Community comments on U.S. election ruckus

**BY CHRISTA NYMAN**

Staff Writer

With the presidential election still being disputed, after the discussion with chad-containing ballots versus “dimple chad,” after the counting and the recounting, it’s not surprising that some politically-minded people on this campus have some opinions on voter turnout, the election process and how it will affect America’s future. These “experts” — junior Angela Young, Green Party spokesperson Ashley Johnson, president of the College Republicans Professor of History and Mayor of Alfred, Gary Ostrover, and College Democrat President Eric Zuckerman — all felt this election will affect voter turnout in the future. Zuckerman said he felt that this election will have a “positive effect” on voter turnout. Perhaps, said Ostrover, “Americans who normally sit out these elections, will realize that their vote ‘really does matter’” Johnson agreed. He said he thought Americans will see how important an individual vote is.

However, Ostrover recognized that there is another possibility: people could feel that their votes are not counted, he said. Young argued that while she hopes this close election will “inspire people” to vote, she worries that voters, especially Green Party supporters will become “discouraged.” The Nader campaign was more mobilized than it had ever been, but Ralph Nader still only received 3 percent of the vote. “I hope the Green Party doesn’t lose hope,” she said.

Another topic on a lot of people’s minds since Nov. 7 is the Electoral College and the election process. Zuckerman reminded us that upon him the official seal of the Alfred University presidency. Other speakers will be Seth Sullivan, Student Senate president, and Thomas Odd Nol, Faculty Senate president. “As a candidate for the presidency of Alfred, I saw the possibility of Alfred’s achieving national stature as an institution,” he said. Ostrover said with confidence, that there will be “no fundamental change” in the Electoral College because that’s how it works. Ostrover also included that electoral votes by section will change partly because it’s a practical system.

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**Edmondson to be installed Sat.**

**BY SUE GOETSCHIUS**

AU News Bureau

Charles M. Edmondson will be formally installed as Alfred University’s 13th president in a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in Harter Hall. A reception from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Miller Performing Arts Center will follow. Gene M. Bernstein, chairman of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, will administer the oath of office to Edmondson and bestow upon him the official seal of the Alfred University presidency.

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**Binns work progresses**

**Building to reopen for fall semester**

**BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN**

News Editor

Because 212 minor setbacks occurred during the restoration of Binns-Merrill Hall, there will be no classes in this building until the fall of 2001, instead of the fall of 2000, as originally scheduled completion date at the end of December. “Generations are really tricky,” said new project manager at LeChase Construction Fred Thompson, indicating that it is easier to construct an entirely new building than restore one.

Thompson, who took over for Peter Flynn in May 2000 after graduating from Alfred State College, explained that unforeseen problems can arise as restoration progresses. For example, when the loading dock was extended, clay was found in the soil, which isn’t stable to build upon. Extra time was needed to remove the clay and replace it with a stable soil, which put that particular contractor on hold and cost the school extra money.

“One is that they’re a little behind, but we [those involved in the restoration process] knew early on that because the project started late, it would take longer than the original projected finish date,” said Jeffrey H. Johnson, director of the Ceramic Physical Plant. Carol Wood, the director of Statutory Administration, who makes sure Deans Richard Thompson and Ronald Gordon are satisfied that their needs are being met, is pleased with the progress of the restoration process. She indicated that there have been fewer problems with Binns-Merrill as compared to other buildings that she has seen restored and felt the contractors have been helpful.

Project Manager Thompson indicated that contractors can also be slowed down because the paperwork sometimes required to make a change order, which changes or adds to the original plans, can be a two to three month process. Both Thompson and Johnson explained that the reason for this is in part because the change has to be approved by the architect, Staffroll Mouve, then LeChase Construction, and finally the state legislature, if the dollar amount is high enough.

Because new change orders cannot be processed without further delay of the completion of Binns-Merrill, Johnson said that part of the contract with LeChase will be eliminated and the Ceramic Physical Plant will finish the necessary components of the project. LeChase will turn the second floor over to the Ceramic

**“Humanist” art centers student show**

**BY SARA GUARIGLIA**

A & E Editor

“Mind, Meat, and Matter: A Family Event” drew a crowd to Harter Hall’s Student Gallery on Nov. 16. The show featured works by senior Amy Garbark and juniors Thoa Erick and Tom McCabe. Matt Thompson provided clarinet music to accompany the show.

“We called it a ‘family event’ because that’s how we see it — Alfred is like a family,” said Garbark. A few “family portraits” were displayed in the show, including a series of photographs titled “Racquetball Champions 2000” and a cowboy-themed portrait from Wal-Mart.

While Erick had no other planned theme, many of the pieces featured could be interpreted as feminist art. “Some people said they were offended by it,” said McCabe. “Or they said, ‘All that feminism stuff, it’s been done before.’ We see it more as humanism. We were going for a balance of humor and seriousness.” Garbark added, “We had a fun side to it, used the playfulness to draw people in and really take a look.”

Many of the works reflected this statement: McCabe’s “Verbal Offense #1” was the front of a poster, which was made of blue cast glass with bubbles in the place of nipples. One of Erick’s pieces, “The Destruction of the Male Body,” appeared to drip blood onto the pages of a book, which was open to a page headed by the title of the piece. Garbark’s nice art as an institution is a continuation of the storm.
Drinking not a way to ease final stress

Stressed? Don’t answer, we know you are. However, before you procrastinate another minute on that take-home final, do yourself a favor and leave the Sam Adams Winter Lager in the fridge a little longer. Drilling is not the thinking student’s way to deal with stress. Nor is going out and partying to “relax.”

Sure, we all deserve a down day or a venue to release our tension. And surely, AU has event after event to fix that. By missing classes on that Tuesday, students may have had time to look at travel plans, change them, get a head start… anything to help out. But try trading stress for stress, just hope everyone makes it home OK seems to assume that most AU students head south and east to go home. We’d like to see proof of that.

The safety of students is something this University touts as being of superior importance. Apparently, it’s not as important as going to class.

Foresight would have helped us

BY JASON PILARZ
COPY MANAGER

As our presidential election enters its second month, I’m sure the people are tired of hearing about it. I think one thing that is lost among all the discussions of disputed ballots, hanging chads and Katherine Harris’s makeup is how thoroughly the American public are united in this situation.

Here we are, trying to elect the leader of the free world, and the election has turned into a national disgrace and an international joke. The problem this year is that the closeness of the race caused election officials across the country with their states out.

If you look at the disputed, especially in Florida, it is obvious that most of this should have been cleared up before the election, not after. Normally, a race is such that a few thousand votes can be discarded without any effect on the outcome. This year that means most Alfred students will get to scramble in the 10-15 days before the Christmas (lose for Hammelk) to find gifts once getting home. No fun.

While I will probably be taking time to shop in actual stores when I get home, I’ve decided to avoid the parking mess, the lines and the chaos of places like the King of Prussia Mall.

Which brings me back to this Internet business folks. If you haven’t found the beauty in Internet shopping yet, please, try it. Most credit cards guarantee security on the web and why not take advantage.

Obviously, I can sit here and sip tea, not needing to try my luck with icy roads, and find gifts for some of my friends. Heck, you can even ship stuff directly to your more distant friends. Somebody will say that’s impersonal. I say it’s intelligent.

Plus, you can totally cheat the system in some ways.

Our Lady Peace is releasing a new album on Dec. 12 on Chrysalis and we Americans are going to have to wait until February to see it on our record racks. Show the music lover in your life how smart you are and log on to Chapters.ca or any number of other Canadian shops. The grand total for the OLP CD came to barely $15 American, including shipping. Sure, it may take a little longer to ship, but boy, what friend of yours wouldn’t mind getting something no one here can have for a while?

It’s all out there, ready for you to click. No messy shelves of already-sorterd-through-by- weirdo-people clothing. No guy in front of you who has three credit cards rejected for being over the limit.

Some people say they would rather see the item in a store, and I guess I understand that. Plus, I know that there are some things that I’m not going to find online — things from small businesses, mainly.

However, with all the stress of the last three weeks of school, including finals, we’d be wise to make sure our winter breaks don’t find us tearing our hair away with the garbage on the Internet, because online shopping is making sure the Internet is in place in today’s hectic world.
Fiat Lux

From scrum to yum in Scio

BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

What’s a Thanksgiving meal with night games AU women's rugby players?

The Thanksgiving dinner for the Allegany Youth Compeer Program at St. Joe's Friday, Nov. 17, of course.

The team's skills left the playing field that night and headed into the kitchen and dining area where they served about 50 children and their families participating in the Compeer program.

Every year, Compeer holds an annual Thanksgiving dinner and this year it was held at the St. Joe Fire Hall. Eight Alfred students were on hand to help set up, cook and clean.

Under the advisement of John Dietrich, director of Powell dining and advisor to the rugby team, the group left Alfred and arrived in Scio a little after 3 p.m. cooking hot food and generosity. The dinner was scheduled for 5 p.m.

According to Dietrich, the team has talked about volunteering their time since the summer. "They [the team] were interested in helping out, so I said, 'OK, let's go'," he said.

"We tried to make it as cool as possible," Alicia Culbertson, co-captain of the team, said. "The kids were impressed when we took their jackets for them and served them."

The kids weren't the only guests that were impressed.

"Parents thanked us up and down and a thousand times," Culbertson said.

"Parents said what a good idea it was for us to help out," freshman Katie Downey said. "It [the evening] was a lot of fun and I had a great time and experience."

Culbertson shared the same view. "The kids were cool...I enjoyed it and I'm not even a big "kid-person.""

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"It was really only Florida's party in power. What is at stake is much more significant and profound," Johnson said.

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Burchett: Education needed

BY STEPHANIE BLISS
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Today’s institutions need to bring in the best programs for reform, said Rob Burchett, during a press conference on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Susan Low Hall.

“Education is the most effective way to reach inmates, and I wasn’t one of the lucky ones,” said Burchett, an ex-convict who excelled in an educational program on the surviving time in prison.

Born and raised in Charlestown, Mass., a small Irish-Catholic community, Burchett graduated from high school and joined the Marines, completing an honorable three and a half years at the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines.

Upon leaving the Marines, Burchett returned to his hometown where he was involved in the accidental homicide of a known pedophile and went underground to escape prosecution.

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After his arrest, Burchett was convicted of manslaughter and armed robbery at age 21 and sentenced to serve 31 to 35 years in prison.

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Burchett was looking forward to getting back into the building and starting to study.

Burchett’s exceptional behavior in several institutions across the United States earned him a place in a new educational program instituted by Boston University.

Out of 10,000 inmates, Burchett was one of the 50 chosen to participate in entry-level college courses.

For the program, Burchett was released after serving 18 years in prison.

Now residing in Alfred with his wife, Burchett would like to earn a doctorate and continue to “give back to the community.”

“I wouldn’t be who I am today if I wasn’t given the opportunity to reform myself through education.” — Rob Burchett

...Renovations

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Physical Plant on Jan. 31 or Feb. 1, while the first floor will be turned over six to eight weeks later in order for lab and office equipment to be installed over an extended period of time, eliminating the need for storage space.

“After the top two floors, it will go very quickly,” said Johnson in reference to the basement and the sub-basement, which will not require as much work to finish.

Thompson indicated that the roof has been restored, while a new stair-tower will allow students to come into Buns-Merrill from any floor in Hradec Hall.

One of LeChaste’s current projects is restoring an art gallery by adding two giant skylights and installing new flooring.

Wood is looking forward to getting the building back and resuming classes in it during fall 2001. “People are excited about getting the building back and we’re [faculty and staff] worried about the impact on students. We hope they will be just as excited,” she said.

She indicated that faculty and staff will work with the building in sections as each academic program becomes fully functioning inside.

“It will be nice to have all classes back on campus,” Wood said in reference to the students whose classes are accommodated for off-campus.

When Buns-Merrill is finished, Johnson estimated that the project’s cost will be anywhere from $7.5 million to $8.5 million. He has been pleased with the funding thus far.

“Ceramics,” Johnson said.

“Along with the Ceramic Physical Plant, we also implemented a number of programs, such as a daycare center for visiting friends and relatives and a ‘seared straight’ program for counseling juveniles that are still running in various institutions today.

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Burchett explained, “I got caught up in something I didn’t want to do, so I cut all my ties. I did my own time,” said Burchett about severing relations with other inmates in order to begin a more productive life.

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The practitioners of Falun Dafa explained

BY ASHLEY BRENNON
STAFF WRITER

The practitioners of Falun Dafa, a Chinese meditative exercise to cultivate physical and mental enlightenment, began to demonstrate their practice at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in Nevins Theater.

Helen Chou and two practitioners, to Alfred University to speak about and demonstrate their practice at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in Nevins Theater.

Chou said that the Communist government in China is nervous that a large group may attempt to seize political power.

Li Hongzhi founded Falun Dafa based on the ancient principles of Thi Chi, Buddhism and Taoism and introduced the practice to the public in 1992.

Falun Dafa aims to achieve truthfulness, benevolence and forbearance through five sets of gentle movements. Li Hongzhi wrote two books to explain the principles, China Falun Gong and Zhuan Falun. Since 1992, the practice has spread throughout China and the world by word of mouth.

Although the number of practitioners in China has reached 100 million, Chou insists that they have no interest in politics, money or religion. The participants cannot reasonably be called a group because they have no organization.

They consider Li Hongzhi their teacher, not their leader. Groups of practitioners do meet to exercise and meditate, most often in the public parks in major cities. They invite all people to participate free of charge. Those that know the techniques teach those that do not.

After the introduction of Falun Dafa, the Chinese government outlawed the printing and distribution of Falun Dafa materials and burned books in the streets. In April of 1999 practitioners held a peaceful protest outside of the Chinese Leadership Compound in Beijing.

In July, the government raided homes, imprisoned thousands of practitioners, outlawed Falun Dafa and arrested Li Hongzhi. In all, 40 practitioners have been beaten to death.

Several countries have responded to the civil rights violations, including the United States. Li Hongzhi has since moved to the United States where he continues to teach. Practitioners choose to respond non-violently.

Falun Dafa explained
LeVande rolls in Li’l Alf set

BY JAY WEISBERGER
Editor-in-Chief

Meredith LeVande was giving a short spelling lesson introducing a song on her new album, Li’l Alf. “That’s w-e-a-t-o-h-e-r-e,” she introduced the song “Weather You Run.”

“It [the weather] can really dictate your mood,” she said. Indeed, there was something beautiful about the year’s first measurable snow outside, no doubt helping AU students feel a little better as the semester hit crunch time.

There was certainly something beautiful in the songs as well. LeVande presented a sharp set to a nice Li’l Alf coffeehouse crowd hoping not the last time. Student Activities Board moves the coffeehouse down a floor from the Biggie Chick.

LeVande’s softer songs were accompanied by a great deal of energy on her part, even evidence at some moments. Those who feel the simple guitar/vocal presentation is limiting could learn a lesson or two from LeVande. This is because both LeVande’s voice and playing are incredibly engaging. Her voice is what stands out the most as she plays. She sings with such a polished sense acts lack.

Also, the first few plucks of the guitar for “Sore Spots” set the tone for the song. LeVande explained it was “about a friend dumping me.”

No, not a significant other, just a good friend, she explained. Through her explanations, LeVande drew the crowd, either by sharing a common experience as “Sore Spots” did, or just by breaking down the audience-performer barrier. While presenting serious music, LeVande kept the mood light, increasing her often comical views on stalkers, men, women and her alma mater, The University of Rochester.

There were many moments throughout the set. LeVande simply shined with her performance of “Vivid,” a track from her album Through the Clouds. Also nice was her performance of “Needles and Pins” a track from the same album but better known to AU students as her piece on the Sounds of the Semester CD.

Despite the informality of the coffeehouse setting, it’s easy to see that such seriousness is behind the personal songs LeVande brings.

Her lyrics open up a glimpse into her personal views and experiences. As she sings in “Vivid”: “Don’t let my baby deceive you/cause the sign of age is here /the scarlet of death raped all I loved/and I’ve seen a lot of years.”

You get the idea immediately that there’s much more behind the guitar and the singing. The way LeVande presents is compelling.

LeVande’s performance was enjoyable, thought provoking and provided a nice night for all in attendance.

By Alison Savett

“I was up studying all night last night!” This is a phrase you have heard recently? Or how about, “I haven’t slept in forever!”

You may have used these phrases, or something similar, when pulling an all-nighter to finish an assignment, cramming for an exam, or just feeling too stressed to sleep.

The idea that staying up all night will help your ability to perform the next day is a myth, and more of this nation’s young adults (18-29 years) are complaining of sleepiness, waking up feeling unrefreshed and lacking the ability to get the right amount of sleep.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, college students need between 8.5 and 9.25 hours of sleep per night. NSF suggests that, in order to get the required amount of sleep, students should “say no to all-nighters. Staying up late can cause chaos to your sleep patterns and your ability to be alert the next day, and beyond.”

NSF also says that the best thing someone can do in preparation for a test is to get a good night’s sleep.

Lack of sleep doesn’t only affect how you perform in school, and in sports or other extra-curricular activities, but also it affects your ability to make the right decision quickly, for example, while driving.

The National Institutes of Health have identified that people aged 12-24 years are at a higher risk for suffering consequences due to sleepiness. Most frightening is that a full 60 percent of this age group has driven while drowsy in the past year, with nearly one out of four (24 percent) revealing they have dozed off at the wheel. Twenty-two percent of young adults admitted to driving faster when they’re tired. These statistics indicate a large population of sleepiness risk-takers on the roads, and that combination can be deadly.

The largest environmental accident in North America, Alaska’s Exxon Valdez oil spill, was caused because the first mate fell asleep at the wheel.

New research shown by psychologist Mary Carskadon and Amy Wolfson proves that students who tend to stay up the latest are the low-achievers.

“They categorize the low-achievers as those students getting less than 8 hours sleep and the high achievers as those students who have irregular sleep patterns,” LeVande said.

“Don’t stay up all night for any reason, ever. The consequences go beyond the tasks the next day. Avoid caffeine and other stimulants, including alcohol, within six hours of your bedtime.”

Most importantly, remember that “sleep is food for the brain,” and without it, your performance will suffer.
New actor gears up for show

BY ALVARO VALENTIN
STATE WRITER

Opening night, Nov. 29, two hours until show time, and a few cast members are sitting around a table at Ade Dining Hall. “Time to go,” says Omar Perez, who plays Teto.

We make our way nervously across the street and into the dressing rooms of the Miller Performing Arts Center. Mixing make-up is still new to some of us and I spend a lot of time just trying to figure out what color to use.

Half an hour until curtain: the pressure starts mounting. Steve Crosby, chair of the performing arts division, then takes us through some exercises. These are meant to relax our bodies and relieve some tension. I don’t really know how much it helped, though. De Donde? is truly an ensemble; this means that every character is important. It’s not just about one or two main characters, everyone has to carry their own weight in order for the play to be a success.

Ten minutes to curtain: as we sit in the green room waiting to start, many of us begin reviewing our lines. I think about it for a while but try not to over-prepare. For now, in my mind this will be our first night onstage.

I think back to all the nights in rehearsal. The way we’ve gone through the lines again and again and sometimes still couldn’t get them out right when we did run through the play. All the notes Crosby gave me begin ringing in my mind. “Remember, be loud, high energy, project!”

Two minutes to curtain “Come on guys, we got this” is heard from a corner in the room. Everyone then gets excited. Hoops and hollers start flying as we look outside the green room door as Joshua First, stage manager, who the cast has nicknamed, Bubbles, is heard over the intercom saying, “Plaaz!”

The musicians play, house lights go down, and the play begins. I make my first appearance in Act 1, so I still have a few minutes left. As I crouch in a corner, Julia Cruz, who plays La Extranjera, rules my shoulders. I stand and wait for my cue. As the lights fade, I have a sudden moment of clarity. I’m no longer tense, no longer nervous or anxious. As I make my way onto stage, I think to myself, “Break a leg!”

Jennifer Havey rehearses a scene during the final dress rehearsal of De Donde? last week. Zachary Wickham, left, and Joe Miller also take part. The show ran through last weekend.

One act aroses thought

BY CATHERINE KEVET
PHOTO EDITOR

On the night of Nov. 18, viewers saw 8 Reflections of Earth Other in This Shallow Pile of Earth, directed by Renee Towers, opened its doors to let the audience members take their seats.

Paul Kahan, a junior who played Forty-Three, was leaning up against the wall on stage, smoking a cigarette. Forty-Three was the only character that was outside of Seventeen’s mind; besides being a father figure, he also has the type of man Seventeen was most afraid of. Seventeen was most afraid of stereotypes in Seventeen’s mind; only character that was outside of Seventeen’s mind was Forty-Three. He is seen against the wall on stage, smoking a cigarette. Seventeen was afraid of stereotypes in Seventeen’s mind; only character that was outside of Seventeen’s mind was Forty-Three. He is seen against the wall on stage, smoking a cigarette.

The scene quickly turned to three refugees attempting to escape the borders into the mythified free America. Despite being new to the stage, junior Alvaro Valencia portrays Guy in a way that shows great depth and passion. His performance showed great depth and passion.

Director Stephen J. Crosby pulled out all the stops in showing the harsh reality of attempts to relocate and escape from Central America. Combining street talk, Spanish and philosophies, the audience was getting a more authentic portrayal than expected.

It’s questionable whether these are real. It is never possible to tell that these are real. It is never possible to tell. It is never possible to tell. It is never possible to tell.

I am always impressed with what can be accomplished with minimal tech support and strong actors,” said Professor of Theater, Becky Prophet.

Surprisingly, Reflections was not written by a well-known playwright. Towers’ friend at Nazareth College gave her the play last year to critique. “When I read it,” Towers said, “I knew that I had to stage it and also knew that it had to be in Alford in order to get a good reception.”

This play probably isn’t for everyone. Some people may have been offended by its vulgar descriptions and language. However, it definitely sent a strong message to its audience about hypocrisy of religious people, and how it can affect people. Towers said, “I really wanted them to think about their lives and what they’re doing.”

The Unequal

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Writers who are looking to publish their work should be prepared to encounter many rejections before an editor decides to accept their writing. Linda Underhill, a published writer who spoke with the Mass Media and American Life communications class on Nov. 10.

“Nobody has a career as a writer,” said published writer Kate Braverman, who also spoke to the class. Underhill attended graduate school at the University of Arizona, where she received her master’s degree. She taught college English for nearly 20 years, until she moved to Alford in 1989. In 1999, she published a collection of essays on the natural and American Life communications class.

Underhill explained that the enthusiasm of an editor often determines how quickly a book will get to the bookstore shelves. Her essays in The Unequal Houses were published in about three months, but about a year went by before the books were on the shelves.

“When you hold the book in your hand, it feels so good,” said Underhill.

Braverman stressed the importance of having good connections in order to have a better chance of getting published. After Palm Laos was published, she was interviewed by Time magazine and received several positive reviews from well-known people. Because Simon & Schuster published this book with much enthusiasm, Braverman thought she had a career, until she submitted Squandering the Blue for publishing.

“My editor said my short stories were so bad, they were unreadable,” said Braverman.

With a smile, she voiced her frustration with Simon & Schuster by telling the class that it is important to lie by fabricating awards and telling the publisher that prestigious people like the writing. She is willing to take the blame if any writer attempting to be published is caught in a lie.

A person must be a masochist in order to persist in the world of publishing, said Underhill.

One of Underhill’s strategies for publication was to look at what readers were most interested in, which was non-fiction at the time, and write for that genre. Braverman never thought she would tailor her writing to fit the demand of the readers because it is no longer possible to represent the cultural diversity in America with one novel. A human being can synthesize the culture, but it is too big for a person to speak for,” said Braverman.

Underhill will continue to publish a hobby, despite frustrations, because she said she enjoys provoking, inspiring and amusing the people with the ideas she presents.
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cases where a person is ticketed for parking in a loading zone for less than 10 minutes, but everyone is allowed to contest their ticket.
high-rise building, you can never be sure who is in the building at a given time, so it is important to keep an eye on your belongings and be aware of your surroundings. It is also important to remember to use common sense when making decisions, such as deciding where to park or how to get around campus. By being aware of your surroundings and following the rules, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience on campus.

Schwartz addresses complaints. The mentors are available for team-
mates in case anyone has a question, concern or crisis dealing with alcohol. Athletes involved in the program also help provide alternative, alcohol-free social choices for students.

By CHARLENE KAHN
Staff Writer
AU Security is working hard to serve the campus, but some stu-
dents are displeased with the level of service they receive.

“Why try to do the best job they can. They
ever really try to do that,” according to Pat
Schwartz, director of safety, secu-
and telecommunications.

Gripes concerning AU security have included handcapped park-
g, lack of response to calls and ticking in the suites.

An AU student has had a hand-
capped sticker in her window, because she was on crutches.

Unable to park in a handicapped space, due to non-handicapped cars parked, she decided to park on Academic Alley, where she received a ticket.

After speaking with Schwartz about the situation, the student said that there is no to be parking in Academic Alley under any cir-
ames. When asked where a student on crutches is to park when people illegally park in a

Schwartz stresses importance of alcohol use. "I hope to see it become recognized as a

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Student athlete mentors provide team support

Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,
Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
and closed Sunday. He does have a 24-hour emergency service which people have used in the past. In the past 12 years Graziano has been the owner, he said that he has tried to keep the store open longer hours but it did not help much.

According to Bradley, in order to sell a larger selection of health and beauty aid prod-
cts, and even counter drugs, at the school as well as being hours longer in the future, the school store would have to sur

WORM, a Week of

BY HEATHER LIGERMAN
Staff Writer

Some students argue that they want the AU bookstores to have longer hours and will more over-

“Only conveniences that we are asking for,” said student Alcide Piekarsky.

Many times Piekarsky has walked to class wanting to grab

a health and beauty aid product or a container of over-the-
counter drugs, but the book-

The store has longer hours Monday through

for the campus community.

The mission is achieved through educational programs in

Responsible alcohol use was the topic of a presentation given recently by two AU stu-
dents at a national peer education confer-

Alcohol education is impor-
tant to college students because alcohol is easily obtained and can have serious conse-
quences, said senior Shannon Walter, Walter, along with senior Sara Panepinto, presen-
ted the program, “Party Like It’s 1999” at the National Assembly of the BACCHUS and GAMMA (Greeks Advocating Management of Alcohol) Peer Education Conference in St. Louis.

“Party Like It’s 1999” is a program using role-playing situations to teach students about the possible conse-
quences of irresponsible alcohol use, said Jennifer George, coordinator of alcohol and other drug education, who developed the program.

George noted that the pro-

the AU campus, primarily in

Responsible alcohol use was shown to have a positive effect on the college when they carry through their lifetime. If educ-

Students who drink.

Students...
Powder Puff girls power through snow in game

BY KIM GRAY

Junior and senior AU women traded their skirts for football jerseys when they participated in the first Powder Puff football game Nov. 18 on Merrill Field.

“I had the most fun I have had in a long time,” said junior Diana Moller when asked about the game. The football jerseys, although too big for the girls, allowed for the players to put layers of clothes on to keep warm and provide minimal amounts of cushioning while being active.

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Junior and senior football players served as coaches for the two teams.

Seniors were coached by Choy, Brian Keesler, Bob Graham and Ryan Rambacher.

Junior football players were coached by Erik Werner, Will Till, Todd Strong, Nick Freeman and Brain Keenan.

When asked how Choy came up with the idea, he said, “I used to play in high school.”

The seniors carried 14 people on their team while the juniors had the number advantage with 22.

Both senior captain Choy and junior captain Werner said they had a great time coaching.

The concept of the game was most challenging for the captains to teach.

“What seemed elementary to me was hard to explain,” said Werner, “we definitely had the athletes and skills needed to play.”

The seniors started the game as the underdogs largely due to their number in players.

The seniors took a not so surprising lead, scoring the first touchdown of the game.

The seniors rebounded with a touchdown and extra point. With less then a minute remaining in the fourth quarter, junior Kori Foreman used her speed and athletic ability to maneuver around the defense into the end zone. The touchdown allowed the juniors to pick up the win.

Foreman’s touchdown to win the game was a “miracle run,” said Choy.

“I had no doubts we were going to win,” said junior coach Will Till.

Even after bruises and sore bodies, there is a desire among the players and coaches to make this an annual event.

“I will undoubtedly do this again,” said Moller.

According to Werner, for a Powder Puff football game to take place next year, he will have to be responsible for organizing it.

The overwhelming consensus that the players had fun was obvious through their laughter both during the game and after.

Although all seemed to enjoy it, some argued that the title given to the game needed to be changed.

“Powder Puff football is a demeaning name,” said Moller.

“I was definitely pleased with the outcome, said Choy. It was an excellent game.”

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A player dashes through the snow-covered turf of Merrill Field during the 2000 Powder Puff football game. Teams were coached by members of the AU football squad.

New ambulance arrives in Alfred

BY MELISSA WYANT

Alfred recently acquired a new ambulance.

“The new ambulance will help us continue our record of service to the community,” said Robert Pipal, professor of chemistry, who has been an emergency medical technician for 16 years and emergency medical Services Captain for a year and a half.

Almond E. Crandall Hook & Ladder Company, which owns Alfred Ambulance, first started

looking for a new ambulance last Nov., according to Tod Smith, AU resident director, who is a 5-year football and 2-year E.M.T. captain. They saw a need to replace the older ambulance in order to maintain their high level of quality, Smith added.

The 2000 Ford E450 Road Rescue Type III Ultra Medic Ambulance arrived on Monday, Nov. 20. “It was purchased with budgeting and appropriation by the company,” said Smith.

“The ambulance it replaced is 10 years old and though still fairly reliable, it was showing its age,” said Pipal. The old one is now out of service and will be sold, added Smith.

The ambulance has many updated features in comparison to the older one. According to Pipal, “it has built in containers for used IV needles and a higher ceiling in the passenger compartment... the ride is much nicer, which will benefit the patients as well as the drivers and E.M.T.s.”

He also added that the engine is larger, which is ideal for Alfred’s hills.

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associated with Saxon men’s bas- ketball.

“We’re hoping to have nights where we can put eight to 11 guys on the floor,” Murphy said in praise of his squad’s depth.

“On the given night, anybody

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instead of specialists so you never know who is going to come and swim for them,” said Davis.

The teams are optimistic con- sidering they were both able to...
**Saxons rolling with best start in over 10 years**

**BY JAY WEISBERGER**

**EXERCISE-COACH**

Before basketball season started, some players on the Sax men’s squad didn’t rule out the possibility of a NCAA tournament berth come spring.

While that remains a long way off, with many more wins needed falling in, Sax fans have to feel confident with the team’s 4-0 start.

Some of that confidence is spreading to the players.

“We have a deep team,” said junior forward E.J. Docteur after screaming past Allegheny 82-67 on Wednesday. “We’re playing real well.”

“I feel great,” he said afterAU travels to St. Lawrence Saturday, the squad did not play again until Jan. 5.

“It’s a tale of two seasons,” Murphy said. “If these guys don’t keep working out over winter break, we could be in trouble.”

As far as keeping the hunger to win, junior Devon Downing, back after a two-year absence, said he is hungry to get back to the NCAA tournament where he went with AU in 1997.

“It was a great experience,” Downing said. “It feels great,” he said afterAU’s basketball sense with a new attitude, both on and off the court.

The two-year All-American athlete took a leave of absence in October of 1998, needing time to cope with family issues. The death of Downing’s younger brother earlier that year combined with the separation of his mother and stepfather left him in a state of confusion. Realizing that he lost a lot of his focus, Downing thought it best to withdraw and head home to Canton, Ohio, until he had his life under control.

While at home, Downing went through tough times and had many different jobs, landing a factory job that paid well.

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This thought was what helped the 22-year-old decide to return to school, but he said he fully made up his mind when he was visiting a friend who played Division I basketball for DePaul University in Chicago.

Throughout his time at home, Downing had not so much as sat in a basketball game. His Sax go-to guy on the floor.

Downing happy to return

**BY ALISON SAVETT**

**STAFF WRITER**

Sax men’s basketball

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Loss to GSU has bright spots

**SWIMMING & DIVING**

**BY BENJAMIN LEE**

**SENIOR CORRESPONDENT**

The Sax men’s and women’s swim teams are coming off a disappointing home loss to Geneseo Nov. 18.

“You get a sense for a team before you swim them. Geneseo just swam way above what they were on paper. They were just a better team that day, bottom line,” said head coach T.J. Davis.

Despite the loss, both men’s and women’s teams came away from the meet with many positive outcomes.

“The men and women both had some really outstanding performances,” said Davis.

On the men’s side, the Saxons were led by their core group of point scorers.

The men’s 400 medley relay comprised of Pat Kerwin, Ben Meissner, Justin Healy and Todd Striker swam 3:42 to place nine seconds ahead of Geneseo’s fastest team.

Other outstanding performances were delivered by Carl Schwarting with a win in the 100 free, Dave Berman winning on both the one meter and three meter boards, Striker logged two more wins in the 200 I.M. and the 200 backstroke and Kerwin added a win in the 50 free.

The women’s afternoon was just as lucrative as the men’s.

The 400 medley relay consisting of Melissa McAllister, Sara Thompson, Christine Turner and Tabitha Maher posted a second place finish with a time of 4:24.

Gesta Jettler matched her fellow diver Dave Berman with her own double victory on the one meter and three meter boards.

Also a double winner was Thompson adding a win in the 200 breast stroke.

“We won our events, but they just ended up having more talent in depth. It was a tough loss. You never want to lose to Geneseo,” said Davis.

With a meet of mixed emotions behind them, the Saxons were looking ahead to last weekend’s meet against the usually feisty RIT.

“They’re an unpredictable team. They’re on a quarter system,” said Davis.

Saxons have a scoring triple threat

“Defense is our main emphasis,” he said. Evidence: while AU couldn’t score early against Allegheny, the Gators mustered a mere four points.

And, Docteur said, that’s not all.

“Like our togetherness,” Murphy said. “We tell ourselves that every game is an opportunity for us to get better.”

Whatever may come, there is an optimistic air around many...