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The Student Newspaper of Alfred University

## WORLD

The Bean, a local coffeehouse located on North Main St., has gone out of business.

•BareNaked Ladies, SAB's large act this semester, will play McLane Center on Feb. 15. •The campus speed limit has been lowered to 15 mph and the campus declared a school zone. •AU kicked off African American Heritage Month with the third Cultural Cafe last Saturday night.

### NATIONAL

In a groundbreaking court case, a Florida state judge ruled last Friday that a man dying of AIDS had the right to commit physician-assisted suicide. Citadel, a military college that until last June was exclusively male, has accepted 24 females for next year. • A McDonald's worker in Connecticut was arrested for allegedly selling marijuana through the drive-thru window. ·Star Wars was re-released in theaters nationwide Jan. 31, featuring enhanced effects and previously unseen footage.

### INTERNATIONAL

French officials have promised to investigate the whereabouts of artworks owned by Jews that were taken during World War II. Up to 2,000 works in the famous Louvre may fall into this category. •A Chinese committee preparing for the return of Hong Kong to China voted last Saturday to rewrite Hong Kong's civil liberty laws. •In order to teach her ex-boyfriend a lesson, an Indonesian woman allegedly let loose six cobras in a Jakarta karaoke bar.

# PERSONALITIES

MATT FLOWERS

Matt Flowers notes that he has a side besides his professional one. "There's a kid inside of me that comes out." he said.

That's what makes him good at what he does, he added.

Flowers is the Upper Pine Hill Suites Resident Director, the Student Activities graduate intern and co-advisor of SAB and RHC.

Spending large amounts of time in the Powell Campus Center seems to be a part of being good. Last week he put in 22 hours in two days on a program held there.

"Putting on a program and seeing people have fun... that's what it's all about," he explained.

Flowers' life is apparently also about the Buffalo Bills. "I live and die by the Bills," he said.

Originally from Warsaw, NY, Flowers came to Alfred after getting interested in the activities of his brother, who went through the College Student Development program two years before him.

He plans to work in student activities at a college after his graduation from Alfred in May.

# Registration blames computers

BY SABRINA HARRISON

An overlooked computer step caused problems which resulted in almost 350 incidents of course complications early this semester, said Registrar Larry Casey.

"This fall we missed a step," said Casey.
"The priority code for preregistration did not get taken. That holds students in courses after preregistration."

Last spring, the registrar's office modified their computer scheduling procedure to add a new priority code, said Casey. Before the addition of the code, students were not granted priority for preregistering on time, he said.

Utilizing scheduling software, the regis-

trar's office determines courses a student will receive by referring to the number of credits a student has in association with their grade point average.

The registration procedure is "a multistep process," said Casey. In order to make the registration process successful, a number of scheduling software programs have to be run step by step. The omission of the priority code "randomly re-mixed students in courses," Casey said.

"Freshman were not really given priority, it just happened to work out that way," Casey

Casey said the preregistration problems that resulted this semester were "an error

made in this office by me."

Casey was able to resolve the scheduling complications with the assistance of faculty who agreed to add students to already-filled courses, he said. The scheduling problem was centered within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. English 101 and 102 sections were the courses most affected by the omission of the priority code, said Casey.

Susan Morehouse, assistant professor of English, said the English classes affected by the omitted computer step are overloaded. "Every single one of us is teaching over 25 students," she said.

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# Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrated



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

**Singing out:** Dorothy Cotton, former member of Martin Luther King Jr.'s staff, sings songs from the civil rights movement with audience members in Nevins Theater.

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Marching, singing and reminiscing marked the first day of the semester, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The activities were to honor both the civil rights movement and King, said Dan Napolitano, coordinator of ALANA affairs, the group which organized the events.

Activities included a march from Powell Campus Center to Main Street, a documentary of King's August 28, 1963 march on Washington, D.C. and a speech by Dorothy Cotton, a member of King's staff.

Overall the day was very successful, said Napolitano.

He said he would have liked to have seen more people at the activities, in particular the march, though with the cold weather and busy first-day schedules, low attendance was understandable.

Napolitano listed the speaker, Dorothy Cotton, as a highlight of the day's activities.

Cotton, the only female member of King's executive staff, received a standing ovation

from a large audience after speaking in Nevins Theater.

In the speech she said people need to challenge themselves to discover what can be done to solve today's problems.

"Go inside yourself—what is your vision of a healthy multicultural world? What will you do? What will you contribute?" asked Cotton.

Twice Cotton led the audience in singing songs from the civil rights marches: "We are building up a new world... builders must be strong... courage people don't get weary... children of the light."

The march from Powell Campus Center to Main Street was held to remember King's August 28, 1963 march in Washington, D.C., at which he gave the "I Have A Dream" speech, said Napolitano.

Approximately 19 students and administration attended. They carried signs which said "We have a dream" and "Remember Dr. King."

Following the march the documentary of scenes from the march and King's speech was shown.

# Alfred University to lose two administrators Vice presidents Fackler and Stepp resign and plan to leave at end of semester

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Two vice presidents announced their resignations recently. Peter Fackler, vice president of business and finance, and William Stepp, vice president of University relations, both plan to leave Alfred.

The departure of the two administrators comes only months after the retirement of H. Woodie Lange, University controller.

"Alfred has been really fortunate [to have them]," Dean of Students Jerry Brody told Student Senate.

Fackler said he would miss Alfred. "I've really enjoyed my time here," said Fackler.

He said he would like to try another job before retiring. He will take over as vice president of finance for Bates College in Lewiston, Maine April 15. "Alfred has been a good place for me to be," Fackler said. "This is a people place."

Fackler said that there would not be many changes caused by his departure. Athletics will be moving under Student Affairs, however, he said. "That is a more traditional place to put it," he added.

Fackler said he will miss "the folks who work here and the students."

Stepp agreed. "The people here are fantastic," he said.

Stepp has resigned and plans to leave June 30. He said he did not want to leave in the middle of a fundraising campaign.

"I didn't come to Alfred necessarily to retire," he said. Stepp has been here for 14 years, and has been vice president of University relations for seven of those years.

Stepp said he has seen many





**Leaving AU:** Vice Presidents Peter Fackler and William Stepp are on their final semester at Alfred.

improvements including new buildings and changes in academic departments.

Stepp said he is looking for a job in a non-profit organization,

a higher education institution or in the corporate arena.

He said he would miss Alfred. "Having been here I know what quality is about," he said. □



# Advertisement stirs controversy

The Fiat Lux received letters objecting to our decision to run an advertisement placed by the Alfred Assembly of Christians on Page 3 of the Dec. 11 issue.

Some objected to the content of the advertisement, describing it as harmful or bigoted.

Others complained that because the advertisement ran on the page opposite the editorial page, it therefore constitutes the opinion of the Fiat Lux

The advertisement in question, as with any advertisement appearing in the *Fiat Lux*, does not in any way represent the opinions of this newspaper. As stated in the staff box on the editorial page, only unsigned editorials reflect the opinions of this newspaper.

Commonly in print journalism, the Op/Ed page is not only reserved for opinion pieces, but is also advertisement-free. The *Fiat Lux*, however, usually treats this page as simply a News or Features page, with an occasional exception.

In the Dec. 11 issue, Page 3 was a News page. None of the articles or advertisements on that or any page represented the views of the *Fiat*.

Another complaint stated that the *Fiat Lux* should not print any advertisement with any religious affiliation. Taking and enforcing that type of stance would be an example of religious discrimination, which is (not condoned by this paper).

In terms of placing advertisements in the *Fiat Lux*, the paper will accept or reject advertisements at its discretion. Cases where the paper will absolutely not accept an advertisement include: advertisements of illegal items or practices; advertisements encouraging academic dishonesty; advertisements asking the reader to provide information about others; and advertisements prominently displaying prices of alcohol or tobactor.

Other questionable advertisements are discussed on a case-by-case basis and then voted on by the executive board of the newspaper.

We did not feel that the advertisement in question was blatantly offensive, unfair or in violation of anyone's rights.

The  $Fiat\ Lux$  appreciates the continued reader feedback on this and any matter.  $\Box$ 





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COLUMNIST

## SAB brings BareNaked Canadians



### BY JONATHAN BAUM

On February 15, the Canadian pop band BareNaked Ladies will play AU at the McLane center.

The Student Activities Board deserves much credit for landing the band as this year's large act.

In the past, signing entertainers and getting them to follow through with their commitment to play Alfred has been quite a chore for SAB and directors of Student Activities. Acts like the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Deep Blue Something and A. Whitney Brown may come to mind, along

with the much-maligned but gifted performers Jefferson Starship (who actually played a good show which nobody seemed to like).

But mixed in with those disappointments—which were predominantly not the fault of anyone representing AU—was ex-boyfriend-hating megastar Alanis Morrissette, another Canadian, who is possibly the biggest sensation to hit this country since McCarthyism in the fifties.

Also worthy of mention is another Canadian band, Moxy Fruvous, which played a great show, especially considering it was a small act that wasn't a ska band.

Assuming the BareNaked Ladies show goes off without a major hitch—actually, assuming it goes off at all—the concert would signify two consecutive years where SAB hit the mark with a great large act.

Don't miss your chance to see these guys. Not only will it be the place to be in Alfred on Feb. 15 regardless, but this band is really good.

Kudos to SAB and student activities, and may the success continue with another big name next year.

Maybe not Canadian, though.

Loverboy might be planning a

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Fiat Lux should not have allowed ad to run

### DEAR EDITOR:

I take considerable offense to the advertisement presented on Page 3 of the Dec. 11, 1996 issue of the *Fiat Lux*. This advertisement is presented by the Alfred Assembly of Christians and addresses the AIDS epidemic and the Assembly's views toward this horrible disease.

Firstly, this advertisement appeared on the Op/Ed page of the *Fiat Lux*. Due to the opinions expressed by the *Fiat Lux* staff on the Editorial page, the advertisement effectively denotes the position of the *Fiat Lux* toward the spread of AIDS and the methods of transmission. There should be NO advertisements on either of these pages, as they would imply that the publication condones the beliefs of the Alfred Assembly of Christians.

The essential message portrayed by the advertisement is that contracting the AIDS virus will send you straight to Hell. This is a highly unfair observation; many times, the contractor of the virus is a) in a monogamous relationship; b) a child born to another

already infected with AIDS; c) infected by transmission through infected drug paraphernalia; or d) a patient that required a blood transfusion, and the blood received was tainted with the disease.

It is highly unfair to consider the AIDS virus merely a result of promiscuity, heterosexual or homosexual. Please define for your readers the word "promiscuity;" I think that we are all guilty of that "sin," as the advertisement calls it, to one extent or another

I am rather angry that the *Fiat Lux* is allowing this type of message to be sent via its pathways. I am also quite upset that the *Fiat Lux* is allowing a religious organization to advertise its beliefs in your pages. I call upon you, the editors, in the strongest possible terms, to cease producing these unfair and unjust lies about Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

Sincerely, Joshua Buland Class of 1998

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Advertisement was offensive and hurtful

## DEAR EDITOR:

We are writing to protest the  $Fiat\ Lux$ 's sale of advertising space to the Alfred Assembly of Christians.

For too long, the Alfred University community has been inundated by small-minded and prejudicial advertising. The ad in the Nov. 13 issue disgusted us by stereotyping and negatively misrepresenting religious and spiritual views different from their own.

However, the Dec. 11 issue displayed one of the most nauseating sources of misrepresentation we have witnessed in a long time. There is no place on a

college campus, or in a college newspaper, for the placing of blame for the plague of the late twentieth-century.

It is our opinion that the advertisements for the Alfred Assembly of Christians are in direct opposition to what we perceive to be one of the primary goals of a University education—tolerance for ideas and people different from ourselves.

Sincerely, Jessica Gottlieb and Brandy Russell, Class of 1998

## Kudos & Kumquats

## KUDOS

- To Student Senate President Zach Hampton. Not for having a modest sized skating area installed in front of the bandstand, but for making Alfredians actually hope for cold weather in winter so the rink will survive (not to mention keeping a campaign promise nobody thought he would- for more info, see *Fiat Lux* election issue, now a collector's item).
- To SAB for landing Barenaked Ladies. Must have gotten that by the village board by bribing them with an ice rink.
- To groundhog Punxsutawney Phil for having the sense not to see his shadow. Guess that's bad news for the ice ripk
- To the Lil Alf for hitting the mark with their wings special and a few genuinely nice employees.

## KUMQUATS

• To Student Senate President Zach Hampton for giving winter-loving nuts one more argument against us sit-by-the-fire-and-roast-marshmallows-and-toes-rather-than-freezing-off-our-toes-and-butts-skating-in-sub-zero-weather kinda folk by having an ice rink installed.



- To the Lil Alf for discontinuing every beverage we ever wanted. Not to mention Italian tea cookies! (This has nothing to do with the ice rink.)
- To the Lil Alf for the inaccurate "Official Meals Plus Clock."

NOTE: Features in this newspaper such as this one, the Top 10 list and the Horrorscopes do not represent the opinions of the *Fiat Lux*, but rather the ideas of the demented several that happen to be contributing at whatever moments in time those features are created

• #732 5-FEB-1997 13:22:46.43 From: AUVAX::FIATLUX TO: @UTIL:STUDENTS.DIS CC:

Subj: Mass emails

After an initial post-publicity drop in numbers, these mailings seem to be on the rise again. Throw me a life raft, my account is flooded (like an ice rink on a warm

Press RETURN for more...

MAIL >

# Alfred University academic calendar revamped

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

There is always an interest in the AU academic calendar—especially where vacations or breaks from classes are concerned. Recently, the Registrar's Office announced the revamped school schedule for the 97-98 school year.

"The University has made minor changes," said Registrar Larry Casey. The majority of the year remains the same, however, he said.

The fall semester is unaltered in the new plan. However, a few changes occur in the spring. First, classes will not be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"I think that's good," said Nadia Profit, a junior art major. "It's important to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day."

Casey said the University has held classes on the day since it was declared a national holiday in 1986.

This minor alteration will push back the entire spring semester by one day. "There will still be 75 class days, as usual," said Casey.

Consequently, the final deadline for Drop/Add procedures will fall on a Monday rather than a Friday.

The Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day will still be a time for schedule pick-up and readjustment, and residence halls will open at their usual times

"If they're going to give us one holiday, they should give us all of them," said Kris Clark, a sophomore ceramic engineering major.

Amy Gallagher, a senior fine arts and theater major, agreed. She said the University should not hold classes on Labor Day either.

Also, AU will discontinue holding final exams on weekends. Instead, finals will be held Wednesday through Friday and Monday and Tuesday of the next week.

"[Saturday and Sunday] are for reli-

gious observance," said Casey, explaining that the University wants to show respect for them.

"I don't really see the point," said Gallagher. The Jewish services in Alfred, for instance, are held on Friday, she said.

Casey said Dean of Students Jerry Brody brought student concerns to the attention of the Academic Affairs Council. The new calendar attempts to address those concerns without major restructuring, Casey said.

The Academic Affairs Council is a committee of faculty and administrators who oversee academic and student policy.

# Senate

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The speed limit is now 15 mph everywhere on campus, a representative of the campus safety committee announced at the Jan. 22 Student Senate meeting.

Also discussed at recent meetings were changes in the business and finance office, personnel changes, new contracts for the health center and food service and Hot Dog Day plans.

The new speed limit on campus will be effective as soon as the signs are posted, said Pat Schwartz, director of safety. She said the campus has been designated the campus has been designated to the campus has b

nated a school zone by the village planning board, which then allows the speed limit to be lowered.

Students do not want to receive telephone bills while they are home over break, senators told representatives of the Office of Business and Finance.

Dawn Fagnan, assistant controller, said the billing time may be changed to remedy the problem.

Fagnan also said that students can ask to speak to someone in an office if they feel awkward discussing problems over the counter in the Office of Business and Finance.

Michael Looker, controller, said he has revised the financial statements so they are easier to understand, especially the statements sent to student organizations.

Jerry Brody, dean of students, updated students on recent personnel changes. Vice Presidents William Stepp and Peter Fackler have submitted their resignations, he said. Hank Ford also resigned as athletics director.

Brody said that in addition to these changes, athletics will be moved from under Business and Finance to under Student Affairs. He said it is a more logical place for it to be.

Brody announced other changes in the Office of Residence Life. Sue Smith is still associate dean of students, but is no longer directing Residence Life, he said. Tomas Gonzalez is currently acting director of Residence Life.

Changes may also occur in food

and health services on the campus.

Brody said the University is about halfway through a bid process for the health center. St. James, which is a hospital in Hornell, and Collegiate Health Care, which currently runs the health center, are both being considered for a three year contract. He said he hopes the contract will be in place by this summer.

Five companies have submitted proposals for food service on campus. A committee will take the best elements of each and ask for proposals on that plan, Brody said. He said he hopes a decision will be made by the end of the semester. Food service has not been opened for bids in 13 years.

Interested parties have been given a deadline for plans for the

empty space next to the Music Alley on Main Street, Brody said. He said the University gave companies until Feb. 3 to submit a plan for a coffeehouse at that location.

Brody also reminded students to use the ice rink if they wanted it available in the future.

Senators voted to give over \$2000 to PolyPro for a new computer. Senators also voted to give over \$900 to the Multicultural Committee to help UMOJA fund African American Heritage Month.

Also at a recent meeting, Sara Hickson resigned as chair of the academic affairs committee.

This year Hot Dog Day will be coordinated by Megan Sinesiou, Joe DiCarlo, Denise Miller and Russ Patterson.

# Lambda Chi Alpha

Alfred University's oldest fraternity is returning to campus. We are looking for individuals who are committed to strong academics, campus involvement and community service.



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## Lambda Chi Alpha Rush Schedule

Wednesday, February 5

**Open House** 

5 - 7 p.m.

Powell Campus Center Kenyon/Allen Room Friday, February 7

Singled Out 7 - 9 p.m.

Susan Howell Hall upper floor

Monday, February 10

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7 - 9 p.m. Powell Campus Center Knight Club Tuesday, February 11 **Double Vision** 

7 - 9 p.m.
Powell Campus Center
Nevins Theatre

Wednesday, February 12 **Alumni Night** 

7 - 9 p.m.

Powell Campus Center Kenyon/Allen Room

For more information call 871-2600 room 119 or e-mail us at PAUL\_A\_AINSWORTH@COMPUSERVE.COM

# AU gains ice rink as a result of campaign promise

BY TERESA G. VINCENT

The pool of water in front of the bandstand is not a mistake. Alfred students returned from winter break to find an ice rink being built in front of the University bandstand.

"I think everyone thought I was bluffing," said Zach Hampton, Student Senate president, on the fulfillment of his campaign promise to build an ice rink.

Steve Harpst, director of student activities, said an ice rink was proposed three years ago for the first Winterfest. Weather that winter was uncooperative, as it was last year.

Hampton first discussed his idea for an

ice rink with Harpst and Dean of Students Jerry Brody. He also researched the insurance risks of an ice rink and the liability of the University.

When Hampton received clearance from the University's insurance agency, he discussed his plan with Physical Plant.

"We'd have nothing if it wasn't for Physical Plant," said Hampton.

Construction of the rink began over winter break. Banks were built up and plastic was laid down. Water will continue to be added until it is thick enough to skate on safely.

Harpst and Hampton both assert that

safety is no more a concern with this ice rink than with any other.

Harpst said the best way to be safe is to use common sense and caution and be respectful of other skaters.

Hampton added that the rink is in an open area, easily accessible to Rescue Squad in case of an accident.

Brody, in a meeting of Student Senate, said the current rink is experimental. If enough students make use of the current rink, however, plans could be developed for a more permanent rink in the future,

"I think it's great that Zach was able to live up to his promise," said Jim Kostiw, a sophomore political science major.

Not all students were as enthusiastic as Kostiw, however. "What ice rink?" asked Nefertiti Smith, a freshman English major.

"I looked for it but couldn't find it," said Melissa Hawley, a junior Spanish major and skating enthusiast.

As to the continual care of the skating rink, Hampton realizes that Physical Plant may have other priorities. However, he said the rink will be main-

"I'll shovel it myself if it's got to be shoveled," said Hampton. □

### COURT REPORT

- Speed in Excess of 55 mph:
- Kelvin E. Bailey, Scio (\$85) • Herbert L. Barber II, Hornell
- Marleah J. Bouchard, Wellsville
- Gregory W. Heinke, Hopewell Jct., reduced to failure to obey
- traffic device (\$125) • John B. Inferrera, Wellsville, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- · Robert W. Oloughlin, Andover
- (\$85)• David J. Jackson, Canisteo
- (\$125)• Holly J. Adams, Hunt (\$55)
- Mary Kay Donoughe, Niagara Falls, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- Patrick M. Trepasso, Fulton
- · William O. Lynch, West Seneca, reduced to no seatbelt driver (\$75)
- Madison, Andrew E. Poughkeepsie (\$85)
- · Leigh Reilley, Jordan, reduced to failure to obey traffic device

## Expired Inspection:

- David P. Holmes, Rochester
- Charles E. Sweet, Wellsville • Marrianne Relyea, Warsaw
- Bonnie L. Schettine, Wellsville
- Thomas E. Slavin Jr., Hornell
- Tetsuya Yamada, Alfred (\$50)

### Speed in Zone: • Richard

- Robbins, A. Conynshom, PA, reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$125)
- · Joseph C. Shembeda, Bradford,
- Daniel J. Sherman, Butler, PA
- · Marc J. Larocque, Ogdensburg,

### device (\$100)

- Tonia M. Artlip, Wellsville (\$85)
- Courtney E. Pachla, Olean (\$85)
- Kelly L. Litteer, Elmira Heights (\$85)
- Stewart G. Engal, Kings Park (\$85)
- Amy McAdam, Bouvereur
- Patrick McLamore, Rochester (\$85)
- Gravino, Matthew L. Williamson (\$85)
- Kurtis E. Herlocher, Woodhull
- Michael J. Porschet, Sodus (\$85)
- Carlos M. Cortez, Williston
- Jedd O. Smith, Richford (\$85)
- Jason A. Walker, Addison (\$85) • Keleigh R. Ward, Canisteo
- Sean C. Robertson, Wellsville
- Uche Barclay, Derry, NH (\$85) • Jonathan P. Couch, Johnson City (\$85)
- A. Paprocki, • Karin Canandaigua (\$85)

## Failure to Obey Traffic Device:

- Kevin A. Dougherty, Corry, PA
- Brett M. Bowlings, New
- Woodstock (\$100) · Michael S. Hess, Sabinsville, PA
- Robert Agnello II, Grand Island
- · Jennifer M. Baldwin, Wellsville,
- NY (\$125) · Meghan M. Barry, Andover (\$125)
- · Michael L. Dodge, Andover (\$125)• Patrick L. Hoover, Webster
- (\$125) Jeromy C. Johnson,
- Cattaraugus (\$125) • Vicky L. Venetten, Wellsville

## (\$125)

- · Scott D. Edwards, Fairport (\$125)
- Linda M. Them, Endwell (\$125) · Aglika D. Dimitrova, Miami,
- FL (\$125) • Maya Meyers, Hopewell Jct.
- Lisa M. Barker, Norwich (\$125)
- Michael E. Cady, Wellsville
- (\$125)• Michael S. Clark, Medina (\$125)
- Brian A. Gray II, Wellsville · Rosemary Kelsey, Wellsville
- Edward H. Cleveland, Hornell
- Crystal L. Drumm, Alfred Station (\$125)

### No seatbelt driver:

- · Victor W. Ryan, Hornell (\$25,
- conditional discharge) • Mary Mattison, Wellsville (\$75)
- · Carol M. Warriner, Andover
- · Mary A. Brotherton, Warsaw (\$75)
- Abdel-Aziz, Nassi Syracuse (\$75)
- Joshua G. Levin, Simsbury, CT
- Jason J. Giordano, Williamsville
- Mary J. Lloyd, Andover (\$75)

## Forged licence:

- · Gregory W. Heinke, Hopewell Jct., reduced to failure to obey traffic device (\$50)
- · Gregg J. Trawinski, Orchard Park (\$125)
- Courtney A. Jones, Little Falls

## Disorderly conduct:

- Eric O. Baum, Penn Yan, reduced to disturbing the peace
- · Daniel C. Bellina, Great Neck, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Richard J. Jopson, Groveland (\$90)· Christian R. Delamielleure,
- Alfred, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$100)

- Erin J. Isbister, Albany, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)D. Tomlinson, • Robert
- Jamestown, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Cindy Crawford (\$95)
- · Shawn L. Cotter, Rochester, reduced to disturbing the peace
- John H. Larock, Penn Yan, reduced to disturbing the peace

(\$50)

- Open container: • Walter Chweisk, Rochester
- Michael P. Jennings, Fairport
- W. F. Pittsley III, Oswego (\$25)
- · Kelly L. Haynes, Getzville (\$25)
- Paul S. Herrman, Lancaster
- Richard J. Jopson, Groveland
- Clint Meyer, Hinsdale (\$25)
- Kimberlee B. Praast, Alfred
- Jay M. Welles, Hinsdale (\$25) • Kelly L. Haynes, Getzville
- Ernest G. Larsson, Highland

## Assault 3rd:

Lake (\$25)

- Christian R. Delamielleure, Alfred, reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)
- Robert K. Tomlinson, Jamestown, reduced to disturbing the peace (\$50)
- Ernest G. Larsson, Highland Lake, reduced to harassment
- Schlifke Deanna, Eden, reduced to harassment 2nd (\$145)

## Passed stop sign:

- Edmond J. Battle Jr, Buffalo
- Nora L. Bauer, Fillmore (\$100)
- · Michael T. Herman, Rochester (\$100)
- Charles C. Metott, Camden (\$100) Jonathan Seargent,
- Ferndale (\$100)

## No headlights:

- Edmond J. Battle, Buffalo (\$25, conditional discharge)
- Marcy S. Conaway, Lyons (\$25, conditional discharge)

### Resisting arrest:

- Bryan Roberts, reduced to noise ordinance (\$150)
- · Cindy Crawford, reduced to noise ordinance (\$200)

## Failure to reduce speed:

- Daniel L. Ackler, Alpine (\$55)
- Nicholas A. Viglietta, Wellsville

- DWI: • Tara C. Tralka, Unadilla,
- reduced to DWAI (\$425) · Chandler W. Matson, Hingham,

- Unlicensed operator:
- Karl K. Kuhne, Wellsville (\$50) • Douglas L. Karst, Cuba (\$125)

MA, reduced to DWAI (\$425)

- Haochuan Jiang, Alfred, failure to yield right of way, reduced to unsafe tire (\$115)
- · Michael T. Krumrine, Alfred, driver's view obstructed (\$40)
- Robert Russell, Rochester, Criminal possession of marijuana, reduced to unlawful possession of marijuana (\$145)
- Jes J. Seaver, Watkins Glen, insufficient headlights (\$65)
- Bryan Roberts, public lewdness, reduced to disturbing the peace · Carlos M. Cortez, Williston
- Park, NY, altered driver's license
- Donald C. Jones, Kent, failure to drive at reduced speed (\$85) Nassi Abdel-Aziz, North

unlicensed operator (\$125)

· Mahbub U. Islam, Ogdensburg, uninspected motor vehicle (\$85) · Mark O. Smith, Vestal, criminal

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Students have had mixed reactions to the program complications. Peter Durham, a sophomore art major, was denied access to an English 102 course after his preliminary schedule assured him a place in the class.

"It was frustrating," Durham said. "It seems to me if you pay 16 to 20 thousand a year, you should be able to get into class-

Durham said he was finally able to add the course with the aid of Mario Prisco, acting dean of the College of Ceramics, School of Art and Design, and Christine R. Grontkowski, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "I felt [the registrar's office]

they could with the amount of people they had," Durham said. Jessica Beltran, a senior communication studies major, said she does not blame the regis-

trar's office for the schedule

handled the situation the best

complications she experienced. "I don't think there was much they could do if it was a computer problem," Beltran said. She noted that she was pleased by the registrar's e-mail message

explaining and apologizing for the problem. Casey is in the process of re-

examining the scheduling program in order to prevent future complications. "[The programming analyst] and I are going to review the whole process step by step, which has not been done in a few years," he said. In addition, Casey has revised the documentation he refers to when using scheduling software.

"Our aim here is to provide good service to students," Casey said. "This was not viewed lightly or as unimportant. This is our most visible service to students."□

## **A Personal Note**

As parents of four dear children, we are convinced of the truth of the Bible verse which says each child is, "fearfully and wonderfully made," but also of the ones which say, "There is none that does good, no, not one," and, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned" That selfish, disobedient, demanding nature often manifests itself soon after birth. But praise be to God, he has not left us in such a condition, but has made the way open for us to be born again from above, and thereby become his dear children, when we were "by nature the children of wrath." Now we rejoice that, "when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son (Jesus Christ), and much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His

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## Res Life staff shift responsibilities

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Tomas Gonzalez has a larger office and a much bigger desk this semester. He also has a new title: acting director of Residence Life.

Until this semester, Sue Smith was associate dean of students and director of Residence Life. Now, she has given up her responsibilities as director of Residence Life.

"[Smith] has shifted to full-time associate dean of students... to concentrate on that area," said Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, who was associate director of Residence Life, will be acting director until a national search is conducted and a director is hired, said Smith.

Dean of Students Jerry Brody said the

search will be conducted after a new athletics director is found because he did not want two searches taking place at the same time.

Smith said the duties of associate dean have expanded. She now oversees the judicial system, Residence Life, the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education and dining services, she said.

Brody said the change was made to accommodate athletics, which is now under student affairs.

Meanwhile, Gonzalez is happy with his new position.

"I'm very excited," said Gonzalez. He said he hopes to make changes for the good of the students. It will be beneficial to have the director living on campus, he said.

Also Gonzalez said he has lots of ideas he wants to try. He said he plans to visit the

residence halls to solicit ideas and to ask students for suggestions to make it a better place for them to live.

Other changes were made to fill holes created by Smith's move. Ian Neuhard is now acting associate director of Residence Life, and Bonnie Dungan is assistant to the director of Residence Life, said Gonzalez. A search has begun for a secretary to take over for Dungan, he said.

"I think all the changes are positive," said Jim Kostiw, president of Residence Hall Council and a resident assistant. He said concentrating more effort on Residence Life could only be beneficial.

"Tomas knows what he's doing," Kostiw said. "I think he's qualified."

Brody and Smith both said students would not notice much of a change.

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## Athletics department joins Student Affairs

BY STEVE WAGNER

The athletics department is moving from under the vice president of business to the Office of Student Affairs—and Dean of Students Jerry Brody is "very enthused."

Athletics and Student Affairs "have a more common purpose and common vision," said Brody, making the move appropriate.

The departments are already in the transition phase, said Brody. Peter Fackler, the current vice president of business, has announced his resignation, effective March 31. After his departure, athletics will be entirely under the new heading.

Most Division III schools place their athletics programs under Student Affairs. "It's a more traditional place to put it," said Fackler.

The number one challenge for Student Affairs is to hire a new athletics director, said Brody. Hank Ford, the previous director, left Oct. 21 last year.

The search for a replacement has begun. Hopefully the decision will be made very soon, said Brody. "The end of the semester is the far end, but it should be much sooner than that," said Brody.

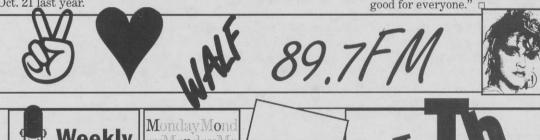
Brody described the process as having two rounds. The first, which the staff is now in, consists of a considerable amount of candidates visiting Alfred for interviews. Fackler, Brody, athletics staff members, a faculty representative and a student representative conduct the interviews.

Two or three candidates will be invited back for a more indepth interview. President Edward G. Coll Jr. and Provost W. Richard Ott will be in charge of this part of the selection process.

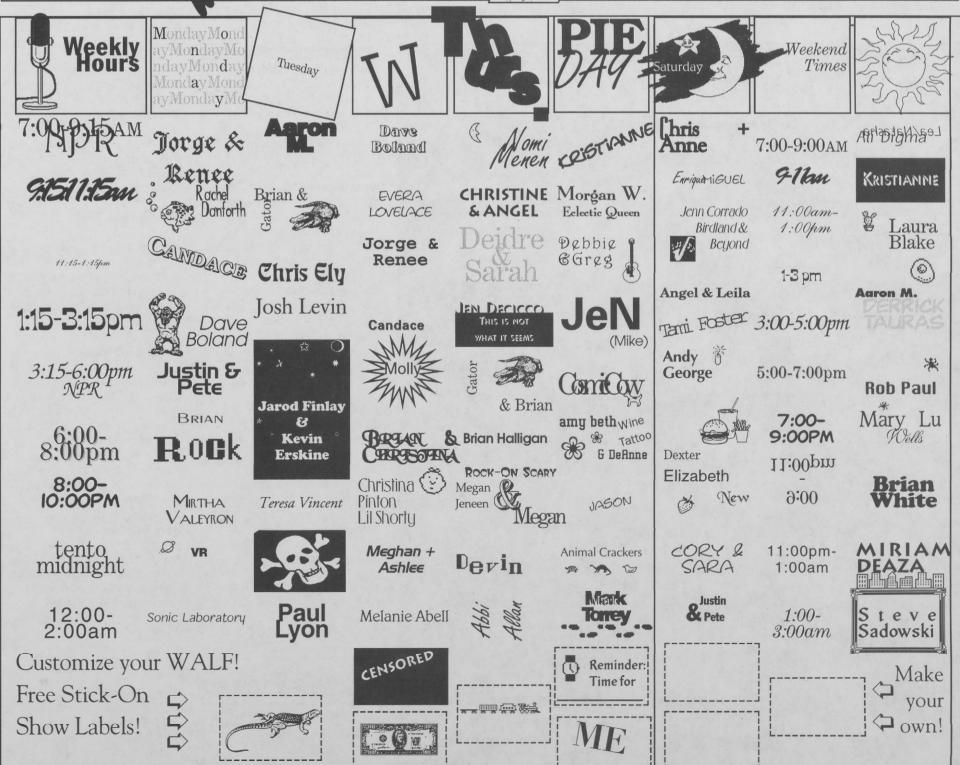
After AU's new director has started, Brody is planning a complete analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the athletics program.

Overall, Brody said he is "very happy athletics is joining Student

"Our personnel overlap in goals," said Brody. "The change will be good for everyone."



Spring Semester 1997 Schedule



## Men's basketball defeats Nazareth, Bethany

The Saxon men's basketball team emerged triumphant from backto-back games recently, with wins against Nazareth and Bethany.

Under the McLane Center roof, the Saxons won the two President's Athletic Conference match-ups Jan. 28 and 29.

first game, against Nazareth, got underway when sophomore Brian Quinlan took two early threes and cashed in on one of them for AU's first bucket of the game. Standout freshman Devon Downing also took an early shot from three-point range and connected for the Saxons.

Sophomore Dan Yeager played excellent defense in the low post and scored on a couple of strong moves on the point. Sophomores Paul Valentine and Brendan Alberto also were playing well on defense and contributed some

Freshman Ray Smith came off the bench to provide excellent defense accompanied by good hustle. Senior Jason Amore put in quality minutes by providing the Saxons with some additional offense to help give AU a 40-35 half-time lead.

Yeager opened up the second half with a three-point conversion as he scored on the low blocks and got fouled.

Alberto played well all night and picked up one of his 10 assists to Downing in an alley-oop.

The game stayed very close and competitive throughout the second half, and with two minutes to go, the game promised a good finish. Yeager hit two foul shots, and Alberto hit a 12-foot jumper to give the Saxons a 73-69 lead.

The tough Nazareth team scored very quickly with 58 seconds left, leaving them down by a

score of 73-71. Downing then grabbed a rebound, drew the foul and hit two big shots from the foul line to help preserve the win for AU, 75-71.

Downing, who leads the PAC in both points per game and steals, ended the game with a doubledouble as he grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 31 points. Other scorers in the double figures for Alfred were Yeager, Quinlan and Amore.

The Saxons followed the Nazareth game with another league match-up against Bethany.

Yeager was dominating in the first half as he moved strongly in the low post and scored 10 points by half-time.

Downing scored another nine and played very good defense. Alberto picked up three early fouls, and Smith stepped off the bench to provide more excellent

Amore took well-chosen shots

and capitalized in the first half to help give the Saxons a 32-22 halftime lead.

Yeager started the second half like he ended the first, with a score down low. Quinlan soon followed with one of his three steals and took the ball straight to the hoop to score for the Saxons.

Amore provided great hustle in the game, along with excellent defense. Alberto drove the lane and gave Valentine a very good wrap-around pass to enable Valentine to score, giving AU a 14point lead.

Overall the Saxons played a strong game and earned a 74-55

Yeager finished with a strong 23 points and 10 rebounds. Downing also contributed 19 points and nine

The Saxons now have a solid record of 8-8 and 3-1 in the conference.

### SPORTS RESULTS Men's Basketball

•Alfred 71, Cortland 68 Downing: 27 pts; Yeager: 18 pts,

•Clarkson 68, Alfred 55 Downing: 19 pts; Quinlan: 15 pts; Alberto: 11 assists

•St. Lawrence 74, Alfred 56 Downing: 12 pts, 10 reb; Yeager:

• Hamilton 108, Alfred 56 Downing: 8 pts; Yeager: 7 pts, 6 reb; Quinlan: 10 pts; Amore: 12

•Daemen 86, Alfred 76 Downing: 27 pts; Yeager: 22 pts, 17 reb; Quinlan: 15 pts •Alfred 60, Grove City 47 Downing: 17 pts, 8 reb; Amore: 11 pts; Quinlan: 11 pts; Yeager: 9 pts, 8 reb

### Women's Basketball

•Clarkson 61, Alfred 56 (OT) Rife: 21 pts, 13 reb; O'Connor: 13

•St. Lawrence 70, Alfred 63 (OT) O'Connor: 22 pts; Rife: 14 pts, 10 reb; Evener: 13 pts •Ithaca 59, Alfred 57 (2OT) Rife: 16 pts, 14 reb; Hayes: 14

pts, 7 assists; Artlip: 12 pts, 9 reb •Alfred 64, Keuka 61 Haves: 18 pts; Rife: 18 pts, 7 reb •Alfred 76, Hilbert 47

Hayes: 14 pts; Porter: 13 pts •Grove City 68, Alfred 63 O'Connor: 11 pts; Artlip: 10 pts; Rife: 26 pts, 12 reb

Rife: 17 pts; Evener: 15 pts;

### **Men's Alpine Skiing**

•Toggenburg: Alfred fin. 2nd Dressman: 5th slalom; Knittle: 8th slalom; Clary: 10th slalom; Deane: 11th slalom

## **Women's Alpine Skiing**

•Toggenberg: Alfred fin. 2nd White: 1st slalom, 1st giant slalom; Dodds: .7th giant slalom

## **Men's Indoor Track**

•Fredonia Early Open (no scor-Devir: 1st high jump (6-2);

Valitutto: 3rd shot put (43-11 1/4)

## **Women's Indoor Track**

•Fredonia Early Open (no scor-Shea: 1st long jump (16-11), 2nd triple jump (33-0 1/2); Olson: 3rd 800m; Sobocinski: 2nd 20# weight

## **Women's Swimming**

•Binghamton 139, Alfred 86 Ernst: 1st one meter dive, 1st three meter dive; Youmell: 1st 50 free; Ligerman: 1st 1000 free •Rochester 126, Alfred 89 Ernst: 1st one meter dive, 1st three meter dive; Youmell: 1st 100 free; Ligerman: 2nd 400 IM, 2nd 1650 free

## **Men's Swimming**

•Binghamton 146, Alfred 45 Striker: 1st 50 free, 1st 100 free; Farrenkopf: 1st 1000 free •Rochester 116, Alfred 57 B. Craver: 1st 1650 free (18:06.91)

## Men's Nordic Skiing

•Cornell Race @ Salmon Hills Gorbold: 1st; Adams: 37th; Bulkley: 38th (42 finishers) •M.I.T. Race @ Prospect Mt. Gorbold: 1st; Usher: 30th; Kessler: 32nd (32 finishers)

# AU's Nordic skiers rev up for a great season

BY STEVE WAGNER

Last year, the men's alpine ski team went to Nationals and finished fifth out of six teams. But that was without the help of junior Timothy Gorbold and the rest of the Nordic ski club team. This year is different. This year they have that extra push.

The U.S. Collegiate Ski Team competition combines the alpine and Nordic events in the final score. In the 1995-96 season, the team could not add anything for the Nordic half, as the team could not compete under the varsity

However, with an official coach, Jim Booker, and with the AU Athletics

Department paying the sanctioning fees, the racers can compete with the rest of the team in the national competition.

During the rest of the season, Nordic skiing is considered a club team. "We're sort of floating in-between," said Gorbold. "We are working with administration for next year."

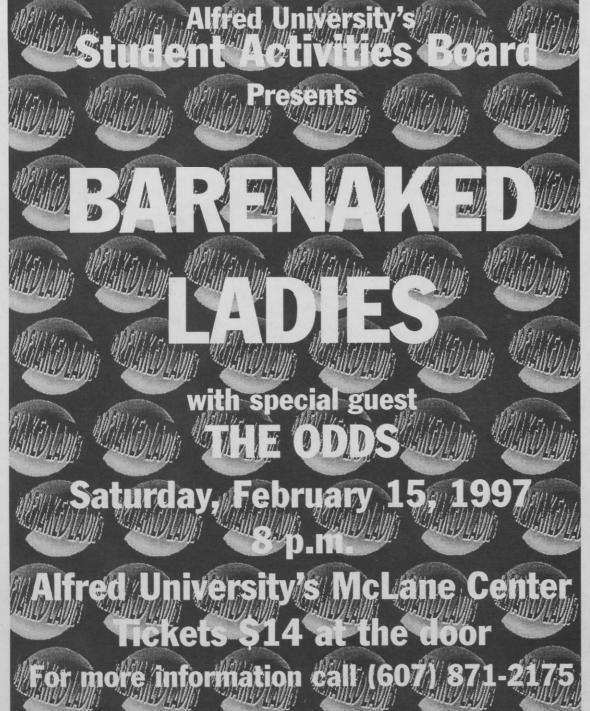
They are also working on signing up some AU women for the team. Right now, the team is exclusively men. Since the men's and women's scores are combined at races, the lack of women seriously hurts the Saxons. The relays require at least one woman on each team, so the Saxons are last place in races before they even begin.

Right now, the team consists of three

juniors, two sophomores and one graduate student. However, most of the excitement on the team comes from the undefeated Gorbold.

In the season opener, held at Salmon Hills Cross-Country Ski Center, Gorbold beat the second place finisher from Yale by over three minutes. The race covered 10 kilometers, or 6.2 miles, and Gorbold's final time was 35:52. Two weeks later at Prospect Mountain in Vermont, Gorbold won by three minutes again in an 18 kilometer battle with a time of

The team races some large schools during the schedule. The usual competition consists of Cornell, Yale, West Point, M.I.T. and Clarkson. □



## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's and Women's Track & Field Bucknell Winter Classic Lewistown, Penn. Bob Kane Invit. Ithaca, NY

NYSCTC Pentathlon Fredonia, NY

### Men's Swimming & Diving 1 p.m. \*Hartwick

**Women's Swimming & Diving** 

\*William Smith

\*Waynesburg

### 7 p.m. 2/8 1 p.m. \*Hartwick

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Women's Basketball 6 p.m. \*Wash. & Jeff. Thiel 2/8 1 p.m. 2/11 6 p.m. \*R.I.T. 2/15 Bethany 3 p.m. 2/18 6 p.m. \*Elmira

## Men's Basketball

\*Wash. & Jeff. 2/5 8 p.m. Thiel 2/8 3 p.m. \*R.I.T. 2/11 8 p.m. Bethany 2/15 1 p.m. \*Elmira 2/18 8 p.m. 2/19 8 p.m. \*Waynesburg

## Alpine Skiing

2/8 AU Invit. Swain 2/15 Toggenburg

## **Nordic Skiing**

2/8,9 Prospect 2/15,16 Yale \* denotes home game





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Gemini (May 23 - Jun 22)

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Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

Beware of the troll-eating daisy.

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Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

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## Alpha Delta Omega

Spring '97 Rush Schedule

Friday, Feb. 7 **Movie Night** featuring Harrison Ford 7 p.m. *refreshments provided* 

Monday, Feb. 10 Game Night 8 p.m. refreshments provided

Wednesday, Feb. 12 **Bonfire**, Alfred Station 9 p.m. food, music, ghost stories

Friday, Feb. 14 **Ice Skating**, Corning 5 p.m. transportation provided

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Monday, Feb. 17 **Sledding**3:30 p.m. bot beverages provided

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Friday, Feb. 21 **Rush Party**8 p.m. official end of Rush (even those not planning to pledge are welcome)

Saturday, Feb. 22 **Book Signing**6 p.m. - 9 p.m. *if you wish to pledge you must come sign the book* 

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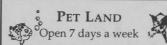
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Saturday, February 8

## Coffeehouse

Annie Gallup Li'l Alf Cafe 10 p.m.



BY MEGAN ALLEN

Since I've been at AU I've been very lucky as far as having a stress-free job on campus. I work at the reception desk in the Olin Building three times a week, answering the phone or doing photocopying. I'm also allowed to do homework if there is no work to do. Nice, huh?

But while relaxing and eating the free gourmet food (well, okay, it's not *that* great of a job), I've often wondered about other jobs on campus.

For instance, what is it like to model (yes, nude) for art classes in the College of Art and Design?

I don't actually wonder enough to try it myself—no, that's okay. But I have wondered: why model, and what is it like?

"Modeling gives me one more opportunity to perform," said Erik Myers, a junior performing arts major who calls himself an actor at heart.

Myers said he models because the job is relatively easy and pays really well. (For anyone interested, the job pays \$8 per hour, nonwork study.)

The one downside to the job, according to Myers, is that there is no comfortable position for three hours—something invariably goes to sleep. (Just to clarify so no one thinks models are being treated unfairly, modeling shifts do include periodic breaks.)

Linda Peacock, a senior art student who has modeled for two and a half years, had a similar complaint—she said the worst part of the job is feet falling asleep.

She does enjoy the job though: "The best part is getting to walk around during breaks from posing, looking at the students' drawings," said Peacock.

As far as modesty, Peacock, who is an art student herself, said students only look at the model as a naked body for maybe a minute, then they are just doing their work. She also said, however, that the job is definitely not for everyone.

I would certainly agree, although after talking to both of them, modeling does sound like fun.

Though not that much fun. Maybe I'm too modest; maybe I'm too self-conscious. Nah, I think I just like photocopying too much to give it up.

# Dance concert delivers diverse moves

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Slinkies clinked, flashlights shone and a French maid dusted as some of Alfred's best dancers presented "free" last weekend in the C. D. Smith Theater.

The concert, performed previously to a full house in December, featured 11 modern dances performed by AU students.

The dancers showed off their versatility in dances which varied in style, mood, costuming and lighting.

The program began with an upbeat, happy dance, "Don't Go." Choreographed by Alison Marzuoli, the jazz-style piece definitely opened the show on a positive note.

Four women choreographed and performed "Dark Gazpacho Vacuum." The dance touched on issues such as the strength and interdependence of women. All four dancers gave solid performances, captivating the audience.

Susan Caligaris, assistant professor of dance, choreographed a dance with three movements, titled "Love's Longing for Itself." Caligaris began the story with a solo dance, then other dancers joined her, dreaming of, finding, experiencing and finally growing tired of true love.

The second movement of the dance featured a large group of dancers working together to create a feeling to the music of Beethoven. The uniform costumes of the women de-emphasized the dancers' individual movements and body types, and increased the



PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

**Airy.** Elly Neal, Denise Nier, Elizabeth Bukac, Melissa Noonen, Rachel Lenz, and Rachel Patterson perform the dance "Air," choreographed by student Lauren Borchard.

impact of the synchronized parts of the piece.
"Air" was a more traditional, "pretty"
dance than some of the others. Lauren
Borchard's choreography to the music of Bach
created a peaceful mood which provided a
refreshing change for the audience.

The performance concluded with a creative

piece choreographed by Jeremy Sedita and Michael Link. Seven dancers each took on the role of an instrument or sound and danced when it was heard in the music. The dancers appeared to be truly enjoying themselves, and it was very entertaining for the audience



When I first read "The Rain Stick," I was startled. Seamus Heaney, in "The Spirit Level," his first book since winning the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature, opens with this graceful invitation to his poetry. His work is subtle and beautiful, and this poem delights me on every reading. Reading it, the feeling I get is very much like the innocent joy of turning a rain stick over and over again, and never having it lose its power.

Upend the rain stick and
what happens next
Is a music you never would
have known
To listen for. In a cactus stalk

Downpour, sluice-rush, spillage and backwash Come flowing through. You stand there like a pipe Being played by water, you shake it again lightly

And diminuendo runs through all its scales Like a gutter stopping trickling. And now here comes A sprinkle of drops out of the freshened leaves,

Then subtle little wets off grass and daisies; Then glitter-drizzle, almost breaths of air. Upend the stick again. What happens next

Is undiminished for having happened once,

Twice, ten, a thousand times before. Who cares if all the music that transpires

Is the fall of grit or dry seeds through a cactus?
You are like a rich man entering heaven
Through the ear of a raindrop. Listen now again.

I hope you will take the time to read this again, maybe in a quiet moment next week. Enjoy the ecstatic wonder of being a "rich man entering heaven/ through the ear of a raindrop." It is a perfect reflection of the beauty of listening to the rain and to poetry.

"The Rain Stick," Seamus Heaney, ©1996

## REVIEW

## Musical guests featured in recital

BY JASON GRAY

My initial reaction to this semester's first guest recital was—wow! This reaction never subsided throughout the entire performance.

The recital featured Houghton College student Nathan Lawrence on violin and Houghton professor Dolores Gadevsky on piano, both brilliant in their musicianship.

The recital opened with Prokofiev's March from the opera "The Love for Three Oranges." Violin and piano were in terrific unison. Next came "Beau Soir" by

Debussy, a delicate and sorrowful piece, one of my two favorites of the afternoon. My other choice was Bach's Prelude from "Partita No. 3 in E for Unaccompanied Violin." For this, Lawrence played solo, with his bow flying along the neck of his violin.

The last piece, by Pablo de Sarasate, "Zigeunerweisen," began very somberly and continued that way for most of the piece. But the incredibly bright quickness of the end put a wonderful stamp on the afternoon's performance. Both Lawrence's and Gadevsky's talents justified their acclaim. □



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