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Football players arrested, accused of hazing

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Five students have been arrested and at least one may be expelled after an alleged incident of hazing involving the football team last Saturday night.

"This type of behavior by AU students will not be tolerated," said President Edward G. Coll Jr. at a Tuesday press conference.

After five freshmen football players were treated by AU Rescue Squad, and two of them hospitalized, an investigation began, Coll said.

All five football players had

attended a party at an off-campus residence known as the "football house."

Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont confirmed Tuesday that five students were arrested and two of them are facing felony charges.

The University is also taking action. The Saxons have forfeited the first game of the their 100th football season. Also, Dave Murray, head football coach, has suspended six football players for the season, said Coll.

One student, already under sanctions for earlier infractions,

has been expelled pending a disciplinary hearing, said Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students.

"Our internal investigation... reveals that more than 50 people, many of them football players, may have been at the party," Coll said.

"We believe... that not only did the party involve underage drinking, but also suspected hazing of freshmen by upperclassmen," he added.

"We consider this a very serious offense," Coll stressed. He said he had considered forfeiting the entire football season, but felt it

would be unfair to football player at other schools.

"Our number one concern is the safety and welfare of our students," said Brody.

AU has an explicit hazing policy. "Any student who is in violation of this policy will be subject to suspension, expulsion or other judicial proceeding or, if the violator is a group or organization, rescission of affiliation with Alfred University," according to the Student Life Policies and Procedures.

Athletic Director Jim Moretti and Murray, visited the rooms of all freshmen football players

Saturday night to determine their condition. "We believe that this may have saved the life of at least one student," Coll said.

"What we are announcing today will be called harsh by some, but I assure you, their severity pales in comparison to the tragedy that could so easily have occurred this past weekend," added Coll.

Belmont and Coll both said they are continuing the investigation into the incident. Coll said a Presidential Commission will be appointed for that purpose.

Names of the students involved were not available at press time. □

Record freshman class greeted at Convocation

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

University dignitaries welcomed the biggest class in over 25 years to Alfred at Convocation last Thursday.

The class of 2002 and their families filled the gym last week to hear their first college lectures.

President Edward G. Coll Jr. told them what to expect from AU.

"No one on this campus has ever drowned in sweat," Coll reassured the new students after explaining the necessity for hard work.

Coll told new students "knowing all the right answers is no longer important."

He explained the advances in technology have made knowing the appropriate questions much more valuable.

Coll ended his speech by asking the freshmen to fulfill his dream of allowing him to greet them again when they walk across the stage for graduation.

Michael Pellicciotti, president of the Student Senate spoke to students next.

Pellicciotti shared with freshmen three things he learned at college. First, he told students to get involved—success is up to them.

"Be as outgoing as possible," was Pellicciotti's second piece of

advice as he reminded students they were all in the same boat.

Finally, he told freshmen they were being given the chance to start over. College is the chance to "become the person you've always strived to be," he said.

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AU students living at ASC, freshmen in Kruson

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

A new residence hall, several staff changes and revisions to the judicial policies are not the only changes in Student Affairs, but they stand out from the rest.

This school year is the first to see an AU residence hall on the other side of Main Street. About 80 more first year students than would fit in freshmen halls prompted some changes this year, said Tomas Gonzalez, director of Residence Life.

"We believe in keeping the freshmen together," said Jerry Brody, dean of student and vice president for Student Affairs.

Gonzalez said after looking at putting freshmen in lounges or suites, Kruson Hall was the best option. This year, Kruson is almost entirely freshmen.

Brody explained that the upperclassmen in Kruson were given the choice between being placed in unfilled apartments or suites or moving into Robinson Champlin. RC is a residence hall AU is leasing from Alfred State College. Upperclassmen choosing RC were given singles and convenient parking, Brody said.

Gonzalez added that RC is actually closer to the academic buildings than some AU housing.

Brody said the staff at ASC renovated the hall and gave the University a very reasonable rate on the lease. "They were very helpful," he said.

Less than 20 upperclassmen chose RC and about 20 graduate assistants in athletics moved there as well, said Brody.

Gonzalez said he is excited about the number of new students which prompted the search for new housing options. He also said that with the way numbers look for the next few years and the



PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

AU is leasing Robinson Champlin, formerly an Alfred State College residence hall, to use for upperclass housing since Kruson Hall had to be converted to a freshmen building due to the size of the freshman class.

University's renewable lease on RC, "We may be seeing Kruson as a freshmen residence hall for quite a while."

Staff changes

Student Affairs is also experiencing many staff changes this year. Staff members leaving AU include Ian Neuhaard, former director of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education; Steve Harpst, former director of Student Activities; Paul Kingsbury, former director of Greek Affairs, as well as several resident directors and coaches.

"We lost some very, very good people," said Brody. He added that he was pleased so many positions had been filled by promoting from within. He said it was great to "bring in talented people" who

already knew how things are done at AU.

Gonzalez and Kathy Woughter have been named director of Residence Life and director of the Career Development Center, respectively, from acting in those positions. Bonnie Dungan has also been promoted to assistant director of Residence Life, a position in which she was previously acting.

Dan Napolitano and Tricia Debertolis have moved up to director of Student Activities and director of Powell Campus Center, respectively, to fill the vacancy left by Harpst.

Brody added that these promotions from within are a "tribute to the great job they did in their previous responsibilities."

Larry Mannolini will fill the vacancy in Student Activities as

assistant director of campus life. New Resident Directors Maureen Regan and Ted Smith will take over Kingsbury's responsibilities under the supervision of Associate Dean of Students Sue Smith temporarily.

Brody said a national search will take place for a director of Greek Affairs. He added that an interim director may be appointed.

"It'll be a pretty smooth transition," Sue Smith said. "We're prepared to effectively assist the Greek community."

Responsibility for AOD has been transferred to the Counseling and Student Development Center and a search has been started to replace Neuhaard. Norm Pollard, director

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Students return to renovations

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

When AU students leave campus for the summer, they may assume that activity on campus grinds to a halt. In the case of renovations and repairs, this is not true.

"We've had a busy summer this year," said Bill Dillon, director of Physical Plant. In addition to repainted rooms and normal repairs, students have returned to find over 15 substantial improvements and renovations since last semester.

Not all of the improvements are immediately noticeable, said Dillon. Some, such as the replacement of part of the roof of Bartlett Hall, and new electrical service to the Brick, are not obvious to students.

Other changes are easy to see, however. Dillon explained the construction in front of Bartlett Hall is to replace the existing steam pipeline. Steam was escaping from the line, which had rusted through.

Another very obvious area of improvement was the installation of ethernet connections throughout the campus. Students will now be able to directly access the Internet from their rooms without using the phone lines.

Mike Pellicciotti, president of the Student Senate, said of the ethernet connections, "The technological improvements made by the University over the summer were highly requested and badly needed by students."

"The University, after recommendations from Senate and other students, has made incredi-

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Programs add to Orientation

Orientation is an opportunity for new students to learn about Alfred: what is expected of them, what they can expect and where to go for help. Filled with great programs and activities, Orientation has always been fun and informative.

This year, two new ideas made Orientation even more valuable for the class of 2002.

The addition of a community meeting and a diversity presentation to the Orientation program this year was a good idea, and they should be continued in future years.

New students to the Alfred community should be made aware of the expectations for their behavior, and they should be exposed to as much diversity training as possible.

And although these meetings took place while most returning students were still packing their minivans, the advice applies to all University students.

The community meeting, held by Jerry Brody, dean of students and vice president for Student Affairs, Sue Smith, associate dean of students and judicial coordinator and Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont introduced students to the rules that govern the University and the Village. The diversity presentation by Mara Cullen allowed them to consider the diversity they will find in college that they may never have experienced at home.

The candid advice from Brody, Smith and Belmont about what will happen to those who break the rules about drugs, alcohol and violence should be seen as a friendly warning from people who care about our safety and well-being.

It reminded us that standards of behavior and decency are expected from all members of the Alfred community, and that abusing drugs or alcohol, or engaging in harassment or violence could lead immediately or ultimately to suspension or expulsion from the University.

At the very least, an offender would have to participate in community service or attend an educational course relevant to the offense. If the offender is caught doing something serious enough, the threat of going to jail and having to stand trial is very real.

Brody, Smith and Belmont made it quite clear we are all expected to obey the rules of the University as well as federal, state and local laws. There is no way to claim innocence by way of ignorance. If you are caught breaking them, you will be punished, whether or not you knew the consequences of your actions at the time.

In the past, the responsibility for reading the policies and procedures of the University has been on the students. This year, new students were given the information up front.

Students should listen to what administrators and officials have to say about the rules and what will happen if they break them. Administrators, in return, should continue to inform students about their rights and responsibilities as members of the Alfred University community.

Cullen's presentation should serve to open a forum for discussion of the things which make people different, and the things which tie us all together.

Her diversity program was honest and involving. Cullen neither pretended that everyone is always going to get along, nor that it's always easy to try to see someone else's perspective. She merely stressed the importance of asking questions and learning as much as possible about other people.

With concerns in the recent past about the treatment of minorities both on campus and off, the diversity program was especially appropriate this year. With the incident at GJ's still fresh in the minds of upperclassmen, we are pleased the administration is addressing diversity issues from the start.

Respecting the rules and our differences are both part of living in a community. The two additions to Orientation this year are a good start toward making AU students responsible members of the community. We hope they will continue to be part of Orientation.

COLUMNIST

Playfair helps break the ice



BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Once again, new AU students know how to get a standing ovation.

Playfair is a wonderful experience and I am glad the Class of 2002 got the chance to try it. Everybody feels ridiculous doing it, but it forces participants to meet new people. Playfair is the type of event that makes it difficult to remain uninvolved.

Playfair returned to the Orientation schedule this year after being replaced last year by the Kick-off Carnival.

I went to Playfair three years ago as a freshman, and I went to

the Kick-off Carnival last year. There was no comparison. Playfair got freshmen moving

“Playfair is a wonderful instrument for throwing new students together and giving them a common experience.”

and bombarded them with new faces and names. The Kick-off Carnival was likened to a “bad high school dance.”

Playfair is a wonderful instrument for throwing new students together and giving them a common experience. They all learned

how to request a standing ovation when they were having a rough day and how many of their classmates were born in the same month.

Intimidating? Maybe—but so is coming to college. Stale? Not likely—you only do it once as a freshman, after that students often return by choice. Better than the Kick-off Carnival? Definitely.

I think it was a great idea to bring Playfair back and I give the Orientation coordinators a lot of credit for going back to Playfair after trying something new that didn't work as well.

My advice to new students is to go back to Playfair in three years. You won't feel nearly as ridiculous. □

COLUMNIST

New year starts on the right foot



BY JAY WEISBERGER

It seems we always have a gripe about the University. Students are always pointing out something they think could be better or that the administration could handle better.

Usually, I could use this space to hit on some area that I think needs work.

But not in this issue.

It seems to me the University has gotten off to a pretty good start.

First, I want to commend the AU staff for the way they handled an exceptionally large incoming class.

When I first heard that upperclassmen were essentially having their living area usurped to make room for a new class, I was aghast. Then I looked at the situation some more.

I believe it is important to keep the freshman together. I know I wouldn't have wanted to jump right in at AU with people who had already established themselves on campus. Living with people in the same boat made the transition into college a lot easier.

Then, I wondered if the upperclassmen removed from Kruson really got a raw deal.

The idea of living on Alfred State's campus doesn't totally appeal to me. It would feel a bit removed from the University.

But it isn't that long a commute, either.

The fact that AU went out of its way to find housing for the upperclassmen is commendable. Many schools would have encouraged these students to search for off-campus housing instead.

Alfred was faced with a big challenge, and while I'm sure they would love to have all students live on the east side of town, in the housing they

requested, I think they did the best they could do with the situation.

Then there are other things AU did just to “catch us up.”

Big computer users wondered when AU would wire everything for direct access.

I think AU was the only university in the lower 48 states to not have done this yet.

Last year, wiring was on the agenda, but it wasn't a priority.

Suddenly, the whole campus is hooked up.

This improvement, along with the addition of voice mail, brings Alfred up to speed with just about every other school in the technology department.

Now, people gripe about the cable system and people complain about the food, but let's give the University some credit. They've done some good things for residents of late.

Now, if we only had a baseball field... □

COLUMNIST

Orientation great experience for all involved



BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Last Sunday, I voluntarily came back to school almost a week early. I moved all my bags and boxes into my apartment and negotiated with my roommate whose stuff would go where.

Why did I put myself through the drudgery of moving back and ending my summer early?

To be an Orientation Guide—a “perky person in a purple shirt.”

This was my first year as an OG, and with Orientation finally over, I'm glad I did it. I'm exhausted, too, but still glad I did it. I'm sure my fellow OGs would agree.

Orientation is essential to the acclimation of new students to the AU community. It is very often the first tentative days when new students get here that will make or break their careers here at AU.

OGs serve to help the new students get used to AU. We help them break the ice and meet other new students with common interests. We get them involved with campus organizations and activities, and encourage them to put their talents to use in the AU community.

Without the perennially peppy OGs, many students would feel lost and homesick in their first few days on campus.

Think back to those first few

panicky moments when your parents finally said goodbye, and you were left staring at this strange person who was going to be sharing your space all year.

I was pretty frightened. But my OGs helped to calm my fears and ease me into college life. By the end of Orientation, I was finally comfortable.

This year's Orientation boasted Playfair, a return to tradition after a dubious kick-off carnival last year, as well as a community meeting and a diversity program that were extremely beneficial to those who attended.

Now that our long hours of hard work are finally over, we can all go to sleep. It's well-deserved. □



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Kudos:

...to the Class of 2002 for demonstrating enthusiasm in the Orientation activities.

...to President Edward G. Coll Jr. for changing his speech enough that returning students and faculty did not feel they were “experiencing déjà vu.”

...to Student Senate President Mike Pellicciotti for talking candidly with students at Convocation rather than reciting a canned speech.

Kumquats:

...to the organizers of the New Student Olympics for lack of

clarity in directions and judging criteria.

...to the cable company for leaving half of campus without cable for days.

...to the University for not working the bugs out of the voice mail system before students returned to campus.

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ble improvements...to better equip students for today's high technology environment," he added.

The common areas of Tefft and Reimer Halls are now carpeted. "It's amazing," said sophomore Orientation Guide Kris Gravanda of what she said was a warmer, friendlier Tefft.

Shane Walton, also a sophomore Orientation Guide in Tefft, said "It's pretty, but it would be nice if they carpeted the rooms, too."

The Brick was also the focus of some improvements—this time in the bathrooms. They have been completely retiled. Dillon gave credit for the changes in the bathrooms to Leroy Herrick, a carpenter who carried the project from the design stage to the current finished products.

Dillon said Herrick "gave his heart and soul" to the project.

Physical Plant also spent the summer resurfacing the tennis

courts, repairing sidewalks, and ripping out the original wooden platform at the Observatory, and repaving it. Dillon said the repaving was a better option than the platform.

Seidlin Hall and the Business and Finance Office in Carnegie Hall were the focus of some extensive remodeling.

Those doing the remodeling rebuilt the floor of Seidlin 114, the large lecture hall on the first floor, and took out all the chairs in order to replace them.

Workers renovated the Business and Finance Office to make more efficient use of space and to include a waiting area, said Dillon.

They also fixed approximately one-half of the chairs in Nevins Theater, and they plan to fix the other half soon.

The next improvement on the agenda is the renovation of the final bathroom in the Brick, said Dillon.

Other improvements to residence halls include new windows in Cannon Hall and in the Pine Hill Suites in Crawford and Phillips. □

Officials explain the rules to new students

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

For the first time, a discussion of the rules of the University and Village were outlined for freshmen during Orientation.

About 250 freshmen and a handful of OGs heard Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brody, Associate Dean of Students and Judicial Coordinator Sue Smith and Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont define what is expected of them last Friday.

"This is not really fun... but it is important," said Brody. "I hate giving a speech like this."

Brody admitted there are a lot of policies and procedures, but said there are seven students need to make sure they know.

As long as students know the policies on alcohol, drugs, assault, cheating, unwanted sex, explosives and firearms, and fulfilling sanctions prescribed by the judicial board, they will be just fine, Brody said.

Brody warned students they

are not held accountable only for University policies. "The University's jurisdiction goes beyond the campus," he clarified. "We have a responsibility to maintain a positive environment for learning."

Smith told students the judicial system is designed to hold students accountable for their behavior. She added that the judicial board can address violations of University policies, behavior that adversely affects the community, or violations of local, State or federal laws.

Smith explained there are three types of hearings in the judicial process. Students can have administrative hearings, which are with a single administrator, often a resident director or Residence Life staff member. More serious offenses go before the peer review board, which is a group of three students. The most serious offenses are heard by the University judicial board, composed of one student and two faculty members or administra-

tors.

Smith reviewed the new mandatory minimum sanctions as well. (see sidebar below)

Smith agreed with Brody that lecturing students about rules is not enjoyable. "If we stand up here and tell you now, then hopefully you won't be involved in it," she explained.

Belmont brought the Village's views to the meeting. "This whether you like it or not, is your new community," he began.

The police department serves about 11,000 people in 33 square miles, Belmont explained.

Belmont told students that while he does not notify parents like the University does, most often students must call their parents to pay attorney's fees. Police records are also public record and can be turned over to the University.

Finally, Belmont reassured students that fun is allowed in Alfred. "We can tell the difference between fun and criminal activity," he said. □

...Convocation

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Pellicciotti concluded by reminding students: "College is a lot like life—it's what you make of it."

Jerry Brody, dean of students and vice president for Student Affairs, read several of the day's headlines to begin his speech. He told students that though the headlines were big, the bigger story for them was that "a thunderbolt is about to fall on your life."

Starting college is "probably the biggest step in your entire life," Brody told the new students. He reminded them that the next four years will affect the rest of their lives.

"Not every decision you make... will be right," Brody admitted, but said he would like to meet the new people they become after their four years here at Alfred.

Brody told students that future generations need their education and that they will be

the ones leading the country in several years. "Through education we become good leaders," he said.

AU's 163rd Convocation welcomed more students than it has in many years.

According to Katherine McCarthy, director of admissions, 561 students put down deposits to be part of the new freshmen class. Final statistics are not available regarding the number of freshmen actually enrolled. This is compared to 471 new students last year, and 510 the year before. "This freshmen class seems to be the largest entering class in 25 years," she said.

"The class of 2002 is impressive not just in its size, but also in quality and its potential to make significant contributions to the University's academic programs and student life," she added.

Pellicciotti said more students in the freshmen class should increase the membership in campus organizations. "I'm excited about the possibility of their future leadership," he added. □

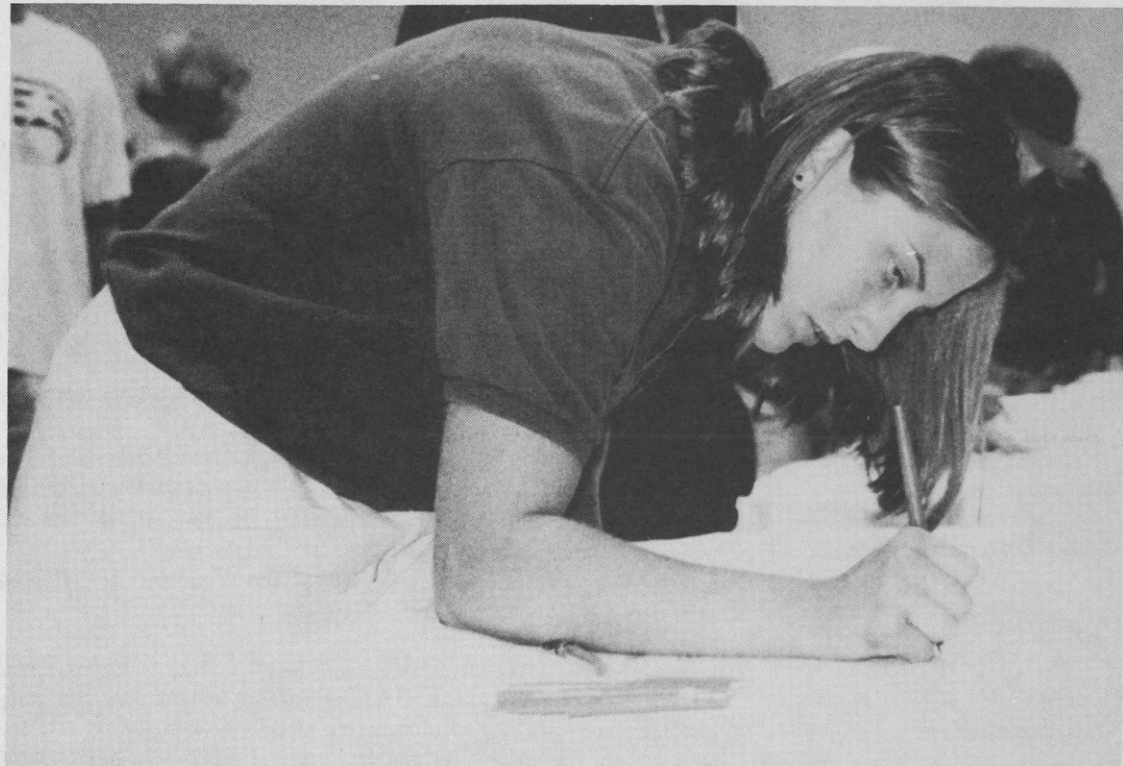


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Freshman Kristin Cary signs the charter at Convocation last Thursday. The signing of the charters is a tradition at AU. They will be displayed in the campus center until the next class signs their own charters. The charters will be brought out again for Commencement in 2002. Freshmen attending Convocation heard advice from President Edward G. Coll Jr., as well as Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brody and Student Senate President Mike Pellicciotti.

...Student Affairs

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of the CSDC, will assume responsibility until a new director is hired. Also, Counselor Cathie Chester has been given a full-time position at the CSDC instead of her previous part-time assignment.

There have also been many staff changes in athletics, highlighted by Jim Moretti's resignation as football coach to become full-time athletic director. (see related article page 6)

"There have been some very positive personnel changes," Brody said.

He added that he hopes the new coaches will improve teams' retention of players as well as records. "We're building the foundation for many successful seasons," Brody said.

Judicial policies

Changes in the judicial policies include shortening of timelines so cases are heard sooner and the setting of mandatory minimum sanc-

tions for some violations so students know what to expect. (see sidebar for minimum sanctions)

"We're making a concerted effort to ensure that we have a positive educational environment at AU," Brody said.

Last year, the University began notifying families after the second alcohol-related offense. Brody said none of the students whose parents were notified committed a third offense.

Judicial Coordinator Sue Smith said minimum sanctions have been set for drug and alcohol violations so students can make informed decisions. She added that the sanctions for drug violations are more severe than for alcohol violations because drugs are "more detrimental to the community and individual than alcohol."

Smith said this is the first year that harassment of student staff has been expressly listed as a violation of judicial policies. This policy refers to resident assistants and student security and is intended to "encourage respect for student staff," Smith clarified.

Also, the burden of proof for

marijuana violations has been changed to allow identification of the scent by two staff members to substitute for physical evidence.

Other changes in Student Affairs

Other changes include an additional counselor in the Career Development Center. Brody praised the CDC for the wonderful success of last year. He said the number of recruiters visiting campus was up 13 percent and the CDC placed 100 percent of students who visited them looking for co-ops.

Brody also said "a lot of positive, tangible changes" were made in response to concerns of the Committee on Racial Equality. The Black Entertainment Television Network has been added to the cable on campus, the Residence Life staff received a full day of diversity training and a diversity program was added to the Orientation schedule. Brody said this is only the beginning of the improvements in response to concerns. "This does not mean the work is done," he said.

Smith said another important

change is the implementation of the Peers Assisting with Learning program. The program is designed so older students can serve as mentors throughout the year for new students and help them with the transition to AU. "It has such positive potential," she added.

In addition to the changes, Brody said some of the things which are not changing should prove beneficial. He said having the same health and food service companies as last year should provide continuity for students.

Brody said he is pleased with the operation of the health center under St. James' Hospital. "The second year should be outstanding," he said.

"Fine Host is still here and doing a wonderful job," Brody also complimented dining services. He also said the block plan should be an exciting change because it is more convenient and allows students to get exactly what they paid for.

Finally, Brody said Michael Pellicciotti's second year working with the Student Senate should benefit the students. Students have a definite advantage because of the returning leadership, he added.

"I think it will be a year filled with new opportunities and programs," Smith concluded.

"It's going to be an excellent year," Brody agreed. □

Mandatory Minimum Sanctions

Alcohol Violations

First Offense Alcohol Education Class, five-hour service contract
Second Offense Ten-hour service contract, parental notification

Drug Violations

First Offense Drug Education Class, five-hour service contract, parental notification
Second Offense Suspension from the University

Physical Assault Suspension from the University

Source: Student Life Policies and Procedures Summary Booklet 1998-99

OGs greet new students

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

The first thing they saw as they pulled up to their residence hall to move in was groups of people in purple shirts.

Over 500 new freshmen were greeted by more than 40 Orientation Guides last Thursday. These OGs spent four days getting them acclimated to AU and to being away from home.

"It is a great group of [OGs] to have for the biggest class in 25 years," said Ben Farnsworth, one of the OG directors.

OGs met new students at their cars and helped them move in. Throughout the weekend they escorted them to and from activities, kept their spirits up and made them feel welcome.

For some sophomore OGs, this is the first Orientation they have seen from the other side. "It's a different kind of excitement," said

sophomore OG Maggie Fairman. Fairman said seeing Orientation from the other side was just as much fun.

Sophomore OG Jodi Parker said, "It's nice to meet new people and help freshmen get accustomed to Alfred."

"I'm really enjoying myself," Fairman added. She said it was helpful that she can still remember what freshmen go through. The memories are "still vivid in my mind."

OGs had more freshmen to deal with this year than in the past. "We've risen to meet the challenge," said Jasmine Lellock, one of the OG coordinators.

Lellock added that the younger OGs were "doing a tremendous job" and more than made up for their lack of experience. She said she thought move-in went faster this year and that it was better attended by OGs than it was last

year.

Greg Hilgert coordinated Orientation for transfer students this year, including a pasta dinner and a trip to Bully Hill in place of the New Student Olympics. "The transfer OGs have been very involved and dedicated this year," he praised.

Most freshmen seemed to have enjoyed Orientation.

"It was a great way to meet people," said Caitlin Foley. She also said that although the fast pace was good at the beginning, she thought some down time would have been helpful later in Orientation.

"I liked it," said Shelly Lloyd-James. She added that she would suggest attending the activities to next year's freshmen.

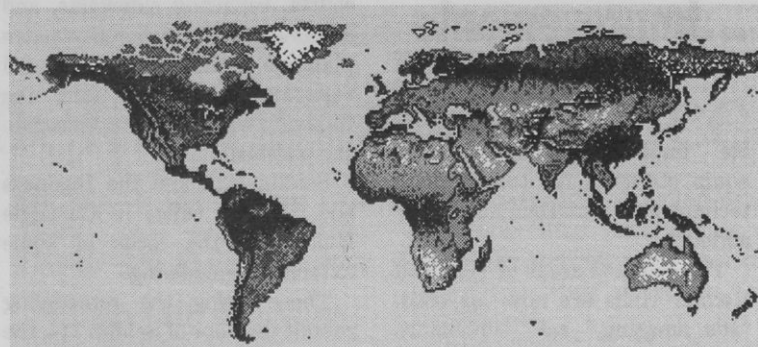
"Everyone is so friendly here," she added.

"I thought it was great," Ben Miller agreed. □



PHOTO BY JULIE NEEL

Tefft residents perform their lip sync at the New Student Olympics last Saturday. Tefft placed second overall at the annual competition. Cannon Hall took home the victory.



WORLD NOTES

LOCAL:

Recent alumni Patrick Kroouze (Class of 1994) and Melany Dow (Class of 1997) sustained mortal injuries in a motorcycle accident on July 11 in Woodbury, NY.

•Paul Powers, dean of students at AU 1959-69 and athletic director 1970-78 died August 19. He was 85 years old.

•The police officers involved in the incident at GJ's last semester did not act in a racist manner, according to Alfred Police Chief Randy Belmont. Belmont concluded a month long investigation into the incident at GJ's March 28 with a June 1 press release.

"I have not been able to substantiate the accusation of racism, and my investigation has led me to conclude the officers of this department DID NOT act in a racist manner," Belmont wrote in his press release.

Belmont also thanked the community for allowing him time to investigate the incident.

•Tomorrow is the last day to add courses and the last day to drop or select a pass/fail option in "A" Block courses.

•Ska Band "The Instigators" play the Knight Club tomorrow at 9pm.

•Freshman Olympic Results: 1st Place-Cannon Hall, 2nd Place-Tefft Hall, 3rd Place-Reimer Hall.

•For the 11th year in a row, AU made the Top 15 in the North Region in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual ranking of colleges and universities. The University was also rated the No. 2 best buy in the North Region, contradicting its distinction as one of the universities whose 1997 graduates had the most debt. Class of '97 graduates averaged \$21,000 debt, according to an article in the Aug. 24 *Buffalo News*.

•Bill Hall was confirmed as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences after holding the position on an interim basis. Hall has announced he will not run for another term as mayor of the Village of Alfred in the next election.

NATIONAL:

The investigation of the 1968 assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been reopened by US Attorney General Janet Reno. The move was triggered from doubt as to whether James Earl Ray, who was convicted of killing the civil rights leader, acted alone in the shooting. Many suspect a conspiracy involving many others.

King's widow Corretta Scott King called the reopening "a first step toward revealing the truth."

INTERNATIONAL:

The interim government of Russia has indicated it will not give in to communist hardliners pushing to go back to a socialist economy.

Despite the country's economic woes, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said, "We have already joined the world economy and there will be no return to the past."

He will now work with Boris Yeltsin on a way to take Russia out of its economic bind.

Russia's economic collapse has had ramifications here in the US. When word of the Russian decline hit Wall Street last week, the Dow plunged over 300 points.

•Twelve people were injured in Tel Aviv, Israel when a bomb exploded downtown.

The bombing followed a warning from the Muslim fundamentalist group, Hamas, indicating they reserved the right to bomb Israeli targets in retaliation for the United States' bombing of targets in Sudan and Afghanistan.

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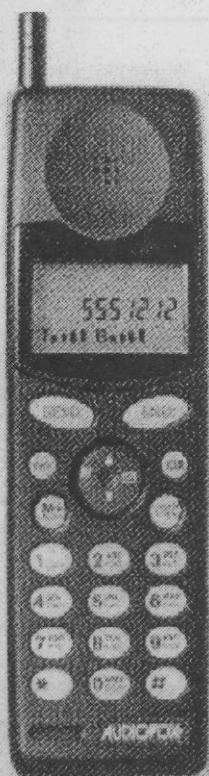
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Orientation speaker addresses diversity

Mara Cullen forces new students to consider and reject their own prejudices and stereotypes

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER

Mara Cullen summed up the entire focus of her presentation in just one sentence: "We gotta' show up for one another, gang."

On Friday, Aug. 28, Cullen, who calls herself an "educational consultant," presented a program titled "Building Community Through Valuing Diversity" in Holmes Auditorium.

Although less than one hundred of the new students and students who had already returned to campus attended, they participated vocally as Cullen interacted with the audience.

Cullen began the program with a slide show. Familiar images of Rodney King, Anita Hill, the funeral of President John F. Kennedy, and the Oklahoma City bombing were among the pictures Cullen showed.

As the slides flashed rapidly on the screen, Cullen played the songs "Both Sides of the Story," by Phil Collins, "The Living Years," by Mike and the Mechanics, and "Love Can Build

a Bridge," by the Judds.

Cullen returned to the stage after the slide show and began to speak, asking for the audience's input at times, and soliciting laughter and applause.

Cullen used a computer to generate images on the screen as she gave her presentation. She used the metaphor of cars to talk about prejudice, speaking about the size of the car as an analogy to the prejudice against overweight people, and the term "model" as an analogy to gender.

Cullen asked the audience to help her demonstrate what she called "making people disappear." According to Cullen, when you ignore someone because of their race, gender, or other differences, you make them disappear.

She told the audience to make the best faces they could that would make someone "disappear."

Amidst much fake eye-rolling and exasperated sighing from the audience, she explained how unwelcoming and hurtful that can be. Then she asked the audience to demonstrate how to make someone "reappear" just

by smiling.

Cullen related many anecdotes to illustrate her points. She described being the only white person at a funeral for a friend's father, and the discomfort she felt. She said she felt as

"Somebody needs to break the cycle of hurt and hate, and if not you, then who?"

though everyone was staring at her.

That experience, she said, helped her begin to realize that white people often take their "whiteness" for granted. They don't understand that they grew up in a culture that accepts who they are, and it isn't until they are thrown into such a situation that they realize how hard it can

be to be in the minority.

Cullen said when she talked to two black friends about the experience, they asked her to play a "game." Cullen asked the audience to play the same "game."

She told them to imagine Alfred University as a school attended predominately by black students. She described a typical day for a white student at this hypothetical AU, and asked the white students present how comfortable they would feel in such a situation.

Cullen also discussed what she called "hurt words"—ethnic slurs and derogatory terms. She told everyone in the audience to "stand if you've never been hurt by a word." Then she instructed everyone to "stand if you've never hurt someone with a word." Both times, nobody stood.

People seldom do stand up, Cullen said, because people learn from childhood how to hurt other people with words. "Somebody needs to break the cycle of hurt and hate, and if not you, then who?" she asked.

Cullen also touched on dis-

crimination based on age, gender, and sexual orientation, as well as people's fear to look at or ask questions of people with disabilities, for fear that we will be considered rude.

She explained that people's well-meaning attempts not to stare at someone with a disability actually makes that person "disappear" because they avoid eye-contact altogether.

Freshman Charles Robinson who attended the seminar said he saw the truth in what Cullen was saying.

"I thought she was an excellent speaker," Robinson said. He added that his favorite part was when Cullen used tricks to show students how their minds worked.

"When you take a little risk," by asking questions and trying to understand someone who is different, "you learn something," Cullen said.

It's our responsibility as members of a diverse society to help each other out and build each other up, Cullen said. "I believe that we all have within us the ability to be builders of spirit and breakers of spirit." □



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A clown entertains children at the President's Picnic. The annual event was held on the Brick Lawn to recognize faculty, as well as students who had returned to AU early to assist with Orientation.

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'98 brings new coach, new look for Saxons

BY ANDY BERMAN

This season, the Alfred University football team will take the field with a new coach

for the first time in 13 years.

Dave Murray, former head coach of Lebanon Valley and SUNY Cortland, was hired to replace Jim Moretti over the

summer. Moretti, who had indicated last year the search for a new coach was underway, will remain the head of the athletics department.

Murray said he is proud to join the Alfred athletic community.

"It is an honor to be a coach at Alfred," Murray said, adding that it means a lot to coach here because of the University's great tradition on the field.

Murray graduated from Springfield College in 1981 where he played as a linebacker. Murray was then a graduate assistant coach at Ithaca and earned his master's degree in physical education in 1984. He became linebacker coach at Dartmouth College. In 1987 he was hired as defensive coordinator at SUNY Cortland.

After three seasons as defensive coordinator, Murray was promoted to head coach, where he recorded a 44-30-1 record and five post-season appearances. Murray then went on to become head coach at Lebanon Valley.

Murray brought his offensive coordinator Michael Cerasuolo from Lebanon Valley when he moved to AU. Cerasuolo was also Murray's assistant at SUNY Cortland in 1996.

Murray said he plans to use a pressure defense with more blitzing. Murray said this style of defense is a little more risky.

"I believe in the old saying: you win games with defense," Murray said. He also said it is his

primary goal to make the defense a better unit.

Murray noted this year's team is young. About half of the squad's members are freshmen. Also, with quarterback Ryan Woodruff transferring to Penn State, all four quarterbacks on the roster are freshmen.

However, Murray said that a good defense "will hold [us] in games until the offense matures."

Though he has only been here two months, and most of his time has been in his office or on the field, Murray said that he really likes it here in Alfred.

"The players have great enthusiasm, a great attitude and are working hard."

Players seem to have the same sentiments towards Murray.

Freshman Josh Palmer described the new coach as a "good motivator." Palmer also said he liked the new coach's enthusiasm.

Joe Clair has been hired to assist Murray as a part-time assistant football coach.

Clair graduated from Lafayette in 1997 where he was a quarterback. Clair spent last year playing in the Swedish professional football league.

The Suffern, NY native will be concentrating on working with AU's running backs. □

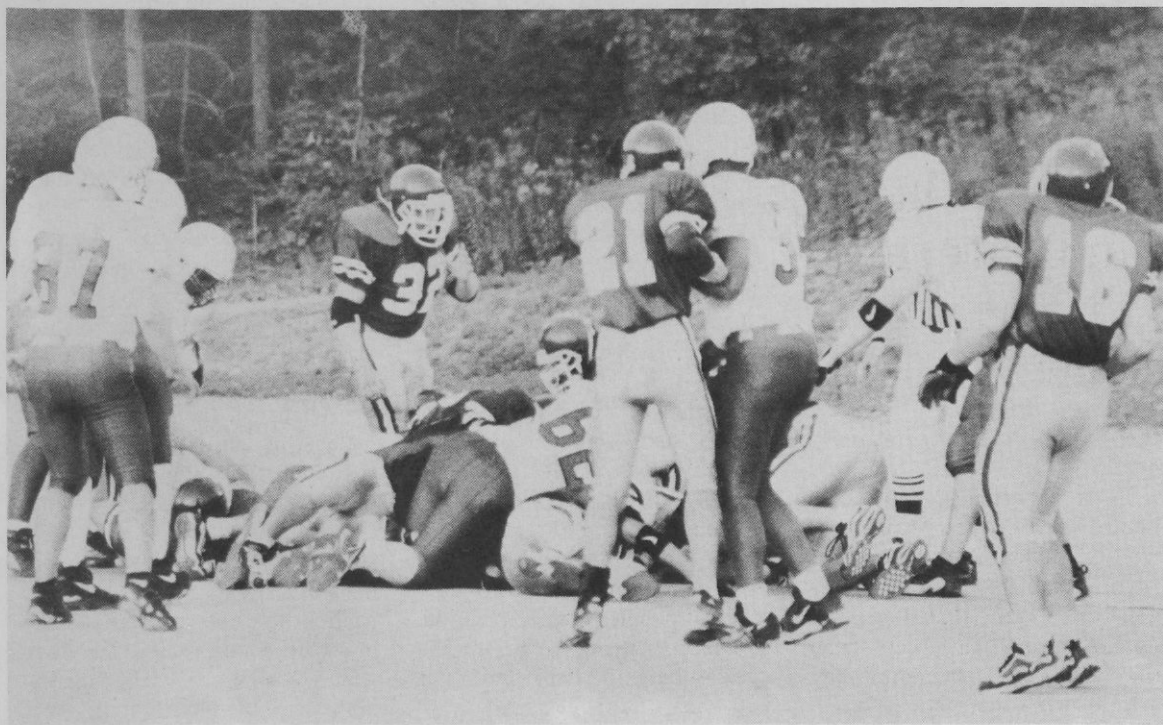


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The Alfred Saxons hit the field for a scrimmage against SUNY Cortland. The Saxons were scheduled to kickoff their season Saturday against Susquehanna. AU has forfeited that game because of allegations resulting from a party last Saturday night. Five students were arrested and six will be suspended from the football team for the season. One student is expelled, pending a disciplinary hearing. An investigation continues into the incident. This is the 100th season of Saxon football.

Men's soccer team finds fountain of youth for fall season

BY ANDY BERMAN

Goal!

This year's men's soccer team might be hearing that word a lot this season. However, that may not be good—will AU be scoring or scored on?

The team may be starting as many as three freshman on defense. Also, senior captain George Betts is nursing injuries right now.

Head Coach Ken Hassler said, "If I knew George was 100%, I would feel a lot better."

On defense, aside from Betts, will be freshman Scott Wallace, Andy Heeks and Nils Flores-Escobar.

According to Hassler, Wallace is one of the most athletic players on the field. Hassler believes that with his athleticism, Wallace should score some goals this season. Hassler said that Heeks and Flores-Escobar are both solid defenders and can both read the ball well.

If the defense isn't as strong as Hassler hopes, sophomore all-conference goalie Charlie Upina

may have his hands full. If Betts doesn't recover from his injuries, Upina will be forced to anchor of the defense.

In the midfield, junior Neil Skop will be holding the ball and teaching freshmen the ropes. Hassler indicated that freshmen John Bridges, Fitzberth Stephens and Guy-Robert Desir will all see extensive playing time in the middle.

On the offensive side of the ball, five key players are returning. Senior captain Todd Smith right now is "playing the best

soccer of his career," Hassler said. Seniors Russ Holmes and Aristedes Lopez and junior Mark Fittipaldi will all be up front for the Saxons on offense.

Senior Rob Hausrath is returning from a knee injury that sidelined him for all of last year's season. If he is healthy, Hassler said, "he has the potential to be top in the region." Freshman Karl Gnann also might start up front.

Others who will be seen playing on Merrill Field are juniors Chris Knauf, Scott Muir, Jay

Horesco and Adam Reynolds and sophomores Pablo Soto and Jason Tutac.

Hassler said that it has been a great pre-season and he is pleased with the team. "The team has worked really well together and pushed themselves," Hassler said.

Hassler also said, "The first day of pre-season and the first game are both like Christmas in August." You have to unwrap the gifts and see what you got.

Will we have gold in our stockings...or coal? □

Saxons in action—Fall 1998 schedule

Football			10/28	@ Keuka	3:00	9/24	Fredonia	3:30
9/5	Susquehanna	7:00	10/31	Nazareth	1:00	9/29	@ Elmira	4:00
9/12	Salisbury	1:30	Nov. 11	ECAC Tournament		10/3	@ Penn St.-Behrend	1:00
9/19	@ St. Lawrence	2:00	Nov. 14	NCAA Tournament		10/6	Geneseo	3:00
9/26	Carnegie Mellon	1:30				10/8	@ St. John Fisher	3:00
10/3	Union	1:30	Women's Volleyball			10/15	@ Penn St.-Behrend	
10/10	@ Hartwick	1:00	9/1	Geneseo	7:00	Women's Soccer		
10/17	@ Thiel	1:30	9/4-5	Cortland Tournament		9/1	@ St. John Fisher	4:00
10/24	@ Hobart	1:00	9/9	Hilbert	7:00	9/4-6	Bryan Karl Festival	
10/31	@ Grove City	1:30	9/12	Hamilton Classic		9/5	U. of Pitt Bradford	1:00
11/7	Bethany	1:00	9/15	@ Brockport	7:00	9/6	Consolation Gam	11:00
			9/18-19	A.U. Invitational			Championship Game	3:00
Men's Soccer			9/22	Nazareth	7:00	9/9	Geneseo	7:00
9/1	@ Geneseo	4:00	9/24	@ St. John Fisher	7:00	9/12	@ RIT	2:00
9/4-6	Bryan Karl Festival		9/30	Elmira	7:00	9/15	Houghton	7:00
9/4	U. of Pitt-Brad.	6:00	10/3	Waynesburg	12:00	9/22	Ithaca	7:00
9/6	Farleigh Dickinson-Madison	1:00	10/7	Fredonia	7:00	9/26-27	Manhattanville Tournament	
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9/26-27	Manhattanville Tournament		10/15	@ Keuka	7:00	10/3	@ Mt. Union	1:00
9/30	@ RIT	4:00	10/17	Nazareth Tournament		10/4	@ Penn State-Behrend	
10/3	Baptist Bible	6:00	10/23-24	Oswego Tournament		10/6	@ Fredonia	4:00
10/8	St. John Fisher	4:00	10/28	@ Pitt-Bradford	7:00	10/10	Grove City	1:00
10/10	Cazenovia	7:00	Women's Tennis			10/14	@ Keuka	4:00
10/13	@ Elmira	4:00	9/5	Buffalo State	1:00	10/20	Lycoming	7:00
10/17	@ Grove City	1:00	9/8	Wells	3:30	10/27-31	NYSWCAA Tournament	
10/24	Hobart	2:00	9/17	@ Thiel	3:00	Nov. 4-8	ECAC Tournament	
			9/19	@ Cazenovia	1:00			



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Dave Murray mans the sideline during a scrimmage against Cortland. AU won the scrimmage.