AU puts itself on map with continued studies

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Homecoming comes early

Mark O'Meara leading cheers in the stands can mean only one thing: Homecoming. O'Meara, along with many alumni returned to Alfred for the weekend.

Bartholomew heads home, steps toward recovery

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Andrew Bartholomew, who was severely burned just before his graduation at the 42 South Main Street fire in early May 2000, was allowed to return home on Aug. 30, after four months in the hospital.

Andrew's mother, Georxianna Bartholomew, indicated that her son was a patient in the burn unit of Strong Memorial Hospital for six weeks and then was transferred to Syracuse University Hospital for the remainder of the time.

Andrew received hundreds of cards during his hospital stay and his parents hang as many cards as possible on the walls of his room.

“I want to thank the people in Alfred for all the nice cards and get well wishes. It was really nice of all of them,” said Georxianna.

Besides the cards, the flag and picture of Andrew's fraternity, Kappa Sigma, also hung on the wall.

“They were super about coming to visit (at the hospital). They still call and visit Andrew at the hospital,” said Georxianna.

Now that Andrew is home, he will be receiving physical therapy in order to regain the use of his limbs, particularly his left arm and hand, which he currently cannot move at all. He also underwent surgery to remove his gall bladder on Sept. 11.

It is too early to tell whether or not Andrew will make a full recovery because it will take time for the nerves to grow back and the open spots to heal.

Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Gerald Brody indicated that Andrew was in danger for most of the summer because without a complete skin graft, there is a great risk of infection. Brody is enthusiastic that Andrew has now returned home.

“This is great news,” he said.

“You couldn’t ask for a nicer person, he [Brody] is so supportive,” said Georxianna.

Andrew appreciates the support Alfred University has shown him.

“I’m grateful for all the cards I’ve received from Alfred. It’s nice they haven’t forgotten about me,” he said.

“He [Andrew] laughs, smiles, cracks a few jokes, and is always happy to see people,” said Georxianna.

Andrew is grateful for the support of his parents and is determined to get better.

Georxianna is hopeful that her son will make a good recovery within two years.

Village fire codes examined

BY CHRISTA NYMAN
Staff Writer

A fire at a student apartment in May led to an Alfred Village Board public hearing. last Tuesday night about the safety of rental housing in the village.

The hearing concerned a proposed local law clarifying the code enforcement officer’s authority to cite offenders of the state Fire Prevention Building Code. It also covered eight proposed amendments to the local housing code.

Gary Ostrower, mayor of Alfred, opened the hearing by saying the Village of Alfred needs to “re-earn the trust of people.” These amendments are “a necessity,” he said, for the safety of the tenants in Alfred.

One of the amendments of most concern to off-campus students dealt with smoke detectors. It states that landlords must be responsible for provid- ing their tenants with detectors that are in good working order. It also puts the responsibility on the tenants to change the smoke detector’s batteries. It must be a “shared responsibility,” Mayor Ostrower said.

Georxianna Bartholomew, the mother of Andrew, an Alfred University student who suffered third degree burns in this past May 11 from an apartment fire on 42 South Main Street, supported the changes.

“It is refreshing to see these new codes,” she said. She noted that she had felt uncomfortable with her son’s living conditions before the fire. She urged the Village Board and trustees to make safety their top priority. Bartholomew said she hoped that no one would ever have to go through what she did.

Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs at Alfred University Dan O’Meara urged the village board not only
Fiat Lux
Get over fear of feminism

BY JAY WEISBERGER
Editor-in-Chief

A few years ago, AU students fought hard, and won, just so they could have MTV. But after Thursday night, I'm ready to start another crusade.

Get rid of it. I'd rather have ESPN2 up here.

Why? Did you watch the annual MTV Video Music Awards?

I felt like I was in "Survivor." We started off with a bunch of people in the room and, usually after some painful moment of the show, someone just couldn't take it anymore and left.

The consensus opinion was that, maybe, we've just gotten too old. This may be true, but the VMAs this year was the best example yet of people watching the show, someone just couldn't take it anymore and left.

The show wasn't about the artists. Which I didn't, perhaps because I wasn't drunk.

The show wasn't about the music, though it never really ever was.

At the least, if you're going to come up with this show to bring in some big-time ad money, at least make it more entertaining. I like to feel I'm being catered to while I'm being persuaded to see the new Adam Sandler movie.

Through it all, I've decided once and for all that MTV is no longer targeted at people our age.

Let's ditch MTV for "The Dance," ESPN2, heck, even MTV2 would serve the campus community better.
Senate starts off new year

BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

“Three-two-one, this is usually when I’ll be slamming the gavel,” warned Student Senate President Seth Mulligan last Wednesday at Student Senate’s first, but unofficial meeting.

Attendance was not taken, giving the meeting that designation. Taking a different turn from the usual attendance procedure, Senate Secretary Lin Reina asked that all senators stand up and introduce themselves, as their organization was called.

This asked for a bit of trouble, when several senators expressed their plans after the meeting: a trip to the bar.

An introduction to the Senate Executive Board was necessary to let incoming students know who was voicing their opinions. Going down the line was President Rachael Downey, Treasurer Jaime Pena, Vice President Downey, President Mulligan, Secretary Reina, Publicity Director Colin Kemn and Finance Chair Jalal Clemens.

President Mulligan expressed his plans on forming a council who will act as a liaison between Information Technology Services and Senate. This council will meet regularly with Director of ITS Lama Messinger to help answer questions as well as establish a communication between the two groups.

Then began the guest appearances.

Admissions Counselor Renee Orlick let it be known that she was in search of overnight hosts. Orlick asked the senators to volunteer their hospitality because “you are our leaders.”

Next up was Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Gerald Brody. After a brief introduction came a warning: “I’d like to see everyone who said they’ll be going to the bar after this meeting.” This was met with chuckles.

Along with Omicron Delta Kappa, Senate will be conducting another campus clean up day on Saturday, Sept. 30. Like before, Senate will provide gloves and garbage bags.

Vice President Downey then introduced the Senator Handbook. The Handbook consists of contact information, senator responsibilities, committees as well as the constitution.

It was made known that Senate will be meeting every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and with the 90-minute clause in effect, meetings cannot go past 9:30 p.m. Another important reminder was that all voting senators must serve on a committee.

Despite being an unofficial meeting, Senate closed off the night with the usual array of announcements.

For the thirteenth year in a row, Alfred University has ranked among the top 15 regional universities in the North by U.S. News and World Report in its 2001 guide, America’s Best Colleges.

AU also snagged the number one spot for best value among regional universities in the North.

Students enjoyed the unusually early Homecoming festivities last weekend throughout campus. Hollybrick Squares was held Friday evening outside Kruzon hall, where contestants competed to win a bicycle.

Saturday offered a Tailgate 2000 carnival, the Homecoming Parade, an AU Saxons v. Ithaca football game and Alumn払いonus, featuring parker tm, The Wait and Cuban Music Crisis.

Uncontrollable wildfires have hit all over the western part of the United States. Texas was struck with nearly three dozen large wildfires last week as firefighters continued to fight wildfires in the northern Rockies.

With weather in their favor, firefighters are using the sudden winds, cool and moist conditions to make gains on the largest and longest-lasting fires in Idaho and western Montana, according to the Idaho-based National Interagency Fire Center.

There were 50 wildfires last Friday spread out in 11 states, according to the fire center.

Although millions of working poor still have trouble getting adequate food, the number of hungry families have dropped by 24 percent as the nation’s economy boomed in late 1990s, the government said last Friday.

According to an annual Agricultural Department report, 3.95 million American families had at least one member going hungry in 1995. The number decreased down to slightly less than three million in 1999.

A plan to seize 150 white-owned farms in Zimbabwe as part of further plans to amass more than 3,000 properties for a black peasant resettlement scheme was announced last Friday by the Zimbabwean government.

At least 2,100 farms have already been identified by the government, and plans have been made to resettle peasants into at least 800 properties around October.

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The reduction of about 55,000 personnel was announced at a ceremony at the headquarters of the Kantemirovskaya tank division outside Moscow by Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev last Friday.

This move reflects Russian leaders’ growing realization that the nation can no longer afford such a large military.

Community service projects start in residence halls

BY GABE FERSCH
STAFF WRITER

This semester marks the beginning of Resident Life’s volunteer community service project in residence halls.

“We hope to offer the students the opportunity to become involved in the greater Alfred community and begin a process of giving back to their community that we hope will last their lifetime,” said Tomas Gonzalez, director of Residence Life.

Each month, every residence hall will participate in a community service project that they decide upon.

This month, Reiner Hall plans on helping out in a local soup kitchen and Barresi Hall is undertaking a recycling project.

Tefft is taking a more humorous view on the community service project. With residents of Tefft picking up cigarette butts on campus, they will call themselves the “Tefft Butt-Pickers.”

PHOTO CHERIE BRITT
Christa Neman and Jay Weisberger are awarded their crowns from last year’s Homecoming “royalty” Katie Issac and Dave Silbergeist.

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Fiat Lux: Where’s the lock you need picked?
Event exposes students to Alfred merchants

BY JASON PILARZ  FEATURES EDITOR

The first week of classes at Alfred University provided an opportunity for students to interact with members of the community as “Destination Downtown” brought together students and businesses of the Alfred.

Director of Student Activities Dan Napolitano hailed the event as an opportunity to see “what downtown has to offer.”

With 21 businesses participating, “Destination Downtown” proved to be an aggressive effort to encourage students to go downtown, said Napolitano. This event was not merely geared toward freshmen new to the Alfred area. Napolitano noted that many students do not realize what there is downtown until their senior year, if at all. He hopes that if students were aware of all the various businesses, both students and the firms could benefit.

Jim Palmer, owner of Crandall’s jewelers, was happy to be participating in “Destination Downtown,” noting that “anything to get folks downtown” was a good idea.

A member of the Alfred Business Association, Palmer lamented that currently he sees few students downtown, certainly “not as many as once did.” He traced this lack of students downtown to the moving of the school bookstore on campus.

With almost everything students need now being provided on campus, students have “no reason to come downtown,” said Palmer. He noted with a smile that while many students would not necessarily be interested in what he sells, he would love to see the downtown businesses in general getting more customers.

Napolitano noted that “Destination Downtown” was actually an outgrowth of an idea for a Student Activities Board (SAB) barbeque. He stated that both he and SAB felt that a barbeque was not enough to entice students.

Thus, the efforts of the businesses were sought to complement the barbeque and to “use them as a draw,” said Napolitano. The event worked to achieve two major goals: to promote the SAB barbeque and to advertise local businesses to the students.

A bingo board was developed to encourage students to visit as many businesses as possible, with prizes being given out in the end. The prizes themselves helped to promote Alfred businesses, as all were gift certificates or products from local firms. The grand prize was a $100 Alfred Business Association gift certificate.

Events of the evening included the free barbeque at the village bandstand, as well as an SAB-sponsored band, The Gifted Children, a men’s and women’s three kilometer race beginning at the fire hall and a chicken wing eating contest, sponsored by the Alfred Sub Shop. The Alfred Business Association also handed out free popcorn to students.

In an effort to broaden the event, Hornell Area Transit provided a free shuttle to businesses in Alfred Station, including Tinker Town Hardware, the Bicycle Man and College Suppliers.

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Hoover discovered that “having an anti-hazing law at the high school level makes no difference. More than half of high school students don’t know there is an anti-hazing law.”

Hyde believed that once people realize why hazing occurs, a lot more can be done to stop it.

Director of Communications and University Relations Sue Goetschius indicated that Hoover, Pollard and Myers still receive requests for interviews. The Fox Network interviewed Pollard last Thursday and Hoover will be interviewed on Sept. 18.

“I’m surprised and overwhelmed by the good response to the study,” said Myers.

Because Alfred University initiated these hazing studies, Edmondson believes that “more than any other university in America, we have to show that we can walk the walk,” said Edmondson.

Myers said with a smile that the next step for AU is to perform a hazing study at the elementary school level.
AU expands into biomed

BY LEIGH M. MCCONNELL
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Recent approval by the State Education Department of the biomedical materials engineering science (BMES) master's degree has many students and faculty excited about what it will take the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science.

“We’re delighted with the state approval to offer this new degree,” stated Dr. Ronald Gordon, dean of the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science. “This new degree program builds upon Alfred University’s traditional strengths in ceramic engineering and materials science, and its growing strengths in the life sciences.”

Gordon has named Alan Goldstein, current professor of biomaterials and Flier Chair of Molecular Biology, as director of the BMES interdisciplinary program.

“I am pleased that Dr. Goldstein agreed to take on this challenging role for us,” commented Gordon. “We see biomedical materials as an area where Alfred University can really achieve national prominence in the coming years, building on our nationally ranked program in ceramic engineering and materials science and on the fine molecular life sciences program Dr. Goldstein established here at Alfred.”

Goldstein has taught graduate and undergraduate level courses in biochemistry, cell biology, advanced cell biology, genetic engineering, tissue culture and molecular genetics and diagnostics.

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It is for this reason that biomedical materials engineering science is a field of growing interest. The biomedical materials engineers test new materials to make sure they are safe for use in the human body.

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Currently there is no plan for a bachelor's or doctoral degree in biomedical materials engineering science, but if students show an interest in these degrees, work may be done to create them, noted Goldstein.

A concentration is, however, available for undergraduates who wish to study biomedical materials engineering. This involves taking extra classes that deal with biomedical materials and possibly focusing the senior thesis on the field, Goldstein said.

Additionally, BMES has a close relationship to materials science, and a proposed doctoral program in materials science would include biomaterials, photonics, metallurgy, composites, polymers and others. The current doctoral program is limited to ceramics and glass, stated Gordon.

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remained unanimous, wished that the Business Office would have warned her that her TAIP grant wasn’t.

“What if my loan doesn’t go through? Will the [AU] [f]ix me again? That’s what scares me,” the student said.

Bain indicated that because the add/drop period ended at the end of last week, students can be removed from classes if the registrar finds that they still haven’t chosen courses.

“It’s not fair to the students who go through this painful process. It’s important to get things taken care of,” said Bain.

“They [AU] should be more understanding. Some of the students have to do things on their own. Taking out loans is new to students. It’s not like I’m not making the effort to get the loan,” said the anonymous student.

This student’s parents were advised to send in their income tax returns as soon as possible, but when the bank said they didn’t receive them, the student asked

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New faculty gets settled at AU

BY JASON PILARZ
FEATURES EDITOR

As a new academic year began at Alfred University, the new faces were not restricted to those of students as four new mathematics faculty members were added to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

It “looks like we got a very good group,” stated Addison Frey, associate professor of mathematics and program chairperson of mathematics and computer science.

The need for four members of the mathematics faculty was brought about by the departure of four professors at the end of last year. Three of the professors retired, while one found another job, leaving the mathematics department with only two returning faculty members.

Darwyn Cook, one of the new professors, is happy to be here in Alfred. He commented that he has received “good impressions from students” who appear eager to learn. Another neophyte to Alfred, Eric Gane, echoed the sentiments of Cook, saying so far “it’s been great.”

Cook came to Alfred from Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire where he helped overhaul the freshman core mathematics curriculum. He had further praise for mathematics students at Alfred, whom he described as “really interested in sciences” and “well-versed.”

Coming to Alfred from Berea College in Kentucky, Gane is looking forward to experiencing fall again, as he described Kentucky weather as going from summer directly into winter while skipping autumn.

He said his initial impressions of the University are that the classes and students are excellent and noted the “great sense of humor” of Frey and Robert Williams, professor of mathematics. Outside the classroom, he enjoys biking, running and cross-country skiing.

Frey noted that while a “national trend” toward retiring professors has required high turnover in a short period of time, the need for four new professors in one year was certainly unusual and unexpected.

He stated that the search process for four professors was not a great deal more difficult than searching for just one, but commented that such a process is rather involved, even for one faculty opening. After placing advertisements, the department received approximately 270 applications for the positions.

After compiling a short list of about 45 applicants, Frey conducted initial interviews at a national mathematics meeting in Washington, D.C. Describing those meetings as cursory at best, they provided a quick screening and an opportunity to set up more in-depth interviews on the Alfred campus.

Frey said that in Alfred, candidates met with students as well as faculty to find those who fit best into the Alfred community. Three main criteria were used to screen applicants, according to Frey. The first was an interest in teaching, as opposed to research. The second was whether the candidates were up to date on the mathematics educational field, including the use of technology. Finally, Frey looked to see if applicants had a desire to come to the Alfred area.

He noted that a lifelong Californian would probably not be a good fit in the Alfred environment.

The third professor, Debra Waugh, comes from the University of Texas in Odessa, where she was an assistant professor since 1997, according to a University press release. She earned her doctoral degree from the University of Michigan.

Aaron Elstrom, before coming to Alfred, had taught at the University of Arizona since 1995, where he also received his doctoral degree.

Frey stated that along with the changing faculty, the focus of the mathematics department will change also. For next semester, the curriculum will be re-evaluated to take into account the new faculty’s particular interests. The core courses will remain the same, but some upper-level courses may be added and others dropped, noted Frey.

The new faculty members are interested in “trying new things,” said Frey, and the department will adapt to accommodate their interests and improve the quality of mathematics education being provided.


during the non-snow off season, the U.S. Women’s Alpine Ski Team members used the “Ski Team” diet to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. That’s right — 20 pounds in 14 days! The basis of the diet is chemical food action and was devised by a famous Colorado physician especially for the U.S. Ski Team. Normal energy is maintained (very important) while reducing. You keep “full” — no starvation — because the diet is designed that way. It’s a diet that is easy to follow whether you work, travel or stay at home. (For men too!)

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Lack of space frustrates art students, faculty

BY JUDY TSANG
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What normally would have been one, maybe two, senior workspaces, a 12 foot by 18 foot area is crammed in by four senior spaces this year.

The lack of spaces and facilities available for students affects not only the seniors, but other students and even faculty as well.

For example, a joint class of 70 plus students reduces the quality of education, Kevin Wixted, assistant professor of painting, pointed out.

With the increasing numbers of students entering AU’s School of Art and Design, the available facilities are being strained.

“We’re overtaxing our resources,” Wixted said. As faculty, professors should not have to look into finding more rooms for their students, but “we cannot teach properly due to the [large] size [of the classes],” Wixted expressed. “But the administration tells us to deal with it, that’s the response.”

At all school meetings last week, Lindsay Sampson, junior and president of the Union, pointed out the administration’s pressure to enroll more students. However, as the school becomes more popular, “its facilities become more scarce with increase of enrollment,” Sampson said.

“Every year students return from break and they must deal with temporarily closed off spaces, studios not ready to be put to use and spaces that have been taken away all together,” Sampson said.

Wixted has been told that the tightness with space will be alleviated once Binnie-Morrill Hall’s renovations are completed, but Wixted is not convinced.

The school has been using the music annex, but that is only on a temporary basis, Wixted pointed out. Wixted said she tries to support faculty to make suggestions for materials they would like the library to order books and other materials beyond a social science, Lakin pointed out.

“I am not being hard or unyielding,” Lakin added that even when a lack of adequate indexes of women’s studies material is found, vocabulary poses a different problem entirely. A lack of shared general terminology makes results erratic at best. A search for the subject heading “feminist” will turn up an entirely different set of results from a search for “women’s studies,” or even “woman,” and so on.

Lakin also pointed out what she calls the “women as” syndrome — a search for women will sometimes turn up headings like “women as inventors” or “women as lawyers,” almost implying that they were not inventors or lawyers but women posing as these people.

In Herrick Library, said Lakin, another problem is妇联 issues and what students of the Art and Design School need. “We’ve gained more students and faculty to more research material through the books collected by the library, as well as introduce new topics and issues she learns about through her own research. She encourages both students and faculty to make suggestions for materials they would like the library to have, saying all requests are considered and many of the reasonable ones honored.

Lakin: Resources tough to find

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
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"Where are the women?" asked Pamela Lakin, librarian and research services coordinator, at this month’s Women’s Studies Roundtable on Sept. 8.

Lakin’s presentation “Heroines at Herrick,” given in Herrick Library, pointed out the difficulties encountered in adequately creating and researching a collection of women’s studies research material.

The original problem, according to Lakin, was a lack of books by or about women at all. The first women’s studies program was established in 1969 in San Francisco, but it didn’t become an official area of study at Alfred University until the 1990’s.

AU women’s studies faculty had to order books and other materials under their own divisional budget lines until a budget solely for women’s studies was established in 1990. Soon after, “a sudden explosion of books” became available in everything from academic subjects to contemporary concerns as women’s studies grew beyond a social science, Lakin pointed out.

Two percent of Herrick Memorial Library’s budget is currently used on materials for the women’s stud-
CUILLIN’S CELTIC VIBES HITT KNIGHT CLUB

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"You guys are Celtic!" singer and guitarist David MacIsaac exclaimed to a dancing and jumping crowd as the room erupted in cheers. Cuillin, a Celtic group from Canada, started off the SAR lineup of small act Saturday night bands with a night of energetic and upbeat music that got half the audience on its feet.

Cuillin's show (pronounced "swoo-lin") is a blend of Old Irish and Scottish tunes woven into rock and roll. The unique sound, combined with traditional dress and energetic singing, created an unforgettable show that got the audience clapping and tapping their feet after just a few songs. In Cuillin's show, the very old was combined with the very new to create something unbelievably fresh.

The Old Irish favorite "Bauldie Joe" featured sly, authentic vocals, fiddle and penny whistle. The tune was traditional with a little modern spin added by Stefan Morin on percussion and Seth Fraser and MacIsaac on guitar. Matt MacIsaac played the penny whistle while Mari Rankin played the fiddle. "Orange Crush" was another of Cuillin's unique pieces. This song is a different rendition of Dave Matthews' "Crash," set to the traditional tunes "Mountain Lark," "Green Bille of Tyree" and "Mouth of the Tighbane."

MacIsaac's bagpiping was one of the highlights of Cuillin's set. When MacIsaac entered the stage with his traditional Scottish bagpipes, he received some of the loudest applause of the night. MacIsaac also played the electric bagpipes. This instrument, which looks a bit like a parking meter, contributed a great deal to the show's flavor: "modern with a traditional twist," as MacIsaac described it.

Cuillin's rendition of the Led Zeppelin song "Hangman" was a huge hit. It ended to heavy applause. Then the band finished up by playing the first song of the evening as an encore.

The band gave a very performance that really helped the audience get into the music. Right away, MacIsaac told everybody to pull their chairs closer to the stage. The band danced, jumped, leaped and jumped through the whole show without missing a beat.

Cuillin's enthusiasm was contagious. About a third of the audience got out of their seats to do their own versions of Celtic dances in the semi-circle in front of the band.

"This is probably the best school we've ever played at," MacIsaac told the audience.

SLAMP POETS DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS AT SHOW

ALVARO VALENZ | STAFF WRITER

Slam poetry is the combination of jazzy and hip-hop flows put to the words of non-conventional poetry. Keep in mind that this is not what you'll read in an English Class or American Literature class. This poetry has no formal structure. It has no classification other than that of the poets themselves, and the format changes with every new slam poet that steps up to the microphone.

Walking into the Knight Club, the atmosphere was that of the smoke-filled rooms in beatnik coffee shops of the 1960s. The intense focus of everyone's attention was enough to make professors jealous. In fear of missing even the smallest line or phrase, no one would turn away. Poet, Robert "The Chameleon" Hylton and Flow Mentalz were the three men who captivated an audience of over 120 students.

The trio, which performs regularly at New York City's Nuyorican Poets Cafe in the East Village and The Poet's Corner (Rogues) in East Orange, N.J., went on for two hours Saturday, Sept. 2 despite being scheduled for only one. Halfway through the show, Ayco stepped up to the microphone and asked if there was anything else going on that evening. When the crowd responded with an enthusiastic "No!" the poets decided to keep their own party rolling.

The contents of their poems were not only of political and social observations but also the pure joy of the poets' realities. Ayco spoke of a young man's fear of discovery in a poem entilted, "The VD Clinic." He also spoke of the way he makes love to a woman and how he hopes to do so from now until the hour of his death.

Mentalz spoke about the powerfulness people are about their own bodies and the bodies of others in "Hell No, I Didn't Wash My Hands!" Hylton, who works as a teacher in New Jersey, spoke about how the kids in his class aren't discipline enough and refuse to listen.

While speaking to the trio after the show, Mentalz stated that he was still a growing boy and proceeded to order a pizza. Not a slice, a pizza. Ayco, who earned his BS in Accounting and an MBA in Finance, has four daughters and is more experienced of the three poets. Hylton is a soccer coach.

Hopefully, Ayco will make the Slam Poets an annual event. We can only benefit from the experience that these men have to share. It was favorable that the show was so early in the semester. If we're lucky enough to have them a third time, I suggest everyone attend.

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AU's source for Saxon sports coverage

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Students ask for holiday

BY HEATHER SCHROEDER

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The pave ment in front of Ives Hall Monday night was a "Respect Labor" as members of the Cornell Organization for Labor Action passed out fliers and encouraged Cornellians to add their names to the chalk petition.

"Students were showing their support for having the day off for Labor Day and showing respect for anyone — faculty, staff and students — working today, specifically at the (School of) Industrial and Labor Relations," said Elisabeth Chimienti '92, president of COLA.

"I think it's a pretty good idea because they teach us to respect labor, yet the day that is designated to respect labor we don't respect," said ILR student Teresa Van 93.

Along with photographs of the chalk petition, COLA has collected more signatures on a written petition to present to ILR Dean Edward J. Lawler later this week. The organization will ask if Lawler can grant ILR students and faculty a holiday for Labor Day and for his support in requesting that the Faculty Senate modify the University calendar, disallowing all classes on the national holiday, said COLA member David Unger '92.

"Right now we're just seeing how the Dean reacts to today's actions," Chimienti said. "We're confident that he'll be receptive to his students' requests, and that he'll be able to work out a plan together."

"We would certainly consider a change, and we would be interested in hearing what the students have in mind," Lawler said.

Henrik N. Dullas '91, vice president of Cornell University relations, confirmed that New York state dictates a certain number of class days; if COLA takes Labor Day off, another day of classes must be added.

The University also remains in session during other national holidays, including President's Day.

"We're an anomaly among universities that we don't have (Labor Day) off," said Student Assembly President Uni Amsden '92.

The Student Assembly is in the process of helping to create the University calendar for 2001 through 2005, and has ultimate president of the Faculty Senate to decide to change the calendar, there will still be classes on Labor Day, but for another three years, as the calendar is created seven years in advance, Dullas explained.

"It's definitely a long-term project, but it's good to show that students really support the effort," said Cornellian Mike Moschella '92.

"We hope to make this change at least for the ILR students and Cornell students. We're petitioning," Chimienti said.

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for the score with 8:47 left in the half. Alfred increased its lead to 17-2 when Eason got open behind the Bomber secondary and caught Davern's 23-yard toss in the endzone.

In his first career start, Davern threw for 175 yards and two scores, but also had a pair of passes intercepted. Young ended his day with 187 yards passing and three scores.

The Saxons' fortune changed midway through the third. Young connected on a 25-yard pass to Johnson to bring Ithaca within a field goal, 17-14, with 7:02 left in the third. Young converted a fourth-and-one at the Alfred 48 to sustain the drive. After an AU penalty on the ensuing kickoff, AU began its drive at its own 10-yard line and on its first play from scrimmage, turned the ball over on an Eason fumble. A play later, Young hit Johnson with a 12-yard TD to put the Bombers ahead to stay, 21-17, with 6:56 left in the third.

Ehaca closed out the scoring when senior running back Tommy Giorgio plowed into the endzone from a yard out with 0:50 left in the third. The score was set up by an Alfred fumble at an Ithaca point on the Saxons' 22-yard line.

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Matt MacIsaac plays his bagpipes to the delight of the Knight Club crowd two weeks ago. The band was the first.
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BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

The School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science will be able to launch a new Ph.D. degree program with a $250,000 grant from the State University of New York. This comes from the total $300,000 awarded to the University's state sector. This award will help to start up the new doctorate degree program in materials science over the next two years, offering students an opportunity to further pursue their studies at the graduate level. According to Ronald Gordon, Dean of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science, this new program will emphasize research in biomaterials, which involve medical research, and photonic materials, such as fiber optics. Students who proceed into the medical field have been found. This new program will let engineering students that they too can proceed into the Ph.D. program fully. "Alfred University is initially famous for its ceramics and glass programs," Gordon said. "We're not in any way (veering away from the ceramics), we're just increasing and expanding into biomaterials." Students heading in the biomedical materials field can become involved in orthopedics, medical instrumentation, and orthotropies, body implantation and patent law, Gordon listed. Alfred University's facilities will be invested into the graduate program.

BY JUDITH GUARGLIA
A & E EDITOR

"Crossing Borders — Expanding Horizons" has been selected as the theme for this year’s Division of Performing Arts productions. The theme provides “a broadly defined artistic forum in which to comment on and react to the world around us,” according to Division Chair Steve Crosby. Having dance, theatre and music incorporated under the Performing Arts program, said Crosby, "allows the Division faculty to have a common focus, yet is expansive enough in scope as to not limit us in the selection of plays, concert pieces and dances which will resonate and excite us artistically.”

"The semester is slated to begin with the National Shakespeare Company’s Twelfth Night on Sept. 24. AU theatre graduate Tom Evans (class of ’97) is among the cast for this production. Oct. 4 through 9, the Division will stage two theatre productions in repertory, with rotating matinee and evening performances. One of the plays featured in this endeavor, which is the first of its kind for the Division, will be Sylvia, which features “a dog, as the lively tour guide and major source of tension.”

The other, John Brown’s Body, is described by the Division as “an epic poem exploring the clash of fundamental beliefs leading up to, and during the Civil War.” Later in October, the Sesquicentennial String Band will return to campus for a concert on the 23, followed by a Square/Contra Dance the next day. The Division will also be hosting the Arvil/Wicks Dance Company January 20 through the 27 while the company offers master classes, discussions and lectures. At the end of their stay, the troupe will give three performances of Sent of Drums, which “traverses through an imaginary landscape, both glimmering and dark, where reality and the absurd collide.”

The year is scheduled to conclude with an AU orchestra and University chorus performance of Carl Orff’s Carmina Burana on April 28. Many other plays, dance performances and musical concerts are scheduled throughout the year. In keeping with the theme, Crosby and the Division faculty invite students “to cross real and imagined borders and expand your horizons with us as we delve into the many facets of the human condition.”

BY CATHERINE KEVETT
STAFF WRITER

There is no denying that Alfred University is known for producing talented alumni, academically and athletically. The Alumnipalooza, sponsored by Kamakadee Yearbook, Student Activities Board and Student Senate’s Homecoming Committee, was the focus on the musically talented alumni. There is an obvious difference between the electrical engineer who was a football player, and the English major who decided to excel in collegiate soccer. This same kind of difference could be seen at Alumnipalooza through the choice of music each of the alumni produced.

Chirsy Nyman and Jay Weilbacher, Homecoming’s queen and king, hosted the evening’s bands. The first band contained two Alfred alumni, Peira and Devin C. Krug, both from the class of ’97. Parker tm performed a mix of a lot of their own songs with a few covered songs everyone would know such as The Cure’s “Love Song” and the dance hit popular in the early 90’s “Groove is in the Heart.”

It is difficult to try and pin down a certain quality to this band’s music; the heavy distortion noticeable in most of the songs created the harder rock sound, while the acoustic guitar and female vocals tended to soften the band’s overall sound.

The fact that vocalist Brendan Pendergast injured his left ankle two weeks ago but couldn’t jump around on stage had no affect on the great impression The Wait left on the audience. This band is definitely on its way to the top. Their song, “Static on the Lines,” can be heard on Alfred’s “Faces in the Crowd” CD. The album in this band was Scott Livingston, who was announced at the concert at being a “self-proclaimed rock star.” Although I wouldn’t single out just one member in The Wait as being an amazing “rock star,” I would agree with that statement entirely. One very appreciable characteristic of this band’s members was their incredible ability to blend with each other. When listening to them, F was difficult to pick out one single instrument as holding up the sound of a certain song.

Their record, “Dear Soul,” was on sale at the concert, and they are currently working on their new album, tentatively called “Holding on Line One.” From that selection of songs, they played “Maybe It’s True,” which undoubtedly is going to contribute to the making the new record a success. Music Crisis was the third alumni band to perform for the evening; when vocalist Scott Livingston bought a T-shirt aginst nazis and racism, it was clear this band was going to take on some more serious issues with their music.

With a lively, peak sound, band members Gary Olson, Phil Stewart, Erik Freeman and Steve surprised many. Their song, “Cartoon Violence,” can be heard on Alfred’s “Faces in the Crowd” CD. The head-banging, mouth-inducing sounds caused a few students to jump up on the stage with the band for a few guitar riffs and dance around. The band gave the audience a taste of their sound with songs like “Drunk Bastard.” The songs were surprisingly short but just as effective at getting the political themes to the audience.

There was only one thing that was disappointing to notice at such a diverse show: the lack of student support. Where are you, Alfred University students?” Come out and support more of these great events!

PHOTO BY JARED BRANFMAN

Diverse Alumnipalooza enjoyable

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The Saxons dropped the contest 4-0. So, after starting off with a big offensive game, the Saxon attack has slowed. Before the trip, Corrado said she thinks the team needs to get to the ball on the move more, but added she has confidence it will come together.

"We feel good. Corrado said. "The Geneseo game gave us confidence that we can play with teams like that."

"Maybe even pull out a win," she said.

Corrado noted the efforts of freshman Kellee Speth and Kassandra Villone, both of whom have been starting.

"They’re really stepping up," she said.

She added that the leadership of Rachel Santa Maria, Chayr Lord and Sara Stephens will help keep the team moving in the right direction.

Codispoti said the team is doing just that. In fact, despite the loss to Geneseo, she said that the team showed much improvement over its first game.

"We kept an explosive team off the board," she said of the Geneseo game. "We shouldn’t be disguised."

Codispoti said a lot of work needs to be done.

"We’re young enough and new enough in some positions that we’re inconsistent," she said.

She added that once the team plays together more, this could change.

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led by junior forward Karl Gramm’s hat trick, Deitsch’s pair of goals and a string of single goals by Scott Wallace, Andy Gonzales and Peira.

With high confidence coming off the Canionova game, the Saxons are setting their sights on a tough schedule of conferences upcoming.

Hassler is more than pleased with the team’s playing skills and knows that the team can recover from injury and remain healthy. He explained that the team is well rounded with solid defense, a mid-field that is great at distributing the ball and an attack that is generating a lot of goals.

When asked how the team would approach the games against conference teams, Hassler was confident in his team and his response.

“We’re going to make them worry about us,” Hassler asserted.

The team was gearing up for last Saturday’s game against rival Ithaca who won last year’s contest in overtime.

Ithaca, however, defeated the Saxons 6-1.

"Groove is in the Heart."
Turnovers allow Bombers to down Saxons

BY ANDY BERMAN
Staff Writer

There are many constants in Alfred. There is the Mud Olypmics on Hot Dog Day, King Alfred’s statue will be toilet papered at least once a year, and the Geneseo defense in the middle. Everything else is variable; the ONLY constant is the SA coefficients. Mike R. Maurey’s 50-yard field goal a minute into the second half to overcome a 10-point third-quarter deficit and defeat Alfred University 28-17 Saturday afternoon.

The Saxons (1-1) led 10-7 at halftime and electrified a Homecoming crowd of more than 4,000 when senior tailback George Eason caught a 25-yard scoring pass from freshman quarterback Jon Davern to put AU up, 17-7, just five minutes into the third quarter.

But Ithaca (3-0), led by junior quarterback Brian Young origi-

nally from Almond and sophomore receiver Erik Johnson, charged back with three straight touchdowns, two with- in a 28-second span in the third quarter, to walk away with a hard fought victory. The Bombers were aided by two second-half turnovers deep inside Alfred territory. After a scoreless first period, Davern opened the scoring when senior placekicker Ryan Rambacher booted a 22-yard field goal a minute into the second quarter. Ithaca took the lead five minutes later when Young connected with sopho-

more receiver Jeff Newton on a 25-yard TD pass.

The Saxons went back ahead, 10-7, when Davern tossed a screen pass to sophomore tight end Mark Pierce who sprinted 41 yards down the left sideline

Saxons in action...

Saxon Football
The Saxons hit the road for the first time this weekend with a 3 p.m. game at St. Lawrence Saturday. The Saxons (1-1) will have their hands full upon their return to campus, however: Carnegie Mellon, often a strong squad, visits AU Sept. 23. The game should be a good one and the Saxons go on a three-game road trip afterward.

Men’s Soccer
The Saxons (3-2) will be on the road this week, facing Utica Saturday afternoon.

The Saxons will then have a week to rest for their next con-
test at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 vs. St. John Fisher.

Women’s Soccer
On the road the rest of this week, the Saxons (1-2) will be home Tuesday night to play strong rival Ithaca. Game time is sched-uled for 7 p.m. at Merrill Field.

The squad follows that game up with another night game at home with another tough team. They play Elmira at 7 p.m. Sept. 22.

Women’s volleyball
The Saxons will open up at home with the AU Tournament this Saturday in the McLean Center.

Three days later, the team will face Nazareth at 7 p.m.

The team has only one home match in October before entering a lengthy tournament schedule.

Those who wish to see the team that made the NCAA tour-

nament last year are advised to do so now.

Women’s tennis
The team, hitting the season halfway mark, returns to AU a week tomorrow to face Fredonia at 3:30 p.m.

Despite trouble staying healthy, team looks to win

BY BENJAMIN LEE
Sports Editor

The men’s soccer team opened the 2000 season with a winning record of 2-1.

The Saxons split their first two games at the Bryan Karl Soccer Festival in Alfred. They posted a 2-1 loss to Misericordia in overtime and a 3-1 victory over Wesley in the second game. When asked about the loss to Misericordia, Coach Ken Hasler explained that the game was a good start to the

season against a tough team, but the Saxons’ health was ulti-
mately their downfall.

“The result was frustrating. We missed early chances even though we felt we were the bet-
ter team,” he said. “The other team was healthier with fewer injuries and because of that they were deeper. They were able to keep the game at a high pace.”

Hasler’s Saxons have won despite a slew of injuries plaguing the team. The team is play-
ing minus key players such as Shane Dennis, Rick DeSalvo, Andy Kornahan and Kyle Beebe. While a core group of players are sidelined, there is also a list of players who are playing through nagging injuries. Guy-Robert Desir, A.J. Hicks, Adam Reynolds and Scott Wallace are all battling ailments so far this season.

“Our biggest weaknesses are health and fitness,” said Hasler.

Pushing through the injuries, the Saxons proceeded to post a win over Wesley to successfully close the Bryan Karl Festival.

Later that week, the momentum carried through as the team dominated Cazenovia in an 8-0 thrashing. According to Hasler, the team played strong soccer and was able to control the entire game by scoring early.

“The team played hard to execute things we worked on in practice,” Hasler said.

The team’s high scoring was

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Hassler explained that the loss to Misericordia, Coach Ken

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BY JAY WEISBERGER
Essex-in-Chief

After splitting their opening two games at home, the AU women’s soccer team headed into weekend action with a trip to RIT.

And, despite dropping a tough decision to Geneseo 3-0 last Wednesday, there is a senti-
mnt that the team (1-1, 0-0 Empire Eight) is improving by the day.

“We’re not jelling yet,” said head coach Pat Codispoti. “Every now and then you see a glimpse [of what we can do].”

“We’re starting to get it together more,” said junior defender Carolyn Corrado. “I think we played a hard game [with Geneseo]. We kept up with them and that’s a good sign of what’s to come.”

Indeed, the squad did keep Geneseo in check most of the game, allowing only a late goal. However, the team spent much of the game defending, continually stifled by good Geneseo defense in the middle.

Codispoti noted the offense looked out of sync.

“We were able to work the ball to the flanks,” she said. “We needed to go wide [like that] more often. If no one’s there, we’re not quite playing together.”

Codispoti said that sopho-

more Jaime Ward may be able to get the offense rolling.

“Jamie is really, really work-

ing,” she said. “I’m hoping she can capitalize on that effort and sneak a couple of goals. It’s the type of effort you like to see.”

There are other positives the team was able to take to Rochester as well.

“We have stronger defense than we expected,” Codispoti said. “It’s going to be difficult for teams to score on us.”

She takes the strong back-

field as something to build on.

“We need to continue to hold the other team, build confidence and score,” she said.

As for the trip to RIT, it may not have gone as Codispoti would have liked.

Saxon Louise Neil feels the ball during a recent game at Merrill Field.

Saxons football comes home

vs. Carnegie Mellon, 1:30 p.m.

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