Holtzman redefines roles

BY BRANDON THURNER
STAFF WRITER

Being a female rabbi is difficult; being a lesbian rabbi proves to be even more challenging. However, these circumstances are exactly what Rabbi Linda Holtzman has battled for over 20 years.

Holtzman, associate professor of practical rabbinics at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, recently spoke to Alfred University students on gay and lesbian issues in the Jewish community.

“There are lots of ways to be Jewish,” Holtzman stated as she detailed her belief that not everyone should adhere to strict rules of conformity; there should be an immense diversity surrounding the Jewish community.

Holtzman related God, Israel and the Torah make up the three pillars of Judaism. The Torah is made up of the five books of the Old Testament.

The RRC practices a Reconstructionist view of Judaism in which the words of the Torah are searched for. Essentially, reconstructionism is a movement in which each and every Torah text is “looked at through contemporary lenses” and unorthodox points are changed to fit present viewpoints, explained Holtzman.

Reconstructionism differs from the more traditional Orthodox Judaism where supernatural God gave the Torah to the people of Israel. (SEE RABBI, PAGE 7)

Bush pitches new plans in address

BY BRANDON THURNER
STAFF WRITER

“Our nation is at war, our economy is in recession and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers. Yet we must also face the state of our union,” President George W. Bush offered these words of encouragement to the American people on the night of his first State of the Union Address.

The speech came almost five months after the United States suffered its most deadly homeland attack.

In the 45-minute address, Bush outlined three lofty goals: win the war on terrorism, protect the homeland and revive a faltering economy.

Bush called for “the largest increase in defense spending in two decades,” for the simple reasons that the U.S. military deserves the best weapons, equipment and training coupled with an additional pay raise.

Not since the Ronald Reagan administration has a federal budget paid this much attention to national and homeland defense. The president stated that over $30 million a day goes into the war effort and the possibility of future operations only increases the need for extra funding. Much of the extra funding will also go to improving aging aircraft and precision weaponry.

By stating the belief that “America is no longer protected by vast oceans,” Bush introduced his doubling of funds for homeland security. The four key areas the president touched on were bioterrorism, emergency response, airport and border security and improved intelligence.

Developing vaccines to battle anthrax and other diseases as well as additional resources to aid in the training of police officers and firefighters were at the forefront of Bush’s budget proposals. The president argued that these two areas of concern will ultimately make the nation stronger as public health and safer neighborhoods will come about simultaneously.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, who gave the Democratic response to the Address, reaffirmed his party’s support of the president with the war on terror and homeland issues. However, he refused to believe that the parties should “stand toe-to-toe on the economy.”

The Democrat called for protecting social security from the risks of privatization, a universal pension system for all workers and a new tax break which would make the first $10,000 of schooling expenses deductible.

Bush, however, stated his intentions of revitalizing the economy. (SEE ADDRESS, PAGE 7)

Chlamydia rates on rise at AU

BY CATHERINE KEVET
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The increasing rates for AU students infected with the sexually transmitted disease chlamydia are cause for alarm, according to AU Health Center Director Rosetta Brown-Greaney.

“I think that it’s scary,” said St. James Hospital Infection Control Nurse Linda Henshaw. “Obviously, people aren’t using protection.”

Any sexually active person can become infected with chlamydia because it is a bacterial infection spread through sexual contact with an infected person.

According to the New York State Department of Health, chlamydia is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases infecting roughly three million people annually in the United States. Only two cases of chlamydia at AU were reported to the Health Center in the 2000-2001 school year. However, four cases have been reported just during the fall 2001 semester.

“Think people are definitely in a state of denial, that it’s not going to happen to them,” said Henshaw. “They need to realize that if they can get chlamydia, they can get HIV.”

Nearly 90 percent of infected women and 40 percent of infected men do not experience any symptoms of infection, according to the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Symptoms in men can include discharge from the penis and burning during urination. For women, vaginal discharge, the persistent stomach pain, low-grade fever or

New building to add rental spaces

BY JASON PILARZ
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The face of Alfred’s Main Street will look a bit different when students return to school in August, as a local property owner is constructing a new apartment building.

Landlord Heidi Brown, who is behind the project, said that the new building would offer 30 apartments and two commercial spaces for businesses.

Anyone on Main Street recently can plainly see a new project is in the works at 38 N. Main Street, as workers make progress on the building. The house that previously occupied the site was torn down last year to make way for the new structure.

Brown said the apartments will be ready for the beginning of the new school year, and they will offer many amenities for the target market of college students.

First is proximity. Brown, stated that the structure is "23 steps from campus" making these off-campus student not too far from campus.

The apartments will be furnished and will feature high-speed Internet and cable access, a dishwasher and individual heat controls. The building will have a sprinkler system and a laundry room.

But while this mix of studio, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments sounds enticing, is there a need for additional housing in Alfred?

Brown believes there is. Already a large landlord in the area, Brown currently owns nine properties in the area and said there are always more inquiries from prospective renters than there is space.

Also, there is a “niche for this kind of housing,” said Brown, which she markets as “luxury apartments” because of the added amenities usually seen only on campus.

So, will the new building tempt students who currently live on-campus?

“Whenever you add a beautiful new building, that is attractive to students,” said Brenda Porter, director of Residence Life.

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Spending needed to revive U.S.

BY JUDIE TSANG
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So, did this past holiday season seem a lot more calm, and less frantic, than past years to you? It certainly did for me. I suppose I wasn’t too surprised, but when I didn’t have to fight some serious crowds of shoppers on sale, I thought that quite odd. See, there just weren’t enough shopping and planning to manage to do so. There’s no use jumping around it; we are in an economic hole and no one can afford to do any spending.

Certainly, that is the problem. Without people shopping and buying, our economy is dragging. Maybe it’s because George W. Bush isn’t so far off when he is pushing for a permanent tax cut to encourage people to aplhage a bit and use that extra bit of cash. It is definitely a bit of an investment, but we really need to start spending money again. If money can be circulated, so that businesses will have customers, so that people will still have their jobs, so that employees will earn more hire again — yes, I am graduating this May. My point is being careful with your savings is smart. Being frugal isn’t helping anyone. Over winter break it occurred to me that we could all do our share in pumping some cash into the economy. In fact, Alfred University did their share.

The Career Development Center along with Tom Young, class of 92, organized this year’s Alfred University Alumni Networking Night in New York City. Traditionally, the networking night is held at the workplace of alumni/alumnae. However, this year, Young chose to host this event at Beckett’s Bar and Grill in downtown Manhattan, an area that has been suffering severely due to the lack of business in Sept. II. And it was for that very reason, he decided to host the event at Beckett’s. So, who came out the loser in this deal? No one; the students and alumni mingled at this fine establishment, while Beckett’s and its employees saw some business they haven’t seen for over four months.

Another example I noticed was the opening of the Viewing Platform at the World Trade Center site. With the increased influx of tourists and visitors arriving to the platform to pay their respects, the line to get onto the platform extended over eight blocks. So, a new system was implemented. Viewers picked up tickets and the tickets stated the time the viewers should return to the platform. The time they usually try to three hours later.

Interestingly enough, not only did this move help to alleviate the wait and crowds; it also allowed for the waiting viewers to stroll through a re-created small Manhattan, pursue through the shops and eat at the restaurants downtown.

I never thought I’d say this, but I do love the tourists, New York City is definitely staying strong with the support of other Americans flying in to visit its attractions.

And you, as my housemate often points out to me, we are in Alfred, N.Y. not New York, N.Y. But there should be no worries about why our spending should be limited to just in New York City. The economy in all of America is going through a recession and is suffering. In the case of NY, we cannot get on the Internet and order some gifts for our family and friends. Valentine’s Day is coming up isn’t it?

So, I knew I wasn’t just frivolously spending money this year to upkeep my addictive shopping habit. I was actually spending my share to keep the economy running.

Pros don’t belong in Olympics

BY JASON PILARZ
Managing Editor

This month, being a professional hockey player is a pretty good deal. Not only do you have a significant annual salary probably in the millions, but you also get to take most of February off.

That’s right. Between the All-Star Break this weekend and the Olympic Games a couple of weeks, National Hockey League players get 16 vacation days, unless you walk off and get to play in the All-Star Game or Olympics. While the four-day All-Star Break has been an annual rite for years, the longer stoppage for Olympic play began four years ago for the Games in Nagano, Japan.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, in his usual infinite wisdom, began this in order to increase the NHL’s profile, and hopefully make it more marketable, especially in the United States where it is the least popular of the four major sports. So, with the new large television contracts dancing in his head, Bettman sent his players off to try out for their respective national teams and compete in the Olympics. But instead of a public relations gold mine, it turned into a disaster, as the U.S. team tackled their living quarters and made world headlines.

Oh, well. At least Dominik Hasek and the Czech Republic won the gold, which was kind of cool. The drama created there, however, was not dependent on NHL stars. Remember the Miracle on Ice in Lake Placid? None of those players were NHL stars yet; they were all amateurs. Which is what the Olympics are supposed to be about, amateur competition.

Of course, having the professional play hockey isn’t as bad as basketball, when the National Basketball Association pros whooped on everyone. At least in the NHL, there are skilled players from many nations, and there is some good competition.

Another problem with Bettman’s plan is that he doesn’t allow for NHL players to fully participate. The league will only shut down for 12 days, but not during preliminaries qualifying rounds. Several teams are automatically in the preliminaries, and don’t play in the preliminaries.

Other teams, like Slovakia, need to play in the preliminary rounds, but the NHL will still be playing games at that point. Bettman refused to remove players from the nations that play pre-eliminations from their NHL obligations.

So, it is up to each NHL team whether or not to let their players play in the preliminary Olympic Games.

Some teams have some creative ways of allowing their players to play both. Minnesota Suman of the Buffalo Sabres, for example, will be ferried to Salt Lake City and back on team owner John Golog’s private jet to play for the Slovakian team, and still make scheduled Sabres games.

All in all, NHLers in the Olympics is bad news, First and foremost, the Olympics are for amateurs, not professionals. Plus, the stoppage disrupts the NHL season.

Hopefully after this month, Bettman will reconsider his plans and leave the Olympics to the amateurs.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the University’s students concerning distinguished professor Gal Walker.

Your decision to incorporate her letter into the edition of the Fiat Lux was an important one. In doing so, you provided Alfred University at large with another opportunity to see what “Alfred” is all about.

It is our collective humanism that sets us apart. It transcends all ages, it re-establishes the bonds that we Alfredians experienced during our time on campus. Gal has shown us in words the meaning of courage, determination and grace that we all experienced at Alfred. Her story will continue to be told, it will evolve, but it is in the roots of what you and your fellow students will leave with when you exit our campus.

Some day when you return, stories such as Gal’s will stand tall in your collective Alfred experience to aim high and in some way help others.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to show courage to transcend the typical college newspaper and share with us Gal’s letter speaks volumes about you and your staff, and in the end a powerful message. God bless Gal and all of you and thank you.

Sincerely,
Bob McCorry ’96
Chairman of Board of Trustees
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Debate grows on national ID

BY JALAL CLEMENS
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As of Sept. 11, the American society has been focused less on terrorism and more focused on security to the point where Representative John D. Dingell, who was ambushed at Washington's National Airport, however, at the same time, was suspected at Qaeda operation. Richard Reid boarded a Paris-Miami flight with a shoe bomb.

These events raise the question: How can we really ensure our security? Right now, we rely on photo-identification as the most commonly driver's license, as our first line of defense.

Many states have driver's license laws, allowing any individual to obtain a driver's license; however, the federal government has selected the design of state's driver's license varieties immensely. This lack of uniformity opens the possibility of fabricating one's own ID by simply creating a design, putting some numbers, a picture, a maybe, a seal of Alaska on it and covering it with a fancy lamination.

Besides, a national ID card could be estimated and provide a uniform non-forgery method for all of the legal residents of the United States. With polls showing over 70 percent of the population in favor of even a more stringent national ID card or device than the type suggested in this article, it might just be possible that in a year or two American citizens will be carrying these IDs.

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Doc Walker undergoes successful surgery

BY LUIS VASQUEZ AD MANAGER

AU Professor of Psychology Gail Walker underwent a successful surgery to remove various cancerous tumors from her ovaries and intestines on Jan. 2 at Highland Hospital of Rochester.

“Vicky is doing just fine,” said Professor of Psychology and Division Chair Nancy Furong. “She is very pleased with the success of the surgery, and she is upbeat and always keeps herself busy,” said Furong.

Walker was diagnosed with ovarian cancer early during the fall, which required her to suspend her classes for the rest of the semester. Her doctors gave her a five percent chance of living, equivalent to one year.

Immediate chemotherapy treatment was necessary to slow down the rapid growth of the tumors and make them more defined for a precise removal. Walker has taught at the university for almost 20 years and has been actively involved in numerous activities and events for the community.

Post-surgery treatment and care is going very well and, as expected, Walker is slowly recovering her good health. She went from a five percent chance of survival before the surgery, to 50 percent, or five years, after the surgery, according to Furong.

“Her chances of living are very high now, and she is thrilled about it,” said Furong.

Walker is eagerly hoping to regain her position as professor of psychology for the upcoming fall semester. According to Walker, she is on sabbatical leave for the spring semester and hopes to rejoin the community in the fall.

“She is very optimistic about coming back,” said Furong. “She is currently working on her syllabus for next semester.”

“If I had the opportunity, I would definitely take a class with her again,” said junior Charles Robinson. “She enjoys everything she does both as a professor and a psychologist.”

Students have also expressed concern on whether she would be able to teach again, and if so, who would be able to take her classes.

“Having her back again would give students the chance to take classes with her, and those who’ve had her in the past would be happy to have her again,” said Robinson.

For Walker this has been a difficult experience from which she has learned a lot. According to Walker’s experiences, people with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses do not truly change in their character; they just become more intensely themselves.

“No one in her right mind would choose terminal illness as a learning experience, but it can be a rich one,” she said.

Drivers need to be cautious, prepared for winter travels

BY JENELLE SILVERS FEATURES EDITOR

The winter wonderland outside — the glittering ice and lacy snowflakes — may be pretty to look at, but when it comes to driving, winter weather is no treat. However, there are several preventive measures to prepare both motorists and their vehicles for winter weather challenges.

Car maintenance, driving skills, a well-stocked survival kit and the knowledge of what to do if you get stranded can give motorists peace of mind.

Maintenance

Proper automotive maintenance can head off problems before they escalate, according to the editors of MSN Carpoint. The cold weather can have especially deleterious effects on certain systems. The batteries are susceptible, losing almost one third of the cranking power at 32 degrees. A qualified technician can test the condition of the battery.

Fluids, filters, hoses and belts should be inspected. Severe cold may necessitate a lighter weight, lower viscosity oil; the coolant level should also be checked.

Lights should be functional and correctly aimed. The brakes should have friction material that is intact and properly adjusted.

Visibility is especially crucial during the winter months. Windshield washer fluid levels and the condition of the wipers themselves should be inspected for cracks and brittleness. Wiper blades over one year old and blades that fail to clean the windshield in three swipes should be replaced, according to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (OMT).

Traction is vital to safe driving. Tire pressure and tread depth are the major factors affecting traction. MSN Carpoint editors recommend monitoring tire pressure twice a month during cold weather. Over- or under-inflated tires reduce gripping action because the tread surface does not meet the road surface in the manner it was designed to.

To test tread depth, place a penny in the groove of the tire, with the top of Abe’s head pointing downward toward the road and his face toward you. If the tread doesn’t reach the top of Abe’s head, the tire is balding and needs to be replaced.

J.O. Hunt, chief engineer for Goodyear Tires recommends checking that the air intake, located below the radiator, is free of snow build-up which can cause overheating.

Driving

Be sure to clean all snow from the vehicle, particularly the head and taillights. Once in the car, turn on the headlights to increase your vehicle’s visibility.

Be aware of black ice, a thin clear film of ice invisible to the eye, which forms in shaded areas, and use extra caution on bridges and overpasses which freeze more quickly and remain frozen for a longer duration than surrounding roads. Do not use cruise control in slippery conditions.

Winter weather conditions can be variable and unpredictable, demanding more attention, quicker reaction time and overall vigilance to driving skills. By simply slowing down, you improve traction and give yourself more time. Avoid sudden steering maneuvers, braking or acceleration. If you begin to skid, ease off the gas and steer into the skid, while keeping your eyes on the place you want the car to go.

Winter Survival Kit

The American Automobile Association recommends keeping the following items in the car during the winter months: flashlight, flares, first-aid kit, blanket, warm clothes, gloves, hat, paper towels, snow shovel, snow brush, ice scraper, washer fluid, water and a cell phone.

The MTO also suggests keeping a sack of sand, gravel or kitty litter for weight and/or traction, jumper cables, tow rope, basic tools — screwdriver, tire gauge, tire jack and wrench — high energy food — chocolate/granola bars — a thermos of hot beverage and candles and matches on hand.

If you get stranded

Stay calm, alert and awake. Remain with your vehicle so that you don’t get lost and stay sheltered from the weather. Set out flares and use emergency flashes to make your vehicle more visible. Open the window slightly for fresh air, and run the engine sparingly after you have determined the tailpipe is not blocked by ice. A candle can be used to heat the interior of the car by as much as 40 degrees.

With Old Man Winter still in full blast in Alfred, it is important for drivers in the community to exercise extra precautions when taking to the road.
Embedded “spyware” found in Napster clones

BY GREG PALMER
STAFF WRITER

As college students stream to the current myriad of Napster alternatives, many are finding their computers molested with uninvited piggyback software that tracks their online movements and feeds them unwanted advertising.

In efforts to generate revenues from their free services, companies that create popular programs, including BearShare, Audigalaxy and iMesh, are adding outside pieces of software that have not been included with the file trading. Dubbed “adware” or “spyware” by their critics, these softwares programs run in the background even when the original file-swapping software isn’t operating. They cause the popping up of advertisements while people surf online, and sometimes they secretly upload information about the user’s Web surfing habits.

The programs have sparked a swell of protest from a slew of people-computer-savvy enough to figure out that this underlying software is running on their machines.

The companies behind those programs are defending themselves, saying there are worse alternatives; they need some revenue sources if they are to continue to offer their products for free.

“One of the issues around free software is the need to make money somehow,” said Vinnie Falco, in an interview with ZDNet. Falco is the chief technical officer of FreePeer, which is the company that created the BearShare Gnutella software. “It’s a great compromise between protecting user privacy and the ability to support software.”

File-swapping companies aren’t alone in the scramble for revenue that threatens to alienate many people online. The drive for personal information that might be valuable for advertising purposes has prompted several companies to offer software that collects this data and sometimes sends it back to the parent company. Although most of the companies doing this are relatively small, even larger companies such as RealNetworks have occasionally tried to keep secretive tabs on computer users’ actions.

“This is all over,” said Richard Smith, chief technical officer for the Privacy Foundation in an interview on Tech TV’s Aolofic. “Anytime you’re downloading a piece of software, you are basically trusting the company not to do anything too bad.”

As file-swapping service Napster continues to decline, people are streaming to the alternative programs in record numbers, focusing a spotlight on this type of software. According to statistics kept by CNET Download.com, a software-download site maintained by News.com publisher CNET Networks, more than 6.5 million people have downloaded Audigalaxy’s software and more than three million have tried FreePeer’s BearShare.

The advertising software typically comes bundled with a single installation program, so there is initially no way to tell what will be installed on a person’s computer. Some of the services do flag the extra software, either in the house agreement that people are theoretically supposed to read, in a separate “readme” text file or as part of the installation process. It’s rarely entirely clear what the software does, however.

One of the most pervasive pieces of piggyback software is dubbed “SaveNow,” created by a company called Whirl.com. Distributed along with BearShare, iMesh and the Global DivX player that allows people to watch many online movies, this program tracks where a person goes online and then pops up separate browser windows with targeted advertisements or special offers.

Unlike some “spyware” software, “SaveNow” doesn’t send information back to the company that created it. But it continually downloads updated information about new offers and keeps a record of where a person surfs on that person’s own computer. It runs continually — even when the program it came with is not operating.

Another similar program is distributed with Audigalaxy. Created by a company called Gator, the “Offer Companion” program is slowly downloaded to a person’s computer after Audigalaxy is installed and eventually starts sending information such as e-mail addresses and Web surfing habits back to Gator.com. It also pops up advertisements as people surf. People who don’t want it must pay close attention when first installing the services or the ad software will be downloaded automatically.

People can check what kinds of software might be running in the background without their knowledge by checking the Windows Task Manager, which is started by pushing the Alt and Tab together (or Ctrl and Alt and Delete on earlier Windows). folks can also download software that tells them what is running in the background.

A final good rule of thumb is that you should always take notice of what you are downloading and where it is from. While companies need to do a better job of warning their customers what it is that they are actually installing, we have to be cautious enough to think before we click.

Home-grown group gets to strut its stuff in Knight Club

BY ALVARO VALENTIN
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In the time-honored tradition of Dave Matthews Band and R.E.M., the next big college band, Alfred University’s own After Midnight, will be performing in the Knight Club this Saturday at 10 p.m.

After performing many times at Open Mic Nights and different band competitions, the boys of After Midnight will have the stage all to themselves this time around, and they plan on using every inch of it.

“It’s just going to be something different,” said guitarist/singer Ryan M. Spruck, when asked about his plan to design a set. “As they joke about what the audience will take away from the show—not just what they would want to hear, but what they want to be said.”

Spruck also will be venturing out and exploring a different side of his band. He plans to sing without his guitar: “There’s an entire world behind the guitar that’s just not there when you take the guitar away,” said Spruck.

Bandmate Steven M. Cook agreed, “It’s like a blanket, it’s your shield.” The guitarist Mark G. Longobuco said, “It’s going to be that extra thing that really excites me.”

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Cook, who will be christening his new Cherry Red Epiphone Dot,城乡 his part just stage presence. His family has always been there for him, and when he’s nervous that’s who he looks for: “He has a unique understanding of his performance. He gets from them what he needs.”

“My family is going to be there, Ryan’s family, all our friends … it’s just going to be a really nice environment,” said Spruck.

Is the multiethnic statue a zany example of political correctness run amok, or is it just a big fuss over nothing?

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“The proportion of the dead should not be forgotten, but the purpose of the symbol seems to be more of a depiction of cooperation than anything else. If this were a paint- ing, I would say go for the multi-cultural look, but for the statue, the facial features and cast it in bronze.”

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Dreary winters linked to increase in the “blues”

BY LAURA ESPINOZA
STAFF WRITER

“It’s blah,” said one AU student.

“It makes me want to sleep,” said another.

“Think these students are talking about class? Actually, they’re talking about winter.”

Many days, cold temperatures and snow often produce unexplained lethargy and depressed behaviors in many individuals. Commonly referred to as the “winter blues,” such sluggish feelings are among the list of symptoms for seasonal affective disorder, a form of depression that occurs during the fall or winter months. SAD is a rather controversial disorder in the field of psychology. Its exact causes are unclear; however, it is thought to be linked to an alteration in brain chemistry brought on by a lack of sunlight. Its diagnosis is sketchy, as the difference between SAD and a general case of the winter blues is difficult to distinguish.

“The phenomenon is that everybody gets a little more depressed in the winter,” said Gordon Atlas, professor of psychology. “Some will argue [SAD] is a genuine disorder,” he said. He added that a diagnosis of it alone is rare, although it may often be a factor in individuals who are already depressed. Many clinicians will avoid a diagnosis of SAD altogether as its basic symptoms of depression, lack of energy and overeating are common in many individuals.

The Mayo Clinic lists other symptoms for the disorder such as increased irritability, headaches, carbohydrate craving and difficulty concentrating. It points out that everyone may have a “down” day once in awhile where they experience these symptoms. It is only when people feel down for days at a time during the winter that they may be experiencing SAD and should visit their doctor. The treatment of SAD creates as much controversy as its diagnosis. Advocates of the disorder, said Atlas, insist there are distinct individuals who respond to the light therapy that is often used for treatment. However, he added, research shows nearly everyone gets positive results from receiving light therapy, whether they’re affected by SAD or not.

“If you feel you may just have a case of the ‘winter blues,’ there are several simple ways of coping. One is to increase the amount of light in your living space by adding more lamps or keeping window shades and blinds open. You should also exercise regularly and be outdoors as much as possible, especially on warmer, sunny winter days.

“Try to be as active as you can,” said Atlas. “Go to the gym; go to a movie; take a walk. Keep in mind that [your condition] is temporary.” He also said that if possible, a winter trip to the tropics wouldn’t hurt either. It may be a little depressing to come back, he joked, “but it’s still worth it.”

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nation’s economy by “extending unemployment benefits and direct assistance for health care coverage.” The president, careful not to repeat his father’s economic mistakes, affirmed his dedication in providing the American people with jobs.

With the idea that good jobs are a direct result of a high-quality education system, the president touted his administration’s education package victory. Bush carefully noted that crafting the reforms had been a bipartisan effort on both sides and even joked about the cooperation and budding friendship between himself and Ted Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat.

Bush also stressed his conviction that the road to economic recovery travels through reliable and affordable energy sources, expanded trade and a sound tax policy. At this point, the president teased that the American people found “tax relief (to be) just about right,” knowing that not all members of Congress agreed with his position.

Gephardt countered Bush’s energy solutions by condemning Bush’s plan for being too centered on new oil production domestically instead of relying on other methods such as conservation.

Thomas Rasmussen, professor of political science at Alfred University, also disapproved of Bush’s energy plan and stated “we need a president who will promote energy conservation” not just increasing domestic production.

In light of the potentially damaging Enron debate, Bush took great interest in retirement security and pension plans. He also stressed the importance of Congress passing an economic stimulus package to aid economic growth. With these commitments in place, he pledged to work with members of Congress to make sure action will be taken on behalf of the American public.

Gerhardt took note of this reference by calling Enron’s bankruptcy a “prime case for reform,” he then proceeded to challenge the president to “act with the same urgency that you had to clean up the political system and get big money out of politics.”

Despite all of these successes and proposals, the president reminded the nation that the “war on terror is well begun, but [has] only begun.” The commander in chief took charges in remarkable fashion with direct warnings to North Korea, Iran and especially Iraq.

The very fact that these rogue states arm themselves with weapons of mass destruction, oppress their people or possess an arsenal full of chemical and biological capabilities warranted the president mentioning their names in a speech of this importance. At the very least, the mention of such nations gives a glimpse as to where the future of the war on terror will take place.

Some, such as Rasmussen, believe that an unrestricted expansion of the war will result in “a public relations disaster” as no nation will stand idle while the U.S. randomly attacks suspected terrorist nations. Hard evidence is needed before the U.S. military should enter. However, this spreading out of the battle against terrorism signals initial triumph in Afghanistan as the president only mentioned the al Qaeda network once. Bush clearly illustrated the progress in this war-torn nation with references to the song and celebration that emerged in the streets of Afghanistan upon liberation from Taliban rule and pointed out the nation’s interim leader, Chairman Hamid Karzai, who attended the address.

In response to initial victory in Afghanistan, Rasmussen cited concerns for the future. The fact that it is “easier to knock something down,” such as the Taliban, “than build up” makes the case of deciding what to do next in the ravaged nation. The president expressed his belief that these points have to be visited regularly to meet for their progress and must not be left unchecked.

The president, clearly buoyed from early success and a sky-high approval rating, announced his intentions to press on.

The response by the American people to these tragedies has inspired the chief executive and strengthened his resolve. Acknowledging the price and power of freedom, Bush promised Americans that in the end “we will see freedom’s victory.”
The Fiat love vaginas, too!

BY JUDY TSANG
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

vagina, Vagina, VAGINA!
Did that blow your mind? Don’t worry; the purpose of the upcoming production of The Vagina Monologues, to be held in the Holmes Auditorium on Feb. 14, 15 and 16, is not to make the audience feel uncomfortable.

The AU students and faculty behind the production have a much higher calling: they want to educate as well as fundraise to help stop violence against women.

The Vagina Monologues, penned by playwright Eve Ensler, speaks of the women’s often-ignored sex organs in a way that has barely seen the light of day. The vagina tells jokes, speaks about their stories and even gets dressed up.

Women of the Alfred community, not just actors, will perform the play in its entirety. Susan Morehouse, associate professor of English and director of women’s studies, emphasized that “The idea is that Ensler’s play were open to the whole community. With such a diverse cast, the playwright wanted to showcase all of us, of all backgrounds, all nationalities and all emotions,” Morehouse said.

“People get very nervous when they hear about vaginas,” Ensler says, “but, you know, it’s about vaginas, but, really, it’s about love.”

The international touring of The Vagina Monologues initiated V-Day, a movement to end violence toward women. The V-Day campaign started in 1996, and V-Day 2002 boasts over 800 events worldwide.

Alfred University’s rendition of The Vagina Monologues came about when Prophet got a hold of the script. “We all were excited. I think it’s a huge hit online even than the Tommy Lee tapes. But the problem will be that by the time a label gets around to pressing Fresno Hotel Frost, anyone who really wanted it would have already acquired it in a pirated version.

Onward to more label stupidity ... Dreamcars Records has pushed back the U.S. release date for the Eels’ new LP, Souljacker, once again, this time till March 4. Already out in Canada and Europe, the album is a brilliant return to form for the group, featuring the hard-dost fuzz guitar tone since the Kiss My glory days. Dreamcars will be shooting itself in the foot domestically, if alarmingly promoting world trade, by this divergence in release dates. Let’s face it, if you don’t order the album online before March, you really wouldn’t have bought it anyway.

United States — College-related statistics:
• Every 23 hours on each college campus in the United States there is a rape. (Campus Outreach Services)
• From 1993-1998, women ages 16 to 24 experienced the highest per capita rates of intimate violence (15.6 per 1,000 women). (“Intimate Partner Violence,” Bureau of Justice Statistics, May 2000)
• A woman is most likely to experience an assault during her first two months of college. (Campus Outreach Services)
• Nearly 5 percent of college women experienced a completed or attempted rape during the college year. (The Sexual Victimization of College Women, National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, January 26, 2001)
• Far completed and attempted rapes, nearly 90 percent of the victims knew the offender, who was usually a classmate, friend, ex-boyfriend or acquaintance. (“The Sexual Victimization of College Women,” National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, January 26, 2001)

United States — National Statistics:
• 1 in 6 women in the United States has experienced an attempted or completed sexual assault. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
• Somewhere in America a woman is battered, usually by her intimate partner, every 15 seconds. (United Nations Study on the Status of Women, 2000)
• Somewhere in America, a woman is raped every 90 seconds. (US Department of Justice, 2000)
• In 5 murdered females are killed by a partner, versus 9.6 percent of males. (US Department of Justice, May 2000)
• Approximately 1 million women are stalked annually in the United States. (US Department of Justice, November 1998)
• According to EPA, 1 in 2 rape victims is under 18; 1 in 6 is under 12. (Child rape victims, 1992)
• Boys who witness their fathers’ violence are 10 times more likely to engage in spouse abuse in later adulthood than boys from non-violent homes. (Family Violence Interventions for the Justice System, 1993)
?uestlove reveals journey of The Roots

BY ASHLEY BRENON
STAFF WRITER

Even after winning a Grammy Award in 2000, earning the distinction of Time magazine's America's Best Rappers in 2003 and inducing countless rave reviews, The Roots are still not as famous as it seems they should be. “Before The Roots came to campus, I had never heard of them,” said senior art and design major Jenny Peete. “After the show, I thought they were really talented, especially when I saw that each band member could perform well individually,” she said.

Blackthought and ?uestlove, the two original band members remaining, formed The Roots in 1987 while attending the Philadelphia Art High School together. After a few years of struggle, playing in the streets, discovery and a European album, The Roots landed their first American record deal.

From the beginning, the Roots developed a reputation for blurring the line between the already established musical genres of hip-hop and rock. They combined live instruments typically seen in rock bands with hip-hop lyrics and human-generated beatbox sound.

Five albums later, the band played at Alfred University’s McLane Center on Jan. 25. “It’s still a struggle,” said ?uestlove in an interview after the show. “It’s not like you see us on this network 24/7, or on that particular radio station. We are always working,” he said.

Bobby Rosenstock, an AU sophomore BFA art student, has been following the band since 1996 and has seen them four times in concert. “They are pretty well known, but they are not famous,” Rosenstock said.

It is hard to tell how talented they are by listening to their albums alone, because it is difficult to tell that the sounds are not synthesized, said Rosenstock.

“Once you see them live, you’re hooked,” said Rosenstock. Greg Sliqentiff, a sophomore art and design student and amateur hip-hop performer, said that their combination of different genres is unique, and therefore differentiates them from other bands in the market. However, Rosenstock said that such diversity might prohibit people that are interested in either rock or hip-hop to commit as a hard-core fan.

“?uestlove advised aspiring musicians that success in the industry is dependent largely upon computers and the Internet. “When I was coming up, it was a cassette player and luck,” ?uestlove said. “A CD burner? What was that?”

The band relays its Web site to remain in constant touch with the fans. “I’m on that site three or four hours a day,” ?uestlove said.

In his opinion, not many artists take advantage of the Internet and what it has to offer. Actually face to face with the fans during concerts can be scary, ?uestlove said. “I don’t like coming to the edge of the stage sometimes,” he said. “Usually that is when someone flowers a CD at your nose.”

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The government can have their laws. I’m keeping my cell phone. And they’re not going to get it from me until they pry it out from my COLD, DEAD, HANDS.º

They’re very dangerous. They distract people while they’re driving and tie up their hands making it difficult to steer out of a possible accident. They make you look stupid when you’re in a restaurant or other crowded public place. You’ve got someone shooting into your phone on the other end can’t bear them. They emit radiation that causes brain cancer, skin cancer or hair cancer.

Results are inconclusive, but tests have shown that some new models of cellular phones also emit a potentially undiscovered form of energy that has been dubbed “crazy waves.” These crazy waves make you do the most idiotic things. You may have seen some dire results in your local paper: a man tried to light his sneakers on an airplane. Mike Tyson mistook a body part for a Wendy’s Triple. George Lucas thought putting N’Sync into his upcoming movie was a good idea.

Crazy! As you can see, I have good reason to fear for your safety. I cannot, in good conscience, let you keep your cellular phone while the legislation ban comes. I’ll be too busy filming our upcoming movie, Congress that leaves me only one option. I need to take your cell phone away from you.

Besides, your cell phone is so much better than mine. It’s got this cool carrying case and a sleek black design that just blows my clunky Buck Rogers-style cell phone out of the water. And your phone actually uses the Arabic alphabet. I’m sick of carrying around those Dead Sea Scrolls to try and figure out which of these is the ‘Send’ button. Your phone also uses a compact keypad with several memory options for speed dialing. Mine still uses this darned rotary mechanism. Your phone has caller ID, caller ID scrambler, caller ID scrambler unscrambler and the new caller ID scrambler unscrambler scrambler. The operator has to come on and tell me who’s calling me.

Your phone clips conveniently onto my belt. Mine has a similar feature: it clips conveniently onto a belt that I have to wheel around with me. Also, when you phone rings it can play any number of catchy tunes. Mine can only play “It’s A Small World” or that nighttime hit “As We raise our Guns of Pain” by Triviet.

Still, I think the best feature that your phone has is the hands-free option. This idea is going to be extremely useful. It can keep drivers out of some sticky situations. Now, when I call 1-800-HOT-CROWN, my hands are totally free to roam! To roam wherever they must.

I’m really looking forward to having your cell phone over spring break. I’m flying down to Florida with my family. This new technology will let me call the N’Sync fan club hotline while eating a Wendy’s Triple and trying to smoke my Adlissos. I hope they play Buck Rogers on the flight.

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Kyle comes out of retirement

BY ETHAN KAYE
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They’re very dangerous. They distract people while they’re driving and tie up their hands making it difficult to steer out of a possible accident. They make you look stupid when you’re in a restaurant or other crowded public place. You’ve got someone shooting into your phone on the other end can’t bear them. They emit radiation that causes brain cancer, skin cancer or hair cancer.

Results are inconclusive, but tests have shown that some new models of cellular phones also emit a potentially undiscovered form of energy that has been dubbed “crazy waves.” These crazy waves make you do the most idiotic things. You may have seen some dire results in your local paper: a man tried to light his sneakers on an airplane. Mike Tyson mistook a body part for a Wendy’s Triple. George Lucas thought putting N’Sync into his upcoming movie was a good idea.

Crazy! As you can see, I have good reason to fear for your safety. I cannot, in good conscience, let you keep your cellular phone while the legislation ban comes. I’ll be too busy filming our upcoming movie, Congress that leaves me only one option. I need to take your cell phone away from you.

Besides, your cell phone is so much better than mine. It’s got this cool carrying case and a sleek black design that just blows my clunky Buck Rogers-style cell phone out of the water. And your phone actually uses the Arabic alphabet. I’m sick of carrying around those Dead Sea Scrolls to try and figure out which of these is the ‘Send’ button. Your phone also uses a compact keypad with several memory options for speed dialing. Mine still uses this darned rotary mechanism. Your phone has caller ID, caller ID scrambler, caller ID scrambler unscrambler and the new caller ID scrambler unscrambler scrambler. The operator has to come on and tell me who’s calling me.

Your phone clips conveniently onto my belt. Mine has a similar feature: it clips conveniently onto a belt that I have to wheel around with me. Also, when you phone rings it can play any number of catchy tunes. Mine can only play “It’s A Small World” or that nighttime hit “As We raise our Guns of Pain” by Triviet.

Still, I think the best feature that your phone has is the hands-free option. This idea is going to be extremely useful. It can keep drivers out of some sticky situations. Now, when I call 1-800-HOT-CROWN, my hands are totally free to roam! To roam wherever they must.

I’m really looking forward to having your cell phone over spring break. I’m flying down to Florida with my family. This new technology will let me call the N’Sync fan club hotline while eating a Wendy’s Triple and trying to smoke my Adlissos. I hope they play Buck Rogers on the flight.

I love that show.º
Voices on the Verge talks of collabothing ‘voices’

By Anthony Bromberg

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Polenzani & Amsel talk of collaborating ‘voices’

“Sometimes the show is hilarious and we’re all talking and it’s perfect timing, and other times, it’s more artistic and less clever,” Polenzani said. “It’s such an organic show.”

—Rose Polenzani

Voices on the Verge visits AU’s Coffeehouse, Saturday, March 23

BY ANTHONY BROMBERG

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“Voices” project is quick to stress that “Voices” is just that, a project and not a band. There is no doubt that ever make a
studio album together, or even
write songs together. Instead, they “meet” as a chance
go to tour and hone their

crafts while expanding their respective audiences as a com-
plement to their solo careers.

“In theory the idea behind ‘Voices’ was that we would combine all of our audiences. So there would be little showing

section for me, and one for
Beth, one for [each of us], but I don’t think that it’s turned out
that way,” McKeown said. “I don’t think there’s been any
pretentious, and I think there are

some people who are just fans
of ‘Voices’ and not just as indi-
vidually.”

Regardless of where they’re coming from, music fans are turning to see the on-stage
dynamic of these four musically
empowered women. The inter-
sect that “Voices” has generated
in the past four years in which
they’ve toured together, spe-
radically, is a product of their
dreams. On any given night at a “Voices”
concert, the audi-

ence might get to
see McKeown play
accordion or piano, or
Klein bring out a
sampler; or
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“The sound of the ‘Voices’ live
sho,e which is for the most part
based around vocals and

acoustic guitars, maintains a
primarily folk feel with shades of
other genres of American
roots music adding texture.

Since their first shows together, many of them have begun play-
ing much bigger music in their
solos careers, but have kept that
outside of the “Voices” experi-
ience, according to McKeown.

The simple instrumentation,
however, does not necessarily
make for a straight ahead show.

According to Polenzani, at least
50 percent of what they bring to

the stage is improvised.

“We’ve got a bunch of songs
that we haven’t rehearsed very
much, a bunch of songs that are
new that we’re working on, or
cover songs,” Polenzani said.

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The success of “Voices” is at least
partially dependent on the undercurrent of
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collaborating songwriters
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Amsel loves William
Faulkner, Tom Petty
and singer-songwrit-
ers from her hometown of
Boulder, Colorado. McKeown is
an educated musician who just
graduated from Brown
University last year. Polenzani
and Klein are from Chicago
and Rochester, N.Y., respectively.

“Tink that’s very important that Voices has always been
seen as four different songwrit-
ers who come together to sup-
port each other by, you know,
singing harmony, working on
arrangements with each other,”
Polenzani said. “Part of the
thing that’s so special about it is
that we’re all honing our own
voices; we’re all in our own way.

They provide each other with

a community where construc-
U of R to test out campus pub; Should AU?

BY BRENDA MULLIGAN
STAFF WRITER

Do students need a new place on campus to kick back and temporarily get away from the stress of college life?

“The real basis is not alcohol not a proper place for people to hang out,” said John LaRossa, University of Rochester’s Student Information Association President.

Recently, LaRossa said Rochester’s “Democrat and Chronicle” in regards to the new on-campus pub.

Many colleges and universities used to have on-campus pubs before the legal drinking age increased to 21. Pubs are trying to make a comeback at colleges and universities. Locally, the University of Rochester included their new on-campus pub, the Hive, on Jan. 31.

Campuses that have on-campus pubs do not focus on students going there to become intoxicated. Instead, it is a place for students to get together and have fun without having to leave campus for a drink.

Should AU think about having a pub on campus again? That’s right, again. Like many schools throughout the country, AU uses to have its own on-campus pub.

The pub was located in the Rogers Campus Center, said Norm Pollard, director of the Counseling and Student Development Center. The Rogers Campus Center was torn down to build the new Powell Campus Center, continued Pollard. Pollard recalls the pub closing when the drinking age increased to 21.

The main concerns of on-campus pubs are found in the alcohol policies of the schools. With such concern placed on the campus pubs, some colleges are using the pub as an example of drinking in moderation.

“Far more than not, college students are able to enjoy alcohol in moderation and responsibly. Students at AU have told us that 80 percent drink moderately or not at all,” said Jennifer George, coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program at AU.

Pubs that are on campus can provide more to the students than the simple bar. The pub scene could be used to give students hands-on training. Speakers could use the pub as a type of forum. The ways pubs could be used are not limited. The number of on-campus pubs should not be limited due to alcohol either.

In a small rural area like Alfred, an on-campus pub could be another attraction to prospective students. The on-campus pub would not affect local business either. The on-campus pub would be a place to get food, more than just pizza, and have a beer without having to knock people over to get the bar. A strict carding policy would have to be enforced. A potential limitation on the type of alcohol served is also a possibility.

In a community where success is stressed, the pub would be watched over carefully. Like the Hive, an AU pub could run on an 18-month trial basis. A variety of measures could be used to ensure a positive outcome from the pub.

Alfred Univ. wins over New York City students

BY REESAA LOCKETT
STAFF WRITER

St. John’s University, New York University, Brooklyn College, Fordham University: all well known and located in New York City. Years are many minority freshmen choosing Alfred University over the New York City campuses.

Over the last couple of years, AU has been attracting a rather impressive number of minority students from the New York metropolitan area to Alfred.

So many minority freshmen adjusting to Alfred?

“Alfred is definitely different to the Bronx, but I am getting used to it,” said Ihuoma Ude, a Freshman.

The people at Alfred are cool and fortunately I have never been in any racist situations,” she added.

But racism is the last thing on some freshmen’s minds.

“As struggles as it sounds, most students from New York City are not attracted to AU to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city. “I know if I went to school in the city, I wouldn’t be focused on my studies. My friends and I would be partying every single day of the week,” said Manhattan native Corey Rosjas.

“People are just looking for a change of pace,” he continued.

Many freshmen, from New York City seem to love the fact that they are treated as individuals here at AU, opposed to an identification number, which is common in most big New York City universities.

According to Diaz, AU’s professors are willing to go the extra mile to help their students. “They [professors] are approachable and I get one on one attention, which is very important,” said Diaz.

These transplant students are adjusting to Alfred and enjoying their college experience.

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Studies shows cocaine use tied to social order

BY NICK PHILLIPS
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(U-WIRE) WINSTON-SALEMS, N.C. — This is a monkey sitting at the forefront of scientific research, from space flights to genetics. But a unique study done at the Wake Forest University’s School of Medicine matched monkeys on the same drug as rock stars and athletes: cocaine.

Scientists have concluded that cocaine addition in monkeys is closely linked to social order.

The study was written by Michael Nader, an associate professor for the departments of physiology and pharmacology and of radiology at the university School of Medicine in conjunction with nine associates.

Nader’s and his colleagues’ work is receiving worldwide attention after its publication in this month’s Nature Neuroscience.

Scientists put 20 Macaque monkeys into small groups. Once a social order was established, the scientists allowed the monkeys to inject themselves with cocaine.

Results showed that the monkeys that were more dominant in the groups were less likely to become addicted.

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“The positive spin on that is environment enrichment — changes in the environment that enhance someone’s condition — can protect them from drug abuse,” Nader said in the Jan. 21 Winston-Salem Journal.

“The negative is that stressors in this case a social stressor — can also impact the likelihood that a drug will have a greater potential for abuse.”

Cocaine blocks the dopamine receptors in the brain, allowing the dopamine, a natural chemical that triggers the feeling of being high, to linger rather than being absorbed.

Dominant monkeys ended up with 20 percent more dopamine receptors in their brains than the subordinates monkeys. This allowed them to absorb the dopamine at the same rate that they would without the cocaine, so they never used enough to become addicted.

“There is a characteristic to how they respond,” Nader said.

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Nader said.

“We can say that the drug is serving as a reinforcement in the dominant monkeys, it was not. They did not press the lever very much to get the cocaine,” he said.

The subordinates monkeys had fewer receptors, so the cocaine blocked them more efficiently. The dopamine stayed in their brains longer, and they grew to like the cocaine.

Since its publication, the study has received attention from scientists around the world.

“I have received many comments from around the world … Germany, Australia, England, Canada, Brazil. A large majority of the comments have been very positive,” Nader said.

According to Sara Shaw, a university graduate and now a full-time lab technician, “I think it’s fascinating that we’ve shown that almost 100 percent of the dominant monkeys died as a result of cocaine. You can do a lot with those results.”

The interest in the study has put the university School of Medicine in the spotlight.

“Only a few labs socially house monkeys like we do here,” Shaw said.

“The monkeys are all male to avoid sex issues. For example, if two males were with a female, there would be too much competition.”

Despite being on cocaine, the monkeys are in good health, Nader said.

Shaw said, “The catheters used to give the cocaine intra- venously occasionally caused some infections, but this was normal and not unusual. As far as the cocaine itself, the drug has not caused any problems.”

Nader emphasized that the transplanted students are all used well-beings of the monkeys. “We will limit the amount of cocaine that they get,” he said.

“So, that’s a very, very small likelihood that the cocaine will have any kind of adverse effect on them. You could not walk back there and tell which monkey had cocaine and which didn’t.”

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BY RAJAS PARGAONKAR
THE STUDENT LIFE
WASHINGTON U.-ST. LOUIS
(U-WIRE) ST. LOUIS, Mo. — For the first time in 22 years, the Washington University School of Law has decided to inflate the grades of its graduating students.

The decision, prompted primarily by grade inflation at peer schools as well as an increase in the quality of the School of Law’s student body, is aimed at giving students the quality of the School of Law’s peer institutions.

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Washington U. school to inflate grade scale

The grading scale was changed from 65 to 100 with a forced median score of 83 to a scale of 70 to 100 with a forced median of 87. This new scale is intended to run closer to that of the law school’s peer institutions.

Professor of Law Daniel Keating headed the commission that sought faculty approval of the proposed grade inflation. Keating stated that a study conducted by WUSL found that there had been a steady creep in the grades of peer schools over the past 22 years.

“In a survey that we did of the 35 schools in U.S. News and World Report that we are in the middle of, we looked at schools numbered 10 to 45 and we found that on average the middle score at those peer schools is a B-plus. We did a mini-poll of our employ- ers to ask them what they viewed as an 83. The general response was a B-minus,” said Keating.

As a result of the study, WUSL took action in order to avoid a competitive disadvantage for WUSL graduates entering the job market.

Keating stated that prior to the decision to inflate grades, WUSL graduates did suffer slightly from comparisons of their numerical grades relative to those of graduates at peer schools.

“I think they suffered at the margin. I think any employer who is rational is only going to care about the quality of students at the particular school and where that student fits within that particular student body and shouldn’t care about how the final grade is expressed,” said Keating. “Unfortunately, some employers do, and to the extent that they do, we did not want to continue disadvantaging our students relative to students at our peer schools.”

Some law professors disagreed with the administration’s decision to inflate grades at WUSL.

Professor Dick Kuntz felt that there were alternatives to the decision to inflate grades.

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“I think the students favored it because for many years they felt they were being disadvantaged with our system of an 83 forced middle grade [which they viewed] as too low,” said Keating.

Keating stated that the close proximity of grades made the old median a disadvantage to those students who graduated near the top quarter of their class.

“It is understandable that the Law School wants its students seen in the best light. But to structure a grading system to accomplish that end forgets all sorts of other important factors,” said LaPierre.

Regardless of opposition, Keating said that WUSL students were enthusiastic about the decision to inflate grades.

The Gifted Children entertain SAB Coffeehouse

It was as if Incubus, Oasis, Greenday and The Smashing Pumpkins had joined forces to produce one love child called The Gifted Children.

Although lacking strength, the vocals were sweet, relaxing and pleasing to the ear. The band was also well acquainted with their instruments, which included guitars, drums, keyboard and a saxophone.

The crowd was enthusiastic about the show. “I think altogether it was mellow with a hint of angsty and the faintest smell of ginger,” commented Nadir Balan. Mali Navro added, “The smooth guitar rhythms flowed through my ears whilst the melodic lyrics touched my soul.”

Music aside, The Gifted Children was entertaining to watch and seem to really enjoy what they are doing.

The lead singer’s strangely enchanting dances made the audience laugh and want to throw in their own occasional “huhh” into the songs.

Although the boys were tired out from a previous show in Buffalo, they drank their adrenaline rush with their water, and came out surpassing many expectations.

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Companies looks to cash in on spring break

BY WILLIAM PLEAS
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(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE — Spring break is just around the corner, and college students around the country are running out of time to plan their vacations to various tropical locations.

And because of the week's popularity, many companies that specialize in selling spring break packages have popped up.

Some of the more popular destinations are both warm and offer easy access to alcohol, according to Joe Bush, vice president of Student Express, a subsidiary of Vacation Travel International.

“This year, some of the hot spots overseas include [Mexican cities] Cancun and Acapulco,” Bush said. “Acapulco has grown cities] Cancun and Acapulco,” spots overseas include [Mexican

According to Joe Bush, vice president of Student Express, a subsidiary of Vacation Travel International, many companies offer easy access to alcohol, which is a major draw for college students.

“Anybody can go to Kinko’s, you can get a spring break organization, but you cannot get a good deal from group who collects money, usually consists of a person or clubs, et cetera, to plan an over-

Students should do research on both the location and the travel company they work with to make sure they are not cheated. This is something Lauren McArdle, marketing director for Sunsplash Tours Inc., also suggested.

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Thatambia said that the events were cancelled, a spring break tour operator would be able to either refund you or work with the airline to get another flight. A spring break organization does not have that kind of lever-

“Anybody can go to Kinko’s, take a bunch of tropical pictures and say they have a spring break company,” Bush said. “In reality, there are probably only five or six actual companies that are really working in the stu-

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Basketball

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Coming off a successful dual meet season, the Saxons swim teams are preparing for the championship season which will begin with the New York State Championships at the end of February.

“This season, in general, was awesome,” said Saxon Head Coach TJ Davis. “We swam better than ever in our dual meets. On both the men's and women's sides, the focus for the dual meets was great.”

The Saxons will be carrying the success from their regular season performances into the post-season. The Saxons posted the best season dual meet record ever at Alfred (6-2). The losses came to Hartwick and Ithaca. Both are teams that have considerable depth, and Ithaca is a team
even the Saxons respect.

Men’s squad claims first place at AU Invitational, Jan 26-27

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SPORTS WRITER

Calcaigni and Matt Seavey also had top finishes in their respective races. Washburn finished third in the giant slalom and sixth in the slalom. Calcaigni was fourth in the giant slalom and Seavey came in fifth in the slalom.

Now the team is looking forward to the Midwest All-Conference Meet, which took place Feb. 2 and 3. “This is a big meet for us,” said Mostue. “We're skiing against a lot of teams we don't usually ski against.”

The team has had difficulty practicing for this meet due to the recent heat wave and lack of snow. “They do, however, feel prepared for this meet after spending a lot of time in the gym when they couldn't spend time on the slopes.”

Ideally, the team would be running gates in preparation for the big meet. Unlike most of the Alfred population, they are hoping it gets colder soon.

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BASKETBALL

Team falls off streak

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“We played great in the first semester,” said Head Coach Michele Finn, “but we have only played OK in the second semester. The schedule has not been very kind to the team in these first couple weeks of the semester. If there is a let up in the schedule it will be at Keuka (7-7) on Wednesday in their only non-conference match-up the rest of the season.

Finn anticipates tough games at Nanseby (8-8) on Friday and RIT (11-5) on Saturday. “RIT is one of those teams nobody wants to face,” said Finn. “All of their losses have been close.”

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ty and is playing with much more confidence than in previous seasons. “They give 150 percent every game,” said Finn.

Saxons deLemoyne College, 155-143

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Jan. 26 was a good day for senior Devon Downing, and for the AU men's basketball team, as Downing broke the school record for career points. The team then proceeded to win the game against Utica, 65-62.

The old record stood at 1,931 career points, held by Bill Docteur. “Random people I don't know, ‘I don't think they'd be like for him, Downing smiled and shook his head.

“Some people I don't know...” Murphy stated. “It was a pretty neat thing to see,” Murphy said. “It was great of Bill to do.”

Murphy did not know, until that morning, that Downing was as close as he was to the record — he needed only 11 points going into the game to surpass Byrne's record.

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