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Oz Helpline shuts down

by John Bloom

After 21 years of service, the Oz helpline has been shut down.

The defunct hotline was a 24-hour student run service which dealt with crisis situations such as suicide, and gave advice and referrals on pregnancy, substance abuse and other personal matters.

One of the principal reasons it closed down was that members were not properly trained to deal with the wide range of problems brought to them. Some of the calls required immediate action by the caller or the member and they were not sure how to deal with it.

"Some of the phone calls were too serious for the existing staff," said Cathie Chester, a counselor at Career and Counseling Services, and also the Oz faculty advisor. "The members didn't have enough exposure to the range of calls." She said liability was also a factor in the closing.

A report was turned in to Alfred University Administration at the end of every academic year to show the number of calls received and the general status of Oz. Don King, Vice President of Student Affairs decided to close Oz with a recommendation from Chester.

Oz received calls ranging from people with eating disorders to requests for phone numbers of local pizza shops. They also received an occasional prank call.

According to Ron Symansky, a member of Oz, participation over the past ten years has declined. "Oz needs a minimum of 30 members to run smoothly," said Symansky.

Oz was based in a university owned house on Sayles St. where the members lived at a reduced university housing rate. According to Symansky, seven people were supposed to live in the house until it was known that the hotline was being shut down. Five students now live there at the regular housing rate.

Symansky expects the hotline to reopen in the fall of 1991. A course is being planned through the psychology program for people interested in being trained for the hotline.

Nursing program in turmoil

by Melissa Hirshson

The Division of Nursing in the College of Professional Studies has become a shadow of its former self, with only three students in its freshman class and a total of about 35 students in the entire division.

Because of low enrollment and subsequent financial difficulties in the program, until last year known as the College of Nursing, the division at Alfred is now entirely closed. With the exception of freshman and sophomore nursing seminars, all nursing classes have been moved to the Rochester campus at St. John Fischer College. According to University Provost Richard Ott, co-acting dean of the College of Professional Studies, "action was needed to maintain the well deserved reputation of the nursing program."

Previously, nursing students would spend their junior year in Rochester for

clinical work and spend their other three years in Alfred taking nursing courses. Now students spend their last two years in Rochester and take no nursing courses in Alfred, with the exception of the seminars.

Current junior and senior nurses, who were not told about the changes until last December, are not happy with the news.

"(The previous curriculum) was what made Alfred unique," according to Robyn Flesher, a former nursing student. "Very few other schools offer nursing classes during freshman and sophomore year. Now we're just like any other nursing school—the only difference is that we have to pick up all the roots we have in Alfred and move them to Rochester."

Would students have come to Alfred had they known they would have to spend two years in Rochester? "Definitely not," agreed a group of senior nurses who asked

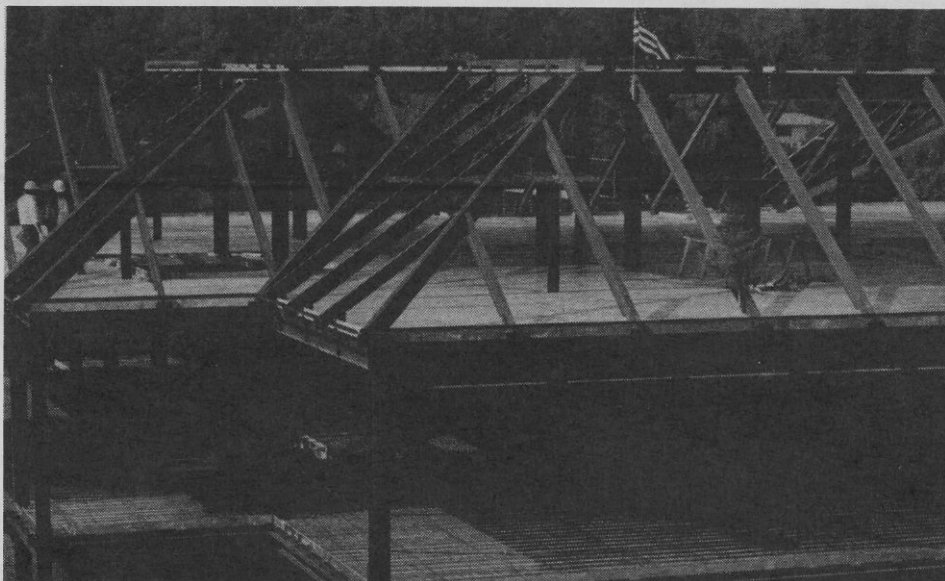
not to be identified.

"There's nothing here," one of them said, "we're totally removed from Alfred. People forget about us. There's no college life here at all."

"What's the point of going to school for two years and then having to move? I might as well go to a two-year school," another said.

The students also complained that none of the decisions were mentioned to them until it was too late. "They never discussed it with us, they never asked us our feelings about it," a senior said. "And because of the changes, we now have an additional 18 credits of coursework to make up." Another senior angrily speculated that the division knew about the changes before the middle of their junior year, but didn't tell the students for fear that they would transfer out of the program.

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In keeping with tradition, steel workers at the new Scholes library put a flag and pine tree at the highest point in the structure.

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Man harassing women walking on campus at night

by Tom Tracey

Alfred Police and AU security are keeping an eye out for a man who has followed several female students home in the last several weeks.

The man, who has been described only as "tall" followed two women from the Brick to Openhym and has "spooked" two others by his presence according to an AU staff member. Alfred police suspect a local man of a peculiar character.

"If anyone saw this guy they would get spooked," said Sergeant Belmont.

Matt Dubai of the student affairs department has reportedly discussed the incidents with both the police and security. Police say he will be arrested if found on campus. Dubai could not be reached for comment.

WALF deletes several positions

by Staci Newmahr

As WALF's constitution is being re-written, the controversy over station staff positions is beginning to subside.

According to Station Manager Deane Miner, the numerous changes being made at the station make it more comparable to commercial stations than it has been in the past.

The turmoil began last year after Corey Natko was elected program manager. Before Natko took office, it was decided by Miner and "a few other staff members" that the position would be eliminated. "One person can't be responsible for all the disc jockeys," Miner said.

In addition to program manager, the positions of general manager, underwriting director and news director have also been eliminated. Promotions director and assistant station manager will replace these positions. The new constitution reflecting these changes has not yet been ratified.

Former professor dies

Gifford D. Hopkins, who retired from Alfred University in May as an associate professor of English, died Saturday, September 15, 1990 at the age of 53.

Since his retirement, Hopkins had spent much of his time at his summer home in Nova Scotia. He died at the Queens General Hospital, Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Hopkins taught English in AU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1969 until this past May. Before coming to Alfred, he taught junior high school English from 1965 to 1969 at Canisteo Central School, and prior to that taught high school English at the Hill Preparatory School for Boys in Pennsylvania from 1960 to 1965. He graduated in 1956 from the Loomis private school, in 1960 from Yale University, and did graduate work at AU, Elmira College, and Lehigh University.

Hopkins authored children's books, coached the AU women's tennis team, and carved birds out of wood. He lived in Cameron from 1965 to 1983 and had been a resident of the Jasper area since 1983. In addition to his wife, the former Sally Ann Lawrence, survivors include three

Alaska; Anne Hopkins of Greeley, Colorado; and Jennifer Hopkins, at home; and a brother, Stephen Hopkins, of Washington, D.C.

There were no local services or calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gifford Hopkins Memorial, in care of the English department at Alfred University, Alfred, NY 14802.



New smoking policy violates student rights

In keeping up with national trends against smoking, New York State recently has passed laws that prohibits smoking in common areas. By law, restaurants no longer have to provide non-smoking sections, they have to provide smoking sections—and then only if they want to.

Alfred University, on the other hand, has gone even further than that. It has declared that students not only can't smoke in common areas, but they can no longer smoke in their own rooms.

The reason for this, according to Susan Smith, the assistant dean of residence hall life, is that students were complaining of smoke-filled hallways and having to close their doors because of it.

At the risk of sounding like every single cigarette ad in the country, smoking can kill you. Before, they had ads that said, "the Surgeon General has determined that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health." Then they got a little meaner and said that "cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide." I don't know why they just don't come out and say it: "cigarette smoking is gross and it can kill you."

It's wonderful that people are no longer allowed to smoke in hallways or public lounges. There's nothing more disgusting than when people are trying to watch the Simpsons and someone is

dropping ashes on the couch. It's really annoying, and it's awful to think what happens to people who are allergic to smoke.

But forbidding people to smoke in their own rooms? Come on now. Whatever happened to that wonderful American ideal called privacy?

Decades ago, the University had a say in everyone's business. Men were not allowed to visit women's rooms and vice versa, and women were required to be home by a certain hour. They even had housemothers to check up on them.

But those days are gone; now, everyone comes and goes as they please. So why, all of a sudden, is the University trying to poke into people's private lives again?

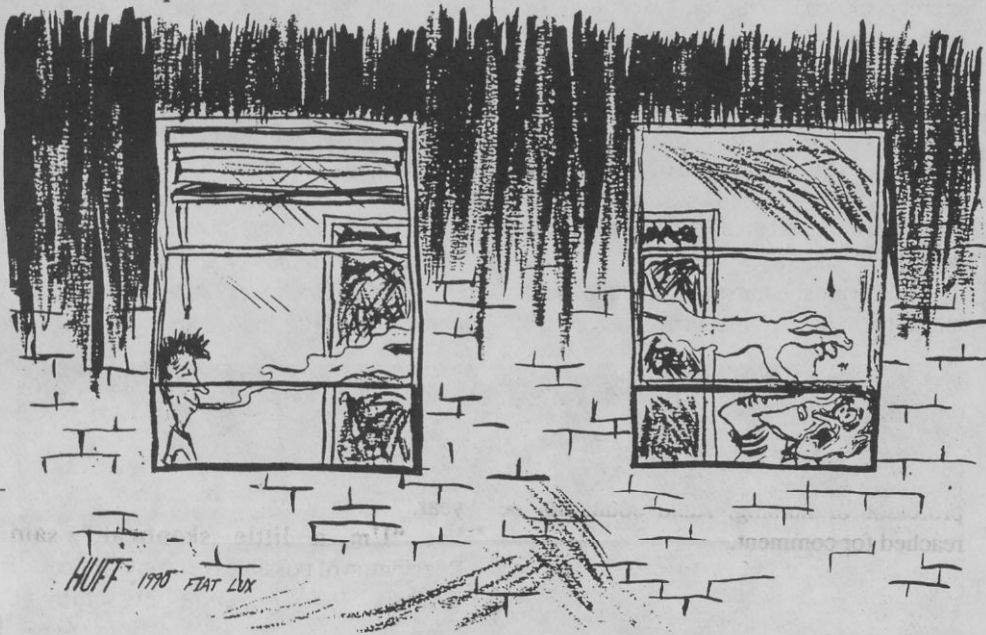
Supposedly, certain "smoking wings" have been designated on each residence hall floor. Yet in fact, very few rooms are being assigned for such use, only two or three per floor. The reason for this, according to Smith, is that "very few freshmen are professed smokers."

If so few freshmen are professed smokers, then why are students complaining about smoke-filled hallways?

Many entering freshman don't like to admit that they smoke on their residence hall forms, especially if their parents are helping them fill out the forms. There are a lot more smokers on campus than people think, and if there's anywhere that they should smoke, then it should be in the privacy of their own room, hopefully with an open window, where no one else has to inhale it.

The question of being able to smoke in a private room may not even be relevant; for the question is, how well can the smoking regulations be enforced? One smoker said that he just "laughed" at the new rules, and another said, "what we do in our own room is our own business."

If people want to ruin their lungs by smoking, then let them smoke in their rooms. Don't try to rule other people's lives by invading their privacy.



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Letters to the editor:

Alcohol awareness for who?

To the Editor:

Recently the university has been disturbed about the abuse of alcohol on our campus. Using a survey as their base, they have concluded that student drinking habits are plentiful and usually irresponsible. Given the numerous reports of mayhem in the residence halls and the weekend after-hour scenes on Main Street, the administration probably has a valid point.

I assume that their next step is to educate students on the effects of alcohol. Sponsoring an "Alcohol Awareness Week" seems like a valid attempt to begin solving this problems, as well as terminating the only tap system on campus. Hadn't the Saxon Underground always been such an annoyance? Just think, students were allowed to have a legal drink on campus.

Being thrown into the "pool of alcohol abusers" as a student is what bothers me most. Especially when I see how some of the adults from these campuses in Alfred act under the influence of alcohol. After a few drinks, your friendly professor, coach, or college employee can become a demeaning and obnoxious monster. This is definitely not the rule, but even as the exception it is a disgusting sight. Give Dr. X a beer, and he turns into "Mr. I Know Everything," and any undergraduate is just a kid without a degree.

The worst part is that these are the same people who are paid to help us develop our thinking processes. This is the type of person I'm supposed to look to for

aid in my social development? It can't be, because after a splash of go-go juice, these individuals become far superior to everyone else. Immediately their degrees double and triple, allowing them to be highly specialized in everything. As a student trying to look up to these people, my hopes of becoming an intellectual continue to dwindle. If getting my diploma and a masters means I will become an arrogant, overbearing jerk—then I guess I should just try to find a job now. At least I could be happy with myself.

Luckily, there are plenty of you in the professional pool that outweigh the impact these creatures have on our development.

It is only after many months of continued observations that I feel confident in stating these truths. I have no argument when treated differently because of an action of my own, but I hate being made a plebe just because someone has had a few. The only thing that makes any of you smarter is that you assume students are socially irresponsible drinkers.

It is quite ironic to me also that students are taught about the laws of drinking but aren't always the worst abusers. Many students drink to excess and get a little crazy, then walk back to their dorm or apartment. Students that are smart never use a vehicle on a drinking night, because it only takes a few minutes to walk anywhere in this town. I'm more worried about the adults, the majority of whom do not live here in town. I cringe every time I watch a drinking adult open up his or her

Bits 'n Pieces

Established rules and regulations for Alfred University are explained in the Rules and Regulations notebook which is available at the Student Affairs Office, the Rogers Campus Center, Herrick Library, Scholes Library, Tefft Area Office, Commons Building Office and each Resident Director and Managerial Assistant Office.

The Alfred Alternative Cinema will present *Whoever Says the Truth Shall Die* on Thursday, October 4 at 9 p.m. in Room Lecture Hall. Admission is \$2.

The Student Activities Board will sponsor a student-faculty mixer on Wednesday, October 3 in the Rogers Campus Center. Entertainment will be provided by champion pool trickster Tom Rossman. On Saturday, October 6 SAB will sponsor comedian John Joseph at 9 p.m. in the campus center.

Interested in writing papers to be published in scientific journals? Join the Alfred chapter of the American Chemical Society. Come to the next meeting on Monday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. in Myers 222.

History Notes

50 years ago...

In keeping up with the spirit of World War II, the University introduced civilian flying lessons at Hornell airport. No credit was offered for the activity. "A crop of fledgling pilots will shortly begin to be turned out of Alfred...we shall do our part towards making America impregnable."

35 years ago...

"According to a National Geographic survey, Alfred is moving towards Hornell at a rate of One one-thousandth of an inch every 27 years."

25 years ago...

Alfred University announced its \$15.5 million "master plan," which was to include a health center, science center, physical education center, a new women's dormitory, and a fraternity row to serve as a new location for all fraternity houses.

door and sit down in the driver's seat.

I apologize to those of you in the professional community of Alfred for my hypocrisy, but lately I've been influenced heavily by those hypocrites around you. I wish not to put you all into a "pool," as we students are; instead I wish to enlighten everyone as to some of the inadequate behavior displayed by drinking adults.

I'm not really sure why these individuals can't enjoy social drinking and allow others equal enjoyment. It's not fair to any of us. Seeing how adults are supposed to set examples, it is no wonder that students can be misled. Now who can we look up to? I only hope that a campus-wide "Alcohol Awareness" can be obtained, because alcohol affects our entire society, not just the young. Maybe it's time that we all become aware.

Sincerely,

A whiskey slinger
from Alfred

Politics around the nation

• The Texas prison system has recently given the Waco chapter of the Ku Klux Klan permission to mail copies of newsletters such as Negro Watch, Jew Watch and the Knightly News to inmates. "We'll get prisoners out of their white prison clothes and into white Klan robes," according to a chapter spokesman.

• According to an ordinance in Santa Barbara, CA, it will be a crime to sleep in or on public property as of Oct. 11. More than 3000 homeless people are in the area; said one activist, "again the homeless are being made criminals for innocent conduct."

• The assailants of "the Central Park Jogger," the woman in New York City who was so brutally raped and assaulted that she may never physically recover, were given the "maximum prison sentence" of five to ten years. Before the well-publicized attack in April 1989, a New York restaurant carried an item on their breakfast menu called "Central Park Jogger"—freshly squeezed juice and Total cereal with skin milk and berries. They have recently removed the item.

Library acquires new CD ROM's

by Daniel Weeks

Herrick Memorial Library has some new "CD players," but no one's going to be listening to music on them. Six CD Read-Only Memory (ROM) bibliographic indexes have been added to the library's collection, offering students a wide variety of computerized means of locating information.

According to reference librarian Frank McBride, printed indexes like the Reader's Guide are now available in CD ROM format. Compact disks store digitized binary information that is read by laser light and is accessible through user-friendly computer terminals.

McBride said there are approximately 600 different products available, with Herrick having a total of nine. "Each each one is different," said McBride. "students must select the most appropriate work station for their research." Each terminal deals with a different subject area.

New indexes include Social Sciences, Health, Psyclit (psychology and literature), Company Information, and Books in Print.

The Academic, Newspaper, and Education indexes from previous semesters continue to be available.

McBride said these machines are faster and more powerful than printed indexes, and they also print out references for you, rather than having to copy information by hand.

"What makes them so powerful is that you can take two completely independent terms and the machine combines them, giving you only articles that include both

topics," said McBride.

He added that one disk can store the equivalent of 300,000 typed pages, meaning an entire set of encyclopedias could fit on less than half a disk.

"They combine computer technology with optical storage technology," he said.

According to McBride, the Psyclit terminal is probably the most heavily used. He said, "It's the equivalent of the Psychological Abstracts, but a faster and more powerful means of research."

The Company Information terminal provides information not found in any index. It includes the names of over 12,000 company directors, business addresses, financial ratios, and texts of companies' annual reports.

Disks are updated periodically through a subscription service, ranging in cost from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per year per subscription.

McBride explained that these costs could not come out of the library's budget, so the university applied for and received a grant from the New York-based Gladys Brooks Foundation to purchase the furniture, hardware, and one-year subscriptions, and to hire a part-time employee to coordinate the machines.

The indexes are located on the ground floor where the subject card catalog used to be. The card catalog has been completely moved into the main reading room, with chairs and tables replacing the author-title catalog in the lobby. The Academic and Newspaper indexes remain in the periodicals room.

The end of a nursing career

by Melissa Hirshson

An AU nursing student, two days before beginning her clinical work in Rochester, was told that she could not, by law, ever work in a hospital.

Robyn Flesher, now a junior psychology major, is unable to work in a hospital because, according to New York State law, she cannot receive a rubella (German measles) vaccination due to her previous kidney transplant.

"I had worked in a hospital for two summers," recalled Flesher, "but at the end of this summer, the hospital people looked at my vaccination record and suggested that I reconsider my career." While the law allows individual hospitals to choose if they want to employ nurses with such problems or not, Flesher decided that it would not be a good idea to continue work in a clinical setting.

"I wanted to go into pediatrics," she explained. "I would be working with pregnant mothers, and German measles can cause birth defects in infants. I wouldn't want to impose that risk on people."

The division of nursing at Alfred, she said, "had never heard of such a law" that applied to people with kidney transplants.

Flesher, now living on campus in Alfred while the rest of her nursing class is in Rochester, was devastated by the news.

"I really wanted to be a nurse. I just wish someone had told me sooner before I spent two years studying. Now I'm a psychology major, and that means nothing to me. It's not what I want to do."

But Flesher doesn't blame the division of nursing for not knowing about the law. "I'm not mad at them. I love the nursing program here...it's just a tragedy that I can't continue to be a part of it."

She has decided to take her nursing board exams and seek certification as a registered nurse regardless, "just so I can say I'm an RN."

... recruiter dropped from nursing staff

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Angela Rossington, associate professor of nursing, also expressed doubt about the new curriculum. "I have my reservations, but I'm willing to work with it and see how it goes."

With only three freshmen this year, many students predict that the division may have to close altogether in the next few years. "Traditionally, at least one student fails and another transfers every year," according to Flesher.

"There's been a large effort on the part of the university to ease the transition for students," said Dr. Kathleen Powers, former associate dean of the College of Nursing and now Chairperson of the Division.

Additional cutbacks this year may also have hurt the program. The division dropped the position of nursing recruiter from its staff. "We will now rely on admissions, just like any other division, to recruit students," according to Powers.

Additionally, Dr. Joella Rand is no longer the dean of the College of Professional Studies due to University wide financial cuts. "We felt that Dr. Susan Strong and I could handle the administrative aspects of the school," said Ott. "Dr. Rand has been reassigned to take advantage of her nursing skills." Before the College of Professional Studies was formed, Rand was dean of the College of Nursing. She is now an adjunct

professor of nursing. Rand could not be reached for comment.

However, according to Powers, the nursing division has a bright future. "We have not died and gone to heaven," she said. "Nursing enrollment has increased all over the country, and I expect Alfred to be a part of that trend. Also, we get a lot of students who transfer into our program in Rochester from other schools. The Alfred program is well known in Rochester."

Dan Myers, director of admissions, was cautiously optimistic about the future. "I see an increase in transfers into Rochester," he said, "but I don't see 35 students next

year."

"I'm a little skeptical," said Rossington of possible rising enrollment. "I wonder how aggressively they're recruiting."

Powers also mentioned that the facilities in Rochester could offer a lot more than in Alfred. "Our first goal is the best education possible for our students."

"It's true, we'll learn a lot more here," agreed a senior. "But it's not Alfred."

"We're alive and well," said Powers of the division. With only 35 students, down from 240 students in the last decade, only time will tell.

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Violent crimes increasing on college campuses

Administrators reluctant to reveal campus crime statistics

College Press Service

While the murders of five college students within three days in Gainesville, Fla., the last week of August were unusual, crime watchers say murder is a more common crime on campuses nationwide than most people think.

Hard statistics are difficult to find, but crime observers say they've been surprised by the results of several recent studies of the problem.

"The rate of victimization is higher than anyone had known," says Jan Sherrill of the Campus Violence Prevention Center, based at Maryland's Towson State University.

Though people have not been studying the phenomenon for long, some statistics seem to "show an increase" in murders and other violent crimes at colleges across the country, added Clarinda Raymond, Sherrill's colleague at Towson.

Moreover, Raymond said, the murderers are often other students. "I guess we cannot rule out that the Florida murders were committed by a student."

On Sept. 1, police arrested Edward Lewis Humphrey, 18, a University of Florida (UF) freshman, for questioning in the case. Police added they might have other suspects in the off-campus murders of three UF and two Santa Fe Community College students.

Police found the bodies of 17-year-old Christina Powell and her roommate, 18-year-old Sonja Larson, in their apartment Aug. 26. Both were UF freshmen. They were partially nude and had been stabbed.

Eight hours later police found the stabbed, decapitated body of Christa Leigh Hoyt, a Santa Fe student, at her apartment.

The next day Santa Fe student Tracey Inez Paules, 23, and her roommate UF senior Manuel Ricardo Tobada, 23, were found stabbed to death.

The brutality and timing of the killings prompted widespread student panic on the UF campus. Many apparently left for home just as classes were starting. Some who stayed held slumber parties for protection. Still others brought weapons. One could find weapons readily advertised in the Independent Florida Alligator, the campus paper, which suddenly found itself with an influx of ads for mace, tear gas and stun guns, according to an Alligator ad rep who didn't want her name used.

Some campus leaders nevertheless said UF is a relatively safe place. "I think security on campus is incredible," said Michael Browne, UF's student body president. "Campus crime has been down."

Multiple slayings are in fact rare at colleges. The most notable instance occurred in December 1989, when a gunman killed 14 female students and wounded another 13 people at the University of Montreal.

Some 1,990 violent crimes were committed on campuses in 1988, the most recent FBI census of crime in America found. While the FBI report is notoriously misleading, the number probably did not represent all the violent crimes because colleges were not required to report them.

In January 1990, Raymond's group released a survey showing that 36 percent of the nation's students had been victims of violent crimes. Yet students typically don't think of their campuses as dangerous.

"They naturally want to believe it's a safe place," noted Jeanne Morrow, housing

director at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where a student was murdered in her off-campus apartment in mid-August.

Another reason students may be shocked to hear of violent crimes on their campuses is that schools themselves mislead them, Morrow added. "It is constantly reinforced (to students) what a friendly, warm environment the campus is."

Montana State, Ball State, St. John's, Louisiana State, Northeastern, Wesleyan and Oklahoma State Universities, the University of California at Berkeley, Ithaca, Stephens, Hunter and Carroll colleges, among others, have been the scenes of violent crimes recently.

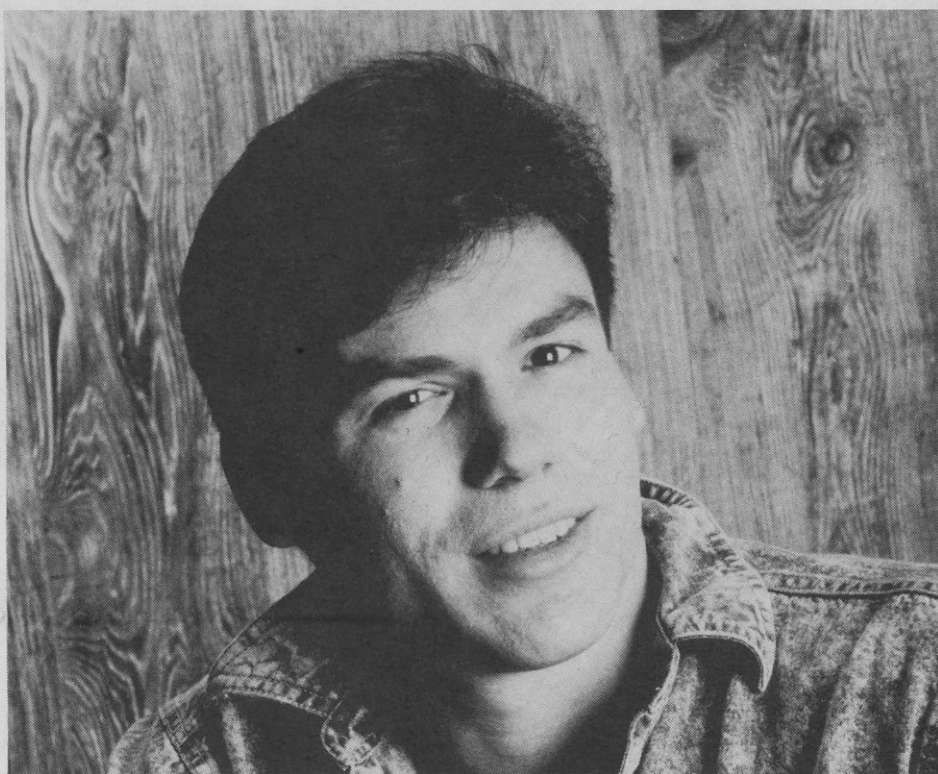
Students, moreover, may not know about campus crimes because their campus newspapers don't report them.

Campuses, worried about the

school's image and protecting victims' privacy, often refuse to reveal campus crimes to reporters. Editors at Southwest Missouri State, West Virginia, Oakland and Southern Arkansas universities have sued during the past year to force administrators to give them information about crime in their communities.

Whatever the reasons for the false sense of security, students often inadvertently contribute to the campus crime rate by leaving doors unlocked or taking ill-advised nighttime walks around campus alone.

"It's important to make students realize that propping open a door could endanger other students," Raymond said, adding that administrators also are often lax about preventing crime. "Schools must realize that more important than hiring Dr. Wonderful is to provide as safe a campus as possible."



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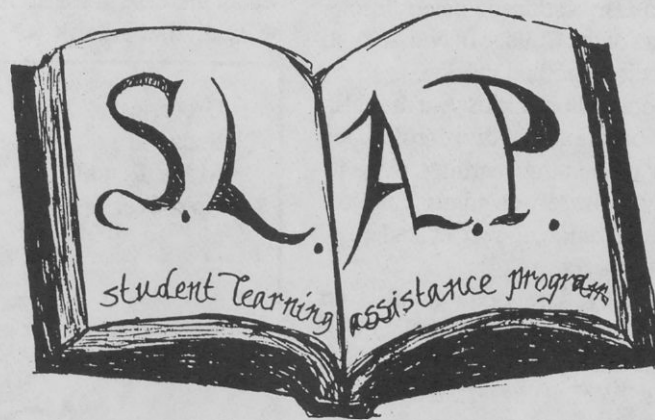
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Peterson lectures on power of the elderly

by Melissa Hirshon

The elderly have the potential to become a powerful political force, Dr. Steve Peterson, associate professor of political science, said at the Bergren Forum last Wednesday entitled "Gray Power: Myth or Reality?"

According to Peterson, although people generally 65 and older do not have a lot of political clout now, they should be a lot more active in the next 50 years largely due to improved health care and better education, and the disappearing of mandatory retirement laws—"gray power."

Currently, the elderly population stands at 12 percent; by the year 2030, it will have risen to 17 percent. There are many myths that have been placed upon the elderly, who were defined as being 65 or older by the Social Security Act. Some myths say that the elderly are more conservative, others say that they lose interest in politics.

Neither of these, said Peterson, are true; in fact, according to recent studies, older people are more active politically than others. He cited a case in 1988 when Congress passed an insurance policy act for the elderly, and many people over 65 who were opposed to it fought back—and won. Furthermore, another study showed that elderly people who were conservative had in fact been conservative all their lives—it had nothing to do with age.

Additionally, thanks to improved health care and technology, the numbers of the "able elderly"—older people who are active and have no physically or mentally impairative diseases—are increasing. Therefore, it is possible that the elderly could become a distinct political force in the future.

But, he cautioned, it is important to remember that people over 65 are no different from anyone else. It is simply an idea that has been forced onto that age group by society.

As one member of the audience put it, "It's forced upon us...at 65, all of a sudden we get all sorts of benefits and special treatments." Soon, according to Peterson, the elderly will rise up and be heard by the rest of society.

Native American photographer opens artists series

by Kate Loomis

Understanding the incentive behind creating powerful and sometimes controversial works of art is one of the objectives of the fall Visiting Artists Series, Artist as Activist.

Native American photographer Jolene Rickard gave the first talk of the semester last Thursday, discussing her culture and its influence on her work.

A member of the Tuscarora tribe of the Iroquois nation, Rickard was brought up with traditional Indian values. She considers herself not just an artist, but many things. In her lecture she stressed how her people encourage performing a variety of roles in life.

Rickard believes that to understand her work, one must understand her culture, which is very important to her: "For me, what I am is my work." She is from the center of her people, raised with the understanding of where she fits into the lives of the clan elders.

Right now her people are struggling to survive in their traditional way of life. She sees their communities beginning to fall apart; while some people want to capitalize on the changing relationship with the U.S. government, others fear losing the Indian way of life by assimilating into Western culture.

Unlike many Western artists, who feel separated from society, the artist is central to the life of the community in the Indian society. Rickard chose to express her feelings about her people through photography because she sees the visual experience as the most powerful means of communication.

"Everybody needs to have a visual language, no matter who you are." Photography gives her the chance to look at things and understand her world.

Rickard chooses not to deal with the violence and negative events occurring among her people, because that is what the media already informs everybody about.

Instead, she concentrates on the aspects of her people which give them the strength to resist compromising their civilization for easier lifestyles. She believes that her people will be here long after the rest of society has crumbled due to their values and strength of their traditions.

Her photographs carry titles such as "Our Medicine," which addresses the strength of her people; "Two Canoes," which illustrates how two cultures may run parallel but cannot meet; and "Red Man," where the Indian-as-warrior image is shown. Other photographs address topics such as traditional leadership roles, teaching children, and the warmth of her community.

The Artist as Activist series continues this week with a lecture given by the Guerilla Girls. Robbie Conal will be on campus October 17 and 18. The final lecture of the semester will be given by Lucy Lippard on November 28.

Interim senate officers to keep positions

by Staci Newmahr

Arguments against allowing the appointed officers to remain in their Senate positions failed last Wednesday night, as the motion to keep them in office was finally passed. Despite claims that the appointment of the officers during the summer after sudden Senate resignations was unfair to voting students as well as to potential candidates, Senate members decided it would be wiser and fairer to the current officers, to leave them in their respective positions.

Also passed was a motion to cover the registration fees for President Darryl Moch and Secretary Christina Ruf to attend a leadership conference in St. Louis. The total cost of the trip is \$1,177, and the Senate is contributing \$590.

Another request for money came from the women's rugby team. Costs amount to \$243 and include medical, referee, security, and phone payments. The financial committee's recommendation for the full amount was passed.


Moch also discussed the creation of

an Alcohol Task Force and Alcohol Awareness Week. Moch said that Alfred students need to face up to our "drug addiction."

Ruf said that a report would soon be issued on the alcohol survey that was conducted at the university last year.

At the Sept. 19 meeting the National

Career Womens Association was allotted \$238 out of a request for \$568. The Finance Committee also suggested they raise membership dues. A committee was also formed to revise problem areas in the senate constitution.



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2. Sept 26	- Networking - Howell Hall - Career & Counseling
3. Oct 2	- Guest Speaker - Communications - Dr. Modaff
4. Oct. TBA	- T-Shirt sales
5. Oct TBA	- Beach Party with T-Shirt sales and Plane Ticket Raffle To be held at GJ's
6. Oct 20-21	- Conference with Clarion University
7. Oct 26-27	- Networking - Trip to N.Y. City
8. Nov 9-11	- Regional Conference - Virginia
9. Nov TBA	- Guest Speaker - National Ambassador Speaker
10. Nov TBA	- Preparation for Careers 91 - Seniors
11. Dec TBA	- Christmas Party with NCWA - Dress for Success Cheryl Felt

Alfred Renaissance '90 ...

by Gregg Myers

Parent's Weekend began Friday with the dedication of the new statue of King Alfred, designed by Dr. William Underhill, professor of sculpture, and made possible by a donation from Stephen and Barbara Saunders, alumni from California.

After a short but humorous struggle, the statue was unveiled amidst great applause from the tremendous crowd.

The festivities continued Friday night at the Saxon Underground with the Sports Night Dance. Students called it "a big success—wall to wall excitement!"

Saturday, a variety of boths and activities were set up outside Roger's Campus Center by AU's many student clubs.

Student Senate held a voter registration drive, encouraging students to actively participate in the elections of the United States. They also supplied information on absentee ballots, by which one can vote in elections for their hometown while they are away at Alfred.

The Woman's Issues Coalition set up a table to raise awareness of issues such as domestic violence, pro-choice, women in the arts, and other women's rights concerns.

The Forest People toasted s'mores for passersby. When asked why they were putting papers advertising their club in the trees, one answered, "because that's where it came from!"

The National Career Women's Association held a bake sale to raise funds for their organization, which is involved in bringing more women speakers to AU. The group works to unite women together to support and learn about women joining the business community.

The Kanakadea sponsored "Be A King For A Day," where students and parents could have their picture taken in royal disguise for a dollar. They said that business was "slow but fun."

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery offered a display of contemporary prints; entitled "Another View," the show included prints from well-known artists such as Andy Warhol and Robert Mapplethorpe.



Artist Bill Underhill unveils his creation



Michelle Siu gets wet in the water balloon toss



Underhill mingles with the large crowd

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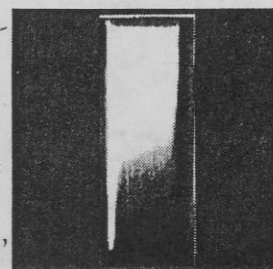
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Residence hall finds a different method to distribute condoms

by Gregg Myers

There has been an interesting development in one of the freshman residence halls. The program held last week on safe sex aroused concerns from students in Openhym who are in a hall without a condom dispenser.

At their last in-hall council meeting, the students seemed eager to bring up the subject. In the words of Elliot Otchet, hall president, "We wanted to get on top of the situation, but did not want to react prematurely." So, they questioned Resident Director Marleen Whiteley, and a penetrating discussion ensued.

"How are we to be prepared if something unexpected comes up?" asked one student. Marleen empathized with his position, but explained, "in the last few years three machines have been destroyed at a cost of eight hundred dollars a shot. We need to think of something else."

Whiteley, who has hands-on experience

with the ins and outs of campus life, suggested a few alternatives. "I could give them out," she offered, but some students felt uncomfortable with that idea. Taping them to the bathroom wall was another thought, but as one student replied, "even if the guys didn't steal them all first, what would visiting parents think?"

All present realized that it would not be easy to relieve the problem. "We need a discrete, anonymous way to give them out," pondered Whiteley. Suddenly, like a burst of genius, it hit her smack in the face: "Mailboxes! We can stick them in your mailboxes!"

There it was: the first official Condom-of-the-Month-Club had taken form. Each month, Openhymers will be issued a new and exciting prophylactic, to be used as they see fit. "Admittedly, it is not a permanent solution," said one student, "but at least it is a step towards containing the problem—lest it get out of hand."

Fiat Lux meetings are Mondays at 6:30p.m. in the Campus Center.

U.S. draft registration increasing

College Press Service

Voluntary registration for the military draft has skyrocketed since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Selective Service reports.

The number of men signing up has increased 67 percent over the amount who registered before the invasion, said Selective Service spokeswoman Barbie Richardson.

There are no current proposals to reinstate the draft, which would happen only if Congress were to order it.

"Historically," Richardson said, "there have been hikes before conflicts" such as the recent U.S. invasion of Panama.

There could be any number of reasons for the dramatic increase, Richardson said, such as students finishing up tasks before heading off to school.

Federal law, although haphazardly enforced, requires young men to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Additionally, students have to certify that they've registered before they can receive any federal college aid.

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Brenner packs the house

by Kate Loomis

Alfred University students and their parents were treated to an evening of comedy this weekend. Comedian and writer David Brenner spoke to a full house Saturday night in McLane Center.

The second of this year's Performing Artists and Speaker Series (PA&SS) performers, Brenner is well-known for his appearances on The Tonight Show. He is also the author of four books, *Soft Pretzels with Mustard*, *Revenge is the Best Exercise*, *Nobody Ever sees You Eat Tuna Fish*, and *If God Wanted Us to Travel...* His down-to-earth style of making people laugh at everyday life showed as he gave his views on aging, his childhood memories and the dumb things that people say. For example, "I'm sitting on a newspaper in the New York subway and this guy asks me, 'are you reading that?' Next time I'll say 'yeah,'

and stand up, flip the page, and sit back down again."

Or, "I'm walking behind these two guys reminiscing on old times, and one of them said, 'we buried Dennis last week..' and the other guy says, 'oh, did he die?' no, they were in a bad mood so they buried him anyway!"

And "I love it when people trip in public and then look to where they tripped...like it's a zone in the sidewalk that trips people." His somewhat sarcastic attitude towards life made the audience laugh at themselves.

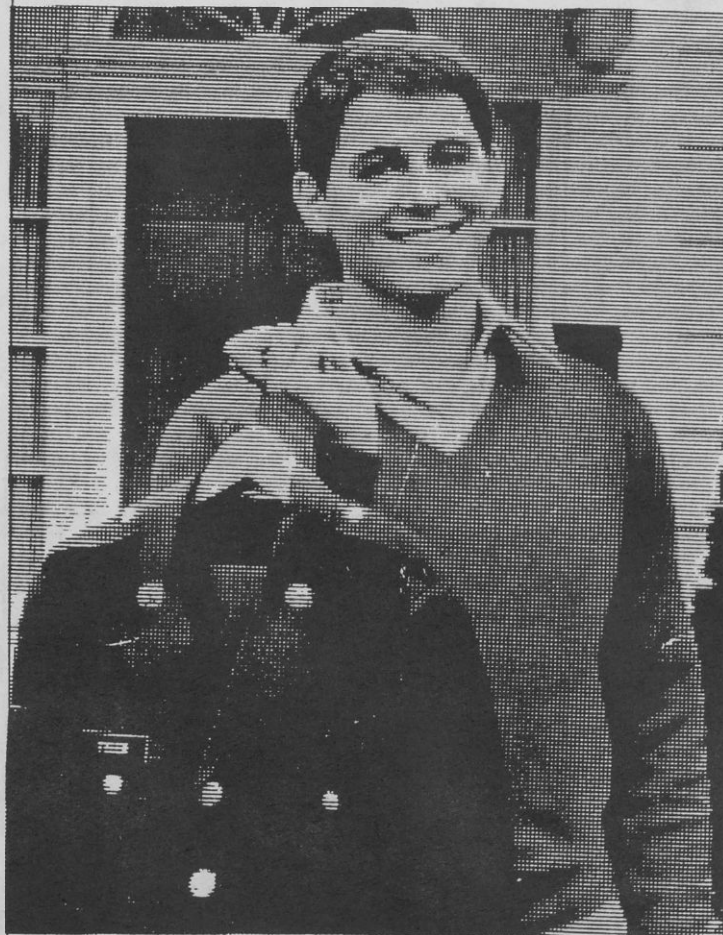
PA&SS events continue Oct. 2 with a free lecture by writer Donald Hall and Oct. 23 with a lecture on "The World Tomorrow: A Vision of a Sustainable Society" by Dr. Lester Milbrath. The last two performances of the semester include the musical comedy of Oil City Symphony and Pianist Leon Bates on Nov. 2.

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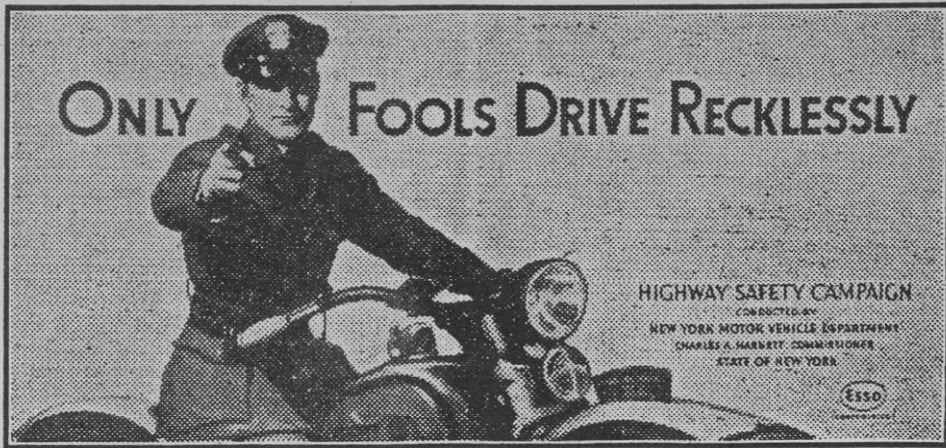
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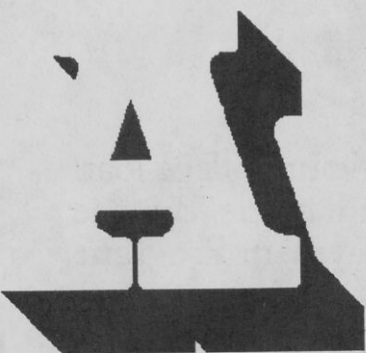
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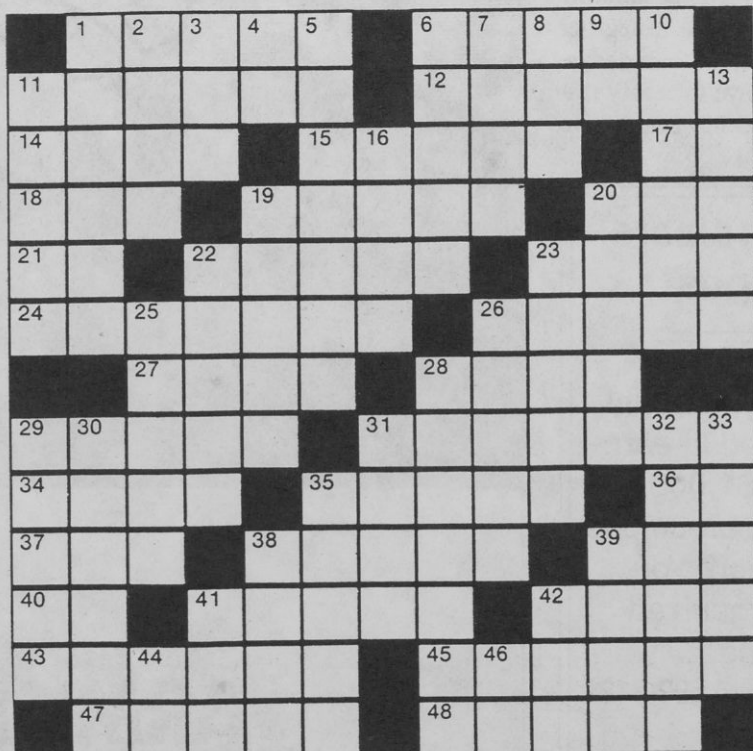
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