Possible Health Center move is explored

BY REBECCA WURST  STAFF WRITER

Alfred University is exploring the prospect of a new facility for the Alfred University Health Center, said Rosetta Brown-Greaney, director of the health center.

“The University is in the process of looking at the feasibility of a new facility for both the health and counseling services,” she explained.

Matthew Washington, Student Senate president, loves the idea of bringing the services of the health center to the rest of campus.

“It would be more central,” he said. “It would be great for campus, too. It’s a great idea, but because people work there, the school needs to work on parking for them.”

Washington commented that when the health center is at one end of campus, it is impossible for someone in the Pine Hill Suites to get there if they aren’t feeling well.

“The move would integrate it with the rest of campus,” he said.

A new International Museum of Art is in need of space and is looking at the current facility of the Health Center. According to Gerald Brody, professor of psychology, is the owner of a new International Museum of Art.

A new IMA was the initial reason for looking at a new space for the Alfred University Counseling Center, but it has moved beyond that to giving better access to the student body.

“This is, except for Kruson and Britk, a much more central location to everyone,” he said. “There is better access.”

According to Brown-Greaney, the Health Center were to move, the school is looking at a more accessible location for students.

“The proposed site for the Health Center move is between the Science Center and the dorm of Tefft and Reimer,” Brody said. “It will be closer to the dorms.”

According to Brody they are looking at the possibility of having a multipurpose room for group counseling at the proposed Health and Counseling Center.

“I am thrilled and excited,” he said. “It foresees a far better situation for students.”

AU to observe Yom Kippur holiday

BY BRANDON THURNER  STAFF WRITER

Starting next year, Alfred University students and faculty will have Yom Kippur, which falls on Monday, Sept. 16, off as a holiday.

“Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement,” stated sophomore Casey Ostrower.

New labs used to be set up on Friday for class on Monday. According to Gerald Brody, professor of science department. Wesley Hetzel, professor of chemistry, commented Edmondson.

Casey pointed out that the last major schedule change made at AU came about five years ago when the spring semester was changed to begin on a Tuesday, thus allowing students to observe Martin Luther King Jr Day.

The biggest criticism of this calendar change came from AU’s science department. Wesley Hetzel, professor of chemistry, commented that new labs used to be set up on Friday for class on Monday.

Under the new schedule, however, Bents said “the length of time to set up a new lab shortened to overnight.” Bents feels this contraction in time causes undue

Students to Social Change Hold Benefit

Freshman Mike Hansen receives information at the benefit held by Students for Social Change. Money raised will go to support anti-racist organizations and Schools, Not Jails.

Students perform a traditional Hispanic dance as part of the Raices show March 22 in Holmes Auditorium. Raices, Spanish for “roots,” was a show that celebrated Hispanic heritage and dances.

Village of Alfred passes dog leash law

BY ROBERT BAYNES  STAFF WRITER

Do you consider your dog to be a friend?

According to a new law in Alfred, it is now required to restrain your “friends” on leashes when outside with them.

The new law, brought about by a vote at a meeting of the village board, states that a dog must be on leash at all times when outdoors in the village of Alfred.

Alfred Mayor Gary Ostrewa said this all began when a dog broke away from its owner and attacked two smaller dogs. This incident left the owners of the two smaller dogs angry, and they pursued what has now become a law. If one was caught violating this law, it would result in a $25 fine for the first offense and a $50 fine for the second. If the dog is on private property and fenced in, the law does not apply, explained Ostrewa.

Leslie Taylor, assistant professor of psychology, is the owner of a golden retriever named Madison.

“Madison has never attacked anyone,” said Taylor, who has an invisible fence around her yard. “All owners would like to think that their dog is nice, but every dog has the potential to snap and become aggressive.”

Taylor sees the benefit to the Alfred community, as far as safety is concerned.

However, she does not believe that someone should be fined if he or she is playing with a dog in a large open space, where no harm can occur to anyone.

Bella is a mixture of a black Labrador retriever and greyhound owned by junior biology major Jamie Ward.

“She is around people a lot and very friendly,” said Ward, who believes that the new leash law is both good and bad. “So many students are getting dogs these days. It can be a scary moment when a

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BY ZACHARY LIND  STAFF WRITER

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Alfred University values diversity in its community members. That diversity includes differences in age, gender, race, sexual preference, academic major and just about every other difference that may arise between people.

Recently, President Edmundson requested a change in our academic calendar, on behalf of both Jewish and non-Jewish alumni, to recognize Yom Kippur. The last major schedule change occurred about five years ago, and that one to observe Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday. As all we know, Yom Kippur is a religious holiday, but in no way less important than any other holiday. This is crucial to note. AU attempted to implement its mission in its name statement to providing the kind of learning and working environment that fosters “diversity, toler- ance, interdisciplinary work and active learning.”

The change of Yom Kippur came out of the concern that AU had made little effort to respect this major Jewish holiday. Students worried that they had to make the choice between religious observance and class attendance. However, any professor who refused to recognize a legitimate student absence due to a religious holiday is demonstrating discrimination.

There is no doubt that AU values diversity. That diversity should cover all differences in thought, dressing diversity should focus on doing so in a more thoughtful way — not just giving us days off.

Taxpayer money should not be wasted

By BRANDON THURMER

Staff Writer

What can $70 million be used for?

Some possible answers include giving the White House Americans a $13.5 billion tax cut, funding an Anti-Radon campaign, or shielding and backing a war on terrorism.

However, since 1994 Republicans have wasted this amount of taxpayer money to prosecute Bill and Hillary Clinton. The figures provided by the General Accounting Office are astronomical. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and Robert Ray combined for a total of $70.5 million. Just prosing the Clintons’ association in the Whitewater real estate fiasco. This investment has led nowhere as prosecutors have found nothing but evidence to press formal charges against either Clinton.

Despite the forces generated by most Republican members of Congress and elsewhere in the nation’s capital, a portion of conservatives has supported the Clintons’ throughout their White House years.

Ironically, the Republicans’ drive to indict former President Clinton has gone above and beyond any other legal case in history. According to the Associated Press, the previous record was for a producing tab of $47.5 million spent to ame the Iran-Contra scandal under the Reagan administration.

However, the difference between these two causes was the money the contractors spent was spread out through a group of persons and illuminated a controversy of less prominence, not used to look into the personal lives of one specific person.

How can Republicans justify wasting this money on two public figures? For one, there was no other choice as Clinton’s policies were a slap in the face to the Republican Party.

Clinton approached his presi- dency with a program of translation method of policymaking. This technique calls for embracing the ideals of the opposition party. The Welfare Reform Act, which passed on Aug. 22, 1996, would not have been reality had Clinton not reached out to the Republican right.

Clinton’s willingness to include certain points of his agenda within his own peripheral and angered Republicans. Not only were their initiatives passed, but they were being taken in by a Democratic president. This defused much of the concern to the Democrats and their commander-in-chief, which left Republicans searching for other policy agen- das and eventually landed the GOP on their purses by bringing down Clinton on a personal level.

A direct result of this decision is the outrageous legal cost price tag of over $70 million. Every time a new set of charges was brought forth against Clinton, whether it be Whitewater, the Paula Jones lawsuit or even Monica Lewinsky, costs rose significantly. How could fatally conservative Republicans stand for these insane expenditures? Perhaps if Clinton’s policies proved less effective, the red tape would read a little different.

Amazingly, Clinton has suc- cessfully dodged the political bullet numerous times. In his first interview after leaving the presi- dency with Newsweek, Clinton stated that the Marc Rich pardon was granted when he exited offices “was terrible politics” and that “it wasn’t worth the damage to [his] reputation.”

Clinton also revealed his main motives for granting the pardon: the Justice Department had changed its mind and sup- ported the decision. Rich survived denoted his statute-of-limitations defenses meaning the United States could gain much of the money Rich owes if he decides to not go to court. This move and the whole fiasco caused by the proposed move to Manhattan detracted attention from President George W. Bush who was just beginning his term in the Oval Office. This result was exactly what Clinton had hoped for: drawing attention away from his Republican successor and dri- ving the right wing mad in the process was simply part of the overall plan of a master politician.

Perhaps these two qualities of Clinton pushed Republicans to the brink time and again. Perhaps the loss of cour- dency, Clinton selflessly stood behind those who helped elect him to the office, the poor under- privileged, and stayed loyal to his party at the same time by taking minor fall for the team and drawing attention away from Bush.

But could two noble qualities annoy Republicans enough to jus- tify wasting $70 million worth of taxpayer money? To this Democ- ratic, the thought seems absurd. Republicans are known as being ascended, rather than presented, the only way Liberals and Republicans learn? Clinton simply does not sit still long enough to be portrayed in petty political traps.
Dear Editor:

When fraternities were first founded over 200 years ago, their purpose was purely academic: to provide a forum for debate and discussion of intellectual pursuits. Over time, this purpose has shifted to what we now have today: social organizations and, to an arguably lesser extent, service organizations.

While there is certainly nothing inherently wrong with social organizations, Greek organizations—aside from ones such as Alpha—have become the proverbial “black eye” for many schools.

The Boston Globe has reported that small liberal arts colleges are “finding that the total costs of (fraternities) outweigh the benefits.” The paper goes on to term fraternities “socially exclusive and discriminatory, breeding trends for social attitudes against women and places of excessive drinking, alcoholism and property damage.”

What Middlebury College found when it studied the very same issue facing Alfred’s new Greek Task Force is that “as society has changed, fraternities have not, and therefore have become an anachronism. A narrowly defined, fraternity-dominated social life on campus is incomparable with our vision of the future.”

A few weeks ago, I had a lively conversation with a fraternity member who told me that the problem with Greeks on campus stem from a University that is unable to effectively administer the system, effectively blaming AU for every mishap over the years. We’ve smart kids here — we should know better than that and begin to take accountability for our actions.

I thoroughly support the new Trustee Task Force in their difficult mission. While Alfred has made great strides academically in recent years, it is clear that social and residential life may not have kept up. Now is not the time to assign blame for the failures of community’s s age 4 or so, but rather to recognize that changes have occurred at Alfred, like elsewhere, that demand action. Working towards a positive future is essential to Alfred University because our school itself becomes an anachronism.

Sincerely,

Sebastian White
Class of 2001

Task Force meets with Greek leaders

BY PATRICIA STRICKLAND
STAFF WRITER

In response to recent concern that the investigation approach used by the Greek Task Force is biased and unfair, a special meeting was held last Wednesday offering all presidents of Greek organizations the opportunity to meet with members of the task force. According to several members of the Greek community, only a portion of Greek houses on campus have received a request to speak. Other houses received no contact from the Frome Task Group and some felt that it would be unfair to make recommendations that would affect them all without allowing each Greek house the opportunity to represent their organization as well.

Prior to last Wednesday’s meeting, Andrew Hay, vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, stated that he felt meeting with each Greek house was a “necessary step in judging the quality of Greek life.” Hay added that Lambda Chi Alpha had sent two e-mails to the task force stating their position and highlighting the importance and cooperation needed.

A sorority officer, who wished to remain anonymous, added that she would welcome the opportunity to speak to the task force. “I think it would be great if they would meet with all of our members.” She even offered up a solution to meet with some representatives and cooperation.

The current trial of a priest accused of raping a 14-year-old girl 25 years ago may be changing statute of limitations laws nationally. California is so far the only state that has eliminated the statute of limitation in sexual abuse cases, thus allowing prosecutors to try Rev. Don Kimball in a court.

“I’ve watched law enforcement deal with church authorities for decades, and a monumental change has swept the country in the last few months,” said A. W. Richard Sipe in The New York Times last Thursday. Sipe is a retired psychologist who has appeared as an expert witness in more than 50 sexual abuse trials. “Prosecutors are not acting as timidly in the face of the church as they once did.”

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The Queen Mother’s coffin was carried through London last Friday to honor the woman whose lifetime spanned more than a century. At age 101, the Queen Mother died on March 30.

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“Is it a historical event, and we won’t see anything like this again,” said Patricia Sparrow in The New York Times. “The Queen Mother was born at the start of one century and died at the start of the next. She was a remarkable and well-loved woman.”

• Angela’s warning overrides the cabinet’s last Thursday that ended over two decades of fighting.

The fighting between the government troops and the Unita guerrillas ended six weeks after the death of guerrilla leader Jonas Savimbi.

According to The New York Times, United Nations officials said that the ceasefires is one of the first steps needed to end struggles in Africa.

The plan is to offer farmers $500 per acre of the crop that they destroy. However, if the farmers refuse, their crop will be destroyed anyway.

The money for this project is said to be coming from the United States, Great Britain and other western countries that have been pressuring the Afghan government to limit its country’s opium production.
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Taylor explained how language development enhances a child's ability to remember, but memories are made before we learn to talk, too. Taylor explained that she dropped a towel from the other room and her nephew proceeded to obtain a towel from the other room and clean it up. Her memory before language is possible, but what about language?

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When does this "awareness of one's self" take place? Taylor stated that around 18 months a child has a sense of self-recognition. As language develops, a child's communication skills increase as they interact with adults. The child must learn what to pay attention to and how to remember it.

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She showed a video of a child playing with Legos and chatting in fun conversation with parents. The parents began with fun conversation about the Legos and eventually began to ask the child questions about the movie Shrek, which they had seen early that year.

The parents' questions were short. Taylor stressed that this was important. "Short questions will not leave children lost and will allow them more time to open," she said. Not only was the child demonstrating short-term memory by carrying on a conversation, but discussing the movie was also practicing long-term memory.

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The last time the Daily Jolt, online at http://alfred.dailyjolt.com, offers day-to-day content and so much more, with selective links allowing you to stay informed, speak your mind or have just found your new homepage because the "Daily Jolt turns your PC into a veritable clearinghouse of information you actually use, all in one convenient location."

Junior Suzie Kelly, webmaster for the Daily Jolt, learned about the site from friends who attend South College.

Kelly built the whole Alfred site from a template, an initially formu-
lab tank. She now maintains the site, updating it daily with some help from Junior Rachel Lechler, assistant webmaster, who helps with publicity and polls.

Though the current AU Web site offers a wealth of information, the features and resources, Kelly said, “The AU Web site is not made for students. It is aimed at prospective students.”

The Daily Jolt is more student-oriented by following lines of daily interest and addresses student concerns by offering a discus-

sion section for online comments for students to interact with one another. “The reason why the Daily Jolt is so successful is that it is run by students, not some corporation,” says Kelly.

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The next request came from Lisa Tymann for the Peer Educators. She was granted $390 for the 15-run on Hot Dog Day.

The proceeds from the $7 entry fee would go to charity.

If your organization wants to participate in Library Week with Park Day on Aug. 31, see Vice President for Student Affairs. She was granted $300 for the ice cream social.

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No Evidence for Aliens

BY CORY M. BISHOP

The other day I overheard a conversation in the Litt All. The participants, like trained parrots, were spitting back out the latest trendy facts about alien sightings. I calmly explained to them that there is no evidence for the existence of alien life after throwing my sandwich at them and running away sobbing uncontrollably.

At first it was flying saucers. Then little green men were sighted all over the world. Next it evolved into crop circles. All of these facts in the world of alien investigation have been debunked at one point or another.

Flamers are simply illogical. The future of spacecraft is not headed in the direction of dinnerware. While the pie pan makes a nice Frisbee, you won't see the air force testing vehicles shaped like a whisk. NASA is not revealing their latest trendy facts about alien sightings to the world.

I'm not arguing against the idea that there may be life out there in the universe somewhere. Chances are there's some simple form of life on some distant planet in some far off galaxy. I'll keep an open mind about simple, non-intelligent life, like bacteria, fungi or Jesse Helms.

Here's another way to look at it: could you say that any life would be considered intelligent if they traveled billions of light years to come earth just to take a few heads and analyze their redness? It's not like we can't think of a single place where that would be held as an intelligent thing to do. Except maybe Virginia.

There are others who think that Stonehenge was built by aliens. They think it might be some sort of message board, they built it out of that wonderful, highly advanced material stone. They also were great builders; it's practically fallen over. And what would the message be? "Hello! Don't be a cretin. Lakeside is a great place to live. Ask me why we are here. We are here to find you up there. Did they lose the keys to their spaceships?"

Now that I have thoroughly convinced you humanoids, it's back to the mother ship, that large rice-cooker shaped object floating above the Alfred sky. Yes, Xerox. I'll analyze those ANALU's just as soon as we land in Virginia again. Pass the sour cream, please.

End transmission. ☎

Aliens do exist!

BY ETHAN KAYE

Countercolumn

It's high time we as a nation sit down with a cup of coffee and face facts: alien life forms from other planets have visited Earth and changed the course of history. There is too much evidence in favor of alien visitations than against it, and people should recognize this.

And I'm not talking about illegal aliens here, people from other nations coming here without green cards. I am not convinced they exist, although I have seen them in movies like Paul Rodriguez's classic A Million to Juan. The "little green men" stereotype is woefully outdated, as most aliens are rock skin shifters who can vary their appearance at will. Like Michael Jackson. One day he's a cute little kid singing songs like "I Want You Back" and then suddenly BAM! He's Donn Ross all of a sudden! Over the past few years he's started to look like Skeleton, too, so keep an eye on that guy.

Other people in popular culture who may be aliens: Courtney Love, Paul Reubens, Britney Spears' breasts and Marlon Brando, who scientists believe might actually be the planet Neptune in a really clever disguise.

There is proof that aliens have been visiting our planet since ancient times. Pandodesics, the Greek statistician, wrote in his memoirs "It was the time of the great famine. A flaming boat came from the sky and landed in the square. The citizens of the town set on them, tearing them apart and eating them with a side of peas and some relish from a tray."

And what of the pyramids of Egypt? Ancient marvels of extraterrestrial origin for sure. We can thank aliens for the entire tourism industry of Egypt, because, honestly, there's not much else to do in Egypt. They need to get some water slides or a slime machine or something.

The scientific community has sadly denied the existence of aliens for years. They will tell you facts about how the necessary qualities for life aren't found on other planets and how interstellar space travel is impossible and how if you eat too much uncooked pork you can end up with infections and other garbage like that. Stupid experts. It's like people who get their jocks taken off shelves.

Mystery Science Theater 3000 cancelled all that delicious asbesto taken out of schools. I say no fair! There's no way you can ignore this evidence! The Weekly World News had crashed pictures of an alien shaking hands with George W. Bush! I think that rather amazing, since the alien was very naked and Bush would have thrown him in jail for that. Good thing Bill Clinton wasn't in charge, I don't want to imagine what would have happened.

Skeptics, like my esteemed yet misinformed colleague Cory, will ask the question why they should believe us? The answer is easy, Cory. They like rednecks. ☎

The issue will rage until public alien contact is made. NASA is constantly monitoring the skies in hopes that aliens will try to send a message to us, but all they've gotten are a lot of messages like "Vegetables" and "Emmett rools." These messages, NASA believes, are not from intelligent life at all, but come from the ash young kids who live in the trailer next to the radar dish.

For one welcome our alien brethren with open arms. I hope that one day I will be standing on a plateau, representing the whole of the human race as the alien spacecrafts land in front of my eyes already filled with anticipatory glee.

The mysterious beings will lead sacred tours and walk to me and I will hold my head out in the international sign of friendship and say "Hello! I am Ethan Kaye, and I represent the inhabitants of Earth. I hope you come in peace. However, if you are not really prepared for an anal probing." ☎

More people would like to imagine what would have happened.

Finally there were the crop circles.

Look! Over there on Page 7! Horoscopes! ☎

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Lends itself to extreme perception. I chose to inhabit Frida K., the Mexican muralist Diego Rivera. Her life of artist Frida Kahlo, wife of Rivera, is loosely based on the tumultuous women's studies program at Alfred. “We are delighted that we have so many worthy candidates to be considered the founding mother of the women’s studies program,” Porter said.

Young, a women's studies minor, is the co-president of the Women's Issues Coalition and the co-editor of the AlphaPhiOmega. She has worked for off our backs, the longest continuously published feminist news journal in the country, and interned with Planned Parenthood in Horrell. In February, Young produced Alfred University’s production of the Virginia Moonflower.

“I am humbled by the opportunity to be among such great women,” Young said.

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Founders’ Day Activities

Founders Day Opening Ceremony 8 a.m., Thursday, in the Alumni Hall lobby
Join Omicron Delta Kappa for this kick-off event as they celebrate the year 1857, the year that Alfred University was officially chartered. At this time, there were 478 students attending. (AU began as a Select School in 1836 and later became the Alfred Academy in 1843.) The Opening Ceremony will feature a brief look at the history of Alfred University and the Alfred Community. The history of Alfred University and the Alfred Community will be presented by guest speakers. They have been invited to bring educational buildings of significance as well as entertaining any questions. This was a very popular activity last year at Founders Day. And it is a very easy way to meet the superior faculty for which Alfred University is known.

Pioneer Era Of Our County 3 p.m., in Nevins Theater
County historian Craig Bresch will discuss the railroads of Western New York and Allegany County. The road system made it possible for distinct students to study at Alfred and helped revolutionize the types of products and services available in this area.

Alfred in 1857: A Social Revue 8:00 p.m., at Alfred’s First Seventh Day Baptist Church
This presentation of music, speeches, prayer, and plays will pay tribute to Alfred University’s past as well as the Alfred Community’s distinct history. Featured guests will be President Edmondson, the Samakakies Chordel, Pastor Patricia A Bancroft, Dr. Susan Strong, and the Wee Play House presenting an episode of the Children’s Play. This will be a truly entertaining and memorable event!

Founders Day Reception 9:15 p.m., in Parish Hall (next to First Seventh Day Baptist Church)
Please join Omicron Delta Kappa and all other contributors as we close out the day with refreshments and conversation.


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The purpose of Founders Day is to celebrate the historic events of Alfred University and the Alfred Community. This year’s events are looking at A.U. when it was officially chartered in the year 1857. The day’s events have been organized by the AU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, and have been additionally funded by both the Student Alumni Association and the Fiji Lux student newspaper.

Founders Day Fact List

Alfred University has always been a co-educational school, dating back to the formation of the Alfred Select School in 1836. Other institutions in the mid-nineteenth century may have only admitted students by sex. Our university has always been a non-sectarian school. As a result, we are able to study the same courses as men, nor did they allow women to publicly give orations. At Alfred men and women were equal.

Early Alfred was also home to many supporters of anti-slavery and women’s rights. Prominent individuals included William Kenyon, Jonathan Allen and Abigail Allen. The College of Liberal Arts was the first academic unit of the university. It began in 1857.

Although A.U. was founded under the auspices of the Seventh Day Baptists (who were strong advocates of education), the university has always been a non-sectarian school that admitted both women and men of any religion, and one of the first schools to admit African-Americans and Native Americans.

William Kenyon was the university’s first president. He was a teacher in the Select School and principal of the Academy before becoming president in 1857. He stepped down from the presidency in 1865 and died two years later.

Musicians Rose Polonemi performs as part of the folk group Voices on the Verge March 23 in the Knight Club.

Manuel Rodriguez, president of the International Optical Materials Division and Dean of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

 Alumni Hall was built in 1851 and is the only campus building originally here when the University was chartered.

Voice on the Verge

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Island Records boasts variety in its artists

BY MICHAEL TOMP
CIRCULATIONS MANAGER

When you think of Def Jam Records, owned by hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons, you probably think of such artists as The Beastie Boys, Ja Rule, Jay-Z or Foxy Brown.

However, you probably didn’t know that some of today’s hottest and rising rock bands are actually on the Island label as well.

Two of the biggest bands currently on Def Jam subsidiary Island Def Jam, are the critically acclaimed Sum 41 and now Hoobastank.

These bands have risen to the pinnacle of modern rock charts but have also been accepted by the mainstream music audience, which is often fickle and primarily driven by a pop sound.

Neither of these bands have boy band origins, golden locks and many expensive clothing to draw attention to their image. Both bands have a down-to-earth and normal appeal with a true rock sound that seems to be a lifestyle for the men in these groups.

Island grows its artists, as bands come to the label at young ages to be bred to be the hottest and rising rock bands.

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Hottest and rising rock bands like Hoobastank couldn’t have been signed a band, it is committed to the institution of charging exorbitantly high prices for the first ten weeks. The institution of charging exorbitantly high prices for the first ten weeks. The price is $6.99 for their first ten weeks. The price is $6.99 for the first record labels.

This youthful quality has been an asset as MTV’s TRL audience has gravitated to Island’s acts due to their young appeal and new sounds.

Much like Geffen Records was a haven for great rock music in the 80s and early 90s, Island is making its presence known by developing that it is the premier place to bring young and rising rock bands to the public.

Even with major successes, Island is not without some failures.

One band that has yet to become successful is the basic top American Hi-Fi, whose one song of recognition, “Flavor of the Week” never did make waves and slid out of sight and mind completely.

Even a band such as Sufia, who didn’t necessarily sell a large number of records with Island, managed to appeal to modern rock stations and have had a good go on the airwaves, enough that “Superstar” has become a key WWF entrance song.

“Click Click Boom” was featured in two separate movies and “Your Disease” has just recently reached Billboard’s Top 20 in the modern rock charts.

Maybe you didn’t know that some of your favorite bands are members of the Island family. Bands like Def Leopard, Melissa Etheridge and Bon Jovi are all signed with this label.

However, those who are acquainted with the practice of Buddhist meditation cite many benefits.

“Meditation has helped me become more focused in school and helps me take life at a more slower pace,” said Du Chan, a first year graduate student who attends Howard’s meditation class. “Peacefulness comes from within, whether you are Buddhist or not.”

“I’ve been practicing for three years. I was told by my doctor to take meditation classes instead of medication for my neck pain,” said Dave Chamberlain, a landscape gardener and groundperson for Alfred University who also attends meditation class “I have slowed down more, and I have more patience with my wife and children.”

Osho, who has been practicing Buddhism for thirty years, said, “I have more patience, and I don’t judge people too quickly. Meditation has few requirements, but there is a need for silent space, which can be difficult to find in the dead of Alfred winter.”

Alvarez expressed a need for a space on campus for everyone, whether Buddhist or not, to practice meditation. He said, “Many students have found that there isn’t a quiet place for contemplation, especially when the weather is cold and they can’t find a comfortable place outside.”

Many students who practice meditation need a place besides their classroom where they can sit, meditate or pray without the everyday stresses interfering.
Visualizing transforms marketing design

BY LUIS VASQUEZ
ADVERTISING MANAGER

The power of prototype design using virtual reality technology and its benefits on the marketing of a product was the subject of a presentation by Walter Stewart from Silicon Graphics International on March 28.

“Virtual reality transforms the design process of a product,” said Stewart. “It also allows for a real transformation of what we think about visualization and how we can use it to bring products to the market.”

Stewart became director of Global Marketing for the research and education sectors at SGI in July 2000. He had been manager of market development for education and research for the firm. He has an honorary degree in history from Simon Fraser University and a master’s in adult education from the University of British Columbia.

Since then, for example of a poorly designed combination of a coffee cup and a CD holder on a certain imported car model. After careful testing, Volvo realized that when a driver reaches for a CD, there is a great chance the cup of coffee could accidentally get into the CD tray.

The company knew about this problem, but because they were using a physical instead of a virtual prototype of the model, it was too expensive to change the design of the model at that stage, resulting in the car being released to the market with the defect.

“The car analogy was a good and relevant way to introduce people to the concept,” said senior Shannon Alan.

Stewart also showed a short video that highlighted the main concepts of visual technology and usage by different industries around the world. One clip focused on a reality center in Australia called EMT, which uses visualization technology to train students on a variety of subjects.

Another order clip touched on IMB’s reality and visualization center in which digital prototype cars are created and used way before they hit the streets.

“Less time is required to have a vehicle ready for mass production,” said the commentator from IBM.

Individually it is not necessary to achieve success, according to Stewart. On the examples shown in the video, there were groups of people working respectively for collaborative power and achievement.

“Collaboration doesn’t come on post data arrangement, but in the actual data arrangement,” he said. “I want to emphasize that it is not visualization. We are moving into a full multi-sensory virtual environment.”

According to Stewart, if we visualize phenomena, we can interpret it in different ways, as opposed to being told what the phenomena are.

“In our society, mastery of code is the admission to a select group who are different from the rest,” said Stewart.

Stewart explained the process behind common logicality and what we are, as humans, perceive as real.

“Reality only exists in complete autarky,” he said. “Both linear and linear phenomenon with a single direction.”

“Like impressed by his innovative approach,” said Allan.

Forum reveals responsible testing

Visualization transforms marketing design

BY BRANDON THURNER
STAFF WRITER

Socially responsible investing and how it impacts both the individual and the economy as a whole was the main issue addressed at the College of Business-sponsored spring economic forum on Feb. 28 in Nevins Theater.

Another order clip touched on how financial firms are visualizing reality and visualization center in which digital prototype cars are created and used way before they hit the streets.

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Squad bounces back

BY BRYAN SICK
SPORTS WRITER

The Alfred University Saxons came into last Wednesday's game against St. John Fisher with high expectations.

The team was coming off two tough losses to Clarkson in the finals of the Terence O'Connor Tournament and Hartwick last Saturday. The Saxons were each still undefeated and are ranked 25th and 20th respectively, by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

"It's just a new year" program," said head coach Preston Chapman. "So we didn't have a lot about them going in the game.".

The Cardinals and their starting pitcher, John Kuntz, were trying to come off a tough loss to Utica in which they were tied late in the game before going up the final two goals, losing 13-11.

The Saxons started strong, getting the win in the opening minutes by junior attacker Matthew St. Germain.

After that, the floodgates opened for the Saxons, scoring the next 15 goals to take a 15-3 lead into the half.

The momentum continued into the second half with nine more goals giving Alfred their biggest margin of victory in a game this season. Since their season-opening loss to Nazareth, St. John Fisher has gone 4-4. The Saxons have a 5-15-1 shutout against Buffalo State, a 19-14 shutout of University of Amsterdam, and a 17-3 victory over Wells College.

"We have a very tough schedule ahead of us," said head coach Eric Windover. "We tried to get rid of all of the easy games on the schedule."

Despite a season-opening loss to Warwick, senior midfielder Katie Sedwick led the Saxons offensively, scoring the first and second goals of the game.

Alfred played at RIT this Saturday and will return home to face St. John Fisher this Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Mertill Field.

Stiff competition continues at Pitt for all sports teams.

Porter, Berk 3, 4-3 for the plate and one run scored in the second inning.

Harvey said he knew Berman would win the events. "He has such great focus and determination," Harvey said. "I know that he wanted it more than any other diver there, and they were not going to get in his way."

The 200 medley relay team of Kerwin, sophomore Brendan Miller, Martin and junior Andrew Harvey placed first with a final time of 1:53.04, which was an AU record.

Berman was also reclassified as "Diver of the Meet," winning first place in both the 1 and 3 meters diving events.

"This year’s State meet was the best that I have ever seen 22 men simultaneously strive for a goal and do everything within their power to achieve it," Harvey said. "Every single man on the team stepped up when he had to and did what we needed in the pool and then some."

National Championships

That resilience continued to be evident with the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships March 24 through March 25.

Four members of the team competed in the College World at University of Miami in Ohio to represent AU. Kerwin, kerwin, Weems and Schwarting qualified for the 200 freestyle, Boeg et al.

In addition to their hard work, Kerwin qualified for the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke and 400 freestyle relay.

Individually, Kerwin qualified for the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke. Weems qualified for the 200 freestyle.

After going to the championships to support fellow team members, Berman said, "I’m comfortable that I would have fit in. I wouldn’t have been out of my league. But it was fun to go and watch the team.

The four-member team of Kerwin, Martin, Weems and Schwarting placed 24th overall. Berman sparked highly of the team, saying they were "the team to beat up on them," said. "And they always pushed (us) harder.

With this season over, Davis and the team is looking ahead to next year’s prospects.

"It has to lose big seniors," said Davis. "But we have to look ahead.

Davis said the assistant coach Jay Mortin has been recruiting intensively for next year, and the undergraduate swimmers will be stepping up to keep the team going in the right direction.

The graduating seniors were highly of the team, saying they were "the ones who have driven us.

"Freshmen Nick Bradley, Justin Kratz and Kevin Martin all had great season meets," said senior Derek Harrington. "They stepped up and proved they will be key contributions to the team in the future."

"We all agreed that next year’s team has the best chance of winning the State meet yet," said. "I truly believe that it can and will happen if everything happens to go our way, that we get down 12-1 after the end of the first half, the Saxons played the Golden Flyers to a 2-2 tie in the rest of the way."

Berman and the four men who went to nationals, saying they were the "team to beat up on them," said. "And they always pushed (us) harder.

In order to qualify for nationals, divers must make either two qualifying scores in dual meets or one in a championship meet. Then their season results plus two of their best videotapes from each board for the season must be sent to the NCAA judges.

The NCAA judges then review the videotaped dives. Combining the new scores with the overall season score, the NCAA takes the top 22 divers overall to compete at nationals. Berman said the current judging process needs to be reevaluated.

"I think there’s only so much you can see from a videotape," he said. "Swimmers make the cut and they’re in. Divers make the cut, and then they’re in. But that’s only a chance that they’ll be in. I fell cheated out of the rest of the year of my season.

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Men’s swimming & diving overcome challenges

BY CATHERINE KEVET
COPY MANAGER

The AU men’s swim team worked incredibly hard this season to overcome the odds that challengers stacked against them.

“I think we took advantage of every opportunity we could have taken advantage of,” said head swim coach T.J. Davis.

“We did so with a lot of people saying that we couldn’t,” said Davis.

Graduating Todd Striker was a huge thing, but it proved not to be the end of the world for us. I think the person that’s probably the most proud of us is Todd Striker.”

Davis said the men really became a unified group during the New York State swimming and diving championships, which also were their second-place finish. “Coming off a spectacular second-place finish at last year’s State championship meet, our first goal was that we were not going to settle for anything less than second place (this year),” said senior Tim Brauner.

Davis mentioned key factors that provided some background for the record-setting season. “The women are individually diverse, but they come together as a team and support each other,” he explained.

“The team is a gelled unit,” said Davis. “We believe as close and supportive as we are. We really need to learn how to work together as a team, and I think the person that’s probably the most proud of us is Todd Striker.”

“One thing to do: get better. That’s what the AU softball team is working on.”

BY BRENDA MULLIGAN
COPY MANAGER

When things go bad, there’s only one thing to do: get better. That’s what the AU softball team is working on.

Despite a 0-10 trip to Florida and dropping two games to Frostburg on April 3, the Saxons are looking to redeem the season. Everyone learned a great deal in Florida, said head coach Jaime McLaughlin. The only way to become the best is to play against the best, she added. Many of the teams in Florida were nationally ranked.

Squad works to rebuild

BY BRENDA MULLIGAN
COPY MANAGER

Team breaks 11 school records

BY CATHERINE KEVET
COPY MANAGER

A positive season for the AU women’s swim team last provided the momentum for another great season this year, in which the women broke 11 AU school records.

“The swim team is becoming quite at home there,” Davis said. “We are a family.”

Davis pointed to the leadership of junior Carrie DeMay and captain Elizabeth Burlinson and senior Kristin Cury.

“Without their great leadership,” said spokeswoman Sara Thompson, “we wouldn’t have been so close as a team.”

The team moved just how determined they were in the New York State swimming and diving championships held at Nottingham High School in Syracuse from Feb. 21 through Feb. 23.

Out of six teams in the Empire 8, the AU team came in fourth, a mere half-point behind Nazareth College. The scoring for the Empire 8 is compiled of the preliminary times and scores at the conference meet. They are then ranked from the team, said Davis.

Junior Cheryl Junker placed fifth in the Empire 8 finals with a time of 2:16.08, which was four seconds faster than her seed time and broke an AU record. Thompson, freshman Morgan Burrows and junior Anne Martin and De May placed first in the 200 freestyle relay in the Empire 8. They set a new AU record of 1:41.42.

Thompson placed sixth in the 200 individual medley in the State finals and broke an AU record with a time of 2:36.08. She also broke an AU record in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

Junior Cheryl Junker placed ninth in the State finals with a time of 2:10.49, which was four seconds faster than her seed time and broke the AU record.

Burrows broke an AU record in the 100 freestyle with a preliminary time of 54.52.

The women’s team broke every relay record during the State meet, including the 200 freestyle relay. “You can’t do that with just two women,” Davis said. “We brought in four exceptional performers.”

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