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LOCAL

Winter break officially begins Saturday, Dec. 21. •LAS Dean Christine Grontkowski had a letter to the editor published in a recent *New York Times* magazine.

NATIONAL

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case about free speech on the Internet early next year. The Justice Department asked the Court to reevaluate a law banning availability of sexually explicit material to minors via the Internet, parts of which had been deemed unconstitutional. •Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian was recieved at the White House Tuesday despite his role in the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. •President Clinton announced his welfare reform was effective after 2 million people left the welfare rolls during his term, marking the largest drop in U.S. history. •The space shuttle *Columbia* returned Saturday morning after 18 days in space, a new record for the shuttle program.

INTERNATIONAL

The U.N. Security Council told Iraq to cooperate with chief U.N. weapons inspector Ralph Ekeus, who arrived in Baghdad Sunday to remove destroyed missile engines for analysis. •Doctors were waiting for Mother Teresa's condition to stabilize after life-saving surgery before attempting to correct her irregular heartbeat.

PERSONALITIES

STEVEN PILGRIM



AU professor Steven Pilgrim tries to open his students' eyes to the real world—of technology.

Pilgrim, assistant professor of ceramic engineering and science, has taught students about electronic ceramics and polymers and other subjects for over three years.

Pilgrim said he chose to teach at AU because, "Alfred was one of the few universities that really seemed to care about its undergraduates."

Believing most people are ignorant of technology and the numerous uses of ceramics, Pilgrim travels to grade schools to perform demonstrations. When not teaching, Pilgrim volunteers as a Cub Scout den leader. He said he also used to enjoy kayaking and will start doing it again when his 7 and 8-year-old sons are old enough to go with him.

Pilgrim, who said scientists and engineers must experience "the real world," spent six years as a corporate scientist at the Martin Mariett Labs and has worked in defense contract research involving projects such as submarine sonar, the Star Wars mirror and Titan rockets.

Pilgrim said teaching at AU is "much more fun than being a corporate executive."

Econ class members cheat on exam

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

A class in the College of Business discovered an exam is easier to take when you have the answer key.

Before Thanksgiving break a student in a principles of microeconomics class found the answer key with the answer sheets, and another read the answers to the class. As a result, the test will not be counted.

Mehmet Karaaslan, assistant professor of economics, said he left the room to make copies of a page of the exam which had not printed properly.

"I trust you. You trust yourselves," he told the class as he left the room.

After he had left, a student realized the answer key was mixed in with the scantron answer sheets, said David Szczerbacki, dean of the College of Business, who is in the

process of meeting with all the students in the class.

Another student began to read the answers to the class, Szczerbacki said. When he paused, he was encouraged by other members of the class to continue, said Szczerbacki.

A student returned the key to the front desk before Karaaslan returned, and the students finished their exams.

Szczerbacki and Karaaslan said

students came to them soon after to report what had happened.

"I would like to believe most of the students in that class who inadvertently and passively participated in the event would not be able to live with it in their good conscience and would have confessed sooner or later," Karaaslan said.

"If you're not doing something to correct the problem, you're part of

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PHOTO BY RACHEL DANFORTH

Buried Child

REVIEW BY JASON GRAY

Opening night was a success, with every actor giving a strong overall performance.

Three actors stood out that evening. Senior Scott Macmillan played the crotchety patriarch Dodge incredibly throughout the play. Senior Dinese Nier, cast as the mother Halie, was a little flat in her off-stage voicing at the beginning, but had a remarkable presence when she came onstage. Junior Andrea Pinyan had good control over her character's shift between silliness and fear.

The show grew even better as the play progressed, with the actors performing strongest during the play's most intense passages.

The only real glitch during the show was an entrance miscue at the beginning of Act III. Once the action began, however, it was of no consequence.

AIDS Awareness Day recognized at Alfred

BY JEANNE VIGER

One in 250 Americans of all ages is infected with HIV, according to the Condomania web page. Using that statistic, there could be nine students on the Alfred University campus who are infected with HIV.

The AU community observed AIDS Awareness Day and Day Without Art on Dec. 2 to recognize people who have been infected with the AIDS virus. The Student Health Advisory Committee and Spectrum organized events that gave people the opportunity to reflect on HIV and AIDS and how they have affected their lives.

"Our activities were designed to give students an outlet for their feelings about HIV and AIDS," said Melanie Falzoi, coordinator of SHAC.

SHAC, which is designed to educate stu-

dents about health issues, sponsored speaker Mary Pappalardo. Pappalardo discussed her experience with AIDS, the disease which took the life of her son, in a speech Dec. 2 in Nevins Theater.

"Support and unconditional love should be given [to a person with HIV] no matter how it was contracted," quoted Falzoi of Pappalardo's speech.

Falzoi said Pappalardo also emphasized the need for AIDS education and community awareness.

"It is important for small towns and rural areas to acknowledge that AIDS is not just a city problem," Laurie DeMott, interfaith advisor, told the Dec. 3 *Evening Tribune*.

"It's important for the college campus to acknowledge the problem of AIDS," said DeMott.

Condom bouquets and pamphlets on HIV

and AIDS were distributed at a SHAC information booth. A graffiti canvas was provided so people could write their feelings, remember someone or make a statement of encouragement dealing with AIDS, said Falzoi.

In addition to the speaker and information booth, a candlelight vigil was held on the porch of the Brick, officiated by DeMott.

"It was a beautiful prayer service," said Falzoi. "There were poems and prayers read—some people were moved to tears," she said.

In recognition of AIDS Awareness Day, Spectrum sponsored a Day Without Art. Cariann Colman, secretary of Spectrum, said there are two activities associated with the day, which acknowledges the fact that the art society was "hit by disease." Art is covered to demonstrate what the world would be without art, and artists around the world take a moment of silence to reflect. □

SAVAP starts second year with more training and money

BY MEGAN ALLEN

Increased contacts, more money and longer training sessions for volunteers marked the beginning of the Sexual Assault Victims' Advocacy Program's second year.

SAVAP has reached more students this year through presentations, the confidential toll-free phone line and students approaching the volunteers, said Dana Rothrock, counselor and co-supervisor of the group.

The group is comprised of 16

AU student volunteers who have been trained by the counseling staff to help victims of sexual assault. They operate a toll-free emergency number which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week while AU is in session.

Training this year was five days, increased from two days last year.

"We trained our socks off," said Cathie Chester, counselor and co-supervisor of SAVAP.

The longer training session was a very good change, said Amy Corman, a junior physics major

who has been in SAVAP for two semesters.

"It gives us more time to become comfortable with what we have to do," she said.

The group received more funding this year from the Counseling Center, which allowed them to buy another beeper for volunteers who are on-call, making the operation quicker, said Rothrock.

She and Chester are currently looking for other sources of funding. With more money, members could attend training outside the

University and meet students at other colleges with similar programs, said Rothrock.

Both organizers are happy with the program's progress.

"I am real proud of the staff; we provide a quality service," said Chester.

Corman said the group's work is "not fun, but it gives you a sense of purpose that you can do something to help."

The members have been very dedicated and are doing a terrific job, said Rothrock. □



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Students cheated

Before Thanksgiving break, a business class exam answer key was read to the class by one of its students. The professor was notified shortly thereafter, and the exam scores were dropped.

The professor and the dean of the college were placed in a difficult position because there was no way to determine who did indeed cheat and who did not. Therefore, there was no way to single out anyone without starting an accusation war.

So the response to discount the test and incorporate the event into a lecture may have been the only choice other than doing nothing or failing the entire class.

But what precedent does this set? Had it been one individual student caught cheating, he/she would have been subject to University policies and procedures on cheating.

These policies outline the possible punishments for cheating. And while no specific honor code exists, AU's academic dishonesty policy does read:

"Unethical conduct is defined as any action which enables a student to receive credit for work which is not their own. Such conduct will not be tolerated."

It goes on to specify what counts as unethical conduct, including "marking an answer sheet to deceive the person correcting it," "possession of unauthorized material that could be readily used during a test or examination," and "any form of communication during an exam or quiz." It ends with forbidding "any other form of cheating."

What if one student caught cheating on a test that most of the class had actually cheated on? Would "everyone else was doing it" be an acceptable defense?

To an extent it was in this case.

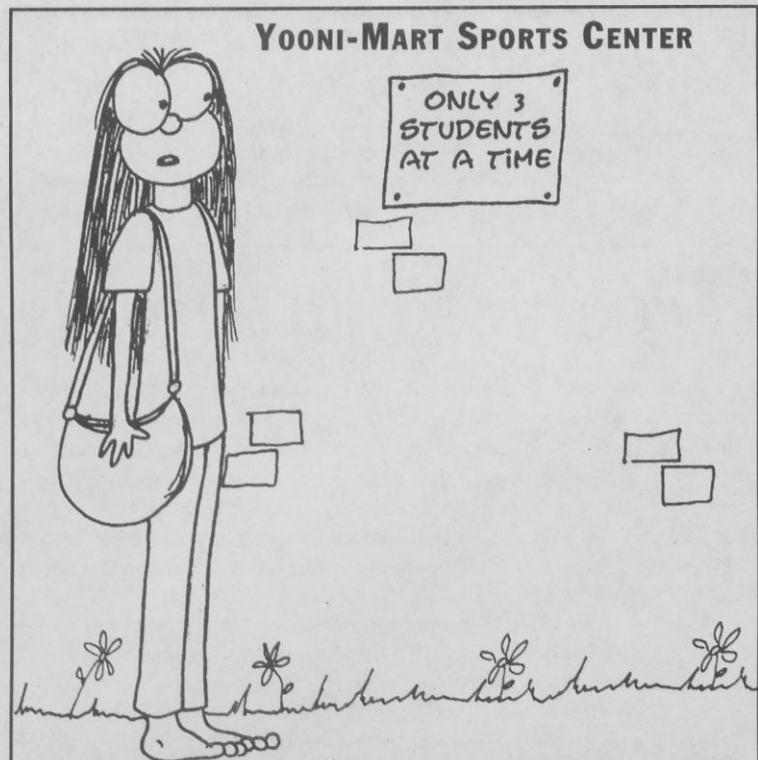
The academic dishonesty policy threatens failure and possible expulsion for cheating, plagiarizing or falsifying one's work some other way. But this class only had the test tossed out.

At a university where a quiet hours violation goes on your permanent record, shouldn't a note at least be attached to the files of the known cheaters? (Although one may find it amazing that such steps are necessary at this stage of adult education).

While one may sympathize with the students caught in the middle, it isn't unreasonable to expect that it's at least marked down that they passively participated. It shouldn't even matter unless they are caught cheating at some later date.

This university shows its undying support for its students on a regular basis. But perhaps that support should be conditional.

The school needs to apply a strong hand to those who break the rules. Otherwise, they're being cheated out of a true learning environment. □



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COLUMNIST

Brady Law should still be enforced



BY JONATHAN BAUM

Stipulations of 1993's Brady Handgun Law are now being reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

Two sheriffs, one in Arizona and one in Montana, are challenging the federally mandated background checks law enforcement officials are required to complete before allowing the sale of a firearm.

The sheriffs are upset because they feel the time spent on background checks could be better spent on "investigative duties" and "real crimefighting."

One might wonder what other investigating these officers would rather be doing.

Statistics show that over

100,000 felons have been prevented from buying handguns since the law's inception.

Aren't "investigative duties" and "real crimefighting" supposed to include making it more difficult for convicted felons to commit more crimes?

The legal basis for these lawsuits is the constitutionality of the federal government enforcing laws that might be reserved for the states under the 10th Amendment.

Dropping this lawsuit under the umbrella of the 10th is a happy convenience for these law enforcement officials. It is doubtful that these sheriffs would dispute a federal law mandating police officers pass out guns to any citizens they feel fit to arm, as Arizona sheriff Richard Mack would advocate. Mack has said he believes every law-abiding citizen should have a firearm to protect themselves.

If officers like Mack are doing

their jobs, one might wonder what all these citizens need protection from. After all, the Brady Law suppresses a good deal of crime via a simple background check.

Unfortunately, Supreme Court justices have already dropped comments saying the challenge to the constitutionality of this law may have merit. And if so, the success of the law would not be reason enough to circumvent the Constitution.

But until the states demonstrate some ability to curb crime and enhance gun control, the federal government is absolutely correct to mandate the background check.

After all, somebody has to stop "law enforcement officials" such as Mack from allowing criminals to arm themselves.

Mack didn't win re-election as sheriff in his county and will end his term in January. Thank god. □

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Original CDC disks were not contaminated

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify one point of your editorial in the Nov. 13 edition of the *Fiat Lux*. I want to make the point clear to our students that ORIGINAL disks given to them by the Career Development Center are virus-free. Computing Services has specifically verified that fact in analyzing how viruses were bypassing the protection in Olin. The problem is that Olin machines scan for viruses in the Windows environment, not DOS. Development Center disks used in any computer on campus (including personal machines) that were not scanned for DOS-based viruses were subject to corruption. So was every other floppy disk that was not scanned for DOS-based viruses that may have been used on that same machine. The problem reached the

proportion it did because of the great numbers of floppy disks being transported from machine to machine in the DOS environment.

Right now, most of those transported DOS disks happen to be CDC resume program disks. Again I reinforce my original statement that the virus problem is INDIRECTLY related to the CDC disks. I hope the explanation makes this more clear.

I agree with Instructor Brien Pye that we have taken appropriate action to stop the DOS environment virus outbreak. We do recommend, however, that users scan their disks for viruses in every situation.

Sincerely,
Connie Beckman
Director, Computing Services

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parents thank AU Community members

DEAR EDITOR:

We would like to extend our thanks to those members of the Alfred University community who last month joined us in honoring the memory of our beloved daughter Diana. The service was beautiful and uplifting and helped us in our very difficult healing process. Thank you to all who spoke, whether at the service itself, or met us at some other, more private time. We will never forget your kindness.

A day or so after the memorial service, we received a letter of thanks from one of the people who was a recipient of one of Diana's organ donor gifts. He writes, "I hope that as you grieve for your loved one that there is some small spark of joy in knowing that there are very grateful people who love you for your

courage in giving life and hope to them."

We have started the process to begin an annual award in Diana's memory. It will be for a biology student who best exemplifies both scholarship and service to the Alfred University community. If you would like to contribute towards the award, which we hope to present for the first time in April 1997, please contact Dr. Bill Stepp at University Relations, 871-2144.

Meanwhile, we hope that all members of the Alfred University community will keep in touch with us. You can reach us by e-mail at rhmossip@intac.com It is of great comfort when we hear from you. Alfred University will always have a special place in our lives.

Sincerely,
Caroline and Richard Mossip

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Art Union co-founder extends her thanks

DEAR EDITOR:

The Art Union would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their support in bringing our new organization a successful start: Dean Mario Prisco, Assistant to the Dean Robin Caster, Secretaries of Art and Design Billie Saxton and Linda White, Co-chair of Freshman Foundation Joe Daun, Secretary of Art Recruiting Bev Johnson, Career Development Specialist Kathy Woughter, Student Activities Director Steve Harpst, the people of AU Security and from Ade Hall's catering services, Jean Hanks.

Also, the faculty members who

have offered their help and advice: Roger Freeman, Peer Bode, Jessie Shefrin, Ted Morgan and Andrew Deutch.

Local business that donated prizes for our Halloween Party: Alfred Sub Shop, Alfred Hair and Tanning, The Gallery, AU Bookstore and KinFolk.

The people that made our Halloween party a success—the bands: Seven Maids a Milken and 100 Men, d.j.'s Corey Silverman, Arun Sharma (plus other), kissing booth Dennis, Doug Drissel, Morgan Weinrich, palm reader Paige Saez, and Alternative Cinema. Plus a huge thanks to the organizers and members or to anyone that showed support (to

name a few): Megan Thomas, Carolyn Lowy, Ben Ellcome, Rebecca Feldman, Sara Alexander, Michael Kogler, Denise Valente, Katie Nare, Rachel Lang, Kathryn B. Gerry, Orion Fredericks, Ian C. Epps, Jason Sargenti, Sue Tirrell of Mocha Jocha, Bethany Carlson and Jill Clair.

I hope I was able to remember everyone. There has been so much help over the past three months it's truly amazing. Thanks and happy holidays.

Sincerely,
Lynne Pidel,
Art Union co-founder
and president

Corrections: Jerry Brody is the dean of students. His title was misreported in the Nov. 13 issue of the *Fiat Lux*. Professor Lou Greiff's name was misspelled in the same issue.

Senate UPDATE

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Alison Wolfe, a senior political science major, was elected secretary of Student Senate at a recent meeting.

Wolfe became secretary after Beth Larrabee resigned for health reasons.

Also discussed in recent meetings were an ice skating rink at AU and students rescheduling an exam should they have three in one day.

Zach Hampton, Senate president, announced work on an ice skating rink will begin as soon the weather is cold enough. It will be in front of the bandstand, he said.

Mike Christakis, Senate vice

president, said he approached the deans about the three-exam rule in response to student concerns.

It used to be just during finals, but the Dean's Council has decided it will apply throughout the year, he said. He said if you have three or more exams on one day, bring it to the attention of your professors or dean and other arrangements will be made.

John Carvana, director of the Career Development Center, announced he will start a focus group to obtain student input about the CDC.

Other suggestions students gave him included staying open more evenings and using campus center boxes instead of e-mail to distribute information.

Christakis said the library is purchasing another ProQuest.

Christakis said another student

concern was the smell from leaking garbage trucks. He said the company has agreed to compress the garbage only when the trucks are off AU property.

Also at recent Senate meetings, the *Fiat Lux* was allocated about \$700 from Senate Allocations for new computer memory, women's rugby was recognized as a new organization and Hampton said proposals are being accepted for the space next to the Music Alley.

Students volunteered to be on the Senate Elections Committee. The committee will consist of Joe DiCarlo, David Walsh, Sara Hickson, Rob Paul and James Fudge.

Hampton congratulated the Rugby Club for finishing third in the New England region and Poder Latino for raising \$700 for charity with their auction.

...Cheating

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it," he said.

The day after the exam, Karaaslan asked students to anonymously write their responses to what happened during the exam. Student responses varied greatly.

Some students explained the events as Karaaslan and Szczerbacki did. Others denied anything occurred. Most students fell between the two extremes.

Many students admitted to giving in to human opportunism and peer pressure in writing down the answers.

Karaaslan said he decided to work the incident into his lecture on ethics and asymmetrical information. "It was a learning experience for everyone," he said.

Szczerbacki said he has met with or will meet with each student in

the class. He said he is trying to make it an opportunity for learning—not a witch hunt.

Because the situation involves so many students, the exam grades will not be counted, said Karaaslan. He said the remaining three exams of the semester will be reweighted.

Szczerbacki said he and Karaaslan had tried to handle the situation without harming students who had "found themselves in a bad set of circumstances."

"It's about as equitable as you can get," said Szczerbacki.

Both Karaaslan and Szczerbacki said AU should have an honor code.

Karaaslan said an honor code would give confidence to those students doing the right thing.

"It is unfortunate that many students find themselves in a dilemma of doing the right thing versus group solidarity," Karaaslan said. □

Fights break out on Main Street; Six arrested for brawls

BY SABRINA HARRISON

An attack on Gamma Theta Gamma, an Alfred State College fraternity, on Oct. 31 resulted in six arrests and Uni-Mart's implementation of a three-student limit inside the store.

The fight began at approximately 2 a.m. The manager of Uni-Mart said the brawl began at Gentleman Jim's and then worked its way down Main Street.

"The police were called and they dispersed the crowd. Twenty minutes later, more students came from the ASC direction and began throwing rocks through Gamma Theta Gamma's windows," the manager said.

A massive brawl with approximately 50 people involved ensued, said Dennis Ball, president of Zeta Beta Tau, an AU

fraternity. ZBT, whose house is across from Gamma Theta Gamma's house, became involved in the fight when the brawl extended to their premises.

"We did not come to the aid of [Gamma Theta Gamma]. We were trying to get everyone off our lawn," Ball said.

According to the Nov. 7 *Evening Tribune*, police returned to the scene and arrested six people.

Two of those arrested were brothers of Gamma Theta Gamma, one of whom the charges against were dropped, said Corey Phillips, president of Gamma Theta Gamma. The brother was an ASC alumnus who had come to the aid of another brother, Phillips said.

It was rumored that the attack on Gamma Theta Gamma was led by Psi

Delta Omega, another ASC fraternity. Psi Delta Omega and Gamma Theta Gamma have had a long-standing rivalry, said Ball.

Phillips said Psi Delta Omega was not involved in the attack. "We have a reputation for fights, and as a result we were picked to fight with," Phillips said. Gamma Theta Gamma was attacked by what he called "an organized group of black people."

Ball said he felt the police did not arrest the people they should have. "The brawl was looking like a black and white thing. The people throwing rocks should have been arrested," said Ball.

As a result of the brawl, any person who comes near Gamma Theta Gamma's house without permission will be arrested, Phillips said.

During the brawl, police requested that Uni-Mart lock its doors from 2 to 3:30 a.m., the manager said. The police later sent a letter to Uni-Mart's corporate office requesting that the store close during the late hours of the night. As a result, Uni-Mart has adopted a rule that prohibits more than three students from entering the store at a time.

"Normally we do not enforce the rule unless there are problems. If there are any derogatory comments made at my employees, we will just lock the door," the manager said.

The manager apologized for having to restrict students. "I'm not trying to lock them out," she said. "I am trying to work with the community. Sometimes rules have to be set and followed for everyone's protection." □

AU groups awarded

STAFF REPORTS

Alfred University won three awards at a recent national conference for BACCHUS and GAMMA.

The National Outstanding Chapter award was presented to AU's GAMMA chapter. Ian Neuhaud, advisor of SAIL, received the National Outstanding Advisor award.

Finally, AU was recognized for Worm Week, which celebrated National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol is a group designed "to improve Greek life by creating responsibility and awareness of other drugs," said Melany Dow, president of GAMMA.

Dow said she feels GAMMA gets more recognition nationwide than it does on campus.

Neuhaud, also director of AOD, was one of seven advisors nationwide to receive an award, said Dow.

David Boland, president of AWARE, a subgroup of SAIL, said Neuhaud deserved to win the award.

"He is very atypical as an advisor because he relates very easily to the students," Boland said.

Last year's WORM Week also received national recognition. WORM Week celebrated National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week with activities such as WORMstock, Wing Night with dirt sundaes and movies shown in McLane. □

Fast food restaurant may soon speed into town of Alfred

BY KENNETH LEIDIG

The Alfred community will have its first fast food restaurant if a lease agreement between BP owner Mike Snyder and developer Steve Carlson is approved by the town of Alfred, according to the *Alfred Sun*.

Snyder, the proprietor of the BP station on Route 244, said he hopes an Arby's restaurant

will be built adjoining the BP. Carlson would lease the property from Snyder for the Arby's.

According to the *Alfred Sun*, the Arby's will be a sit-down restaurant and will include the first drive-thru in the town of Alfred.

However, the Arby's will not be within the village limits. The town of Alfred, unlike the village, has the space to host Arby's, said Alfred Mayor William Hall.

"It also has the year-round clientele," he said.

Neither the town nor the village will acquire much revenue from the business venture. "Allegany county reaps the benefits," said Potter.

Construction on the restaurant could begin by midwinter, assuming there are no complications, said Snyder. □

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AIDS could be virtually eliminated in one generation simply by not living promiscuously, by denying ungodly lusts. Of course, that won't happen, because there is a worse disease infecting every human being. The great Jewish King David, called a man after God's own heart, nevertheless said, "in perversity was I born, and in sin did my mother conceive me." We are all born with sin, and the Bible says that, "the soul that sins, it shall die." All sin is against God. He has the right to set the payment necessary for sin's offense. That payment is death: first the death of the body, then of the soul in hell and the lake of fire which is the second death. But God was willing to take the cost of that payment upon himself. All those who see the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross as payment for their debt can be free of the second death without fear, knowing they belong to God, and hope of even avoiding physical death completely if Christ returns to this world in their lifetime.

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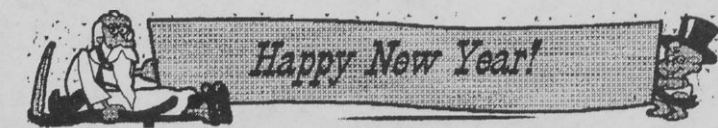
The Alfred Assembly of Christians

or come to Bible Study Friday at 8 p.m., 35 Sayles St. or Sunday 11 a.m., Gothic Chapel, near Alumni Hall

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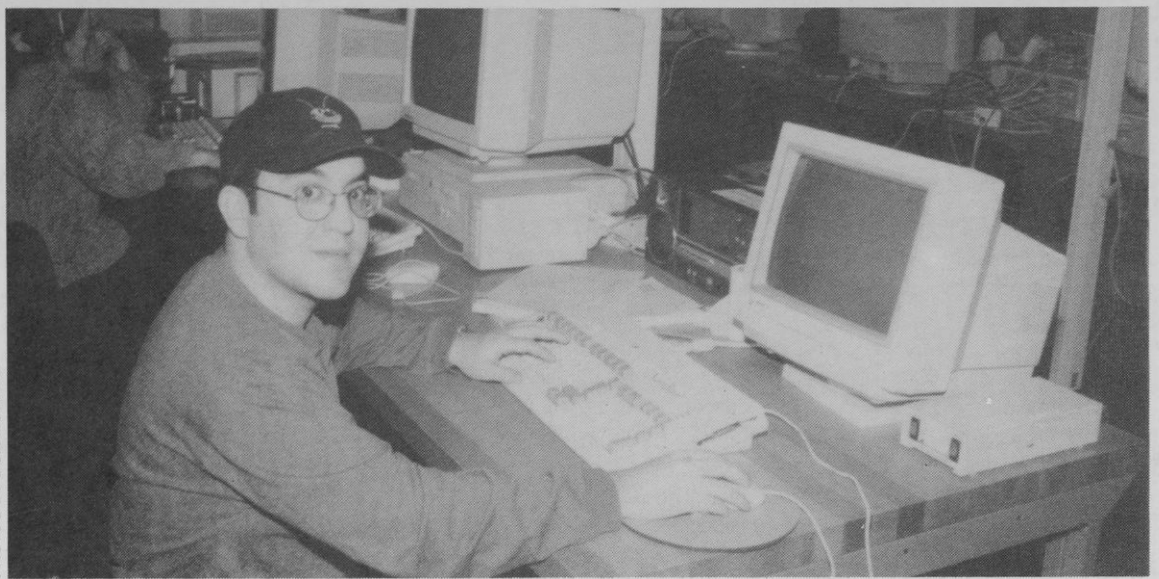
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Senior Art Glimpses

Graduation is just around the corner for many at Alfred. Students in the art school know that preparation isn't just a walk across the stage.

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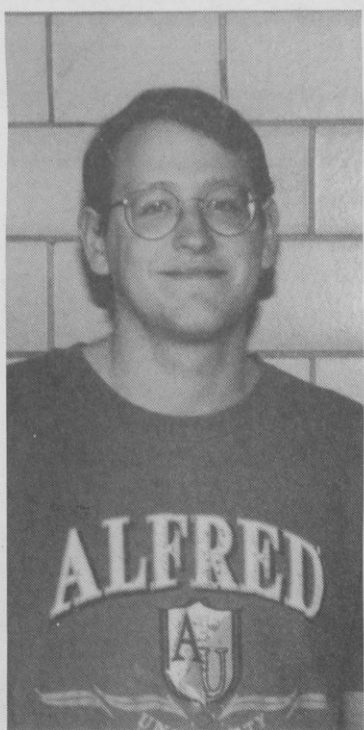
▲ **Jesse Kaplan** working on a piece for his independent animation class. His major fields of interest are graphic design and video. After graduation he plans to move to the New York City area.



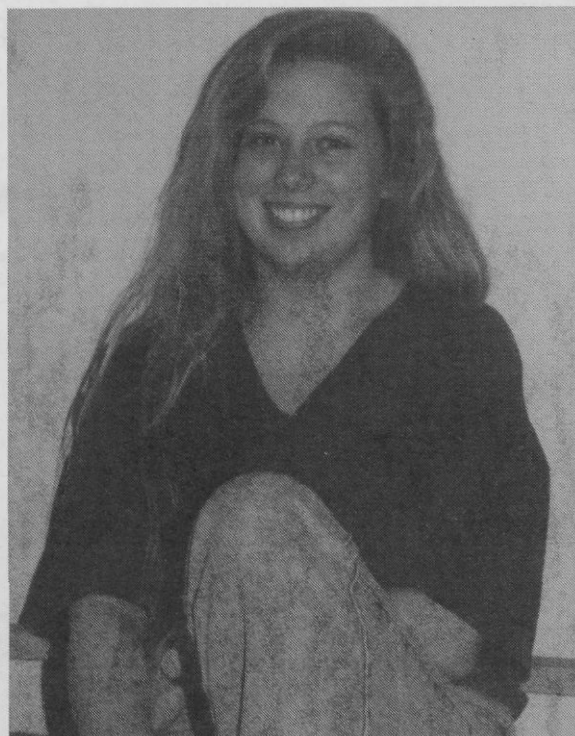
▲ **Dorothy Keller-Goller** working on a piece titled "how to fold an american flag." The piece depicts how we honor our country with ceremony and dishonor it with our actions. She is interested in editorial illustration.



▲ **Samantha Lazarus** working on the side panel for a wooden cabinet she is building. Her major field of interest is functional sculpture. She has worked for the George Eastman House restoring historical archival storage furniture.



◀ **Kurt Treeby** taking a break from his art to student teach. He is from Buffalo and is currently student teaching at Arkport and Wellsville Middle School. His major field of interest is drawing.

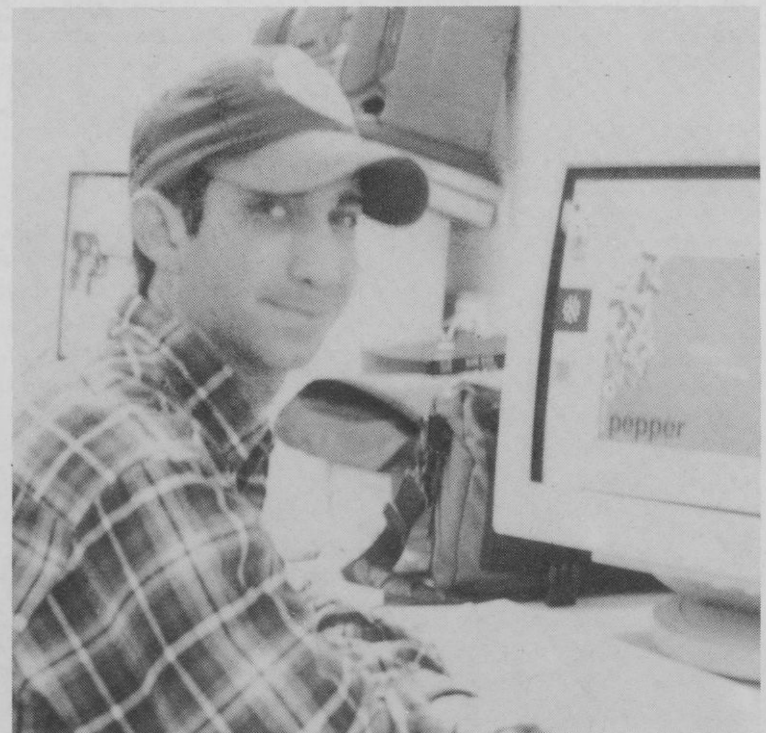


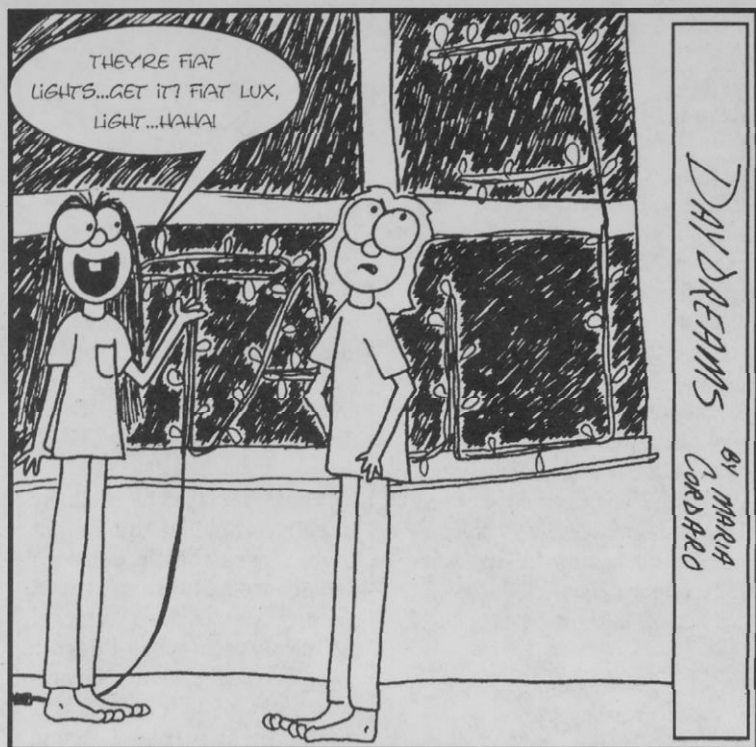
◀ **Roxanne Lane** is from South Windsor, Conn. and is student teaching at Whitesville and Wayland-Cohorton. After graduation she plans to substitute teach in Connecticut and look for a full time job in the fall.



◀ **Jason Greenberg** working on "Games in Progress." This particular work depicts bronze and aluminum sculptured chess pieces in an historical Mongolian battle between Ghengis Khan and Chinese emperor Wai Wang over the Great Wall of China.

Steve Lestch ▶ working on a project for an internship. He has worked for Ultimate Simbor Inc., a software firm that specializes in high end art. He is interested in corporate logo design and production and has a wide range of graphic design interests.





DAY DREAMS
BY MARK
CORDANO

HORRORSCHOSES

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
The planets are in line. It is your time of the month. Try to keep your temper down.

Flake (Dec 21)
Take a job with a candy factory. See how many W's you can throw away before getting fired.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 22)
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Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
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*Jon Baum, Editor and Virgo, broke his thumb while playing football over the Thanksgiving Holiday

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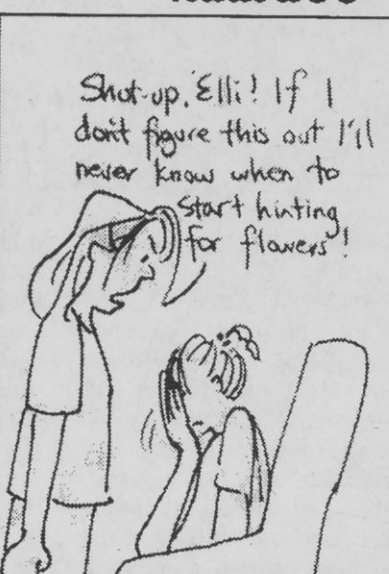
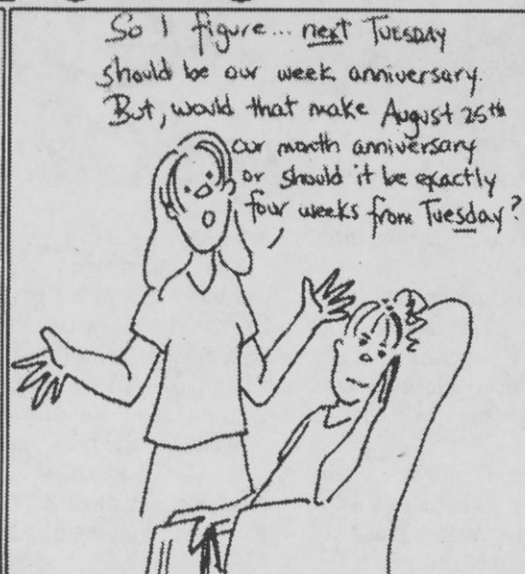
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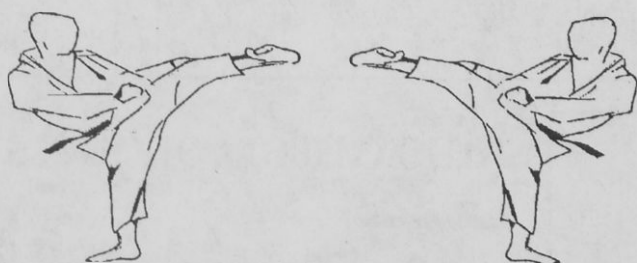
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Football team loses to Wash & Jeff, takes 2nd in PAC

BY DAVID OLIVER

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the Alfred Saxons attempted to do what every other football team in the PAC has failed to do for the past 10 years—defeat Washington & Jefferson.

Alfred hosted the Presidents on Merrill field, playing for the conference title. Going into the game, Alfred had a record of 3-0 and W & J was 4-0 in the conference.

Alfred's overall record for the season was 3-5, and the Presidents were at 6-1, suffering their only loss to Buffalo State.

This was the Saxons' last home game of the year and the most

important one.

Alfred's offense started the game by picking up two quick downs by sophomore Jeff Colasanti and junior Jason Fenner. But the Saxons soon had to punt it away as the Presidents' defense stepped up.

The Presidents' offense entered the game led by quarterback Jason Baer and tailback Jake Williams. Baer connected with tight-end Ron Bodnar for two big plays to set up Williams with the first score of the game to make it 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, senior Brian White scampered for a 25-yard return to give the Saxons'

offense, led by senior left guard Matt Vincent and senior tailback Max Freeman, healthy field position.

Fenner helped to give AU another first down, but again the drive ended with a punt by sophomore Chris Zanghi.

Baer returned to the field and picked the Alfred defense apart with his passing to make the score at the end of the first quarter 21-0.

Freshman Saxon quarterback Ryan Woodruff, who played well last game against Union in his first-ever start in a varsity game, took the field and was quickly picked off.

Baer and Bodnar again proved

to be a powerful combination to give them a 42-0 lead.

At the end of the half, Colasanti busted out with a long run to put AU in the red zone. Woodruff connected with Fenner for a 10-yard gain, then hit flanker Tom Callen for a touchdown. The halftime score was 42-7.

At the half, Baer had 219 yards passing, a reminder of why he is the top-rated passer in the PAC.

In the second half, Alfred's first play from the line of scrimmage was a touchdown strike of 71 yards from Woodruff to junior Tom Callen. But this was not enough as the Presidents' explosive and talented defense proved to be too

much. The Saxons lost 63-13.

Playing commendable defense in the loss, Wil Green tied the all-time career tackle record of 349 and then broke it the following game against Grove City.

Playing their final game on Merrill field were Tony Fanale, Brian White, Devin Dressman, David Fitzgerald, Max Freeman, William Marks, Bill Albanese, Justin Kwoka, captain Matt Vincent, Charles Hopkins, Mike Manning and captain Wil Green.

After the loss to W & J, Alfred traveled to Grove City to clinch their second place finish in the President's Athletic Conference. The Saxons won 38-27. □

SPORTS LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to "Alfred Athletics Stagnant at Best" in the Oct. 30 issue, I would like to enlighten present *Fiat Lux* readers and writers as to the rise and fall of various men's sports at AU over the last decade.

Football. Coach Moretti built the team into a contender because of quality staff and outside recruiting support. In fact, the Saxons had two former NFLers on staff at one point. Did you know that Ithaca was our only nemesis because of (1) less academic competitiveness, and (2) virtual athletic scholarships in the form of grants and such?

AU football now pays the price of depleted resources.

Men's swimming. Schaeberle had a great record because of great swimming talent. It was they who did the big recruiting.

Men's basketball. Former coach Ron Frederes, a not-so-nice guy and an egomaniac, did in fact build a winning program. Men's basketball hasn't recovered since his departure. He played for the North Carolina Tar Heels. Did you know that?

Men's lacrosse. Former coach Al Brown built that program and gave AU the reputation it has today. In its infancy, AU lacrosse was notorious for being the penalty-minute-leading "Bad News Bears" of upstate New York. They played dirty, and winning was just an afterthought.

Track & field. The odd sport out. Collectively, the team has been mediocre for a long time. Success should be attributed to individual merits.

The theme here is that athletic budgets have been sacrificed in the name of academics for admissions purposes. The irony is, winning athletic programs attract students, student athletes and non-student athletes who like to come out and see their teams win. Maybe the AU administration forgot that sporting events are what draw the alumni back.

And what's the big deal with dissolving a sports conference that Alfredian John McLane proudly created a little over a

generation ago? Maybe they'd like to take his name off the gym too, and sell the rights to a major corporation. How does this read, sports fans: "Welcome to the Uni-Mart Center."

Are we now so desperate for wins at the cost of respect that we are playing walkovers like Thiel, Bethany and Waynesburg? I actually went to the Ursinus game. No one in that town knew where the field was. Wake me from this nightmare.

To AU's present student body, I leave you with this: We used to win—a lot.

P.S. Kudos to women's sports. By their omission, they have earned the label of non-controversial. P.P.S. I didn't much care for former sports information director Pat Gillespie. His obsession with statistics made him a candidate for the X-Files, but he was damn good. Another loss to the Athletic Department. In effect, at least partly, AU no longer has a "Saxon Warrior" newsletter for alum. That's not progress.

Sincerely,
Greg Cohen
Former *Fiat Lux* Sports Editor
Class of '90



College Football Bowl Picks

BY DAVID OLIVER

Las Vegas Bowl
Nevada vs. Ball State
Dec. 19, 9:00 PM on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Nevada by 6

Aloha Bowl
Texas Tech vs. California
Dec. 25, 3:30 PM on ABC
-Dave's pick: Texas Tech by 3

Liberty Bowl
Houston vs. Syracuse
Dec. 27, 3:30 PM on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Syracuse by 17

Carquest Bowl
Miami vs. Virginia
Dec. 27, 7:30 PM on TBS
-Dave's pick: Miami by 10

Copper Bowl
Utah vs. Wisconsin
Dec. 27, 9:00 PM on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Utah by 7

Peach Bowl
Clemson vs. LSU
Dec. 28, 8:00 PM on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Clemson by 13

Alamo Bowl
Iowa vs. Texas Tech
Dec. 29, 8:00 p.m. on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Iowa by 8

Holiday Bowl
Washington vs. Colorado
Dec. 30, 8:00 p.m. on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Colorado by 10

Sun Bowl
Stanford vs. Michigan State
Dec. 31, 2:30 p.m. on CBS
-Dave's pick: Michigan St. by 10

Independence Bowl
Auburn vs. Army
Dec. 31, 3:30 p.m. on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Army by 7

Orange Bowl
Nebraska vs. Virginia Tech
Dec. 31, 7:00 p.m. on CBS
-Dave's pick: Nebraska by 13

Outback Bowl
Michigan vs. Alabama
Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m. on ESPN
-Dave's pick: Alabama by 11

Gator Bowl
West Virginia vs. North Carolina
Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m. on NBC
-Dave's pick: WVU by 3

Citrus Bowl
Northwestern vs. Tennessee
Jan. 1, 1:00 p.m. on ABC
-Dave's pick: Tennessee by 10

Cotton Bowl
Kansas St. vs. BYU
Jan. 1, 1:30 p.m. on CBS
-Dave's pick: BYU by 14

Rose Bowl
Ohio State vs. Arizona State
Jan. 1, 4:30 p.m. on ABC
-Dave's pick: Ohio St. by 10

Fiesta Bowl
Penn St. vs. Texas
Jan. 1, 8:00 p.m. on CBS
-Dave's pick: Penn State by 14

Sugar Bowl
Florida State vs. Florida
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Women's B-ball beat Pitt-Bradford

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Fiat Sports

Upcoming events...

Women's Basketball takes on
Buffalo State in McLane

RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Ithaca 69, Alfred 51
Downing: 22 pts, 11 reb; Yeager: 15 pts, 11 reb
- Alfred 82, Hilbert 51
Downing: 14 pts; Quinlan: 14 pts; Yeager: 13 pts, 10 reb
- Keuka 78, Alfred 64
Downing: 17 pts; Yeager: 12 pts, 14 reb; Amore: 11 pts
- Alfred 68, Hilbert 64
Quinlan: 24 pts; Downing: 15 pts, 8 reb

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

- Lycoming 117, Alfred 80
Youmell: won 200, 500 free; Brooks: 100 brstroke
- Mansfield 56, Alfred 50
- Alfred 65, Millersville 59
Youmell: won 100, 200 free, and 100 btrfly; Ligerman: won 500, 1000 free, second in 200 IM; Brooks: won 100 brstroke
- Alfred 143, Wells 76
Brooks: won 50 free, 100 brstroke; Youmell: won 100, 200 free; Ligerman: won 500, 1000 free

MEN'S SWIMMING

- Ithaca 106, Alfred 84
Striker: won 100, 200 free; Farrenkopf: won 1000 free
- Lycoming 117, Alfred 80
Farrenkopf: won 500, 1000 free, and 200 IM; Striker: won 100, 200 free; Craver: won 100 btrfly, 100 brstroke

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Alfred 73, Hilbert 47
Rife: 25 pts, 19 reb; Artlip: 13 pts; Hayes: 10 pts, 6 assists
- Nazareth 68, Alfred 39
Artlip: 18 pts, 9 reb; Porter: 8 pts, 10 reb, 4 assists
- Alfred 65, Keuka 62
Hayes: 16 pts; Rife: 12 pts; O'Connor: 10 pts

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- St. Lawrence - Alfred 7th of 14
Brooks: 3 over fences, 5 on flat; Kimble: 3 walk-trot
- Cazenovia - Alfred 5th of 16
Brooks: 2 over fences, 2 on flat; Schalk 3 walk-trot
- Alfred - Alfred 5th of 17
Goldberg: 1 over fences, 1 on flat; Compton: 2 on flat

SPORTS NOTES

Four members of the football team were honored as first team All-Stars by the PAC. Senior Wil Green took the only defensive spot for the Saxons as linebacker. On offense, the three honored Saxons were as follows: senior Max Freeman at tailback, junior Jason Fenner as split end and sophomore Eric Schwarz at left tackle. Seven additional Saxon players made second team, while five more earned honorable mention.

The New York Yankees traded fan favorite and World Series Game 4 hero Jim Leyritz to the Angels for two minor league players. The team has now effectively rid themselves of almost every well-liked player to don the pinstripes in the past decade.

Former NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle died Friday from brain cancer. Rozelle created the Super Bowl and Monday Night Football during his 29 years on the job.



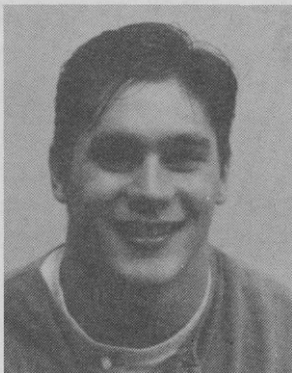
FiatSports newsmakers

The editorial staff of the *Fiat Lux* has named the Fall 1996 *Fiat Sports* Newsmakers. The two athletes were chosen from four nominees each, all of whom were entertaining on the playing field and equally entertaining to write about and photograph.

Men nominated were: Max Freeman, football; Dexter Morrison, soccer; Brian White, football; Christian Weigandt, cross country.

Women nominated were: Evelyn Trzeciak, soccer; Hannah Merle, volleyball; Liz West, soccer; Jill Viggiani, soccer.

Max Freeman is well-known to Saxon football fans as number 22. The tailback set career records for rushing touchdowns (33) and total touchdowns (38) in the last game of the season, against Grove City. As a sports medicine major, Max is the athletic trainer for the men's lacrosse team. Freeman will be in the stands next season, as he will still be in Alfred working on his other major in elementary education.



MAX FREEMAN



EVELYN TRZECIAK

Evelyn Trzeciak is a business administration major. She played center midfield and started all four years in Alfred. Number 21 scored 11 goals this season and led the team to the State Championship semi-finals and a record of 13-5-1 as a co-captain. Evelyn is also a member of the AMA and the a cappella group, the Segues.

Winter teams look at upcoming season

BY STEVE WAGNER AND IZABELA BUNIEK
(PART 2 OF 2)

Track and Field

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams are expecting big improvements over last year. With the new athletes and last year's returning crew, AU can anticipate a great season.

Head coach Gary Aldrich predicts that this year will be a learning year for the team.

One change this year will be a different conference, though the teams are not worried. "The PAC

"High school kids come here and learn there is a lot more effort involved than in high school."

—Gary Aldrich

head coach, track and field

is not a strong conference for track and field," said Aldrich. "We are more concerned with New York State Championships."

But, "they are a young team," said Aldrich.

Aldrich feels that the younger athletes do not always understand the commitment a varsity sport demands.

"High school kids come here and learn there is a lot more effort involved than in high school," said Aldrich.

However, he also said, "The ones that do become athletes are going to have success and build

relationships in a team."

Topping Aldrich's list of returning members on the men's team are seniors Christian Weigandt, Brian White and Levie Johnson, juniors David Devir, E.J. Valitutto and Zach Homrighaus and sophomores Paul Generoso and Mike Thompson.

Since the women's team is only in its second season, the list of returning members is smaller. Aldrich listed sophomore Heather Caputo, freshman Shanekwa De Roche, and freshman Drina Porter as team members.

Newcomers who will enhance the team are freshman Rob Winkky and sophomore Shane Grandusky in the middle-distance and distance events, freshman John Wolcott in pole vaulting, freshman Holly Rife for throwing, freshman Olivia Shea in sprints and jumps, and freshmen Megan Stuart and Sarah Taillon in middle-distance and distance events.

The team started the winter season with the Cornell Relays on Dec. 7.

Swimming & Diving

The swim team has a fresh look for the 1996-1997 season. Head coach T.J. Davis is new to Alfred athletics, and his teams are both fairly inexperienced.

Davis previously coached at the University of Rochester and, most recently, Union College. However, this is his first head coach position.

Davis is taking over two young teams. Also, the men's team has problems with size. "Our numbers are down," said Davis.

Some members have returned from last year's team to lead the Saxons. Captains are brothers

Bobby and Phil Craver. Bobby is a sprinter and has already made a mark by winning both the 100-meter butterfly and breaststroke in the Alfred-Lycoming meet.

Freshman Brian Striker has grabbed fans' attention early by winning the 100 and 200 freestyle sprints in the first two meets.

The women are led by senior Catherine Neuberger and junior Shannon Youmell. Also returning are senior Amber Apel and sophomore Melanie Ligerman.

Youmell has been sweeping the sprints in the first few meets. Also faring well in the shorter races is Amber Brooks. The freshman has won the 100-meter breaststroke in all three meets.

Another freshman who is excelling is Katherine Ernst. She won both the one and three-meter diving events against Wells College.

In the longer races, Ligerman is collecting the first places. The 500 and 1000-meter freestyle events are being dominated by the sophomore.

The move to the PAC has not altered the team's prime targets. "There are not many PAC teams," said Davis, "The pinnacle of our season is the New York State Championships."

Although the Saxons do have conference meets, the New York teams are the big rivals. Ithaca, Union, Hamilton and Hartwick make up the biggest four. "We're going to go after those four teams," said Davis, "Hopefully we'll break them up a little."

The schedule is now free until Jan. 15, when the Saxons take on Binghamton at Alfred. Also on the agenda is a series of outdoor practices in sunny Florida during early January. However, everything is just preparation for the

big championship in February.

Women's Basketball

Head women's basketball coach Jeannette Yeoman is hoping for a better year record-wise.

"I think we can go into this conference and possibly come out on top," said Yeoman. Although the team does not know much about the PAC opponents, they have set high goals, said Yeoman.

The team will look very familiar to Alfred sports fans. Six returning players, well-known senior volleyball player Hannah Merle and a transfer from Alfred State make up the squad.

The majority of the team is still young, however—mainly juniors and sophomores.

"We're young, but we have a lot of experience," said Yeoman.

Leading the team are juniors Jessica Greeley and Christie

"I think we can go into this conference and possibly come out on top."

—Jeannette Yeoman

head coach, women's basketball

Hayes and sophomore Holly Rife. They were chosen as captains for the 96-97 season.

The team started its season on Nov. 26, but the Saxons will not play any conference games until after the end of the semester. They will open the conference season on Jan. 18 against Grove City, here at AU in the McLane center. □



PHOTO BY CHARLIE VAZQUEZ

BOARD! Center Holly Rife reaches for one of her 19 rebounds of the night. The sophomore, number 35, also had 25 points in the Dec. 7 win over Pitt-Bradford. The team is 3-1 following the game and faces Grove City, its first conference rival, Jan. 18 at home.