Project would change look of Main Street

Landlord proposes a plan to build a four-story apartment building in the Village

BY JAY WEINBERGER, COPY MANAGER

If a housing project gets approval from the Alfred Village Board, Main Street’s look could change dramatically.

Landlord Gary Brown has applied to the Village Planning Board to get permission to go ahead with a major building project, said Larry Greil, chair of the Village Planning Board and professor of sociology and health policy.

Greil gave the details of the plan. Essentially, he said, the gray and pink house at 38 N. Main Street would be demolished and a four-story apartment building would go up in its place.

Greil said the new property would have apartments and commercial space. Greil added that the new housing units would be open to the general public.

Also, Brown intends to renovate the property next door at 44 N. Main, “The Alamo,” Greil said. However, there are some complicated issues involved with the project.

First of all, it must get a green light from the planning board.

That cannot happen until Brown submits an environmental impact statement to the board, Greil said. He added that as soon as the board receives that, the board can act.

Then there are cultural and historical factors to consider, Greil said.

This is where things get much more complicated.

At a hearing earlier this month, residents sounded off on the project. An article in the Hornell Evening Tribune showed the differing opinions held by villagers.

The article indicated that many residents feel the project is a good thing, as it will increase the Village’s tax base.

This is important because, as Greil said, “The residents will want to park in my parking lot,” she said.

She pointed out other merchants are worried about the parking situation as well.

She noted that C.A.B. Brown is making a whole new lot available.

The new lot will be located behind the football house.

Greil explained that the board felt enough new parking could be added so as to not contribute to Alfred’s parking problem.

Greil added it wouldn’t make the problem go away either.

While Latham stands opposed to the project, she agreed that worse things could happen than having new tenants located directly across the street from her establishment.

The University appears to be in favor of the project.

Greil noted that Bill Dillon, director of Physical Plant, spoke for the University at a hearing in favor of the project.

Greil indicated that action could be taken on the plan in less than 60 days.

“On it, it could be three years,” Greil added. Currently, he said, the timeline depends on the receipt of the environmental impact statement.

“I’m pleased by the level of civility there has been in discussion,” Greil said. He added that everyone has strong opinions on the subject, but everyone has been able to cooperate.

Ostrower elected new mayor of Village

BY JAY WEINBERGER, COPY MANAGER AND CARMEN ANDREWS, STAFF WRITER

Gary Ostrower, a professor of humanities and a Village Trustee for 18 years has been elected Mayor of the Village of Alfred.

Ostrower takes office Apr. 1 when he replaces Bill Hall. Hall decided not to run for the office after becoming Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Ostrower said he will pick up right where Hall left off.

“There is a lot of administrative work to do,” Ostrower explained.

Ostrower said his first piece of work will be the renovation of Alfred’s wastewater treatment plant.

Ostrower indicated the project will cost $8 million. He pointed out, however, that Alfred received a grant to cover most of the costs from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Ostrower noted that Alfred was one of the only small communities in Western New York to get such a grant.

“The legal and administrative work is excessive,” Ostrower said. “But, it’s worth it.”

Ostrower said he realizes he will have to sacrifice some of his time to accommodate his new position.

While he jokes he may have to sacrifice his health to balance the office of mayor with his teaching, he said he intends to strike a balance between the two.

“Our [Ostrower] knows I’m in my office at 6 a.m.,” said Hall of his work as mayor.

Hall added that he thinks Ostrower realizes that, in order to be both mayor and a professor, he will have to get up early and stay up later.

Ostrower will have to appoint an alternate chair for the Planning Board, Hall also explained.

Ostrower said he also wants to enforce the housing code.

He emphasized that landlords are required to meet the terms of the Village Housing Code and that tenant complaints, including complaints students have, can be forwarded to the code enforcement officer, William Rusby.

“Any student with a serious question would be foolish not to contact him,” Ostrower said.

Hall said he thinks Ostrower will have no problem meeting these goals.

Ostrower will soon be working out of two offices, not just this one in Kanakadea Hall. Ostrower takes over as Mayor Apr 1.

“Ostrower has experience and knows people,” said Hall. He added, “Ostrower is a very honest and sincere person who loves this place. I think he will be very good.”

“If anyone would be interested,” said Jeanne Hyland, owner of Alfred Hair Care. “He has already donated a lot of time to the community, and I think he is interested in what is best for the community.”

Jim Palmer, owner of Crandall’s Jewelers also said he believes Ostrower will do a good job.

“Jim feels people informed about what is going on,” he explained.

Faith Palmer, owner of the Gallery, added, “I think he is going to do a great job. He is not nonsense.”

ROTC teaches life skills

BY MICHELLE PANCOE

Editor

No, they are not dressed up for Halloween. No, they are not storming the University in protest of a recent tuition hike. Those students dressed in camouflage and holding rifles are training to be military officers.

Recently, students on this campus who take part in the Reserve Officers Training Corps through St. Bonaventure University used the AU campus for exercises.

“I couldn’t explain all the things I’ve done,” said Alfred Company Commander and AU senior Matt Fava. Fava set up the Squad Technical Exercises Mar 29 as a training and evaluation opportunity for the juniors in the program at St. Bonaventure, A.C. Alfred State College and Houghton College. Those schools are all part of the same educational group.

Fava said he joined ROTC because “I wanted to serve my country and also part of education,” Fava said that his father is in the reserves.

Students of all majors can participate in ROTC, said Fava, who is an accounting major. He said it...
BY SHEPARD WEBSTER MANGING EDITOR

Every time I hear someone complain that there is nothing to do in Alfred, I am amazed. I have found so much to do here that I have to budget time to eat, not to mention sleep.

I don't understand the mentality that Alfred is bored and that there is no opportunity to "expand yourself." Sure, Alfred is in the middle of nowhere. I grew up just outside of Buffalo, and I miss my malls and multiplexes as much as any suburbanite. I hate having to drive twenty minutes to get to something.

But I knew I would be missing all those things when I came to Alfred. The guidebooks don't lie; they describe Alfred as a "rural community." I didn't come to Alfred for a city experience. I came to Alfred for a college experience. I think Alfred provides just that. It isn't right for everyone, but I think students should try to take advantage of the opportunities AU offers before complaining there's nothing to do.

After all, growing up in Buffalo, with museums, malls, restaurants, concerts, movies, plays and parties to choose from, I often complained we had nothing to do. We wound up sitting around or went to see a band. I don't sit around in Alfred. In fact, I wish I had time to do nothing. AU provides activities for everyone's interest. There are organizations for media, community service, performing arts, environment, multiculturalism, religion and art. There are Greek organizations and clubs within majors. There are honors societies and leadership organizations. There are positions of responsibility and there are sports—varsity, club and intramural.

This list has barely scratched the surface. Still don't think there's anything for you? Start your own club. The administration is always willing to talk, and it is relatively easy to get funds from Senate. Alfred may be in the middle of nowhere, but it is two hours or less by car to several cities.

I know people who consider themselves "from the New York City area" who are actually an hour or more outside the city.

That doesn't stop them from taking advantage of the city's resources. There's nothing to stop students at Alfred. No one has a car and no one is completely unhappy. Venture Vans to take you where you want to go. Whether you like to party or to study, Alfred allows you to immerse yourself completely in the cultures of college, however you perceive it.

For most people, college is the only chance to seek out what truly interests them, to experiment without risk of failure. Many of us are becoming ourselves in four years. I think you can reinvent yourself just as well in the countryside as in the city.

I admit, Alfred doesn't have everything. But who does?

In the city, we would miss out on "college" social events because colleges in the city don't feel the need to provide entertainment.

We wouldn't be able to form a bond with fellow students. I plan to make the most of what we do have here.

No one wins with censorship

BY JAY WEINBERGER COPY MANAGER

The only way it can do that is at the school level if what was published may cause a substantial disruption of normal school activities, or if what was published intrudes the rights of others. "Negative" news does not necessarily do either.

The move by KSU sounds a little too totalitarian for me. How would you feel if one day, after saying you didn't like a certain class, you were suddenly dismissed from school?

This is basically what KSU did, except it dealt with the right to publish certain news items.

There is an increasingly troubling movement in America. Those who ascribe to it want to limit what you can say. There is a bill in one state's legislature that would bar minors from going to "objectionable" concerts. There is a movement to control what can be sung or rapped about on CDs.

What many don't see is that by trying to censor things some people don't like we are leading ourselves down a road of ignorance.

Does anyone honestly believe that by ridding TV of violence, America is going to suddenly become some sort of utopian bliss?

Does KSU think because no negative news is going to get printed anything bad will ever happen?

If that works, let me know. I know getting a few good ideas is hard. Suddenly, no bad things happen, everyone is going to get a 4.0. I hope the U.S. Court of Appeals decides to hear the Kincaid case. I hope they tell KSU they have no right to control their media.

I hope people start to think about the messages they hear and make value judgments based on what they hear and read, not what someone else says they should think.

You've heard the phrase: "An inch, a mile?" Don't give anyone who wants to censor an inch. Or if you do, don't complain when you get censored.
Health fair features interactive displays

By Maggie Fairman  Contributing

Do you know what eight grams of fat (the amount in a single slice of cheese) looks like? Have you ever wondered about the benefits of acupuncture? Do you want to eat healthier, but just aren’t sure how?

These questions and more were answered at the recent Health fair. Many groups, both students and non-students, from Alfred and the surrounding area were represented at this informational fair March 25 in the Knight Club.

Most displays were there with a machine to stimulate a 5.7 mph car crash in order to promote seat belt safety. The Cranford Health Center and St. James Mercy Hospital had booths on body fat, sexually transmitted diseases and asthma.

Student groups like RAVAP, Bacillus and GAMMA were present with booths promoting awareness of various issues.

Esatta Brown-Grenway, director of student health services and a member of the committee that organized the health fair, said that the fair was meant to “influence the message to people to think about their own health.”

To select what groups should be at the fair, the committee worked with Associate Professor of Marketing Amy Rummells marketing class.

The class sent out a survey to faculty and staff, asking which groups they felt would be most important to have in attendance.

Many previous participants were also invited. Senior design students made the posters for the event, and the American Marketing Association, another student group, organized much of the promotion for the event.

Brown-Grenway said the committee felt diversity was important. “There was something for everyone-there, she said.”

Students had very positive responses to the fair.

Freshman ceramic engineering major Ryan Elliott said he found the fair “full of interesting activities that were very enlightening.”

Senior performing arts major Jen Heyvry said that she enjoyed all of the hands-on activities. “You got to get with stuff. And they had massages, which is always good,” she said.

Health fair features interactive displays

Students feel generosity discouraged

DEAR EDITOR:

At the end of last semester, like most students, many of our brothers had meals left on our meal plans. We all thought that it was a waste for these meals to go unused.

Our community service chairmain brought up the idea to use these extra meals to somehow aid those less fortunate than us. We were hoping to either get bagged food to take to a food bank, or to donate money to a needy local service.

When he tried to make this idea into reality, he was ignored. One AU staff member kept putting off meetings and would not respond to his efforts.

Finally, we were told that the project would not work. We feel that this could have been a very positive project not only for our brotherhood, but for the entire student body.

We all felt cheated. A few local families could have had a warm, filling dinner because of our generosity.

Unfortunately, the University would rather keep the resources from our extra meals than let an organization try to give back to our community.

Sincerely,

The Brothers of Kappa Psi Iota

...ROTC

The University’s discrimination policy.

The University’s refusal to give credit for ROTC classes. Students taking ROTC classes are enrolled through St. Bonaventure University because AU does not offer credit for ROTC classes. The University’s refusal to give credit for ROTC classes is based on the Army’s “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy which conflicts with AU’s discrimination policy.

According to the AU webpage, “AU...does discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual preference or disability.”

Fiat Lux

The Fiat Lux received a Gold Circle Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for editorial writing. The award winning opinion, “Sanctions harsh but necessary” appeared earlier this academic year in the Sep. 11 issue.

• AU held its accepted student open house for the private sector this past weekend.

Families flooded the campus to get a taste of Alfred. Some students were able to pre-register for classes.

The Apr. 10 open house will be for public sector students.

VITAL

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted of second-degree murder for the assisted suicide of a Lou Gehrig’s Disease patient. CBS aired the Kevorkian’s sentencing is in two weeks.

• A University of Pennsylvania alumnus fell to his death at the fraternity house in which he had once lived.

The incident at the FIJI house, Phi Gamma Delta, led to the suspension of FIJI’s charter at Penn until an investigation into the death of 26-year-old Michael Tobin is completed.

The chapter’s risk management office is under fire, as FIJI chapters are not permitted to provide alcohol to anyone. The chapter was serving at the event at which Tobin died. Tobin’s death has been found to be alcohol-related.

Penn then barred alcohol from being served at all undergraduate parties. This includes off-campus events held by organizations.

This new policy will remain in effect indefinitely. Penn administrators want to meet with students to discuss options on how alcohol should be handled by the school and students.

Until then, the crackdown on alcohol abuse at Penn will continue.

APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF FIAT LUX FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR ARE DUE FRIDAY. ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.
**Lawsuit plaintiffs fight for students’ freedom of expression**

**KSU censorship questioned**

By Kelly Knife

The students at Kentucky State University have no yearbook, with which to remember their college years.

The lack of a yearbook is not the result of the yearbook staff failing to produce a product, but rather the result of an act of administrative censorship by the university.

The administration cited poor quality as the reason for refusing the distribution of the yearbook, said Rosalind Florez, council for the yearbook, the plaintiff in the lawsuit, which las the yearbook last.

Florez said the administration cited such problems as unappreciated photographs, poor layout and not liking the color of the yearbook cover as reasons for refusing to distribute the yearbook.

In addition to the censorship of the yearbook, students said the school newspaper was also censored to prevent anything negative about the administration’s decision from reaching the students.

Charles Kincaid, a current student at KSU, and Capri Coffer, the editor of the censored yearbook, brought a federal lawsuit against key members of the administration, claiming KSU administrators censored the yearbook in order to “quell anything negative in the publications regarding Kentucky State University.”

Kincaid and Coffer claimed the censorship of the yearbook and the paper violates those publications’ First Amendment rights.

Judge Joseph M. Hood, the federal district court judge assigned to hear the case, ruled that “the plaintiffs do not have standing to bring their First Amendment claim as to the newspaper.”

The judge characterized the student’s claims as “bad allegations” and also said the students had failed to prove that the administration had censored the publications.

Hood ruled the yearbook was a nonpublic forum, and thus the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not apply.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, noted Hood’s disregard of several decisions which have not applied the Handbook decision to college newspapers.

“Free expression on college university campuses should receive the highest level of protection”

—Mark Goodman

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**Large act announced; Goo Goo Dolls to play**

By Jay Weisberger

Just as rumors that AU would not see a large act this year began to spread, Student Activities Board announced the opposite.

An e-mail sent to all students by David Clay, SAB large act chair, heralded a May 7 show by the Goo Goo Dolls and Fastball.

“We brought up the Goo Goo Dolls in the fall,” Clay said of early deliberations on which bands to bring in.

Clay indicated that after shopping around for a large act and having many bids for an act fall through, they opted to try to get the Goo Goo Dolls.

“I’m very happy with it,” said Dan Napolitano, director of student activities.

Napolitano discussed how SAR had been working for about a month to lock up the bands for the show, which falls on the last day of classes.

Napolitano said SAR had to get permission from Provost OK to have the show on that date.

Now the only thing left to handle is the contract, Napolitano said.

“There is nothing in the contract that worries me,” Napolitano said.

A few years ago, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones decided not to play AU over a contractual issue.

One difference from last year’s show: A third Eyes Blind/Smashmouth double-header is a $2 price hike for students.

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Clay added that the price to get the bands exhausted the budget SAB has set aside for the large act.

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**Court Report**

- **Speed in Zone:**
  - Kerry A. Devaney, East Aurora ($100)
  - Bruce A. Foermann, Hornell ($90)
  - Jason A. Main, Grand Island ($90)
  - Christopher D. Newman, Towanda, Pa. ($400)
- **No South Bell Drive:**
  - Jeremiah J. Beckwith, Wellsville ($50)
  - Ryan A. Swift, Webster ($80)
  - Kevin C. Barrett, Holland ($80)
  - Melissa Bohencu, Canandaigua ($80)
  - David M. Carpenter, Medina ($80)
  - Brian D. Clark, Portville ($80)
- **Failure to obey Traffic Device:**
  - James S. Muhleisen, Hornell ($130)
  - John A. Rever, Allegany ($60)
  - Jason A. Pierce, Salamanca ($50)
  - James A. Tierre, Salamanca, open container ($30)
  - Jeremiah W. Brooks, Hartwick, DWI, reduced to disorderly conduct ($630)
  - Jamie R. Buck, Andover, passed stop sign ($130)
  - Patrik M. Nosal, Buffalo, unsafe backing ($50)
  - Colleen M. Vaden, Salamanca, AOU 3rd, reduced to failure to obey traffic devices ($130), also leaving the scene of a property damage auto accident ($130)
  - Jamie A. Pierce, Salamanca, open container ($23)

- **Other:**
  - Darren L. Levine, Okemos, expired inspection ($50)
  - James D. Shyrdlu, Almond, criminal mischief, reduced to disorderly conduct ($130)
  - Joseph C. Cody, Fairport, criminal possession of a forged instrument ($100)
  - William O. Wilson Jr., Moultonville, Pa., broken windshield ($120)

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**PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER**
Ceramic museum hits snag

South Hall will be demolished to allow for the building of the International Ceramic Museum.

BY CARMEN ANDREWS

Preliminary design plans for the new 28,000-square-foot International Ceramic Museum are nearing completion by the architectural firm Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer, according to a New York State College of Ceramics publication.

However, President Edward G. Coll Jr., who is assisting with the project, said Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer has been terminated because the semantic design portion of the project was not moving along fast enough.

Coll said, “no one was at fault.” He added that the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University has an obligation to New York State to obtain a State Environmental Quality Review application, and in order to get it they need an abstract semantic design.

Margaret Carney, director and chief curator of the International Museum of Ceramic Art, and a collaborator on the project, said “we are the client, and we weren’t happy.”

Coll confirmed that the firm was terminated in early February, and that it was the first time Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer had been working with Alfred University.

Carney said, “The project is exciting and we will find a new internationally acclaimed architect.”

BY CHRISTA NYMAN

Sandra Singer, assistant professor of German, spoke at the Women’s Studies Roundtable Mar. 19 about the adventures of the first American women at German speaking universities in Europe in the late 1800s.

She gave the example of Edith, who wanted to study biology. She was another German-speaking institution that many women attended.

The majority of women attended Zurich because of its medical school program, although many had already obtained a medical degree in the United States.

Zurich was, as Singer explained, a fairly “liberal” college in regards to women.

It had never had a tradition barring women from the university and therefore many women found they had equal advantages with the young men. This contrasted with the substandard education they were receiving in the United States at the same time.

These women are just a few of the many women who played a “key role to opening the doors...” for other foreign women to attend these institutions and receive an education in the late 1800s and early 1900s, she said.

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Jazz show wows
Soloist Randy Brecker performs

BY KENNETH LEIDIG
A & E Editor

The gleam of shiny brass instruments and a toe-tapping rhythm greeted music lovers in Holmes Auditorium March 26. The Ron Vincent Quintet with special guest Randy Brecker were featured at the sold-out show.

Under the direction of Marc Sackman, professor of music, the band kicked off the evening with the Louis Prima tune that band leader Brian Setzer has made so famous, “Jump, Jive An’ Wail.”

Senior Jeremy Van Dreff and Junior Joshua Walczak performed great trumpet and trombone solos. Bursting into the kindling notes, Junior Diana Minneri sang the words to Irving Berlin’s “Blue Skies.” Sackman remarked, “Irving Berlin couldn’t read music and he only played the piano in the key of F.”

Nevertheless, the audience cheered with appreciation after the song’s finish.

The classic Glenn Miller theme song “Moonlight Serenade” slowed the tempo a bit. Heather Seeley led the saxophone with her clarinet to offer a bit. “Green Chimneys,” the thumbing bass player, Dean Johnson, got everyone’s feet tapping.

During the next two selections, “Moon Time” and “There’s a Mingus Among Us,” you could see the humor on stage as each soloist made fun of the other’s playing.

Facial expressions of the musicians added to the comical scene. Drummer Ron Vincent performed excellent percussion solos.

A ballad composed by Brecker, “Lover One,” demonstrated how easily the players felt each other’s mood and silently cued each other for solos and cadence changes.

The finale of the concert was a pulsing piece called “I Mean You,” arranged by pianist Ted Rosenthal.

In the piece, saxophonist and David Rosenthal displayed great breathing technique in producing long-lasting notes.

Overall, it was an extreme let-down during the climactic sequences. Cage’s dramatic performance is like that of a comedian whose punch line doesn’t work.

Cage played the detective who is commissioned by a wealthy widow to prove the authenticity of a disturbing pornographic movie clip, called “snuff,” found among her husband’s belongings.

Dan Centi and Joe Fruhman play judge, jury and possibly executioner as to the success of Schumacher and Cage’s film.

Centi: Well, Nicholas Cage has done it again. He never ceases to amaze me.

Fruhman: Well I was amazed too. I was amazed at how horrendous the film was.

Centi: “8mm” was an extreme let-down during the climactic sequences. Cage’s dramatic performance is like that of a comedian whose punch line doesn’t work.

Centi: I disagree. I thought Cage was great, as he usually is, although 8mm was far from a perfect film.

Fruhman: Far from a perfect film? 8mm was far from even mediocre. I may as well have seen one of the myriad of teenie-bopper films currently in release like Varsity Blues or any of those others with Robin, by all means waste your hard earned money. For me, my stress disorder from Batman and Robin, who enjoys an unusual, solid thriller.

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Celebrate Eva Zeisel Day
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Don’t miss Eva’s opening reception at the
International Museum of Ceramic Art.
Dance festival offers chance to learn and relate

BY JUDY TSANG
STAFF WRITER

“Lunge right, lunge left, circle around, chug, chug and kick!” Augusto Soledade called out to a gymnasium full of students, including several from Alfred University. “You’re all at the ‘Carnival’ in Brazil!”

No, these students were not in Brazil—far from it.

Eight AU students and professor of dance Susan Caligaris had traveled five hours to Pennsylvania’s Slippery Rock University. They represented Alfred University at the annual American College Dance Festival and Association.

The students, Daniel Fuller, Erin Isbister, Rachel Leus, Rebecca Morton, Kelly Pelton, Linda Ramos, Melissa Zizzo and I took the dance “When the Darkness Rolls Away,” choreographed by Caligaris, to competition at the festival.

The four-day event began on March 3. Over 100 students from 28 colleges in the Northeast region attended.

“It was really great of the ACDFA to entertain us with professional dance companies,” said Morton, a sophomore. “The performance was exceptional,” she added.

While schools presented their choreographed pieces in competition, students were given the opportunity to take dance seminars. The seminars ranged from traditional—such as ballet, jazz and tap—to looking into the business aspect of dance, such as “Dance Management” and “Lighting for Dance.”

The most popular seminars this year included African, AFRO-Brazilian and Hula dances.

Festival Coordinator Nora Ambrosio commented, “I can’t believe all the dedication and determination the students have put into this festival!”

Following each competition the adjudicators, Ronald Brown, Wendy Overly and Mark Taylor, gave feedback to the dancers. With reference to the AU delegates, the feedback distinctive-ly pointed out the exceptional talent of Erin Isbister.

Currently an art and design major, Isbister had contemplated leaving Alfred’s program. This was confirmation for her to pursue her studies as a dance major.

Although the original intent of the dance festival was to let dancers show their talents, AU students also made friends. After the Gala Concert, a reception was held. Before returning to their schools, dancers exchanged farewells and hopes of returning next year.

Large act band profiles

BY JAY WEISBERGER
COPY MANAGER

The Goo Goo Dolls, a trio, hail from Buffalo. They have been playing as a band for over 10 years. John Rzeznik leads the group with guitar and vocals and is backed by Robby Takac on bass and Mike Malinin on drums.

Arguably, the band’s “big break” was heavy radio airplay of their single “Iris,” from the City of Angels Soundtrack. Some of the band’s singles, such as “Name” were modern rock staples. Fans of the band remember when “We are the Normal” hit the airwaves over five years ago.

The band’s latest work, Dizzy Up the Girl, has been certified as multi-platinum (selling more than 2,000,000 units), and their single “Slide” has topped the playlists of many modern rock radio stations.

Fastball, a Texas-based three-piece, exploded onto modern rock radio with their pop-rock single “The Way,” which was impossible to not hear last summer.

Their first album, Make Your Mama Proud, did not get the exposure of their 1998 release All the Pain Money Can Buy. Frogpond, the opening act, has a new album titled Safe Ride Home coming out soon. Sound clips of “I Did,” “World Crash” and “How Would You Know” are posted on the band’s website.

The band’s sound is a combination of Belly, Liz Phair and The Cranberries.

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AU writing conference features authors

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
Features Editor

“Writing For Your Life,” an AU sponsored writing conference, was sponsored by the Division of English March 25-28.

Coordinated by staff members of the English Division and organized by Associate Professor of English Susan Morehouse, the conference featured workshops, roundtables, readings and social events for visiting writers and conference participants.

Morehouse said the idea behind the conference was “for students in writing to try to make sense of the writing world and to offer alumni and students a forum that focuses on writing.”

“There are only three writing professors at AU, and we don’t have a center for developing our collective energy in the very solitary field of writing,” she added.

Morehouse said the conference was a way to showcase and celebrate the work of writers and to show the community that writing is an important art. To facilitate this, some events, such as the readings and roundtable discussions, were open to anyone in the community.

The conference was popular with students and alumni, said Morehouse. Many people have contacted her already with ideas for and interest in next year’s events.

Alfred alumnus Jen Conrow explained, “It’s been the first formal feedback I’ve had since I graduated. The conference helped me to come at my work from a different angle.”

Leading the workshops were three experienced writers in the fields of fiction, poetry and playwriting, according to the schedule of events.

The Alfred Review Poet in residence helped to sponsor one of the visiting writers, acclaimed poet and Alfred alumnus Stephen Dunn.

Novelist Megan Staffel conducted a workshop on fiction writing, and playwright psychiatrist Robert Clyman facilitated the playwriting exercises.

Fine arts major Connie Ehlinger said of the playwriting workshop, “Bob is the first playwright I’ve met. He offered valuable information about my writing and knowledge of the structure of a play.”

Visiting writer Megan Staffel said, “It’s been terrific. I really enjoy the intensity and focus of a conference like this.”

“The experience is different from that of the classroom. There’s no fear of the grade book. I feel that I am better able to critique the work of others and to gain a better focus on the critique of my own work,” said sophomore English and theater major Clinton Powell.

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
Features Editor

Alfred professor recognized

Professor of English Ben Howard is becoming well known in his field.

In fact, he explained, one of his essays is being published in the spring ‘99 issue of Shenandoah, the Washington and Lee University Review.

Titled “The Color Yellow: Versions of Decadence in the Recent Work of Derek Mahon,” the essay deals with Mahon’s most recent collection of verse letters, explained Howard.

Four of his poems were recently published in the online journal The Cortinado Review.

Howard explained that the site featuring his poems has had more than 20,000 “hits,” or online visitors, in the last week.

His most recent nonfiction book is The Pressed Melodeon: Essays on Modern Irish Writing.

In addition, he has written two poetry collections: Lenten Anniversaries and Millennial.

Howard’s work is also included in some of the nation’s most respected literary magazines.

Ben Howard attracts attention for essays and poems

AU students celebrate

Hillel is holding its annual Passover seder at 6 p.m. tonight in Susan Howell Hall, said Elizabeth New, a member of Hillel and resident of the Hillel House.

The seder is open to anyone who has made reservations, explained New.

The dinner’s purpose is to follow kosher rules that become very specific during Passover, she added.

According to the Torah, known as the Old Testament, foods during Passover, the ordeals that we went through as a people during that time,” New explained.

She continued, “we have prayers and a meal that help us to remember that time.

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Instead, matzoh, unleavened flat bread, is eaten.

“To celebrate Passover, usually my entire family, and in this case the Jewish community, gets together to remember the exodus of the Jews from Egypt and the ordeals that we went through as a people during that time,” New explained.

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Senate Update

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER
MANAGING EDITOR

The members of the outgoing Student Senate executive board were able to enjoy spring break with the knowledge that many members of the AU community regard them as a highly successful administration.

The new Student Senate executive board took over at the meeting March 9.

The election committee announced that Carlos Pearce won the election for Student Senate president with 51 percent of the vote. Steve Tedone won the election for vice president with 69 percent.

Craig Calvert was selected as the new finance chair. Mitchell Chavez was elected secretary, Seth Mahigan was elected treasurer and Bethany Carpenter was elected public relations director.

Jerry Brody, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, commended the outgoing executive board for an excellent year.

He praised Mike Pellicciotti, the old president. “I’ve had the pleasure of learning from him,” Brody said.

Pellicciotti addressed Senate for the last time as president March 9.

He said that Senate played a “major role” in changing policies on campus and making the administration aware of student concerns.

He cited examples such as the reinstatement of the track team, the development of a village liaison and AUTV’s television studio in the campus center as proof of Senate’s influence.

“I hope if the Senate exec. board has accomplished anything, it’s been to make the Senate more open,” he added.

At the meeting March 17, Delta Zeta’s proposal for the hospitality cost of hosting the band Blue was allocated.

Renee Orlick, admissions counselor, asked for students who are interested in housing prospective students to see her in Admissions if they are interested.

She also reminded all organizations about the upcoming open houses for prospective students. The remaining open house is scheduled for April 10.

Orlick encouraged all organizations to attend the open houses.

Also at the March 17 meeting, the Hot Dog Day budget proposal of $7,415 was passed.

At the March 24 meeting, Vice President Steve Tedone reminded committee chairs that year-end reports are due April 14.

The Academic Affairs Committee said they still had not found a teacher for a sign language course. They said they are still searching with the help of a woman from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Senate approved a proposal for $75 by the Spirit Committee to “strengthen community among all campus organizations, recognize student leaders and provide an opportunity to discuss future cooperative endeavors.” They are planning a reception to be held April 7.

Pearce announced the results of his queries as to why Greek organizations cannot use University vehicles. He said they are prohibited from driving them because the Greek houses are classified as independent organizations which are only affiliated with the University.

Lindsay Sampson was elected to be AU’s representative at the upcoming Student Assembly. SUNY students meet at this assembly to discuss and vote on various issues affecting the colleges.

Senate also passed a proposal of $842 to fund the trip. This cost includes boarding and travel expenses.

A proposed Senate resolution supporting racial equality on campus was tabled until the next meeting, causing some controversy among senators.

Some senators said they thought all senators should understand how the resolutions, which were implemented this semester, work, so that they could move ahead.

Other senators proposed that the resolution should address discrimination based on gender, religious and sexual orientation, as well as discrimination based on race or ethnicity.

By Jay Weisberger

A skateboarder takes advantage of the warm weather last Saturday to try some new tricks on Academic Alley.

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**LAX team rolls**

BY ANDY BERMAN  
Sports Editor

The AU Men's lacrosse team is happy to be back on the field, and it shows. The team has started out on fire. It won four of its first five games, already tying last season’s win total.

In fact, in the latest Division III poll, the Saxons received votes.

Why are the Saxons playing so well right now? It could be because of rookie coach Preston Chapman. Chapman is credited with turning a mediocre Elmira squad into one of the strongest Division III teams in upstate New York.

“Coach Chapman is one of the best mentors that I have been around in a long time,” said tri-captain Jamie Pierce. “He is committed to having each team member reach his potential on and off the field,” he added.

Or, it could be that the seniors on the squad want to get back into the NCAA Division III tournament. The Saxons have six seniors on the squad, including two of the tri-captains, Pierce and Nick Smith.

Pierce, a pre-season All-America pick, led the squad in scoring last year, and is leading the team with 18 points. “Jamie is a quiet leader,” Chapman said. “He leads by example.”

Other offensive threats, according to Chapman, are Brian and Mike Pilled, Travis Brown, Brad Morrow and R.J. Dawson.

Smith anchors the defense on the squad. “Nick is maturing into the leadership in the defense,” said Chapman.

Helping Smith on defense will be Mike Kenefick, John Muro, Chris McCormack, Tom Bailey and Phil Reseland.

In front of the net, freshman Josh Dunn is playing goal. “Josh is playing very well, he is growing into his new role,” Chapman said.

Dunn is not the only freshman on the team who has been noticed. Steve Scanapieco, long stick midfielder, will also see plenty of time on the field.

“Steve is playing exceptionally well,” Chapman said. “He does not play like a freshman.” Fellow freshman Bryan Bacon, Ben Leder and Mike McGuire will also have an impact on the season.

The season will not get any easier for the Saxons, as their Super Six League games start up soon. The League sent three teams to the Division III tournament last season, and is generally regarded as one of the top Division III leagues.

“We have a great group of guys who are working hard on and off the field,” Chapman said.

**Bloody plays AU for benefit gig**

BY KENNETH LEIDIG  
A & E Editor

The Greek community at Alfred University co-sponsored a benefit concert for the American Red Cross March 20.

The concert featured the New York City jam-band Bloo, which has performed at AU before during a Student Activities Board event, said David Silbergleit, a junior communication studies major. The band also won an Alfie last year for its AU performance.

Senior political science major Kerri-Ann Appleton was one of the coordinators of the event. Appleton said that a raffle also took place and prizes included a free night at the Saxon Inn, as well as numerous gift certificates from local businesses.

Desiree Lombardo, a sophomore business major, worked at the concert collecting donations and marking people’s hands. She said although the concert wasn’t very crowded, she enjoyed listening to the band.

“Ever since last semester, I’ve been listening to my friends say how good they are,” she said.

The cost of the band totaled $1250, which was paid by the Office of Greek Affairs, the Office of Student Activities and the Greek community, explained Appleton. Lodging and meals for the band members were paid through Student Senate allocations, Appleton added.

“The main reasons for the concert were to raise money for the American Red Cross and to promote Greek Life on campus,” she said. “I think it was a great success.”

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Saxon basketball turns heads at ECAC tournament

BY ANDY BERMAN

SPORTS EDITOR

When your team is seeded seventh in an eight-team tournament and you defeat the second seeded team, usually people call it an upset.

When your team is seeded seventh and you defeat the second and third seeded team, people think you are on a roll.

And life was good.

Then, the Saxons defeated the number three seed, RPI, 65-60. Quinlan scored 20 points and Willie Smith added 12. Chris Kook came off of the bench to score five points and grab five rebounds.

And life was even better.

The Saxons, however, couldn’t seal the package against top seeded SUNY New Paltz in the Championship game. New Paltz won 96-81, breaking the Saxons 10-game winning streak.

Quinlan scored 31 points to lead the Saxons and finished his career at Alfred with 1,487, fourth on the all-time scoring list.

Quinlan’s name is now etched in the AU record books for the all-time leader in three point field goals made (247), and attempted (644).

The game was also the last for seniors Paul Valentine and Collin Culbreth.

Fellow senior Steve Filosa played his last game at Fredonia, where he suffered a knee injury.

“We had a great run,” said AU head coach Jay Murphy.

“We won 10 games in a row and made it to the championship game.”

Saxon Sports Roundup

ECAC Upstate Final

AU 81, New Paltz 76

Quinlan 32 pts., Docteur 12 pts., Coyle 12 pts., Fredonia 59

AU 73, Hilbert 67

Quinlan 27 pts., Smith 17 pts., Fredonia 59

Quinlan 20 pts., 5 rebs., Docteur 15 pts., Smith 14 pts., Fredonia 59

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