetings with teachers, and other interactions that occur on the campus.

Both of the interpreters are employed and paid by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. The purpose of this organization is to provide the necessary services in order for handicapped students to attend classes. This organization did not find Essick and Finan for the interpreting positions here at Alfred. They found out about the jobs from an ad put in the paper by Kathryn's parents.

Essick became interested in interpreting from watching TV and seeing the person in the corner of the screen signing for the deaf viewers. She knew after seeing this that she wanted to learn sign language and interpret. This is her first time interpreting on the college level. She spent a great deal of time working with younger handicapped students, and has also learned how to read braille. She considers signing to be her life's work.

Finan realized she wanted to become an interpreter after babysitting for a deaf child. She knew that if she wanted to communicate with the child, she'd have to learn signing. Once she did learn to sign, interpreting became her career ambition. Finan wants to continue interpreting, but she also plans to attend Boston University to study Special Education and Deaf Studies.

Watching Cindy and Kathleen interpret in classes has aroused a lot of interest in learning about sign language. There isn't a universal sign language. The American Sign Language, ASL, is the closest there is to a universal language. ASL isn't translating word for word, it only conveys the main point. There are many different types of sign languages, and they're regional and like different dialects of a language.

October 13, at 3 p.m. in the Campus Center, Cindy and Kathleen are going to begin a signing course for all those interested in learning the language.

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Professor Strong Talks About Lovers

Flora Williams

Dr. Paul Strong, professor of English and the head of the Honors Program, discussed lovers in literature with a standing-room only audience at the Sept. 28 Bergren Forum.

He focused on Andrew Wyeth's painting "Lovers", but showed many of Wyeth's other works and paintings by different artists of lovers to give insight into the topic.

"Lovers" portrays a nude woman sitting on a stool next to a window. Her body faces us, but her head is turned away towards her shadow. We cannot tell her expression. "Lovers" is one of the "Helga Paintings," over 240 works that Wyeth did of Helga Testar. Helga was a nursemaid to another one of Wyeth's subjects, Carl Kerner.Wyeth painted her for over 15 years.

Strong asked the obvious question to his audience, "Why is a painting of a woman alone named 'Lovers'?" Throughout the hour, he tossed out various ideas. Is it narcissism? Is Helga's lover her own shadow?

Is the title meant to imply that Helga and Wyeth are lovers? While this idea still has some support, it seems unlikely. The painting was given by Wyeth to his wife Betsy as a gift, and it is she who named it.

Autumn leaves are coming through the window in "Lovers." Autumn is symbolically a sign of death. Helga looks away from the window. Are we meant to think that she is looking away from her unwanted lover, death?

Helga was 48 when Wyeth did the painting in 1981. It has been suggested that the painting implies sexual ripeness and a comfort with one's body. Is Helga's full display of her body meant to show her comfort with sex? Strong joked, "I'm going to be 46 next month, and I'd like to be ripe."

Strong saw "Lovers" when it was on display in Texas. The museum had walkmen and tapes for rent about the various works. To keep up his intellectual image, Strong did not rent one. "Lovers" caught his eye though, and he succumbed to the temptation. Another museum patron standing in front of the painting had the tape, and Strong asked him to tell him about it. The man replied, "It's about a woman named Heidi." So much for the expert opinion.

On **October 12**, Dean Hoover will speak on "Conservation: Biology and the Black Footed Ferret".

Bookmakers Bring Unusual Works To Alfred

Amy Jutzeler

Bookmakers Keith Smith and Scott McCarney displayed their unique works in Alfred recently.

Smith and McCarney are "well-known in the book experience," said Ted Morgan, assistant prof. of printmaking.

Morgan said the books are not just for seeing but for experiencing. "The work talks for itself," he said.

One of Smith's books is made of alternative paper and clear acetate pages. The transparency can be viewed on either side of the opaque page, creating different images from the combination of images on the paper and acetate.

Another book is done like a venetian blind with a section of a photo on each strip of the wood blind. When closed, the blind creates a picture of a man.

Many of Smith's books contain photos; Smith said he considers himself a photographer. He also uses water colors, silkscreen, etching and nonsilver photography in his books.

Book 101 is an oriental bound book that opens "S" curves into a square. Each page is part of a photo, so the book opens into a picture.

A string book is made of white illustration board. As you turn the pages, string is pulled through holes in the board. This book creates interesting images with the string according to the placement of holes in the pages.

Smith's books are produced as originals with no reproductions.

McCarney said he works with paper and what it can do.

His idea can be seen in a type of pop-up book he created with accordian colored shapes.

The wave-book consists of two pictures. As you open the book, it spirals from cover to cover with no page break, and the first page turns into the second.

McCarney's graphic design skills come into play in books such as his red and yellow alphabet pop-up book.

For books on the more humorous side, McCarney took 26 volumes of Readers' Digest and cut each book into a letter of the alphabet. McCarney said he was simplifying them down to the letters.

McCarney used the Jansone History of Art book, required reading for freshman art students, in one of his book experiences. He cut many of the pages into spirals, leaving one end connected to the binding. The book is displayed open in the center, with shredded pages hanging out the sides.

McCarney has, in his garden, a sculpture of old books rejected by the library. The books are neatly stacked and held together by a pole. Smith calls the creation "Never read" as opposed to "evergreen."

"They can because they think they can." Virgil

Lifestyles

Students Continue to Practice Unsafe Sex

(CPS)—More evidence emerged last week that indicates that the AIDS (Acquired ImmuneDdeficiency Syndrome) scare has not markedly changed students' sexual habits.

More than 700,000 men aged 18 to 29 have had at least 10 sexual partner during the last year, a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study found, putting them at "considerable risk" of getting AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases.

AIDS, a virus which fatally destroys the body's immune system, is spread by contaminated blood products, sharing hypodermic needles with infected people or by having sex with somebody who is carrying the virus.

The disease's spread, of course, provoked a wave of efforts—ranging from government pamphlets sent to every American home to the installation of condom vending machines in campus washrooms to persuade citizens to adopt "safe sex" practices.

The results of the efforts seem mixed. Some reports indicate students—a relatively promiscuous sector of the population—have changed their sexual habits, while others indicate they haven't.

A University of Wisconsin study conducted last year indicated that half the students at the Madison campus had changed their sexual behavior. A March poll conducted by the Michigan State University campus paper, the State News, revealed the AIDS threat had moved almost three quarters of the students there to make some changes in their sexual activities.

But University of Texas researcher Dr. Scott Spear reported that students aren't heeding efforts to practice safe sex. And a 1987 survey of college students by Blotnick Associates, a New York polling firm, revealed that only six percent of men think about AIDS before choosing sexual partners.

The new CDC study, in fact, showed that "most Americans appear to be at relatively low risk of infection," Dr. William Darrow said in releasing the findings Sept. 24.

"However," Darrow added, "a sizable percentage of young, never-married men report more than 10 sexual partners in the past 12 months."

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Intramurals

Rowdy Doug Dowdy

Sure to be included in the "Now I've heard it all" column, a popped circuit breaker kept Merril Field lights off and stopped Oct. 4 softball games. Contests that were played saw the Mugwumps drop two 13-12 and 8-0 to APO and the Bomber respectively. APO squeaked out a second win over Reimer 8-6; and Ad Hoc topped Spookes 5-3.

In soccer, newcomer Rufflefeathers met Lambda in a possible prelim to the league final with Rufflefeathers eeking out a 2-1 victory. Other action included Teffticles topping Cannonknights 2-0 and Reimer Flash holding the Gate Crashers to a 1-1 tie. With their offense in a sputter, the Crashers then suffered a 1-0 loss to the Cannonites, who also beat Special K 3-1. Lambda rebounded with a rousing 10-1 slap of AXP while the NAD's dished out similare treatment to Kappa with a 12-0 decision.

Cannon's offense in flag football hammered the Trojans 42-28; Teft topped Kappa 21-18; an in-house battle saw Lambda A beat Lambda B 39-20; Could Be Worse stayed in the race for a top playoff spot by stinging Sigma Alpha Mu 26-18; Lambda A turned up the offense with a 45-27 victory over Tefft; and Snakepit remained the only undefeated team in the league by an impressive 31-6 win over O. royals and by beating Kappa 21-0.

New floor hockey, walleyball and 3 on 3 basketball leagues begin Oct. 25. Roster card pick-up will be Oct. 12, 6 pm in the IM Office. Interested teams must pick-up cards at this meeting. Cards and fees are due at the captain's meeting to be held Oct. 24 at 6 pm at the IM Office, with play starting on Oct. 25. Referees are needed and individuals are asked to stop by the IM Office between 1:30 and 5, Mon.-Fri.

A 5K Fun Run will be held Oct. 22 with a start and finish at the Bandstand. Registrations are being accepted in the IM Office until 4:30 pm Oct. 21 and then 9-10 am at the Bandstand on Sat.

A raquetball tournament will be held Oct. 29, 9 am in McLane. The tournament is open to all staff and students and will include a men's and woman's division. Sign-up by 1:30 on Oct. 28, on the Intramural Info. Board by the IM Office.

Men's Soccer Still Unbeaten

Brian Battle

The men's soccer team has improved their record to 7-0-3. After coming off a big win against Ithaca on Sat., Sept 24, they traveled north to play Geneseo State on Tues., Sept. 27.

The game was called the "Martxel Mariscal Show," by Coach Steve Allison. The senior from Spain had all four goals in the 4-1 victory over Geneseo. Mariscal had three goals in the first half with some help from fellow senior Tom Perrego, who assisted on two of the goals. The Saxons outshot the opponents 18-3.

With a couple of days off, the team rested and prepared for a big weekend with conference opponents St. Lawrence and Clarkson. The Saxons opened with St. Lawrence on Fri., Sept. 30. The final score was Alfred 4—St., Lawrence 1. The Saxons outshot the Saints 11-2, the offense was lead by Jean Charles, Luis Coria and Len Fiorica. Also scoring for Alfred was freshman Dennis Lubinsky with his first college goal. St. Lawrence's lone goal came on a penalty with 45 seconds left in the game. Also noted for outstanding play in the game were Curt Jacobs and Mariscal.

Less than 24 hours later, the Golden Knights of Clarkson came to town with a record of 9-1. This was going to be the biggest test for this young Saxon team, both physically and mentally. The two teams slugged it out through two periods of regulation and then in two overtime periods to come away with a 0-0 tie.

Coach Allison called it, "the best game one has seen on Merrill Field in five years." It was obvious Clarkson was playing for the tie, but not the Saxons. They put the pressure on all game long, but could not seem to get that extra edge to pull it out. Freshman keeper Tony Coccitto had 10 saves, many coming at critical times of the game. "He has been the most impact freshman since two-time All-American Charles Gilje from Norway," said Allison.

On Wed., Oct. 5, the Saxons took on neighboring St. Bonaventure. The Saxons were led by Jean Charles, Marxtel, Curt Jacobs and Tore Foreland. Each had one goal in its 4-0 victory. It was another shutout for the freshman deeper Tony Coccitto.

Coach Allison had these comments on the progress of the team. "The team is growing and maturing. We have had our ups and downs, but more ups. And we are looking to be the best by Oct. 30."

Senior Dave Bammel agreed by saying, "it is a mission, take one game at a time, take each team as they come, and hope that RIT loses a couple of games by Oct. 30."

Oct. 30 is when the NCAA bids come out, and it looks like our team is headed there. As of Oct. 4, they were third in the state and sixteenth in the country.

Rugby Enters Seventh Season

The Alfred University Rugby Club has entered its seventh season of play. In the spring, Alfred won five of its last six contests and compiled an overall record of 25-11-3.

Rugby came to Alfred in the fall of 1985 and began with a group of 25 players. This year, at the club's first practice, a total of 45 players were in attendance. With only 12 players returning to campus with any rugby experience, this is evidence of a successful recruiting season.

During the past spring season, one of the club's captains, Jeffrey A. Hollier, was named the Upstate Rugby Union Academic Athlete of the Year, carrying a 3.9 grade point index. He was teamed by Chris Decker and Scott Hollander, both senior forwards and honor graduates of Alfred University.

Other teams in the Erie Conference of the Upstate Rugby Union, are the University of Buffalo, Buffalo State, Brockport, Geneseo State and Canisius College.

All of the club's home matches are played on Alfred's Jericho Hill fields, located two miles south of the village. It is on the back field, behind the trees, and outside of public sight from the road.

Canisius is scheduled to visit Alfred on October 15.

Admission to all matches is free and the public is invited to attend and learn more about the game.

Volleyball Update

The Lady Saxons volleyball team went 1-2 on Sunday, October 2, at the Alfred University Invitational. Alfred(11-13) won a seesaw match over Keuka College 15-5, 8-15, 15-8, salvaging the event.

Alfred lost to Oneonta State 15-7, 15-13, and to Potsdam State 15-9, 15-11. RIT and Nazareth were the other two participants at the invitational.

The Lady Saxon's have faired well despite the departure of head coach Shirley Liddle, as well as the loss of three players, including the injured Arienne Meyers.

"We played more as a team then as of late...and the squad is improving," said Gary Lewis, the new head coach.

Tennis Teams Have Poor Season

Bill Slusser

The men's tennis team finished their season with a 1-4 record.

On Monday , Sept. 26, the Saxons lost a tough match to St. John Fisher 5-4. On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Binghamton defeated the men 9-0 and on Saturday, Oct. 1, they lost to Fredonia 8-1

Head Coach Brian Friedland said, "The men had a superb attitude work ethic, and committment and I'm really looking forward to the Spring with the return of Andy Kollher and Bill Gorman."

The womens tennis team suffered a disappointment at the ICAC tournament at Clarkson as Colleen Murphy was the only Saxon to win a match. Last year Jill Morrison won first singles in the tournament but was unable to repeat as champion.

The women's record now stands at 1-4 following 6-3 loss to Brockport on Thursday, Sept. 29, and a 6-3 loss to Fredonia on Saturday, Oct 1. Friedland said, "The women have been a real disappointment in terms of their attitudes, their work habits and their committment, with a few notable exceptions." The women's next match will be on Tuesday, Oct. 11, against Mansfield.

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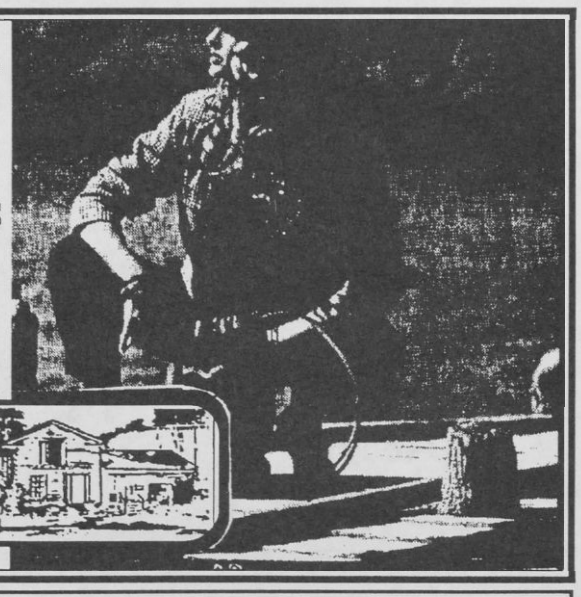

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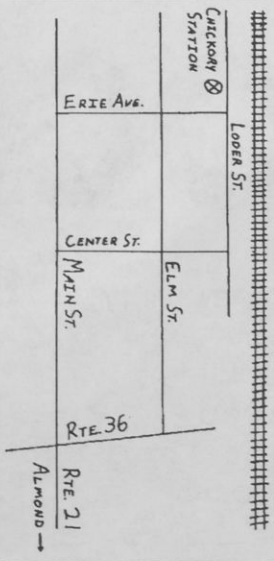

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Saxon midfielders Carolyn Clark (22) and Jeannie Battaglia (20) become defenders as St. Lawrence brings the ball upfield, in a 1-0 Saxon victory.

The Lady Saxons are now 10-2-1 after a tough loss to #1 ranked William Smith.

HOLLINGS

AU (striped jerseys) comes together for a ruck with Brockport on Jericho Hill. The men's rugby team is off to a slow start with a record of 1-3.

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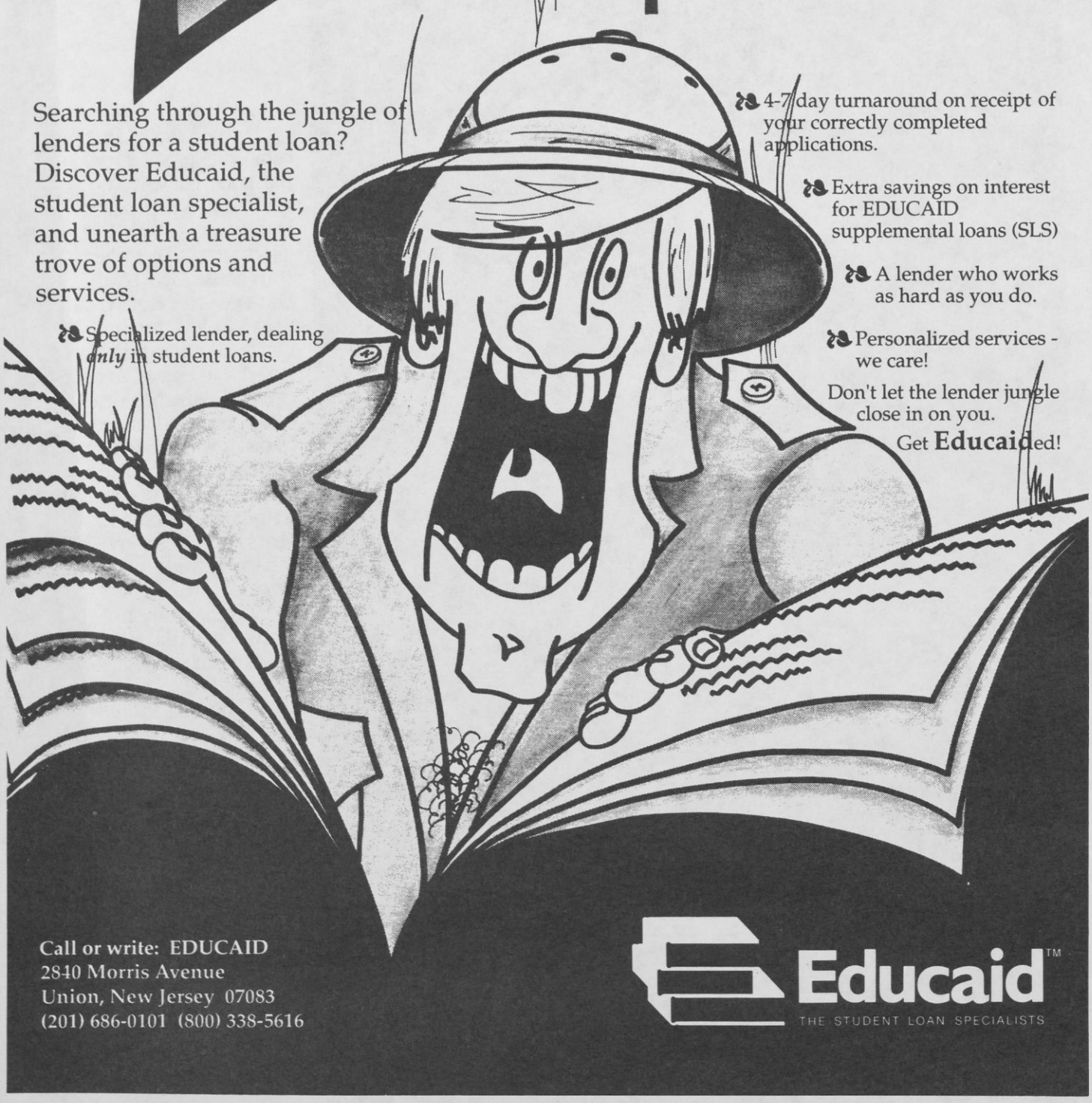

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Sports

Wayno's Words

Wayne Larkin

Now that the Olympics have been over for a while, we can look back and reflect on the first non-boycotted Games in twelve years. There certainly were some great moments, but unfortunately, there were some major disappointments as well.

One of my favorite parts of the Games was watching Flo-Jo prove that she absolutelydeserved the title of "the fastest woman in the world". Even without her one-legged outfits she still looked fantastic setting new world and Olympic records.

Another great moment was seeing Jackie Joyner-Kersee's husband (and coach) react after Jackie won the long jump.

I also enjoyed watching a few of the less glamorous events. The skill and grace of the synchronized swimming was incredible.

The one event that most surprised me was table tennis. That's right, ping-pong. The game was played at a level of skill I never knew could exist.

Of course, my biggest disappointment came in the 100m race. Unfortunately, the marquee event in the Games was tarnished by drugs. Ben Johnson, one of the world's greatest athletes disgraced himself and his country.

Most who know me would figure me to be extremely disappointed at the U.S. showing in men's basketball. I definitely was disappointed, but I have managed to put it in perspective. The bronze medal means the U.S. had the third best team in the world. Not bad when you consider they played against other countries pros who have been playing together for years.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed the Olympics, I must register one complaint. This is to the American fans who complained that the U.S. did not win enough medals. First, all American athletes won close to 100 medals and finished third in the "medal count". Secondly, who really cares how many medals we won? The Olympic Games are about watching the greatest athletes in the world compete.

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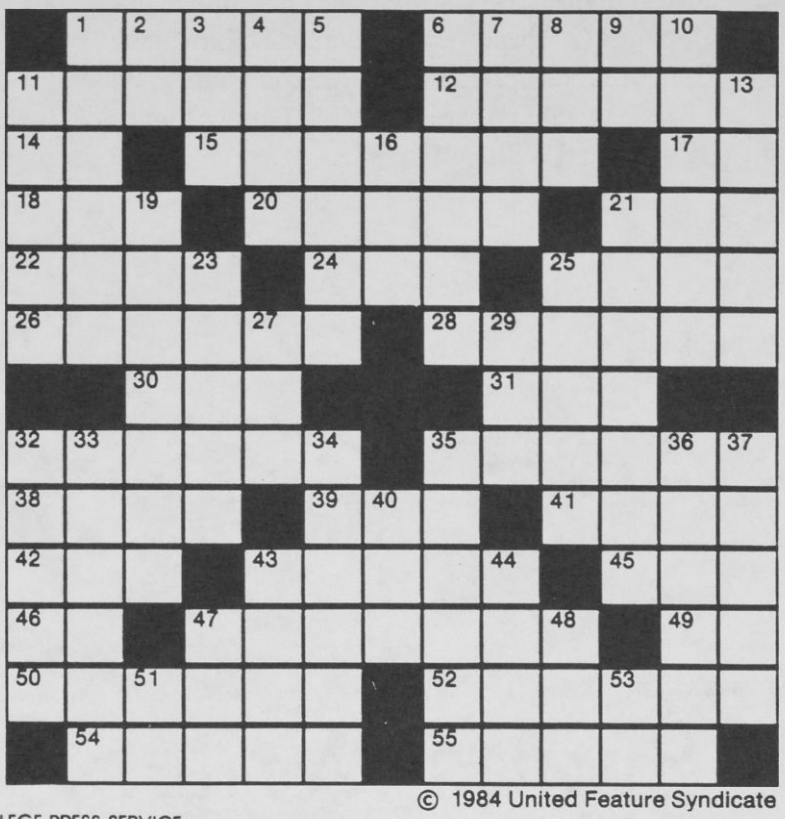

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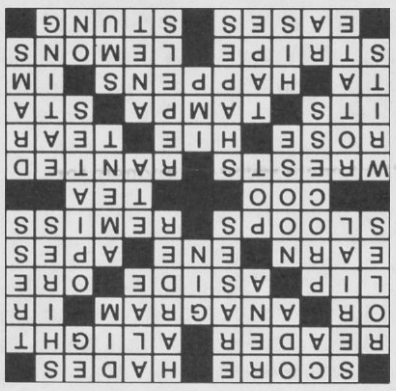

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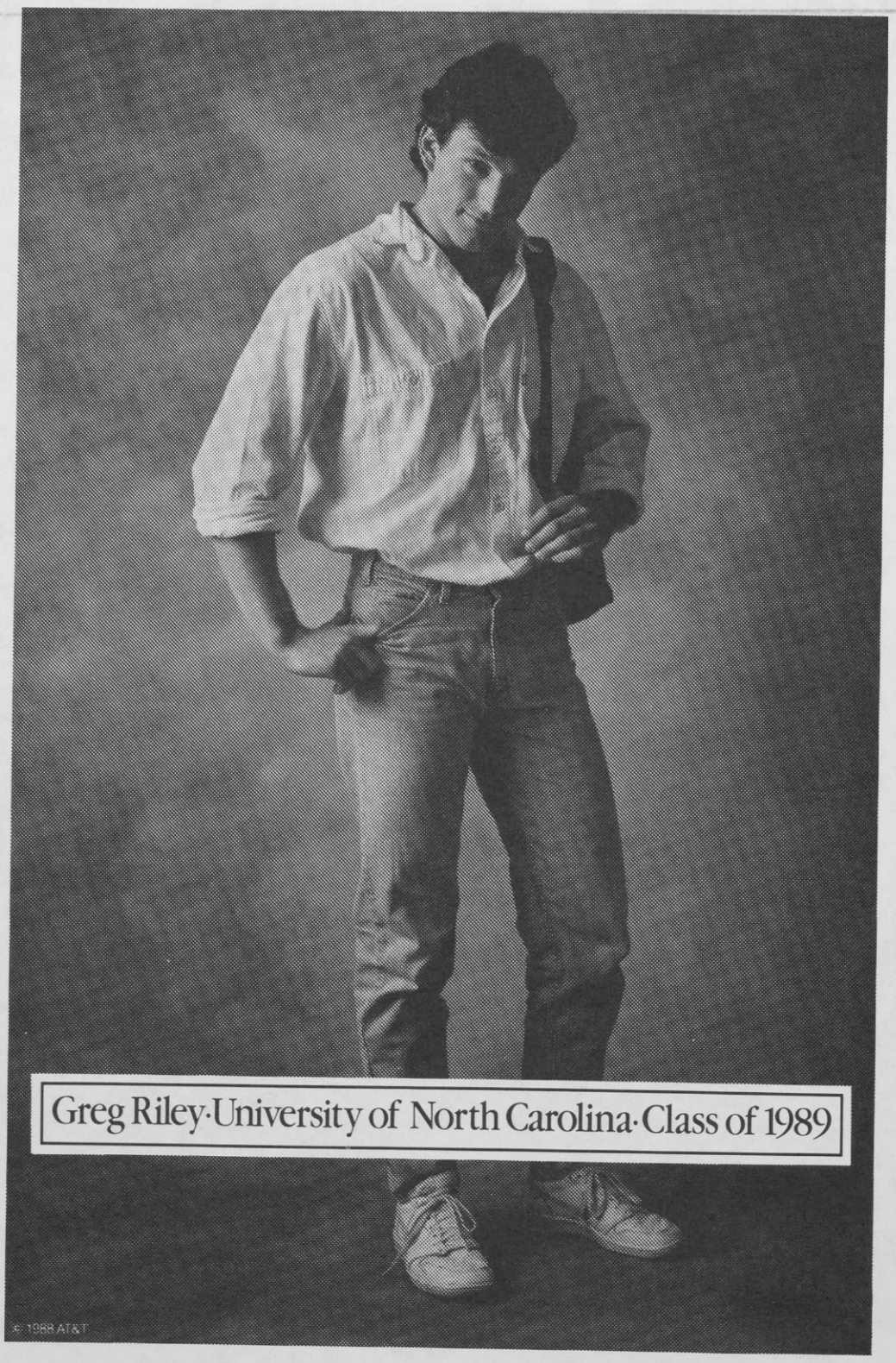

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Drinking ...

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means we have lost about half of the drinking crowd we used to have."

Since the loss in alcohol sales, Alex's and G.J.'s have tried new things to get those who can drink to come in.

Alex's is now running a world beer tour, an event in which people sign up to drink 100 beers from around the world. Patrons who complete the tour receive a tee shirt and a mug, and everyone who tours gets his or her name on a huge sign in the bar.

Though the Wisniewski family suffered heavy losses because of the drinking age, Stan Wisniewski, the oldest of the family, said, "It's less of a hassle now that the younger people are out of the bars. We're having less fights, and that's important."

Alex's is not the only bar trying something new to attract students. Gentleman Jim's, better known as G.J.'s, located on Mill Street, tries to attract those who want to drink and those who want to dance.

Debby Castle, bartender at G.J.'s said, "Students who want to dance are coming to G.J.'s and not to Alex's."

Not only does it offer dee jay music, but now Jim Grillo, owner of G.J.'s, sponsors live music. Karl Danielson, patron of G.J.'s, said he feels that it's about time Alfred had some live rock and roll music.

"These bands are some of the best that play in Rochester, such as 805, Mad Jack, and Straight Shooter," he said.

Danielson said G.J.'s business seems to have picked up since the introduction of live music.

G.J.'s also offers a drinking club. Patrons can buy a mug and enter this club. Once in the club, members are offered specials on drinks and beers. About 100 mugs have been sold and mugs are limited. Next year more mugs will be available to patrons.

These attempts to improve business cost money. The owners of Alex's and G.J.'s said they are pumping the profits back into their bars to generate more business.

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DRINKING IN ALFRED AND INCREASE IN DRINKING AGE HAVE NO DIRECT CORRELATION

According to local businesses, alcohol sales are down since New York State increased the legal drinking age.

Telefood, a convenience store on Main Street, has suffered heavy losses: beer sales have dropped 65 percent since August of 1986.

In 1984, beer sales for Telefoods averaged $10,000 a week. Tom McGee, manager of the store said, "In August of 1986 we saw the change in profits coming. Beer sales fell at the main store, one would tend to believe that drinking also decreased. This is not the case. The amount of alcohol bought by those 21 and older has decreased and the amount of drinking in general has stayed constant."

Officer R. R. Humphrey of the Alfred Police Department said, "Now that the drinking age is up, the drinking has gone from public places like Alex's or G.J.'s to the private places like fraternities, sororities, and private houses."

Humphrey said that more kegs are bought from out of town distributors than bottled or canned beer bought in Alfred.

Students at Alfred University say that underage people are still drinking.

Clayton Waller, an AU senior said, "It isn't hard to get alcohol when you're underage or on campus. If there's a will, there's a way."

Waller was also a bouncer at G.J.'s bar. He said, "Kids are gettng IDs that look like the real thing. It's hard to tell if they are fake."

When asked about AU's policies, Waller said, "it only scared a few and made the rest law breakers."

Waller is afraid senior week will be a hassle because many underage people will want to participate in the festivities.

Bryan Sullivan is a 1988 graduate of Alfred University.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance it is a matter of choice"

Potpourri

Student Senate

Cheryl Sibley

During the past two weeks the Student Senate sponsored guest lecturers from the university and the Town of Alfred.

The Alfred Student Senate conducted its regularly scheduled meetings.

Student Senate guests included:
Dr. W. Richard Ott, Provost director at Alfred on September 28th,
Dr. Christine Grontkowski, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and
Mr. William McCray, Justice of the town of Alfred on October 5th.

Dr. W. Richard Ott spoke on accreditation of programs at Alfred. He also fielded questions on the institution of new programs and buildings such as a buildings for business and performing arts. Dr. Ott recognized the proposal for a computer center and efforts towards improving the graduate school and incorporating a substantial industrial engineering program.

Dean of Liberal Arts, Christine Grontkowski, spoke to senate members on the advantages and necessity of a Liberal Arts education.

The senate welcomed Justice McCray with enthusiasm in regard to his propositions before the town council. Justice McCray alleviated any misconceptions about proposal to dry out Alfred and enforce loitering laws.

The Senate voted on budgets for Tae Kwon Do, Men's and Women's Rugby, IEE, and the ACS Halloween Party. The Senate encourages staff and students to attend meetings.

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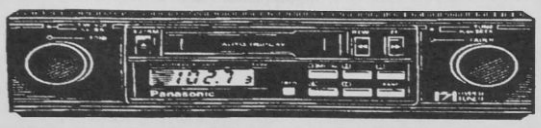
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