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Two arrested in campus center fight

BY MEGAN PARK

Two AU students were arrested and a security aide was injured after a fight broke out in Powell Campus Center Saturday night, Feb. 3.

As of press time, details were still sketchy. The fight, which took place outside of the Knight Club, was between two AU students and an ASC student, said Thomas Bermudez, one of the men arrested.

The involved students had been attending a function at the Knight Club, said Police Chief Randy Belmont.

Bermudez said the ASC student approached him and told him he had offended his girl-

friend. Bermudez's friend made a comment and the fight resulted, said Bermudez.

An information desk worker called campus security, and two security guards showed up, said Pat Schwartz, director of safety and security.

By that time, the fight had apparently broken up on its own, said Schwartz. She said that the ASC student had left.

Schwartz said the fight scene was disorganized with a lot of people yelling, and she said both security aides called for police backup.

Damian Toran, the second man arrested, allegedly "came up behind" a security aide, said Schwartz. She said the aide ended up with

a strained neck and a scratched cornea.

Neither Toran nor the security aide could be reached for comment.

Schwartz said this did not seem to be a conflict between the two schools.

This was not part of a continuing conflict, said Bermudez.

Bermudez was arrested by police outside the Campus Center and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Toran was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the second degree.

The clerk of Village Court said their cases were still pending. □

Goldstein gets gift for new biology labs

BY STEVE WAGNER
AND MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

A gift of \$200,000 just flowed into the coffers of AU's biology program, but the division chair wants more.

The gift from Gene M. Bernstein, chair of the Board of Trustees, will allow the biology department to expand its course offerings and modernize its lab facilities.

The funds allowed Alan Goldstein, chair of biology, to offer a new class in genetic engineering this semester. Nine students are taking the course which Goldstein describes as a "revolution in biology."

However, Bernstein's gift of \$200,000 will not be enough for what Goldstein wants to see. Goldstein estimates that he will need nearly \$1 million dollars for his revitalization of the biology program.

He said he plans to offer a class in cell biology in the fall semester. This class will require a new lab, for which space has already been set aside in the Science Center.

The plan is to raise another \$200,000 by the fall, said Goldstein. He said he has not yet begun looking for funding, but the biology newsletter reported that he has submitted three grant proposals.

According to the newsletter, the grant requests total more than \$400,000.

Goldstein said his overall goal for the molecular life sciences will



PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

Devin Dressman and Diana Mossip work in AU's current biology laboratory. Alan Goldstein, chair of biology, hopes a \$200,000 grant from AU Board of Trustees chair Gene M. Bernstein will pave the way to improved bio lab facilities.

require five years in which he hopes to have raised around \$1 million.

The \$1 million will allow for more classes and labs, more faculty and a fifth floor to be added to the Science Center.

University officials said that while the original construction of the Science Center will allow the addition of a fifth floor without compromising structural integrity,

there are problems.

Most significantly, officials said, the building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems will need significant repairs to deal with the increased burden a fifth floor would create.

They dismiss Goldstein's estimate of \$1 million as "unrealistic." Despite this, Goldstein said his plans are in line with what other

small schools have done.

He said his plan is not about becoming merely competitive: "Our goal is to make Alfred University one of the nation's premiere small universities for educational opportunities in modern biology."

Christine Grontkowski, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said she supports

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Flunk-outs put retention rate at risk

BY JOSH ZIELINSKI

The 57 students dismissed last semester may have ended AU's 6-year streak of rising retention rates.

"The improvements in the retention rate cannot continue if students do as poorly as they did last semester," said Joe Gow, co-chair of the Task Force for Recruitment and Retention.

The retention rate is the percentage of students who remain at the University after enrolling. AU's retention rate is currently above the national average.

In the 1989-90 school year 84.8 percent of undergraduate students returned, and by the 1994-95 school year, the number had risen to 89.1 percent.

Associate Provost Susan Strong said the retention rate has improved because of a conscious effort made by the University's administration to respond to student needs.

In the past, students have criticized the performing arts facilities and the career center. The administration has responded by building the Miller Performing Arts Center and moving the Career Development Center to the Steinheim, said Strong.

"The goal of the administration is to provide an environment where students feel they are receiving a valuable experience. We are here to do the best job possible for the students," said Strong.

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Senate elections give students increased choice

BY JONATHAN SPRINGER

The largest student senate presidential and vice presidential races in recent history will continue at tonight's "Meet the Candidates" session at Student Senate.

The meeting will be two hours long because there are so many candidates, said Jake Cooper, Senate president.

The candidates will begin appearing in Nevins Theater at 8 p.m.

At press time, there appeared to be three serious contenders for president and five for vice president. Joseph DiCarlo, Zachary Hampton and Beth-Ellen Kane all expressed interest in the presidential position. Michael Christakis, Beth Larrabee, Christina Lombardi,

Amy Ofmani and Thomas Skopayko have circulated petitions for the vice presidential position.

The completed petitions necessary to run for Senate president or vice president need not be returned until tomorrow, said James Fudge, Senate elections committee chair.

Balloting will be held Feb. 21 and 22, Fudge said. The elections committee will staff ballot boxes in both dining halls during meals and for one day in the campus center.

The *Fiat Lux* plans to release an election profiles issue next Tuesday.

Last year, two candidates contested both the presidential and vice-presidential races. In 1994 only the vice-presidential race was contested. Three years ago, neither race was contested. □

World Notes

•local:

The still-unfinished Miller Performing Arts Center may be open for use by the end of the month, said AU officials. • The College of Ceramics received a \$260,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation. The funds will go toward bioceramic technologies.

•national:

After receiving a boost from his win in the Louisiana caucuses, conservative commentator Pat Buchanan has bumped Texas Sen. Phil Gramm from the No. 3 place in Iowa and New Hampshire polls. • Massive flooding in the Pacific Northwest is ending as two weeks of rain ended. • President Clinton signed a defense appropriation bill that includes a provision prohibiting HIV-positive persons from serving on active duty. Clinton has ordered the Justice Department not to defend that part of the bill.

•international:

The British-IRA peace talks have been damaged by the IRA's claiming responsibility for Friday's bombing in central London that killed at least 2 and injured more than 100 people. • The peace process in Bosnia is in trouble by the Serbian decision to cease talks with NATO officers and to close its borders. These actions, in violation of the Dayton accords, were taken in response to the Bosnian seizure of two high-ranking Serbs who stand accused of war crimes. • Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has announced that he will schedule elections for late May. The elections are widely seen as a referendum on the peace process.

PERSONALITIES

He's worked as a clerk in a hospital, in construction, on a quarterhorse ranch, as a social worker and now as the co-owner and manager of a natural foods store.



Elliot Case

Elliott Case and his wife Jessen have run *Kinfolk* Grocery in Alfred since 1981.

Case is an AU alumnus, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history in 1976. He remembers taking classes from Campbell and Ostrower.

He headed west after graduating, never thinking he'd return to Alfred. "I wanted to be where the action was," said Case.

After returning to the area, Case and his wife decided to run a natural foods store.

They had several options on where to place the store, and after studying demographics decided on Alfred. They purchased an old store on W. University St. and set up shop.

Case is happy with his life right now. "I like what I'm doing very much. I want to continue doing it."

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Comm Act censors Internet

Last Thursday the lights went out on the Internet. Creators of World Wide Web pages blackened their pages' backgrounds for 48 hours to protest President Clinton's signing of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Even today you can see images of blue ribbons on Web pages protesting the passage of the Act.

If you were reading any newspapers two Fridays ago, you read about the Telecommunications Act. The day after both houses of Congress passed it, newspapers trumpeted the news of telephone and broadcasting deregulation.

And near the bottom of the articles, most papers ran a small paragraph about how the bill would also place new limits on "Internet smut," a loaded term if ever we've heard one.

Those new limits exist because buried deeply in the Act, hiding behind confused sections of attempted deregulation, sat the Communications Decency Act of 1995.

The provisions of the Communications Decency Act are difficult to summarize. It outlaws the transmission of "any comment, request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other communication which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent," in two cases: when the transmission is intended to harass or abuse or when the recipient is under 18 years old.

In other words, don't e-mail your little brother to suggest he go bugger himself.

There are some redeeming qualities to the Communications Decency Act. Internet service providers and people who merely provide links to other pages have no criminal liability.

People publishing Web pages who merely link to

obscene material get off. And those content providers who verify users' ages escape prosecution.

Who does that leave sitting out in the cold? You.

If you're going to send the Smurf sex story out on your e-mail distribution list, make sure that everyone reading it is over 18.

If you want to order sex toys semi-anonymously over the Internet, you'd better get a First Virtual account, so you can verify that you are over 18.

If you plan on visiting the Gay Male S/M Activists page (<http://www.ability.com/gmsma/> if you're curious) do it now, before they're pressured into shutting down.

If you want to see anything even vaguely titillating, in fact, be prepared to swear in triplicate over a fax machine that you're over 18 and really, really do want to see those taboo-laden anatomical parts.

The real problem with the Communications Decency Act is the fear it creates. People who don't understand the law may be afraid to communicate freely over the Internet and some content providers may needlessly close down their sites.

Don't be afraid. The law is particular and difficult to enforce. Unless you're distributing extremely pornographic materials, you're probably safe. What information remains available to you is another question, because you can't control others' fears.

The law is already being challenged. The Electronic Frontier Foundation, an Internet civil rights advocacy group, has already filed suit to prevent enforcement of the measure.

Meanwhile, while radical Republicanism invades the Internet, horny teenagers can simply link to Sweden to get their smut. □

Senate needs further reorganization

BY JONATHAN SPRINGER
AND MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

At its meeting last week, Student Senate approved a revised constitution for itself.

This constitution, which has yet to be approved by the student body, was the first significant change in Senate's operating policies since 1989.

While we laud Senate for streamlining its constitution, we suggest further reorganization of our student representation.

Senate acts as a liaison with the administration to represent student interests, and it sponsors a variety of events in its own right. But one of Senate's primary functions is to distribute money to its component organizations.

Of the 60 current voting senators, 46 represent student organizations. Senate assigns the remaining 14 votes to the residence halls.

Sadly, the residence hall repre-

sentatives do not attend meetings regularly enough to make a difference, leaving established student activities' representatives to run the show.

In essence, student organizations end up voting for their own budgets. Aside from the obvious problems created by conflicts of interest, this system denies you your fair share of representation.

It's a part of your student activities fee that Senate distributes. Under the current system, some people have a bigger say than you in that distribution.

What we propose is that Senate be divided into two houses, much like our federal Congress. One should be as Senate is today, composed of student activities' representatives. This house will have full voting rights in all but one matter: finance.

We propose a new house to control the purse strings. Members of this house cannot serve as represen-

tatives of any student organization. Instead, they will represent the interests of the student body at large.

This house will consist of 40 members, distributed evenly among the classes. Thirty will be elected late in the spring semester to serve in the next year. Each of the current freshman, sophomore and junior classes will vote on a slate of candidates to select their 10 representatives. Seniors and graduate students will vote for candidates on the junior slate.

The remaining 10 members will be selected from the incoming freshmen. Each freshman residence hall will elect two residents to sit in this house.

We admit that this idea is not perfect, but it does propose a solution to serious flaws in our student government. A constitution based on this principle would deserve your yes vote. □

Senseless London blast flares Troubles

BY MICHAEL S. ZARKIN

The Irish Republican Army has broken its cease fire agreement of the last 17 months with a bombing in central London.

Last Friday evening, more than 100 people were hurt in a scene of massive damage. The bomb, placed in an underground garage of an office building, exploded shortly after 7 p.m.

There was no warning of the bomb, though shortly before the explosion Irish radio stations reported having received a communiqué from the IRA stating that the cease fire was over.

This move on the part of the IRA is inexplicably stupid. There is no reason that can explain a terrorist attack of this magnitude, especially after more than a year of peace.

No one, other than some nuts in the IRA, wanted an end to the peace. Peace was good for all the parties involved.

The peace was not sectarian. Peace did not discriminate. Protestants and Catholics, English and Irish: all benefited from the peace.

Last year, President

Clinton went to Ireland, from where his ancestors came, and was there widely greeted as a bringer of peace. Clinton played a major role in getting the warring factions to put away their bombs.

Clinton's efforts had worked until Friday. Then some people in the IRA decided that peace was not working for them.

The peace talks between the IRA and the British government had been stalled lately. The issue was over having the IRA surrender its massive supplies of small arms and guns.

The IRA didn't want to surrender its arms. They somehow thought that they'd be better off keeping their guns until the British made some unspecified concessions. And the British weren't about to make concessions.

So the IRA wanted to keep its guns. Somehow, they thought that

detonating a large bomb in London would persuade the British to allow them to keep their arms.

Am I the only person who fails to see the logic here? Is there something about British minds that makes them susceptible to this kind of illogic?

So far, the international response to the IRA's terror bombing has been overwhelming in its condemnation. No one in the world community has had anything positive to say about this recent barbarity.

It was a senseless act. Its shocking brutality stands out all the more because it came after 17 months of peace.

The impact of this bombing is hitting me very hard because I have relatives who live in London. Thankfully, none were hurt.

But this is what makes me have

even more trouble understanding terror bombings. The people killed in bombings are ordinary people: cabdrivers, businessmen and children, people very much like you and me.

The people hurt in Friday's

attack are not policy-makers or even people with close ties to the political power structures. They are people like us, people who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I cannot see how killing, maiming, injuring and hurting these people can accomplish any goal. Sure, kill enough civilians and anyone will surrender, but that takes a lot of car bombs.

This doesn't make any sense to me. I cannot see why anyone would want to derail the peace process.

What is wrong with peace? For some reason that I cannot fathom, the IRA decided that a nonsectarian peace is worse than sectarian violence.

That is a sad commentary on how confused some people can be when they put on the blinders of religiously intolerant zealotry.

“Peace did not discriminate. Protestants and Catholics, English and Irish: all benefited from the peace.”

Letters to the Editor

CLASS office would solve academic problems

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the story entitled "Freshmen land in academic trouble" (Jan. 31).

Something is very wrong when 19 percent of the freshman class finds itself on academic probation.

I find it quite interesting that several faculty members were amazed that the academic performance of the freshman class. Several professors in the article cited a decline in performance across the country, a lack of discipline among our new class or simply a general disinterest among students to do well.

I believe the faculty who label students having academic problems as lazy fail to see the big picture. As I remember from my first semester, the first time away from home can be very traumatic. I was more worried about finding Myers Hall and getting into classes so I could be considered a student than about academics.

Like many of my classmates, I turned to the Center for Learning Assistance and Study Skills. The CLASS office is probably one of the biggest reasons I am still at

AU and now pulling in good grades. They set me up with a tutor, improved my paper-writing skills and generally took a sincere interest in my welfare. I couldn't even contemplate being a freshman now without CLASS.

In the article, Kathleen Collins, dean of the school of art and design, said many students have the ability but not the study skills required in college. The answer to Collins' statement laid in the CLASS office.

I feel that for the nearly \$25,000 students pay in tuition, a center to help all students scholastically is not a service but a necessity. The mission of a university and its students is academic excellence; students should be given every possible tool necessary to make academic excellence a reality.

Whether you are a student, a faculty member or a member of the administration, this letter has one overriding theme. Bring back the CLASS office. The future of our students is not worth cutting needed programs.

Sincerely,
Joseph T. DiCarlo
Student Senate Vice President

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SENATE UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Students whose grades aren't high enough may not be able to move off campus if a current proposal is accepted..

The Social Environment Task Force is considering mandating on-campus housing for students not in good academic standing, said Marleen Whiteley, chair of the task force.

At the Feb. 7 meeting of Student Senate, Susan Smith, associate dean of students, and Whiteley spoke to senators about the task force, one of six that operate as part of the University's Commission on Planning.

The commission is responsible for making recommendations to the Trustees, Smith said.

The Social Environment Task Force was charged with the responsibilities of increasing housing occupancy and exploring the possibilities of student fees, Whiteley said. She said that all of the proposals made by the task force are preliminary.

The task force is looking at renovating the residence halls, especially the Pine Hill Suites and Bartlett Hall, she said. They are also considering a faculty mentor for each dorm.

Whiteley said the task force is proposing housing transfer students together, mandating housing for exchange or transfer students and implementing specialty housing.

Smith said that it appears specialty housing may be a reality next semester, but said it will be discussed at another time.

The task force is also proposing \$50 annual student fees for health services and technology, said Whiteley. This extra \$100 a year from each student would allow the University to provide services threatened by the budget cuts, she added.

Other proposals made by the task force include commuter parking, research on food service, a different health insurance plan or choice of two, an area specifically for posting religious information and an orientation program for new graduate students.

Smith said a "super-single option" may be implemented. This would allow students to pay half of the rooming fees that would be paid by a roommate, to ensure that no one would move into their room, Smith said.

The new Senate constitution was discussed and passed with no opposition and only one abstention. All students will have the opportunity to vote on it Feb. 21 and 22.

Major changes to the constitution include lowering the membership requirement for an organization to receive funding to three semesters and moving many regulations to bylaws.

Senate Vice President Joe DiCarlo said that there are new variables to be considered about funding for Rescue Squad. He said, "Things are not as cut and dried as we thought." Discussion on Rescue Squad will be held off until the town decides which regulations Rescue Squad needs to follow, he said.

Nancy Brinkwart, director of Crandall Health Center and Paul Ferguson, a representative of Collegiate Health Services solicited feedback about the health center. Brinkwart said that pamphlets will be available enumerating the services provided.

Ferguson also said the health center will be moving to an appointment system. Walk-ins will still be accepted, but appointments will be preferred, he said.

The co-captains of the equestrian team said they were upset with the lack of concern from administration when the Brentwood Stables flooded. They said the equestrian program is important to many students, and should be important to the University as well.

Gordon McCluskie, senior dining service director, announced that the hours Meals Plus is available on weekends have been adjusted. Meals Plus is now available whenever the L'il Alf is open and the dining halls are not. He also said that clocks will soon be installed in Powell Dining Hall.

Dave Walsh announced that he is stepping down as the chair of the Campus Safety Committee. He recommended that John Olson be his replacement.

The Knight Club will host Sex at 9 p.m. Feb. 17. The Multicultural Committee will hold a Festival of Nations Apr. 6.

Court Report

Speed in zone:

- Christy M. Dryden, Washington, Penn. (\$85)
- Scott J. Hornblower, Olean, N.Y. (\$85)
- John C. Jackson Jr., Homell (\$85)
- Roy D. Buckley, Wurtsboro, N.Y., reduced to failure to obey traffic control device (\$100)

Uninspected vehicle:

- Douglas H. Cushman, Almond (\$55)
- Patrick A. Parker, Rochester (\$40)
- Rex A. Simpson, Dansville (\$65)

Failure to obey traffic control device:

- Thomas M. Foreman, Almond (\$125)
- Patricia A. Hale, Alfred Station (\$125)
- Andrew J. McNulty, Pierre, S.D. (\$125)
- Krisinda I. Nolan, Wellsville (\$125)

Passed stop sign:

- Adam J. Mirarchi, Titusville, Penn. (\$75)
- Michael A. Bradley, Batavia, N.Y. (\$100)
- Robert G. Isaman, Swain, N.Y.

(\$100)

Speed in excess of 55 m.p.h.:

- Daniel S. Degear, McDonough, N.Y. (\$110)
- Joseph W. Ebert, Wellsville, reduced to failure to obey a traffic control device (\$125)

Failure to drive at a reduced speed:

- Michael D. Lawrenz, Rochester (\$125)
- James M. Rogers, Frewsburg, N.Y. (\$85)

Disorderly conduct, reduced to disturbing the peace:

- Donald L. Mattice, E. Rochester, N.Y. (\$50)
- Jennifer A. Noeson, Yorkshire, N.Y. (\$50)

Other:

- Douglas H. Cushman, Almond, restricted license, registration suspended (\$275)
- Amos I. Mock, Dansville, open container (\$25)
- Thomas F. Moore, Alfred Station, no seatbelt driver (\$75)
- Chris B. Diantonio, Rochester, noise ordinance (\$100)

Fasting slows down metabolism

BY CHARLIE J. VAZQUEZ

While many of us complain about the food at Ade and Powell, some people have decided that they would be better off just consuming water. When practiced for days at a time, many have decided that a diet of water, which they say cleanses their system, is worth the health risks.

Hot Dog Day planners begin frank talks

BY MICHAEL K. WINTER

During the third week of April, Alfred will celebrate Hot Dog Day.

Hot Dog Day events start on Apr. 16 and continue until Sunday. During the celebration, AU organizations, Greek houses and local businesses will line Main St. with booths housing games, food and crafts.

Hot Dog Day began 25 years ago to raise money for local charities. The event was such a success that it has continued until today. Over the past two years, Hot Dog Day has raised over \$12,000 for organizations like Project Playground and Literacy Volunteers.

Megan Sinesiou and Mike Huling, Hot Dog Day Committee co-chairs, have been planning for almost a year to make this year a success. With help from Student Activities Board, the committee has planned several activities for all Alfred residents and visiting alumni.

Hot Dog Day kicks off on Friday night, Apr. 19, with the Ice Cream Bash in Davis Gym. □

"I think it's healthy," said Norman Pollard, director of Counseling and Health Education Services, "if done for a few days. After three or four days I think the person should consult a physician."

Pollard said that there are several religious practices where fasting is an integral part of worship. Muslims fast during Ramadan, Christians during Lent and Buddhists to cleanse themselves.

While fasting for religious or ethical purposes may be done to cleanse one's conscience of evilness or to physically rid the body of impurities, there is a concern for those who may not recognize a need to continue eating.

Those who fail to recognize the necessity for eating may develop anorexia nervosa and bulimia, the most common eating disorders among American college students. According to studies conducted by the American Journal of Psychiatry, one out of twenty female college students suffers from an eating disorder.

In many cases these students are bulimic, where they might fast for days on end or try to regurgitate after binge eating in secret. Binge eating is considered an intake of 2000 or more calories in one sitting.

"One of the things I like about it [fasting] is that it demonstrates an awareness of what's going into our body," said Pollard. "It is beneficial to assume ownership of one's body."

Many people have unhealthy eating habits, and while a water diet may not be the answer, many feel that it couldn't hurt for one or two days.

Nancy Brinkwart, nurse practitioner and director of Crandall Health Center, said the problem

lies in the third phase of fasting. "You're breaking down tissue the body needs. Red blood cells that carry oxygen are dying off, making you more susceptible to becoming anemic."

"I know there are better ways to diet than to starve yourself," said sophomore Monifa Wooten, "because if you don't eat, you'll get sick." □

In a February article in Esquire, Timothy Gower described the three phases of fasting.

- *Phase One:* In the first forty-eight hours, your body draws energy from stored fat, carbohydrates and protein. The last is derived from lean body tissue; a healthy male will lose several pounds of muscle in the first few days.

- *Phase Two:* By the third day, hunger pains pass. Your body becomes more efficient at metabolizing fat, a process that produces ketones, which give your breath a fruity, paint-thinner odor. Your reserves of glycogen, the carbohydrate that had been fueling your brain, are depleted.

To feed your head, the body continues breaking down lean body tissue. For now, your electrolyte levels should be stable, though they'll need monitoring after ten days or so. Other common side effects include light-headedness, a white coating on the tongue, constipation and lethargy.

- *Phase Three:* After seven days, your brain learns to use ketones for energy, ending its reliance on metabolized lean tissue. You continue to wither, but much less dramatically. Your body has now adapted to the fasting state and can subsist on nothing but water for two or more months.

Police Blotter

The Alfred Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents from Jan. 16 to Feb. 5.

Arrests:

Driving while intoxicated:

- Shawn R. Connolly, 21, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (Jan. 18)
- Joseph Demarco, 19, Tonawanda, N.Y. (Jan. 20)
- Geoffrey L. Cox, 23, Syracuse, N.Y. (Jan. 27)

Driving on closed roads:

- Ryan T. Rupow, 19, Canisteo (Jan. 19)
- J.A. Fitzsimmons, 23, Penfield, N.Y. (Jan. 19)

Disorderly conduct:

- Harry C. Pinti, Rome, N.Y. (Jan. 20)
- Adam R. Rich, 22, Palmyra, N.Y. (Jan. 20)
- Matthew M. Corrigan, 21, Rochester (Jan. 20)
- Eli Hazzan, 20, Buffalo (Jan. 20)
- James M. Spadafara, 23, Orchard Park, N.Y. (Jan. 20)
- Fitzroy B. Vines, 21, Rochester (Jan. 20)
- Robert W. Lux, 19, West Valley, N.Y. (Jan. 20)
- Mathew R. Ratajczak, 19, West Seneca, N.Y. (Jan. 25)

Other:

- David K. Steele, 20, Scottsville, N.Y., aggravated harassment (Jan. 19)
- Chris B. Diantonio, 21, Rochester, noise violation (Jan. 19)
- Amos I. Mock, 21, Dansville, open container (Jan. 26)
- Randy L. Oaks, 19, Buffalo, petit larceny (Feb. 1)
- Damion H. Toran, 18, Brewster,

N.Y., disorderly conduct, assault 2nd (Feb. 4)

•Thomas M. Bermudez, 19, Morrisville, N.Y., disorderly conduct, resisting arrest (Feb. 4)

Complaints:

Injured deer:

- E. Vally Rd. (Jan. 16)
- S. Main St. (Jan. 30)
- Rte. 244 (Feb. 2)
- Waterwells Rd. (Jan. 29)

Trespass:

- W. University St. (Jan. 16)
- Waterwells Rd. (Feb. 5)

Order of Protection violated:

- Alfred Station (Jan. 17)
- Alfred (Feb. 2)

Vehicle blocking road:

- Reynolds St. (Jan. 17)
- Sayles St. (Jan. 17)

Disabled vehicle:

- Lake Rd. (Jan. 18)
- Rte. 244 (Jan. 20)
- N. Main St. (Jan. 27)
- Hillcrest Dr. (Feb. 4)
- Rte. 21 (Feb. 5)

Criminal mischief:

- Upper College Dr. (Jan. 23)
- N. Main St. (Feb. 2)
- Church St. (Feb. 4)

Intrusion alarm:

- Alfred (Jan. 23, 28)
- Alfred Station (Jan. 30)

Disorderly Conduct:

- N. Main St. (Jan. 25)
- Alfred Station (Jan. 30)
- Mill St. (Feb. 3)

Noise:

- W. University St. (Jan. 26)
- S. Main St. (Jan. 28, Feb. 2)

Loud Party:

- N. Main St. (Feb. 1)
- Park St. (Feb. 4)

Vehicle in ditch:

- Cty. Rte. 12 (Jan. 27)
- Moland Rd. (Jan. 31)

Other:

- Flooding, Cty. Rte. 12 (Jan. 18, 19)
- Aggravated harassment, Church St. (Jan. 16)
- Custodial interference, Alfred Station (Jan. 17)
- Debris in roadway, Cty. Rte. 42 (Jan. 18)
- Water over road, High St. (Jan. 18)
- Illegally parked vehicle, S. Main St. (Jan. 19, 24, 25)
- Possible missing person, Alfred Station (Jan. 20)
- Slippery road, Cty. Rte. 10 (Jan. 10)
- Suspicious vehicle, Frat Row (Jan. 23)
- Sexual abuse, Alfred (Jan. 26)
- Possession of stolen property, Hartsville Hill Rd. (Jan. 29)
- Landlord/tenant problem, Cty. Rte. 42 (Jan. 31)
- Trash law violation, N. Main St. (Feb. 1)
- Harassment, Church St. (Feb. 1)
- Burglary, Alfred Station (Feb. 1)
- Larceny, Ford St. (Feb. 2)
- Suspicious person, Alfred Station (Feb. 4)

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A total of 45 traffic citations were issued from Jan. 16 to Feb. 5.

Valentine's Chocolate: rich in love and calories

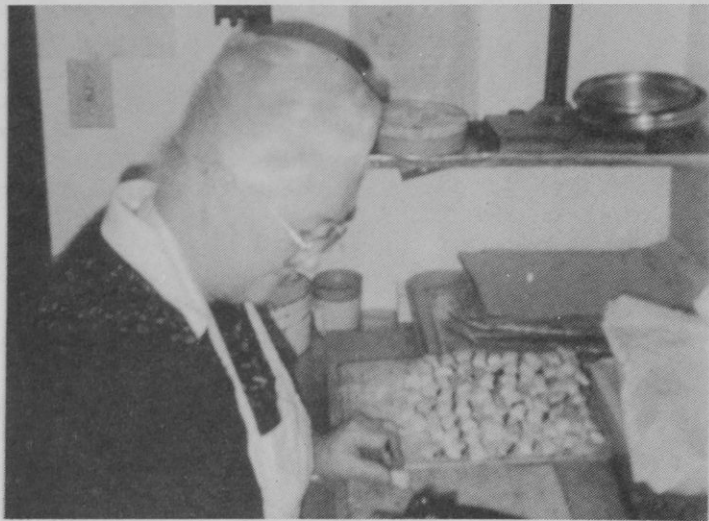


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Francella McGraw sits inside The Honey Pot making honey candy. The technique she is displaying is called "dipping."

Alfred Confectioner

Alfred has its own sector of the chocolate making industry on W. University St. Not many people are aware that it exists, but it's there, and has been for just over 80 years.

The Honey Pot was founded by Olive Sherman Watson in 1915 when she started making candy with honey.

According to *The History of Alfred, NY*, Watson's husband, Lloyd Watson, professor of chemistry at the University, earned worldwide fame for his experiments with artificial insemination of the queen bee. This produced a huge surplus of honey, leading Olive Watson into an experiment of her own, finding a use for all the extra honey. Making honey candies was her answer.



Lloyd Watson

At first she worked with the candy making as a hobby. But then in 1922 mass production kicked in.

Candy made with honey is more nutritious, claims *The History of Alfred, NY*. The ingredients of honey candy include honey, egg white, oleo, heavy cream, chocolate, pure flavoring, peanuts and pecans.

The recipes are the results of many years of experimentation. They are therefore kept as a closely guarded secret.

Currently, The Honey Pot is run by Virginia Bassett and her sister Francella McGraw. They took over the business in the late 1970s when Olive Watson died.

Although the business is not as busy as it used to be, local orders and mail orders seem to keep the sisters as busy as they would like to be, Bassett said.

Currently, the duo works weekday afternoons restocking the sweet supply.

Their honey candy comes in flavors including almond, lemon, maple, butterscotch, wintergreen, peppermint, coconut, raspberry and a chocolate nut bar. Bassett said there are a total of 21 flavors.

The honey-made chocolate has been sent all over the world, including England, Scotland and Ireland in the past year, Bassett said.

The candy costs \$8 a pound and a half pound is \$4.50.

Alfred is the only place in the world that honey candy is made, Bassett said. □



Virginia Bassett holds up a box of honey candy at The Honey Pot.



PHOTO BY HEATHER HARRINGTON

BY HEATHER HARRINGTON

The tradition of giving your sweetheart chocolates at Valentine's Day did not just happen coincidentally with the growth of the chocolate industries. On the contrary, giving your companion chocolates on Valentine's Day has only been a recent expression of love.

According to the February 1995 *New Orleans* magazine, if a Creole wanted to impress a new love or make amends with an old one the goody of choice was not candy, but an oyster loaf known as a "mediatrice."

The chocolate we are familiar with dates back to the Aztec ruler Montezuma. Montezuma told Spanish explorer, Herando Cortez how chocolate held strong aphrodisiac powers, according to *New Orleans*.

The cacao bean is the ingredient that started the whole affair with chocolate. The Aztecs came up with several ways of consuming it, including drinking it and even blending it with hot peppers.

The *New Orleans* article reports that cacao beans may have made their way back to Europe as early as Columbus, but Cortez and his recipes made chocolate the hit of the Old World.

In the beginning, chocolate was a very bitter snack. It remained that way

until someone decided to pour on the sugar, leaving the rest of the world with what we commonly call chocolate.

A 19th century Dutch man, named Van Houton refined the Aztec process of alkalizing chocolate. His process released cocoa butter from the beans which could then be combined with sugar and chocolate to create the first-ever chocolate candy bar.

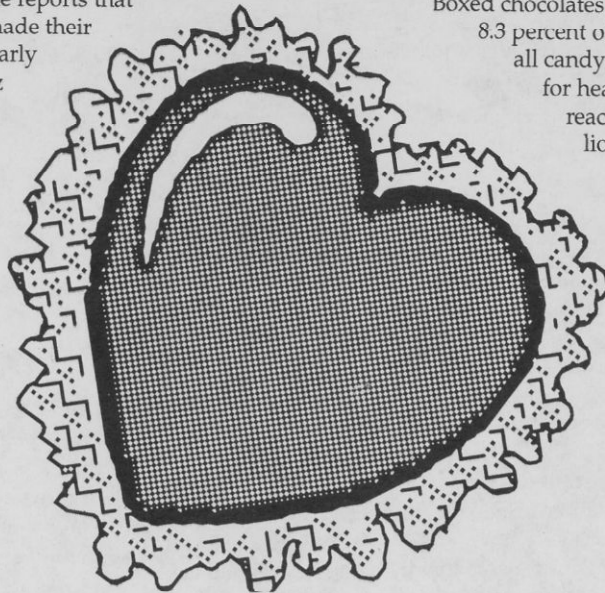
Daniel Peter of Switzerland also advanced the development of chocolate into what we know it today. In 1875, he mixed his chocolate with sweetened condensed milk.

Less than two decades later, America managed to mass market the product. In 1970, the nation's love affair with chocolate took off.

The shocking result is that today, Americans eat an average of 10 pounds of the stuff a year!

Valentine's Day is the second-largest season for boxed chocolates, reports a Jan. 25, 1988 article in *Advertising Age*, while the Christmas season has the most sales.

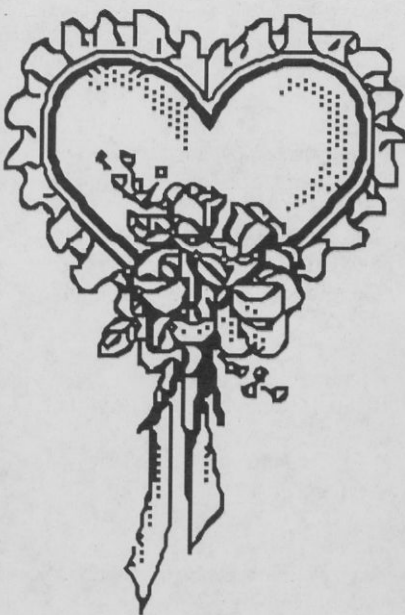
Boxed chocolates account for \$1 billion, or 8.3 percent of the annual \$12 billion for all candy sold at retail. Annual sales for heart-shape boxed chocolates reach between \$80 and \$85 million. □



A manager at Tops Friendly Markets in Wellsville takes time to stock up the Valentine goodies before the rush begins.



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Gallery gives students experience showing work

BY CARA STEIN

Black boots hang from the ceiling, suspended below a translucent blue skirt lit from inside. Across the room, a bronze one-eyed frog gazes sightlessly into space.

Many art pieces such as these will be displayed in the Robert Turner Student Gallery this semester.

The Gallery gives art students the experience of organizing a show and the opportunity to show their work before their senior shows, said Melissa Edwards, a junior art student and the Student Gallery organizer.

"It's a mini-introduction to where we're hopefully going to be someday," said senior art student Wendy Wolf.

New art is scheduled to be displayed in the Gallery every few days, said Edwards. The student gallery is located in Harder Hall at the bottom of the outdoor stairs near the plaza.

Hours are pretty informal, said Edwards. Generally the gallery is open during the day and closed in

the evening.

The artists showing their work also choose whether or not to have an opening for the show. Openings are informal and often other art students stop in as a break from their work, said Edwards.

The Gallery allows students to see other people's work that they

ordinarily would not see, said Wolf.

The Gallery offers a very positive experience, said Wolf, who showed her work earlier this semester. She said it gives artists a chance to talk to people about their work and get feedback.

Students sign up for space in the

Gallery at the beginning of the semester. Most students who want a show are able to get a time, Wolf said, although sometimes underclassmen get pushed back to the following semester. Faculty also occasionally show their work in the Gallery. □



PHOTO BY JASON GRAY

Allen Adams, a performer, leans over Becky Prophet's meal at the Madrigal Dinner. On Prophet's right is Ed Coll, and on her left is Stephen Crosby. Acting, dancing and music accompany the dinner.

Student Gallery Schedule

FEBRUARY

11-15 Roy Griswold
15-18 Maggie Siegel and Diane Damour
22-25 Michelle and Friends
25-28 Sarah Wilderson and Friends

MARCH

10-13 Alison Safford
14-17 Women's Issues Coalition
19-21 John Gill
22-27 Beverly Johnson
28-31 Carolyn Lowy
31-April 3 Devlin Shea

APRIL

4-7 Jeremy Sedita
7-10 John Arndt
11-14 Amy Wolf
14-17 Brad Bouchard
18-21 Rina Murao
21-24 Melissa and Jill
25-28 Sean Bradley
28-30 Deirdre Prischmann

MAY

1-11 Senior Shows

&More...

BY MEGAN ALLEN

The barber's chair sits in the corner of the living room. It is an old chair with a mustard-green back and an ashtray built into the silver armrest. Underneath is a plastic sheet and nearby sits a mini vacuum ready to clean up hair scraps.

This is the realm of the Crawford Cutter, formerly known as the Barresi Barber, also known as Pierre Eade.

Eade, a sophomore international business and French major, began cutting hair after a friend in high school asked him for a haircut. He "did pretty well," and it began a chain reaction so that by his senior year of high school he was cutting at least 80 people's hair, said Eade.

He considers himself a barber since he mainly cuts men's hair. He will trim women's hair, but do nothing fancy, said Eade.

Eade has had no formal training, though through watching his own hair being cut in every imaginable style, he has learned to do just about any cut, he said. In the future, he plans to take hairdressing classes, especially to learn how to cut women's hair.

Cutting hair is a great way to meet people and it provides the opportunity for good conversation, he said.

A first time haircut from Eade costs \$5, and cuts thereafter cost \$7. This semester he has begun selling haircut specials—five haircuts and a Crawford Cutter T-shirt for \$32. This year he has sold 20 such deals.

If you would like a haircut, you can make an appointment: e-mail him, telephone him or just catch Eade on campus. It is very informal, said Eade.

Next semester Eade will be studying abroad, but upon his return and for the rest of his time at AU he plans to be cutting hair.

He does not plan to make a career of cutting hair, though he is considering being a barber full time after retirement.

Small crowd greets Strange Arrangement

BY JOE BOYLE

A shamefully small crowd was present Feb. 2 for Strange Arrangement at SAB's first Two Buck Band Night.

I say shamefully small because the band deserved a bigger audience than the 40 or so people who attended.

Those who came were treated to refreshingly standard rock

music, along the lines of many enjoyable but now defunct guitar driven bands of the 80s, such as Big Country and The Smithereens.

The band showed musical potential in many of the arrangements and in flavorful breakdown interludes in many of the songs. However, the lyrics were rather uninteresting, seeming to be vehicles for the melody more than a

means to convey emotions or ideas.

Arrangement was a tight band. The singers could sing, the guitarist could play guitar, and they were all accompanied by a driving rhythm section. I was especially impressed by the flavorful keyboards and the rapport between the drummer and bassist.

The band members seemed to

want to perform and had a good deal of fun, even though they were playing to such a small crowd.

This was a refreshing sight in today's music world, where delivering the goods of a performance will win a band 40 people at the Knight Club, but absolute disdain for an audience will win a band a following as large and as loyal as, oh, say Alanis Morissette's. □

New Rushdie novel challenges imagination

BY JENEEN E. LEHOCKY

When I began reading Salman Rushdie's newest novel, I had no idea what to expect. All I knew of him was that he had been threatened with death by the Ayatollah Khomeini; I had no idea if his writing was any good.

Therefore I was pleasantly surprised by *The Moor's Last Sigh*, his first novel since he went into exile. *The Moor's Last Sigh* is about Moraes Zogoiby, a man who, through an intricate series of events, is imprisoned in a tower in Spain, forced to chronicle his family's tumultuous history. He begins with his great-grandparents, spice traders in India and moves from them to the present.

Rushdie's writing style is marvelous, containing wild torrents of images. The visual arts are central to the Zogoiby family and the paintings and murals which they create mirror the changes

in their turbulent lives.

Indeed turmoil is everywhere in this novel. Muslims, Jews, Christians and Hindus clash in the cities of India; crime bosses vie for power; artists, activists, politicians and critics form a backdrop of constant arguments. Moraes himself is often caught between two warring parties and his choices always cause tragedy and even death.

None of the events in this novel are mundane. They range from the merely unusual or incongruous (imagine crime bosses planning their Web sites) to the fantastical (Moraes's growth rate is twice that of a normal person, so that at age seven he is already undergoing puberty). Even a visit from two sets of in-laws moves from the typical family bickering to literal gang warfare.

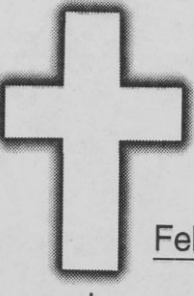
Once I got used to the image-filled, passionate writing, I found myself enjoying the book's many plot twists and the idiosyncrasies of each

character. However, in the last two sections of the book, I began to feel like I was in a whirlwind; things were happening almost too fast to take in.

Fortunately, Rushdie does not let the novel dissolve into complete unreality; there are always concrete objects, such as the family paintings, which keep the narrative from wandering too far afield and lend a sense of stability.

Since I'm unfamiliar with Rushdie's last novel, *The Satanic Verses*, which prompted the death threat from Khomeini, I don't know if the politics of this novel would have the same effect. I will simply say that it would be enjoyable to those who don't mind suspending their disbelief just enough for this slightly implausible, but highly entertaining story. □

The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie is currently available in Herrick Library, in the McNaughton Collection.



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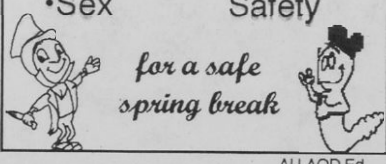
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...Goldstein gift

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Goldstein's goal, but that it will probably take more than five years.

"Miracles have happened before," she said, noting that Trustee Marlin Miller's gift quickly enabled the University to pay for the performing arts building.

"Alfred is way behind" in biology, said Grontkowski, adding that Alfred's problems are part of why Goldstein was recruited here from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

Goldstein said he came to Alfred "with the understanding [Alfred] would get a lab for molecular life sciences."

But even without the labs, the numbers in the biology program have started to climb. Two years ago there were 11 majors, last year there were 27 and this year there are 39 biology majors.

Goldstein said life sciences will be very important for careers in the near future. "For students considering scientific or pre-health careers, the central role of cellular and molecular biology cannot be understated."

Students expressed pleasure with recent developments. Junior biology major Fiona Pasternack said, "We all have that happy molecular science feeling." □

Rescue Squad seeks money for new equipment

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

AU Rescue Squad will get the money it needs to conform to state requirements.

Co-captain Jim Schreib said Rescue Squad will meet legislative code 800, although it is not clear where the money will come from. He said Rescue Squad is "close to an agreement as far as money is concerned."

Fire Chief Nancy Furlong said the fire department or ambulance service would not provide money for the Rescue Squad to meet the new requirements.

Senate President Jake Cooper said Student Affairs and Senate will help Rescue Squad financially. To obtain money from Student Senate, Rescue Squad would have to become a Senate organization, Cooper said.

Cooper said he feels that all involved would benefit if Rescue Squad joined Senate. The squad could apply for special allocations funds as soon as they became a Senate organization, but it would be one semester before they would be allowed to vote.

Representatives of AU administration and Rescue Squad are meeting with the fire department and ambulance service of the village to discuss two major issues, Schreib said.

The first conflict centers

around oxygen. Rescue Squad is mandated under the new law to provide oxygen for patients, Schreib said. But, "Alfred Fire Department would prefer we did not administer oxygen," said Schreib. He said this is because the fire department would like to be able to examine patients before oxygen is administered.

Rescue Squad will be ordering oxygen soon, but will not have the training required to use it until next year, Schreib said.

The second question being addressed is where the Rescue Squad can respond to, because of liability, Schreib said. University representatives and Barb Fletcher, head of the ambulance service, have decided that the squad may respond to off-campus housing owned by the University, but not to privately owned houses such as fraternities, said Schreib.

Schreib said, "I hope that things work out between the Alfred Fire Department, the Alfred Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad so that we can have a cooperative working experience providing the best care we can for AU students." □

CDC hosts large-scale job fair

BY STEVE WAGNER

Alfred's first university-wide career fair will be held on Feb. 22 in McLane Center. The event is sponsored by the Career Development Center.

According to Christine Rosiczkowski, career development specialist, Alfred has held career fairs for individual colleges, but this is the first that will include the entire University.

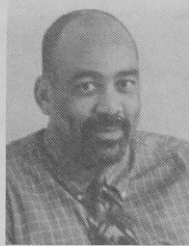
Many companies will be present looking for seniors who are ready to join the work force and undergraduates who need a summer job. There will also be graduate schools for those who want to further their education.

From 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. there will be six different workshops for students. These workshops will be run by the companies and graduate schools.

The workshop topics include the job outlook for the next five years, what graduate schools really want and women in the workforce.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Career Fair Open will be held in the McLane gym. This will be a time for students to talk to the companies or grad schools they choose.

Many of the companies that will be attending the Career Fair are new to Alfred, said John Carvana,



John Carvana

director of the CDC. He said one of the goals of the fair was to "bring new employers and hiring opportunities into Alfred."

Many companies will have a sign-up for private interviews to be held the following day.

Both Carvana and Rosiczkowski said they are excited about the fair. The graduate school fair the career center sponsored in October was very successful, said Carvana. "We had a really good turnout, and really positive comments about Alfred students."

The risk in holding an event of this size and nature is a low attendance. Carvana said, "The worst thing that can happen is that no one could show up. All students should attend, even freshmen."

Rosiczkowski said, "Some companies want summer interns."

Carvana and Rosiczkowski have tips for students who will be attending. Seniors should dress professionally and bring "a dozen copies of their resume." It would not hurt undergrads to follow the same advice, said Carvana.

For those students who need their resumes cleaned up, the CDC offers a 24-hour pick-up service, promising that every resume will be read and commented upon 24 hours after it is dropped off.

Rosiczkowski jokingly said, "If it's not done in 24 hours, you get a free pizza!" After considering the idea, Carvana said, "Yeah, I like that." □

Phi Beta Sigma now ready to go

BY TERESA G. VINCENT

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., despite a false start last semester, may be ready to run.

Paul Kingsbury, director of Greek affairs, said that the application for an Alfred chapter of the historically black fraternity has been approved by the AU Greeks' President's Council and awaits final approval from the national office.

When it receives final approval from the national office, Phi Beta Sigma will be ready to establish its first pledge class. That class could be organized as early as this semester, said local Phi Beta Sigma

founder Glenn Clinton.

Clinton said he wanted to bring Phi Beta Sigma to Alfred because it would provide diversity both as a historically black fraternity and because it would include students from Alfred State College and Alfred University.

However, the University has a history of not recognizing groups that include students from both AU and ASC. In 1993, AU decided not to recognize Alpha Delta Omega, a co-campus co-ed social fraternity.

Clinton said he felt that the addition of a fraternity such as Phi Beta Sigma to Alfred would help make Alfred a more desirable place for

prospective black male students. He said, "We're not just here to throw parties," and that the motto of Phi Beta Sigma is, "Culture for service and service for humanity."

Kingsbury said he felt Phi Beta Sigma would affect the community "very positively."

Clinton also said that Phi Beta Sigma was not all about race. Phi Beta Sigma would not only support campus organizations like UMOJA, but would aid any organization that needed its help, he said.

Phi Beta Sigma tried to organize last semester, but its efforts were not approved by Kingsbury or the University. □

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Crosby confronts issues through theater

BY NICOLE LEBON
AND MEGAN PARK

A play brought social issues into the eyes of both the performers and the audience in an Alaskan Native society, said Stephen Crosby in his Bergren Forum Feb. 1.

Crosby, associate professor of theater, gave a detailed account of work with Alaskan students in his cultural theater classes starting in September 1982.

He discussed the hardships and despair that accompany the Alaskan territory. "Most, if not all, of the students had lost either immediate family members or close friends to alcohol-related tragedies, as is the case with most Native Alaskans," said Crosby. Beyond the alcohol abuse, "there is approximately a one in ten chance that a 15-year-old boy will either kill himself or make a serious attempt to do so by the time he is 25."

To confront these issues, Crosby's classes performed as a theater group. The students had free rein over the means of expressions and the message they wanted to send. Year after year some of the same topics appeared: racism, loss of identity, suicide and alcoholism. However, these issues were too personal to deal with, so the company always reverted back to performing myths and legends of oral tradition, said

Crosby.

Crosby said withdrawal and silence are psychological characteristics of most Alaskans. They have been ingrained as coping mechanisms. Crosby said, "The denial was running rampant," and it was as much of a disease as the actual alcoholism. Crosby said he witnessed a "terrifying examination of a terminal disease of the spirit that was devouring the very soul of Native Alaskan cultures and people."

Finally, in 1987, a group of students assembled to perform the play *Village*. In doing so, they faced the issues others before them had abandoned. Crosby said they created a representative village and presented social problems found in their own villages. In doing so, they recognized the problems in their own lives. The seeds for self-empowerment were planted, Crosby said.

The students faced personal problems while presenting the play, Crosby said. The group promised that they would neither harm themselves nor anyone else without talking to someone first. Still, several times the project was almost canceled for the students' safety, said Crosby.

Audiences deemed *Village* a success, often seeing their own lives and problems reflected in the play, Crosby said. Many commented on how the play had made them realize that they needed to help themselves. □

Wild weather whacks Western New York

BY JOSH ZIELINSKI

Alfred experienced extreme weather on Jan. 19. The morning began with thunder and a downpour. By 11 p.m. the rain changed to snow. The day ended with floods that closed several counties.

James Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said, "As you get more global warming you should see an increase in the extremes of the hydrologic cycle—droughts and floods and precipitation."

Hansen and other scientists believe the greenhouse effect is causing the fickle weather. The greenhouse effect occurs when fos-

sil fuels are burned, releasing gases which trap heat in the atmosphere. Larger quantities of these gases cause an increase in temperatures leading to more evaporation.

According to weather models, this process would intensify droughts in dry regions because there is little precipitation to evaporate. If the greenhouse theory is correct, more rain will fall along the coasts, while the interior of continents will get less precipitation. This would mean the breadbaskets of the midwestern United States and Russia would dry up.

David Toot, associate professor of physical sciences, said, "Any scientific predictions are subject to inac-

curacy. It is difficult to predict the weather for a whole season."

Gordon Godshalk, director of the environmental studies program, said, "There is not enough evidence to form a strong scientific conclusion that the greenhouse effect is happening. The best thing to do right now is plan ahead for the effects of the greenhouse effect if it proves to be true." □

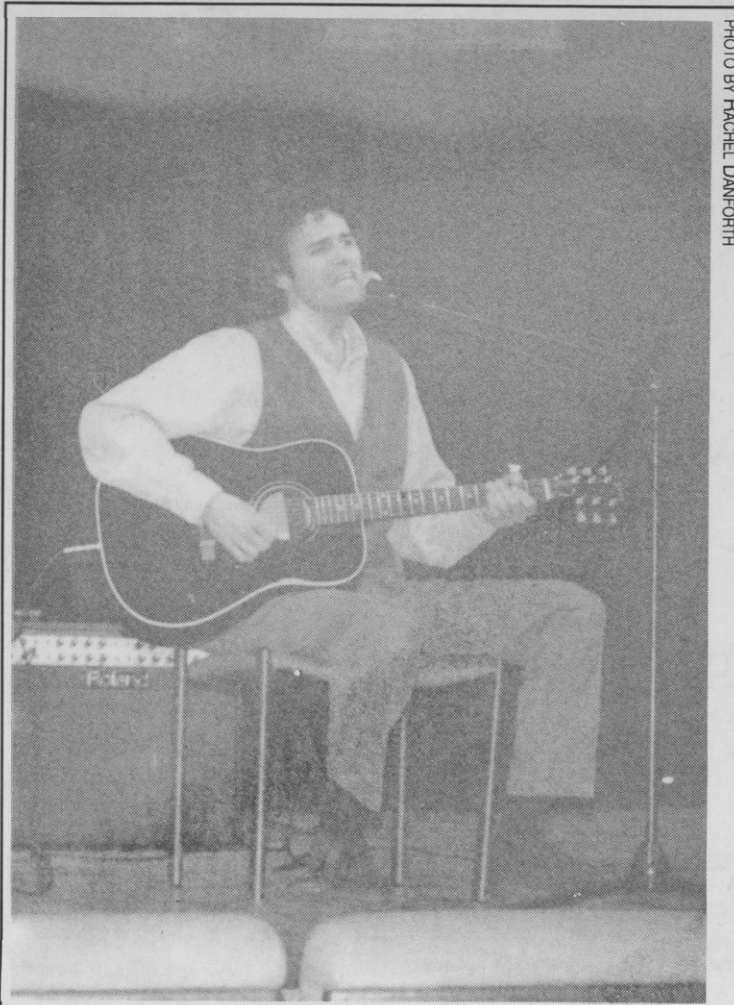


PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

"Sometimes you've got to shut up and play your guitar," Joe Gow introduced his Bergren Forum Thursday.

Gow performed ten blues songs for his presentation, "Folk Blues." His set included songs by Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker and Robert Johnson, although he took some liberties to modernize their lyrics.

"I wonder what modern blues would be like?" Gow asked. "Maybe your computer broke down."

Over 100 people, some eating bag lunches, attended the Bergren forum to listen to Gow.

...retention rate

Gow said the Task Force on Recruitment and Retention is looking at ways to improve pre-registration, residence hall life and access to faculty in its efforts to improve student life at Alfred. "If anyone has any concerns or ideas about life at Alfred they should call or e-mail me," said Gow.

This fall's poor academic performance will halt recent improvements in the retention rates. "There were more 0.0 grade point averages than ever before," said Gow.

This fall 57 students were academically dismissed from Alfred University. The College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences accounted for 28 of the 57 dismissals. Last fall, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences had only 18 academic dismissals.

Not all colleges experienced a rise in the number of dismissals. The College of Art and Design's dismissal rate remained stable and the School of Ceramic Engineering experienced a decline in the number of students dismissed.

No one knows what has caused the large number of dismissals this fall. "The admissions profile of the freshman class would not have predicted such a poor performance," said Strong.

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An annual study of freshman students throughout the United States might have some answers. The results of a UCLA study, which has been done for over 30 years, were printed in the Jan. 12 edition of the *Chronicle for Higher Education*.

The study found that the proportion of freshmen who reported doing six or more hours of homework a week dropped last year to 35 percent from 43.7 percent in 1987. The number of students who said they talked with a teacher outside of class also dropped. A record number of students said they were bored in class, according to the study.

Strong said, "There is not enough evidence to suggest that lack of discipline is the cause for the freshman class's poor grades ... Personal issues are absorbing a lot of time and energy of students." □

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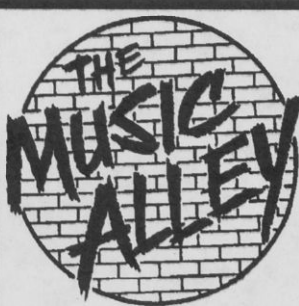
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AU coaches have no qualms with HIV-positive athletes

BY VINNIE MORRIS

Magic Johnson recently received a warm welcome back to the NBA, and it seems that any HIV-infected Saxon ball player would have no problems with coaches and fellow players here.

Jay Murphy, AU men's basketball coach said, "I would have no problem coaching a player who has HIV. Magic Johnson has played a big part in educating people about the virus, and it looks as if exercise can help the individual." Murphy also added that he thought the other players should be aware that the player has the virus.

Magic Johnson, who retired after contracting the AIDS virus, recently returned to the NBA. In his first game back, he looked to be in great shape as if he had not lost his touch. Magic's return has proved to be a success for the NBA and an inspiration for others who have contracted the virus.

The only collegiate basketball rule that applies to players who have HIV is a non-discrimination rule, said Scott Zema, AU's head athletic trainer. "I would have absolutely no problem training an athlete who has AIDS."

Zema said other players do not have the right to know if another player has AIDS due to patient confidentiality. However, he would advise the person to inform his teammates.

AU basketball players seemed to have the same sentiments toward playing with a person with HIV. Co-captain Jason Amore said, "No problem. I wouldn't bother me at all because I know the risk of infection is minimal at best."

Junior starter Chris Johnson said, "I think it would be fair for me to know who the person is, but I would have no problem with it."

Freshman Collin Culbreth said, "It wouldn't be a problem, and I wouldn't really need to know. I'd treat him like any other player." □

Presentation on MTV gains award for Gow

STAFF REPORTS

Joe Gow's study of music videos on MTV has resulted in yet more attention—this time at a convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Gow, associate professor of mass media, garnered nationwide attention more than a year ago with a study on how women were portrayed in MTV videos. Gow charged that, for the most part, women were portrayed as "bimbos," drawing rapid response from MTV and the interest of journalists nationwide.

Gow recapped that experience for a first-place interactive display at the national convention of the

Speech Communication Association, titled "Reconsidering Gender Roles on MTV: Depictions in the Most Popular Music Videos of the Early 1990's."

An active researcher of communication in popular culture, Gow also recently met with television network entertainment heads to learn more about the prevalence of sex and violence in television programming.

Gow, who heads the AU communications studies program, joined the AU faculty in 1990. Previously he taught at University of Cincinnati, Penn State and the University of Alabama.

Local vineyard's wine is just bully

BY JENNIFER J. REISINGER

"Never let them get your goat" is the motto of Bully Hill Vineyards.

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At the end of the tour, the tasting begins for those of legal drinking age. Five of Bully Hill's 50 wines

are offered for tasting. For visitors under 21, Bully Hill also makes grape juice.

At the vineyard there is a store where wine can be purchased, as well as other souvenirs. Also, for the hungry visitor, Bully Hill has a restaurant which offers something for everyone.

Junior Michael Fosberry said, "Bully Hill is fun. You can go on the tour and drink for free." □

Black History Month schedule

February 3,	8 p.m. (Knight Club) Apollo Talent Night and Soul Train Party
February 5,	9 p.m. (Nevins Theater) The Vanishing Family: Crisis in Black America (film)
February 6,	8 p.m. (Knight Club) Umoja's Wing Nite with The Color Purple
February 12,	9 p.m. (Nevins Theater) General Colin Powell: What I've Learned (film)
February 14,	7 p.m. (Kenyon/Allen room) Valentine's Day Dating Game
February 19,	9 p.m. (Nevins Theater) Racism in America (film)
February 24,	time t.b.a. (Susan Howell Hall) The Black Ball
Also look for Umoja's presentation of a Black History Month Speaker	

A Celebration of Education

Keck Foundation grant allows study of ceramic solutions to biological problems

STAFF REPORTS

A \$260,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation will give AU researchers the tools necessary to develop ceramics and glasses for advanced biomedical applications.

The New York State College of Ceramics is one of three partners in the National Science Foundation's Industry-University Center for Biosurfaces, which applied for the grant.

"We are grateful for the deep commitment of the W.M. Keck Foundation as we search for technological solutions to medical problems. Support such as this is critical in realizing the promise of a better—and ultimately healthier—society," said President Edward G. Coll Jr.

"The W.M. Keck Foundation's dedication to AU's mission is well known," said recently appointed Dean of the College of Ceramics L. David Pye.

The grant will allow AU to create the W.M. Keck Foundation Laboratory for Ceramic-Biosystems Interfacing, a facility dedicated to the study of interactions between ceramic materials and biosystems.

The W.M. Keck Foundation makes grants to colleges, universities and research institutions across the United States, primarily to support research in the sciences.

"We were brought into the National Science Foundation center

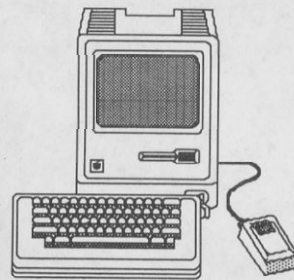
to provide ceramic and glass solutions to biological problems," said Alexis Clare, acting director of the center. "This grant allows us to start building and equipping the laboratory necessary to fulfill that mission."

The four pieces of equipment that will be bought with the grant "give us the capabilities to take a real close look at surface interactions between ceramics and biological systems," said Clare, explain-

ing that while some materials may appear to be ideal for biomedical applications, it may be difficult to predict how they will react with organisms they come in contact with.

The new laboratory will be unique in its focus on materials, said Clare. Most other programs in bioceramics focus on the system itself, and not on the materials. "This new lab will help us find some key answers," she said. □

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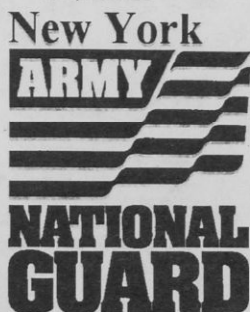
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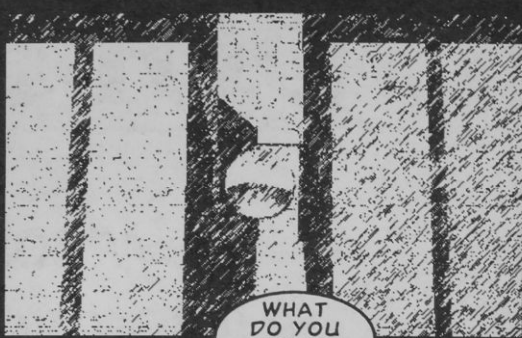
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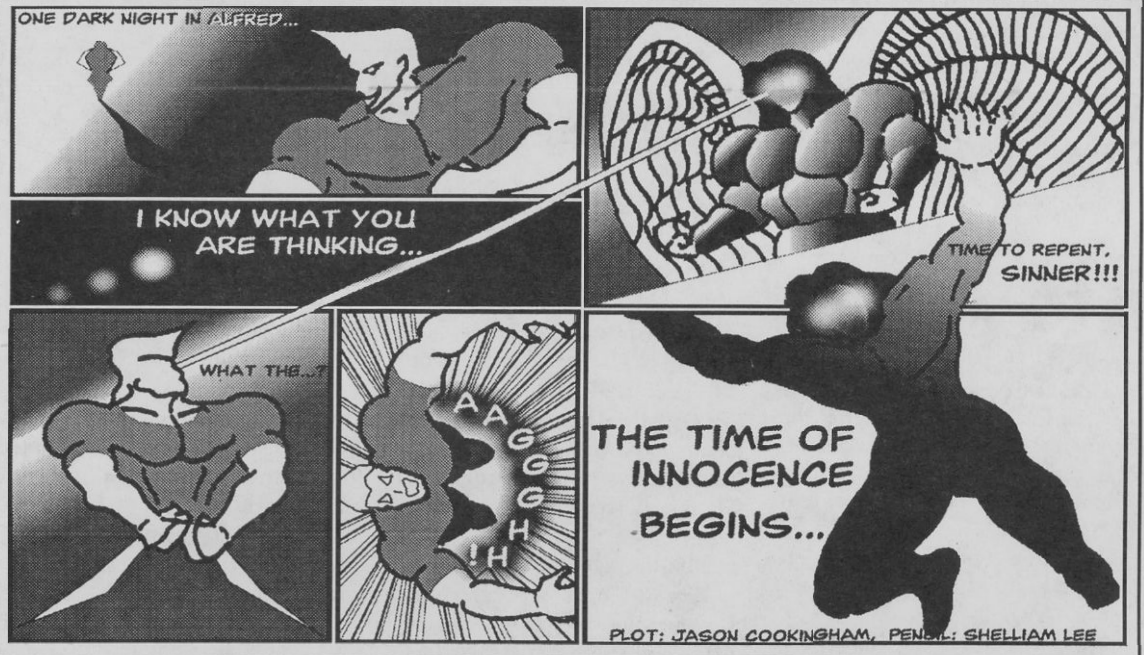
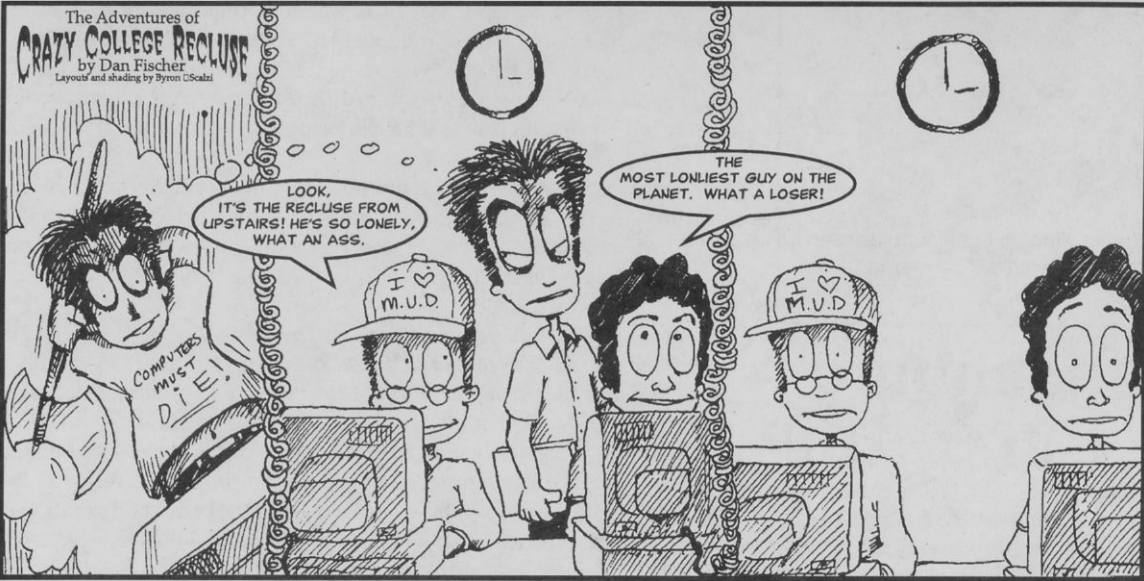
10. Fiat staff grew ten-fold
9. Theater students still wandering halls of Miller looking for classes
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7. Art students' work wasn't messy enough
6. "You mean we actually have HOMEWORK in this course?"
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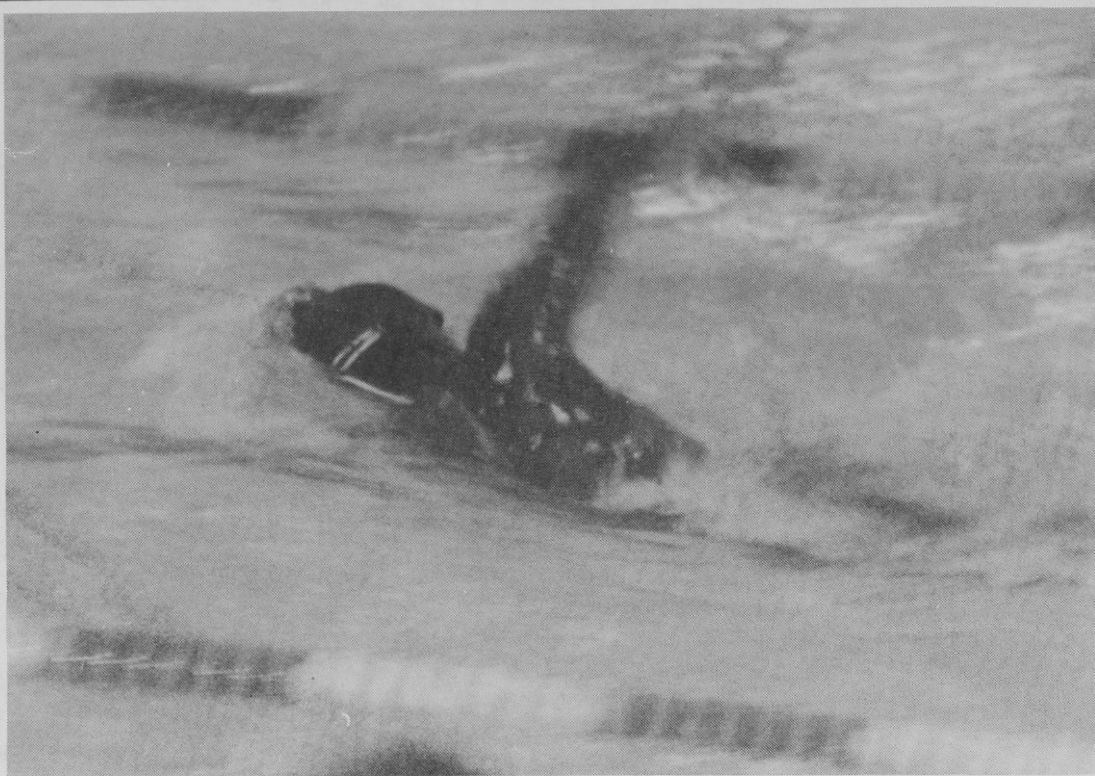


PHOTO BY MIKE HUNING

Steven Farrenkopf (pictured), Bobby Cravera and Noel Pelczarski were all double winners in helping the men's swim team to their first victory of the season. The AU men improved their season record to 1-7 by narrowly beating Nazareth 108-103.

Ski team wins silver at Toggenburg

BY PAIGE JUNKER

AU's female Athlete of the Week for last week, Brook White, has been blazing to victory for the AU ski team in recent weeks.

Two weeks ago at Colgate, White streaked to silver on the slopes of Toggenburg in both the women's slalom and giant slalom for the Lady Saxons. Meredith Pratt took a close third behind White in the giant slalom.

This past week, White took the gold in the giant slalom at Song

Mountain. Pratt and White led AU to fifth place finishes at Toggenburg and Song Mountain.

Junior Devin Dressman has also helped lead the team to consistently good finishes. Dressman finished fourth in the slalom and sixth in the giant slalom at Toggenburg two weeks ago while helping the men to a fourth place finish overall.

Last week at Song Mountain Dressman finished ninth. As the only Alfred man to earn a top ten finish, he helped the men's team

take fifth overall. Helping Dressman was James Knittle who took twelfth in the giant slalom and fifteenth in the slalom.

The team practices every Tuesday and Thursday night at Swain. They spend almost every weekend on the road. Dressman said, "Ski racing is not as easy as it looks. It is a lot of fun, but it is also a huge amount of work." The ski team's hard work will hopefully pay off this weekend when they host at Swain. □

Women's track comes to Alfred

BY FIONA PASTERNAK

Gender equality and interest on campus prompted AU to form a women's track team Dec. 13.

"AU is a role model in establishing gender equity guidelines," said Gary Aldrich, head track coach and assistant football coach. While other universities are cutting men's teams to make room for an increase in women's sports, AU is trying to create a balance without removing sports.

Aldrich said that presently he is concerned with attracting hard-working athletes who are willing to commit themselves to the sport while "drawing attention to ourselves from competitors and coaches.

He said he hopes to draw interest from women who participated

in high school track or who just have an interest in the sport.

"The more publicity we get, the better off we're going to be," said Aldrich.

"It's fun. Come out and try it," said freshman Heather Caputo, one of two competing members on the four member women's track team. Caputo is a heptathlete who is working hard to master all seven events, said Aldrich.

The other competing member of the team is sophomore Michelle Neverusky. She has been waiting for this moment since she arrived at AU last year, she said.

Holly Rife, a freshmen member of the women's basketball team and Shannon Youmell, a sophomore member of the swim team, are both expected to join the track team upon completing their other

sports.

Patricia Codispoti, women's soccer coach, will be coaching the women's track team. Codispoti was actively involved in coaching women's track before it was cut eight years ago.

Codispoti will be valuable in helping to build a solid team, said Aldrich.

Next year the team will enter the Presidential Athletic Conference to allow it to compete against smaller private schools as opposed to the larger state schools in the NY Conference which the team is currently competing against.

The male and female track programs will practice and attend meets together.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, both track teams will be attending the Bob Kane Invitational. □

AP men's college basketball rankings

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll as of Mon. Feb. 5, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 4, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts.	Prv.
1. Massachusetts (58)	21-0	1,641	1
2. Kentucky (7)	18-1	1,586	2
3. Kansas	18-1	1,483	3
4. Connecticut (1)	21-1	1,468	4
5. Cincinnati	17-1	1,398	5
6. Villanova	18-3	1,300	6
7. Utah	18-3	1,216	7
8. Georgetown	19-3	1,176	9
9. Wake Forest	14-3	1,020	12
10. Penn St.	16-2	1,004	10

11. Virginia Tech	16-2	976	13
12. North Carolina	16-5	930	8
13. Texas Tech	18-1	798	15
14. Purdue	17-4	781	17
15. Memphis	16-4	729	11
16. Arizona	16-4	707	14
17. UCLA	15-5	609	19
18. Syracuse	16-6	500	18
19. Iowa	15-6	275	16
20. Louisville	16-6	273	—
21. Iowa St.	16-4	238	—
22. Boston College	13-5	229	21
23. Michigan	15-7	174	20
24. E. Michigan	16-2	137	23
25. Stanford	13-5	126	—

Other teams receiving votes:

- Arkansas 123
- Washington 107
- Mississippi St. 79
- Wis.-Green Bay 77

- Auburn 58
- California 51
- George Washington 46
- Marquette 32
- Duke 21
- New Mexico 17
- Clemson 15
- Indiana 13
- Coll. of Charleston 8
- Murray St. 5
- Kansas St. 4
- Maryland 4
- South
- Carolina 4
- N. Carolina St. 3
- Michigan St. 2
- Tulsa 2
- Vanderbilt 2
- Ark.-Little Rock 1
- Miss. Valley St. 1
- Texas 1.

New coach plans to improve swim program

BY PAIGE JUNKER

Michael Consadine, a former assistant swimming coach at the University of Rochester, has been named head men's and women's swimming coach at Alfred University.

"Michael is a knowledgeable coach with a strong swimming background," AU Athletic Director Hank Ford said. "He brings enthusiasm and a positive attitude to the Alfred University swimming program."

Under Consadine, the men's and women's programs will be consolidated for the first time in the school's history. He takes the helm of the men's team from long time coach Michael Schaeberle, who earned a 177-88 record in his 24 years with the Saxons, before retiring last season. Consadine also inherits a women's team with a wealth of young talent.

"It's exciting to be here," said Consadine. "There has been a strong swimming tradition at Alfred and I want to continue that. It will be a lot of work, but I feel we will have a solid program again in the next few years."

Consadine said he realizes that it is difficult to take over a team in mid-season, but he is optimistic that he can help AU's teams improve this season.

"I don't expect to overhaul the whole system overnight, but there are some techniques I can teach the swimmers that will help them swim better," Consadine said. "I just want to get in and get used to everything this year, set some obtainable individual goals and finish the season on a positive note," he added.

Consadine was a standout at Gannon University where he once held records in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Gannon in 1989 and earned his Master's degree in Health Services Administration from the school this past June.

In addition to his duties at the University of Rochester's swimming camp over the last five summers, he is also the program director of the Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Club, where he teaches the basics of the sailing to young students. The club had a team compete in the 1992 Olympic Trials and boasts a sailing team that is ranked in the top 100 in the world.

Consadine and his wife Judy currently reside in Williamson, NY. □

Cheerleaders look to revitalize spirit

BY LAURA FOSTER

The Alfred University cheerleaders continue to face problems as the semester begins. "We need more people to support school spirit," said Allison Mullen, cheerleading co-captain.

Over the last four years Alfred cheerleading has undergone many changes. Former cheerleader Natalie Hill said she was very disappointed with the cheerleading program at Alfred when she joined as a freshman. "It was horrible compared to high school," said Hill. At that time, the cheerleaders were receiving no monetary aid from the University and had trouble even getting uniforms, Hill said.

Kim McCurdy, sophomore and current cheerleading coach, said that she, too, was disappointed with the team. "Compared to high school, it was very disorganized," said McCurdy. After a disappointing freshman year, McCurdy was frustrated with the team. She wanted to keep it going, but said "there just wasn't the interest."

Early last semester, McCurdy began working to improve the cheerleading program. She said it was the interest of incoming freshman that moved her to action.

With the support of Student Activities Director Steve Harpst, Dean of Students Gerald Brody and Cheerleading Advisor Bonnie Dungan, McCurdy revitalized the existing team with the help and enthusiasm of several freshmen women.

After just a couple of practices, they "managed to pull together and marched in the Homecoming parade and cheered at the game," said McCurdy. McCurdy said she received lots of positive feedback after that first game. People were glad to see cheerleaders supporting the athletes.

The cheerleaders practice three times a week in the upstairs hallway of McLane Center or in the basement of Kruson. Although cheerleading is not one of the athletic department's highest priorities, McCurdy said that she has received lots of support from James Moretti, head football coach.

"Even though most of them won't admit it, I think that the players enjoy the support of the cheerleaders," said Hill. Cheerleading is not yet recognized as a sport at Alfred University. It has organizational status.

The number of cheerleaders has dropped from 12 to five this semester due to grade problems and lack of interest, McCurdy said. "I'm disappointed that there aren't more people interested in promoting school spirit, but I'm proud of them [the remaining cheerleaders] for dedicating the time and cheering even though there are only five of them."

McCurdy said she plans to continue coaching and hopes that someday Alfred will have a co-ed team.

Mullen said she is also going to stick with it because it's "very fun and very rewarding." The main problem they see for the future is the lack of people willing to support school spirit. New freshman recruits are hoped for in the fall.

Even if the team remains small, Mullen said she won't give up. "The results are worth it if everyone puts in 100 percent." □