Meissner, Morling look at network
BY JAY WEISBERGER
Editor-in-Chief

Administrators at Information Technology Services want to get the network back up to speed, and they want your help.

Speaking candidly in the ITS offices last week, Assistant Vice President for Information Services Luna Meissner and Assistant Director of ITS Adrian Morling tried to explain what’s wrong with the on-campus network and what can be done to ease network congestion.

“The demand for available bandwidth exceeds our capacity,” Meissner said.

Simply put, Meissner said, too much information is being sent through too little space. This has left many students, faculty and staff members wondering where the “high speed” in high speed Internet connection went.

Morling explained that while the on-campus network moves very fast (AU’s website loads perfectly quickly), the speed of AU’s connection to the Internet is considerably slower. When members of the campus community begin to download more web pages, things begin to back up.

“It’s like a fire hose going through a drinking straw,” Morling said.

This problem is compounded by the number of people in other parts of the world that are taking information off AU computers through file sharing programs.

“We are giving away a good portion to people not associated with Alfred through a variety of file sharing programs,” Meissner said. “Those aren’t your friends.”

Indeed, ITS can prove it.

Morling showed statistics from last week that tallied the use of AU’s bandwidth. Well more than a majority of the bandwidth is being taken up by file uploads through programs like Napster and Scour Exchange.

Morling would not cite any program as the particular culprit, but both of those programs rank high, he said.

“So why not ban Napster and its clones?”

“We haven’t done that because there isn’t just one program and there are ways of getting around it,” Meissner said.

Meissner also noted that RIT, which has much more bandwidth than AU, is not as big an issue.

For more information so reluctant to discuss, contact Assistant Sheila Callahan.

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Outcomes Report good for graduates, AU

BY JASON PILARZ
Features Editor

Ninety-seven percent of the Alfred University class of 1999 was either employed or in graduate school six months after graduation, according to a report recently released by the Career Development Center. Officials say this bodes well for the University —

“...and for the student,” said Kathy Woughter, director of the Career Development Center.

Woughter noted that this report recently released by the Career Development Center. According to the report, 73 per cent of survey respondents reported being employed, 24 percent were in graduate school, and 11 percent were seeking employment.

The CDC releases a report of this type annually, reflecting a recently graduated class.

Out of total of 574 students receiving degrees in the class of 1999, 424 responded to the surveys — a rate of 74 per cent.

Woughter noted that this response rate for similar surveys is higher than from other private schools.

“Beyond the numbers of those who found jobs are the average starting salaries for graduates,” Woughter said, “the salary part is important.”

Meissner said. “These aren’t the numbers, it’s the quality.”

According to John Simons, the Village Police Chief, Shawn McQuarrie was arrested after allegedly selling ecstasy to an undercover officer, which in turn led to the arrest of Carlo-Claus whose minimum jail sentence, if convicted, could be anywhere from three years to life in jail.

Jennifer George, the Coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program at AU responded by creating a slide-show presentation on ecstasy for the residents of Openshaw Hall. This was also at the request of Resident Assistant Sheila Callahan.

“I want to know why people use it (ecstasy),” said George.

To accomplish this, George sent out a list of 16 e-mail questions asking various ecstasy users information such as how the drug affects them, the cost of the drug and the different names for ecstasy.

George indicated that ecstasy, which is also known as Pink Music Note or Thumbs Up depending upon the color of the pill and the picture on it, enhances a person’s senses by releasing large amounts of serotonin in the brain, causing the user to be happy and excited.

During the summer, one of Callahan’s friends died from ecstasy.

“It’s the hip new drug and it’s becoming prevalent on campus,” Callahan said.

Her goal in starting the ecstasy program is to make herself and her residents more aware of the dangerous effects of this drug.

George indicated that this drug could cause memory loss and death due to dehydration.

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Inside...

Pepper has works displayed at Ithaca gallery
PHOTO BY JAY WEISBERGER

Scott Schebner and Aminah Brehi are sworn in at the first Student Senate meeting of the semester. Read about the induction and Senate business on page 4.
Public needs to work with media

As a media outlet, we understand that our coverage is always under the critical eye of the public. We also know that occasionally we may make a mistake in our coverage. No matter how justified this issue is, however, we are always open to discuss it. We love getting letters to the Editor, though we can rarely publish them all.

We don’t like it, though, when for whatever reason, someone forgets that this paper is run by students. That’s right — we’re still learning. While we tend to hold the work in this paper to high standards (and by the way, we have won awards for such), there will be times that a writer makes an error in judgement or accuracy.

Certainly, this must be frustrating for someone who has an interest in an article and doesn’t feel that a “full” story has been presented. When this happens, it isn’t nice to have people realize that the best thing they can do is to get in touch with us and try to help us set things straight.

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Lack of minority involvement questioned

Dear Editor:

Last Friday I was discussing opportunities available with the ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, Native American) coordinator. During the conversation, it came to my attention that there is a lack of minority student involvement with the organizations.

As President of Poder Latino, and an active member of both Unions, and the ALANA team, I feel that upperclassmen should push aside the pride that often hinders them from reaching out to incoming freshmen. I suggest that the leaders of student organizations on campus set up either a social or informal big brother system within their clubs.

In previous years, Unions had experienced a lack of membership and interest. This year, the organization is experiencing a growing level of participation. Underclassmen should take this opportunity to develop leadership roles within the organization. The ALANA team has no official president. It is run by several committees, giving leadership opportunities to many students, regardless of their class year, and making a difference within the club.

Regardless of how committed the upperclassmen are to helping the freshmen become involved, the club can still suffer due to the incoming students who participate.

Omar Perez
Class of 2002

Feminism comes in many varieties

Dear Editor:

In the Sept. 15 issue there was a column in the Fiat Lux titled “Get Over the Fear of Feminism.” I agree that many women don’t want to be labeled as a feminist. What makes a woman a feminist? Is it the belief that women are more than just good for giving birth and a dutiful housewife? I think that most every woman is, at some point, made to feel that they are just doing something right about it. I know that I am not the type to go around burning my bra. However, I still believe in women’s rights. I find it really sad that the stereotype for a feminist is that of an in your face, militant type. Feminism is so much more than that and is something a woman should be privileged to label.

Christine Casey
Class of 2004

Box lunches disappointing

Dear Editor:

Alfred University dining services has failed once again, to live up to my expectations.

The acclaimed new food that the dining hall offers does not seem to make it into the boxed lunch my teammates and I receive three nights a week.

The aquatic team practices Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from about 5:30 p.m. to almost 9:30 p.m. Since we miss almost all of the dinner hours on those days, many of us pick up boxed lunches from Ade to take with us to practice.

The lunches are far less than satisfactory, and I certainly never see any of Beneguera, Taco Bell or Sara Lee in my little lunch. We can’t even get soup, or some hot food, considering we are out in the cold for the full four hours, all year long.

The “lunch,” which is actually our dinner, consists of two sandwichs, usually turkey or ham on bread if you request it, you can get peanut butter and jelly instead. A tiny bit of juice, usually fruit punch, a bag of chips and maybe a Ritz Kriepes treat.

Sometimes, when someone in Ade remembers, we might get an apple in the box as well.

Not exactly a $6 lunch, considering the astronomical amounts we pay for a meal plan.

I’d love to enjoy the new food in the dining halls. However, I am at practice three nights a week, and instead I enjoy my $8 soppy ham sandwich with barbecue chips and a Famous fruit juice. It’s too bad that the dining hall won’t break to accommodate the students that work so hard and pay so much for its wonderful services.

Jennifer Brown
Class of 2003

Fire safety should be a top priority

Dear Editor:

At the end of my sophomore year, I made the decision to move off campus. On May 11, when Andrew Bartholomew was severely burned in a fire at his apartment, I began to question my decision. Would I be safe living in an old house in Alfred? I am aware that the village fire codes have been reexamined, but is that enough?

In the Sept. 15 edition of the Fiat Lux, former President Edward G. Coll Jr. stated that he had lost track of how many meetings he had sat through in nearly 20 years which focused on making the Village of Alfred a safer place to live.

He said, “nothing meaningful has been done.”

Asking landlords to provide functional smoke detectors to their tenants, one amendment made to the village codes, seems rather fundamental.

As stated in the Fiat Lux, a full-time code enforcement officer was needed to ensure that the amendments were being upheld. Isn’t the safety of the residents in the Village a top priority? A full time enforcement officer is needed.

Kim Gray
Class of 2002

Late Night enters second year of activities at McLane

BY JENNIFER KRISTIANSEN

Students who want something to do on Friday and Saturday nights do not have to look any further than the McLane Center.

Though some students still choose to head out to parties, those in attendance at a recent session seemed to enjoy it.

Late Night at McLane, new in its second year, gives students a chance to hang out with their friends in a relaxed, alcohol-free environment. Among the activities offered are half-court basketball, ping-pong, board games and movies.

According to Little Italy’s employee Jay McCarthy, 10-15 pino- nus are delivered on Friday and Saturday nights. It received positive reviews from students.

“The pino was good. It provided me a chance after playing basket- ball and Ping-Pong” said freshman James Coll.

Senior Tyler Case added, “I like pizzas and the soda is free — what could be better?”

The pool was also planned to be open for those students who wanted to play water games. However, according to freshman Sarah Levit, “this wasn’t the case.”

“I was really looking forward to swimming, but [my friends and I] were told the pool was closed because there wasn’t a lifeguard,” she said.

Levit and her friends settled for playing a game of Risk and eating pizza. Among the Risk players was freshman Ryan Thatcher, who noticed the lack of attendances on Saturday night.

“It’s a good idea, but it’s not very crowded... probably because people are elsewhere partying,” said Thatcher.

Admission, the pizza, the soda, and the activities are all free. The event is held every Friday and Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER KRISTIANSEN

Two students duel it out in a tense game of PingPong during a Late Night at McLane session. The event also brings in specialty entertainment like laser tag during the year.
Senate dives right into issues

BY JAY WEISBERGER
Editor-in-Chief

The lights were turned low, oath was taken and people were told of the organization’s history.

No, it wasn’t a secret society bringing in new recruits. It was the installation of new senators at the 25th annual Student Senate meeting of the year.

The brief induction ceremony featured members of the Senate executive board discussing the role of senators. Secretary Liz Reina provided a historical background of the body, drawing heavily from the work of past President Michael Pellicciotti, who last year researched the history of Student Senate. Past President Michael Pellicciotti was at the center of the meeting.

President Seth Mulligan welcomed all to the 25th year of the “modern” Senate and after a brief recess, it was down to business.

And, many were refreshed to see that Senate is wasting no time in getting the ball rolling.

Mulligan reported on several issues that had been presented to him during the informal Senate meetings of previous weeks. The Senate was considering at the end of last semester:

- The highlight was a report that the wiring in the Brick is slated to be revamped.
- However, Mulligan said that Director of Physical Plant Bill Dillon said that the project will not get under way until the conclusion of the spring 2001 semester. The building, which was last wired over 30 years ago, is not suited to support the electrical needs of today’s college student, Mulligan said.
- Mulligan said that estimates were being made into the price of the project. He added that the wiring in the Brick poses an increased risk of fire.
- Also a hot topic was the status of AU’s computer network. Mulligan announced that Information Technology Services higher-ups Lana Meissner and Adrian Morling would be at the Senate at 8 p.m. tonight in Nevin Theatre.

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Also a hot topic was the status of the faculty award and one senator asked about the status of the faculty award.

Some bookkeeping business was taken care of as well. Treasurer Jaime Pena presented new account numbers for Senate organizations and the executive board received approval for its budget for the year.

Already, Senate has some issues to tackle in the upcoming weeks.

A rules committee must be formed to look into the confusion involving the attendance policy of Senate. Currently, the Senate constitution contradicts the Senate bylaws in relation to whether or not attendance is viewed over the course of a semester or a full academic year.

One senator was curious why “on-campus” houses like the ENS house and the Honors house do not have access to the University’s voice mail system.

Some problems with campus vending machines were reported and one senator asked about the status of the faculty award.

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Silbergleit speaks of PR experience

BY JASON PILARZ Features Editor

Following four years in tiny Alfred, N.Y., fast-paced New York City is the new home of David Silbergleit, a recent graduate of Alfred University.

“The company is about the size of AU,” Silbergleit said of his new employer, referring to the difference between Alfred and New York City as a “culture shock.”

Following the recent release of the placement report for the class of 1999, Silbergleit, who graduated in May 2000, provided an example of the many AU graduates who have found success in recent years.

After graduating from Alfred with a degree in communication studies and a minor in psychology, Silbergleit was hired by Edelman Public Relations Worldwide, whose offices are located in Times Square, the heart midtown Manhattan.

Silbergleit’s relationship with Edelman began with a summer internship at the company. He noted that the internship was very competitive at times, drawing applicants from universities such as Syracuse and some Ivy League schools.

“I felt a little inferior at times,” commented Silbergleit, referring to the educational background of his fellow interns, but was later hired by the company for a permanent job.

Going to a university without a high level of national recognition, Silbergleit worked to improve the quality of his overall experience in Alfred to enhance his qualifications in the job market.

Among his extracurricular activities at Alfred, Silbergleit was president of the Student Activities Board. As the leader of SAB, he helped to bring music and comedy groups from around the country to perform at AU. He noted that this experience helped to prepare him for his work in public relations.

Referring to his extracurricular activities in general, Silbergleit explained that “I learned a lot with those organizations.”

Aside from SAB, he also was a disc jockey at WALF, the campus radio station, and a brother at Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

He further noted that companies often look for extracurricular activities when recruiting. All graduates coming out of college have a degree, he explained, and the work outside of class is what sets an applicant apart.

Furthermore, Silbergleit stated that extracurricular activities demonstrate an ability to work with people, a skill many companies look for.

When asked about the work he does, Silbergleit noted that he is an assistant account executive for sports and sponsorship marketing. He said the work consists of acting as a liaison between companies and the media. He spoke of a current project working with IBM to promote their sponsorship of the Olympic Games, and stated that he works a great deal with various media outlets, such as the New York Times and USA Today.

Although only on the job for a few months, Silbergleit already has observations and anecdotes about the public relations profession. He described his office environment as “disquiet” and felt left out of the loop at first as the new employee. However, he also recounted having the opportunity to sit in the United States Tennis Association suite at the recent U.S. Open tennis tournament.

All in all, Silbergleit commented that he enjoys his new job, although his aspiration is to some day be the chief executive of Viacom. Right now though, he said he is satisfied with the “challenge of public relations.”

The Fiat Lux holds its general meeting 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Student Organization Suite. All are welcome.

The chart at left shows the breakdown of AU graduate salaries compared to the national averages. Salary information is broken down by major.

Salaries above or below national averages by percentage

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Students, community help out with blood drive

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
News Editor

Alpha Phi Omega and the Biology Club co-sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive to help those in need of blood donations on Sept. 12 in the Knight Club.

“The Knight Club was all done up for blood donations two weeks ago. The Knight Club, who indicated that one such patient needed blood donations from six people to survive.”

“IT’s doesn’t want to be the technology police,” Meissner said. She said that was one reason that Morling and herself would work together to discuss the problem. Meissner said she wants student input into ways to help.

One fix that is being looked into is purchasing two more TV lines. However, that might not alleviated its network burden. “If there’s not enough bandwidth, another option, but it has its drawbacks as well.”

Prioritization of bandwidth is another option, but it has its drawbacks as well. Morling explained that even by giving certain programs a higher priority on the network, congestion would still be a major problem during whatever hours the prioritization was off.

Morling discussed another plan, as well. “We can configure the Internet to where you can browse and pull in whatever you want, but we can make it a one way street,” he said.

“We can configure the network to where you can browse and pull in whatever you want, but we can make it a one way street,” he said. “It’s an all or nothing approach,” he said. “It would likely break some things.”

“The web would be fine, FTP downloads would work a little differently and some messaging programs would still work,” he said. “It would help security,” Morling added.

Meissner emphasized that any type of Napster shut down would have little to do with copyright issues and a lot to do with conserving bandwidth.

Meissner is optimistic that anything caches could be useful to help get things rolling more smoothly.

“We’re going to form a committee with students, faculty and the administration’s technology workgroup,” she said.

She said the group would most regularly to help set priorities. The group’s recommendations would be under constant review to allow for changes.

Meissner noted that this is a problem many other campus face. “We are by no means unique,” she said.

Because of technical difficulties, the Flat Lux website has not been updated since last semester. We are working to remedy this problem. Thank you for your patience.

High amounts of stress, resulting in a decision to find work with the Red Cross.

“The people walking through the door are generally in a good mood. It’s a better atmosphere,” he said.

Jackie Brown, the vice president of both APO and the Biology Club indicated that there was a smaller amount of donors this drive than ever before.

Brad Bowden, advisor for the Biology Club, indicated that out of 140 people who walked in the door, 115 of the pints will be use. “Students as a whole are good, but there are more who could donate,” he indicated.

Because the quota for the November blood drive was increased by 15 pints, Bowden indicated that enlisting more donors would be critical.

Brown, who led the efforts to enlist donors for this past blood drive, indicated that the best way for students to understand whether or not they’re eligible to donate is to ask a student representative at the sign-up table.

Brown pointed out that some donors may not realize that non-insulin dependent diabetic people and people with anemia who have a high enough iron count, as indicated by testing a drop of blood from their finger or ear, are eligible to donate.

Iannucci advised that people should donate even if they are afraid of needles.

“That’s great,” said Bowden in response to people who fear needles. Their fear would imply that the donors would not be injecting harmful drugs into their blood stream through needles.

Bowden would like to see more students, especially those in the pre-medical program, help out with the blood drive.

“This may not appear as a significant act, but helping out with a blood drive is helping one of the most important aspects of primary health care,” he said.

Romansky realized the importance of giving blood after a past motorcycle accident.

“You might need a pint yourself one day,” he said.

Brown advised people to drink lots of fluids before donating to help reduce the risk of feeling faint.

Network switches like this one are carrying more information than ever. This is causing quite a slow down in network response time.
Ithaca gallery puts a little Pepper into its show

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
A & E Editor

Assistant Professor of Art Jennifer Pepper’s sculptural work is being featured this month at the State of the Art Gallery in Ithaca. The show is organized by the Constance Saltontall Foundation. Pepper received a grant for her sculptural work from the Foundation last year.

Pepper’s three works on exhibit are “Burning Rubber,” “Echo Lake Virus,” and “Repetitive Hum.” About the creation of these pieces, Pepper said, “my work is sculptural and requires the use of found objects which I often cast in resins, rubber, cement and wax. While some of the works are created through casting methods, other projects make use of the object itself. All of the found objects are considered for their functional history.”

Pepper’s show is a constricted out of 70 altered base-ball bats, metal hooks, Velcro and metal attachments “presented in a fallen pile, similar to failed trees surrounding a pool of water,” according to Pepper.

“The work makes reference to a ‘boy toy’ as fallen trophy. The baseball bat serves as the corporeal site where time has affected a course.” Like a virus affecting the body, the growth changes the original course of the object.

Another work on display, “With An Ear to the Ground” explores the body’s sensory perceptions, specifically those of sound.

“The work presents a visualization of sound, an invisible source made physical, which notes the body as conduit for the earth uttering sound in a repetitive hum.” According to Pepper, the “Echo Lake Virus” incorporates “large mass, head-like rock volumes” with a “field of unadulterated fabric” to present the finitude of sound as it interacts with the body’s auditory sensors. Pepper also used small green ears hovering above the heads “to further make visual the concept of the earth uttering sound in a repetitive hum.”

As a result of the group show, Pepper’s “Echo Lake Virus” was photographed for the Ithaca Journal’s Sept. 7 issue. She will also be The Ithaca Boot Press’ featured artist in the forthcoming October issue. Pepper’s show at the State of the Art Gallery will be open through Oct. 1.

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“He’s [Lieberman] got me really annoyed,” said Greil.

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Greil said he is concerned with any politician that brings God into the government. He said this could start something that most don’t want.

“It shouldn’t be a Jew opening the door for the far right wing,” he said.

Singer said she is not concerned.

“People are afraid of Christian fundamentalists holding high offices in the state or federal government,” she said. “People want a separation of Church and State.”

“I am not afraid that Lieberman will undermine the separation of Church and State in this country,” she said.

Students, too, seem to have thought long about Lieberman’s appearances on the ticket.

“I think it’s good that Al Gore didn’t overlook him because he’s Jewish,” said David Fogelman, a junior and a member of Hillel at Alfred. “When he was first choosen, I didn’t like all the attention being that Al Gore chose a Jew. I’d rather look at issues.”

Fogelman added that issues are the major consideration of the campaign.

“I disagree with him on some issues,” he said. “I don’t see him as a Jew as much as a conservative democrat.”

Fogelman, too, said he has some concerns about God being brought into the public domain.

“I always like to see people keep their religious views out of the government,” he said.

“Lieberman isn’t someone who governs to have people subscribe to views, however,” he added.

“In the end,” Greil said, “Lieberman will be judged by how good a candidate he is.”

Mystery Band a fun coffeehouse

BY KHRISTINA BEAULAC
Staff Writer

“Tonight we have one mission and one mission only, which is to entertain you to the best of our abilities,” announced the lead singer of one of SAB’s newest coffeehouse performers.

The Dan Emery Mystery Band played a nearly two-hour set on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Knight Club. The comical group consists of Dan Emery on vocals, guitar and unique song-writing, Brian Tully on sax and Chuck “The Apostle of Rock ‘n Roll” Rudolph on drums.

You can’t help but laugh with songs like “Other People’s Tongues,” “Her Favorite Bra” and “The Girl In The Laundromat,” which are humorous tributes to everyday life. These songs and others can be found on their first CD titled Love and Adrertisement. Natural Selection, the band’s second CD, features other songs like “I-Rex” and “Salt Mine.” The Mystery Band is based out of New York City and has played at venues such as the C-Note and The Cutting Room.

“Our music is strongly influenced by a feeling of communication,” said Emery. The members of the group are diverse in their musical tastes. Tully claimed his influences to be groups like Rush and Black Sabbath while Rudolph feels inspired by Guts ’N Roses and Bruce Springsteen. Emery’s influences are Hank Williams and just about anything from the 1950s.

Halfway through the concert, Emery broke a guitar string. Everyone was heartbroken until he announced that he could change and tune it in less than a minute and 30 seconds. The audience watched carefully as he hunched over his guitar, working swiftly against the clock. He changed and tuned the new string in one minute, 11 seconds.

The excitement could only escalate from there. Pieces of paper were handed out to the audience members to “write down their problems.” Two WALT DJs, Andy and Noah, were brought on stage to read the problems of Alfred University students while the band played.

In an interesting turn of events, Emery offered Andy a free CD to strip down to his underwear.

Andy’s sneakers, socks, jeans and shirt came off while the band played snips of music and the audience laughed, clapped and cheered him on. Andy got his free CD and the Knight Club continued with fun, friends and great music for the rest of the evening.

Fosdick-Nelson Gallery Schedule

The gallery, located in the lobby of Harder Hall, is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday 7-9 p.m., and Saturday & Sunday 1-3 p.m. Closed on University holidays. Admission is free.

Until September 29 — Precedence: Emmet Gowin and his Students, with opening reception at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 4 — 28 — Animal Stories: Patricia Bellan-Gillen, with opening at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 4, November 1 – December 1 — The History of Anatolian Folk Music: Peter Hristoff, with opening at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1.


February 21 – March 25 — Faculty Exhibition: Anne Carrier, Carlo Stangkev, Kevin Wixted, opening at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21, March 30 — April 2 — Junior Show. April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 4 — MFA Exhibitions.

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Other upcoming events:

On November 3, the band FAT will hit the AU campus for the second time. The last time they were in front of 1,000 people at McMahon, opening for Third Eye Blind and Smash Mouth.

A week later, the Getaway People, who opened for Dave Matthews Band in Hartford this year, will bring their act to the AU stage.

DJ show up next for AU music scene

Alfred University will continue its newfound diversity of music acts next weekend when Da Bomb Tour arrives on campus.

The event, which may be held outdoors, will feature two well known hip-hop DJs. DJ Faust and DJ Shortee will be the featured performers at the event.

Both had featured tracks on the fall 2000 Sounds of the Semester CD.

Fiat Lux

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MSI brings its show, antics to AU’s Davis Gym

BY JUDY TSANG

MANAGING EDITOR

It’s not often that a crowd forms outside Davis Gym on a Friday evening, but there were about 65 attendees waiting to see Mindless Self Indulgence last Friday at around 9:00 p.m.

By the looks of the spectators sporting fishnet shirts and “goth” gear, there was a hint that this show was not going to be like the usual Coffeehouse-type act. The concert was certainly different, and it was not all due to the new Davis concert venue. The gym hosted about 140 students that night and at least 150 more would have fit in.

Opening for Mindless Self Indulgence was The O. To grab the attention of the crowding, piercings recorded scratches sounded over the intensely loud sound system set up. Two members of The O elusively emerged from the crowd on the floor and ran onto the stage set up at the north end of Davis Gym.

The O’s first song was not successful in bringing the spirit of the audience with its dreamy and solemn sounds. They were more successful with their second song in the set, repeated chanting “we all want you in a far better beat tempo. Most of the songs in the set were rather harshly powered.

In between songs, the lead singer, sporting bright pink hair asked if anyone had Valium. He then proceeded to throw various colors of M&M’s out into the audience.

After their set, The O took a breather outside Davis Gym chatting with some of the students. When asked about influences, the band responded that it came from anywhere “from Zero to the Beatles, to hip-hop to electronic.

Before the concert had even began, the noise level of Mindless Self Indulgence’s floor manager had warned that MSI was “not real.

Machavelian, they just make fun of everything. They’re really good guys.”

With such a warning, it was hard to set any expectations. MSI consists of four members: Little Jimmy Urine on vocals, Vanessa Y.T. playing bass while wearing an “I [heart] Whores” T-shirt, pounding on the drums is Kitty, and Steve Right! on the guitar. It’s the only person who speaks it with a question mark.

MSI featured music of the “industrial-jungle-punk” scene along with original, but barely audible lyrics. They opened with “Tornado’s” off their Bring the Pain album, which was, as with all their songs, performed in hyperdrive. Another song that seemed to be a staple to MSI’s act was “Births,” consisting of the similar angit and harshness of some of Limp Bizkit’s rhythm. With the overly dramatic expressions and fun base beats of Vanessa, “Planet of Ape’s” echoed some of Green Day’s earlier works.

Perhaps one of the preferred songs of the evening was “Faggot” off MSI’s newest album, Frankenstein Girls Will Seem Strangely Sexy, despite the negative connotation of the title. The song showed a blend of hard rock club remix beats, encouraging people to dance even more.

Dancing was certainly a big part of the evening. The moshing and shoving expected was not really prevalent, but it was definitely hard not to move to the thumping bass beats. Several people moved along with light glow sticks, a rave.

With the inimblable lyrics of MSI’s music and the excessively loud thumps, it was easy to drown out the music and just pay attention to the performing arts MSI presents. At one point, Little Jimmy Urine changes, on stage, into a fuzzy Firby top. The jumping and rampaging on stage by the musicians with their instruments was enough of a workout for training athletes.

MSI’s staple is to push over the edge and be in your face. After reading one of the signs put up giving AU the right to remove persons causing harm to others, Little Jimmy Urine repeated, “I have the right to remove someone.” He then proceeded to jump off stage, grab a random person, pulled him across the gym and shoved him out the side door. This caused a bit of nervousness among the crowd.

Another “performance” was after the last song, “Passy All Night.” Little Jimmy Urine pulled down his pants, no big deal right? Well, he then continued to pull down his boxer-briefs, show off his butts to the crowd and then shoves piece of banana his buttocks. But to get the full effect, and view, he jumped off stage and ran the perimeter of gym for all to see.

The ending of the show was hard to determine with Little Jimmy Urine jumping back onto stage and continuing to “perform” by lip syncing and pretending to play a guitar to recorded music. The crowd was reluctant to leave.

MSI didn’t really have a large following or crowd last Friday night. But those present were definitely enjoying themselves. All others may just not be as progressive or as anti-gender as MSI’s following.

PHOTO BY AMY KLEIN

Vanessa Y.T. of Mindless Self Indulgence stabs the stage with her blade last Friday night at Davis Gym.

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A review of an article published in the New Scientist Magazine published a study indicating that sex can help them stay in better shape and reducing stress, it also be a fruitful way of burning calories and is often overlooked as a way to manage day-to-day difficulties.

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"Sex can be a fruitful way of burning calories and is often overlooked as a form of exercise. "Sex can be a vigorous and strenuous exercise," Britton said. "It engages the neurological pathways and blood flow, which depend on the cardiovascular system.

Sexual intercourse, including foreplay, can burn up to 160 calories an hour, according to the American Heart Association. That means you’re burning calories while playing a game of touch football and more than twice the amount of energy used during moderate weight training.

"I read somewhere that you burn a ton of calories. It certainly could be classified as exercise," said Joanne Montalbano, a senior biology major at Syracuse University. "Though I think some guys burn more calories by just starting at women’s breasts alone.

The only problem with these results is that most people don’t engage in sex long enough to reap the cardiovascular rewards, said William Fitzgerald, a sex therapist based in Santa Clara, Calif., and founder of www.sadesire.com.

"The average foreplay is only four minutes, while the average time from intromission to ejaculation is 90 seconds," he said. "That [isn’t] enough time to get your heart and lungs at optimum for more than 30 seconds."

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Fitzgerald also noted that the amount of sex you have can prolong your life, which is good news for people with relationships.

"Bonded couples are much more often than singles, on average, and at any age," Fitzgerald said.

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By Corey HANN

Daily Orange

SYRACUSE U.

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE — New research suggests that sex may actually keep your heart healthy, increase your immunity to disease and might even make you physically stronger. Does your partner need any more convincing?

Scianitists at the University of Tübingen’s Institute of Medical Psychology and Behavior Neuronal Plasticity recently studied 51 men between the ages of 20 and 49. Of that group, the men had sex 16 or more times per month had stronger heart and blood pressure than guys of the same fitness level and age group who had sex 8 times or fewer per month.

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Gore, Bush look at tuition

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Week one is one to look out for, Williamson indicated.

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The tournament featured a couple of stars as well.

Senior Kelly Johnston, along with Williamson, was named to the All-Tournament Team with 30 kills and 15 blocks. One of the team’s captains, Beth Merrill had 26 kills and 54 digs, and the other team captain junior Stephanie Spragus had seven aces and 76 assists.

With only two new freshmen joining the team this season, this year’s team proves to be an older one. Youth is apparently no obstacle to the freshmen though.

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Williamson school Wodka’s sentiments: “They’re getting along well. Sara [Beatty, a freshman] is a big star on the court. They are very, very good ... they mesh well with the team.”

Coming back to campus 10 days early for preseason, the squad made a trip over to Stony Brook and hiked the area.

“[Hiking] was fun. It was nice for the team. The squad had a couple of walks and a couple of runs in the beginning of the year,” Wodka recalled.

“The entire team is working hard, with a strong start at the beginning of the year, Williamson indicated.

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“With new drills and more cardiovascular activities, we’re increasing endurance, which is especially important when playing long tournaments,” she said.

“Coach [Gene DeBoe]; head volleyball coach; did well with putting a variety of exercises in practice. Now it’s more about fine tuning individuals,” she said.

“With the talent and ability we have [we’re going to] just as strong if not stronger than before. We have a good chance at going to states again this year,” Wodka said.

Williamson apparently was looking even further.

“Our ultimate goal is to go to NCAA’s again. Last year was the first time we went,” she said of the competition that invites 48 schools throughout the United States. “It was a tremendous honor,” she emphasized, “and we want it again.”

“It’s going to be a really good season and we’re off to a good start,” Wodka predicted.

Along with at least 20 wins, “I want to see another banner that says we have been to the NCAA this year,” Williamson said.

The American Football Coaches Association Division III Coaches’ Poll as of Sept. 19, 2000 (last weekend’s games are not included).

See www.afca.com for the new poll out this week.

1. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) (19) 2-0 1,111 1
2. Mount Union (Ohio) (11) 2-0 1,111 2
3. Rowan (N.J.) (1) 2-0 1,052 3
4. Trinity (Texas) 2-0 1,096 4
5. Harwich-Simmons (Tex.) 2-0 933 5
6. Central (Ohio) 2-0 877 6
7. Wittenberg (Ohio) 2-0 841 7
8. St. John’s (Minn.) 2-0 824 8
9. Augustana (Ill.) 2-0 721 10
10. Wartburg (Iowa) 2-0 704 9

91. Washington & Jefferson (Pa.) 2-0 692 11
12. Western Connecticut St. 2-0 625 12
13. John Carroll (Ohio) 2-0 552 16
14. Wsu-Seattle 2-0 521 17
15. Millikin (Ill.) 2-0 411 20
16. Ithaca (N.Y.) 2-0 394 24
17. Ohio Northern 1-1 338 21
18. Western Maryland 2-1 253 23
19. Buffalo St. (N.Y.) 2-1 166 11
20. Brockport St. (N.Y.) 3-0 156 11
21. Thomas More (Ky.) 3-0 138 11
22. Lycoming (Pa.) 1-1 114 11
23. Emory & Henry (Va.) 2-0 110 9
24. Bethany (WVa.) 3-0 88 11
25. Widener (Pa.) 2-0 82 12

Dropped Out (last week’s ranking): Albion (Mich.) (14), Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio) (15), Williamette (Ore.) (18), Carnegie-Mellon (Pa.) (19), Hanover (Ind.) (22), Bridgewater (Va.) (25).

Others Receiving Votes: Illinois Wesleyan, 74; Williamette (Ore.), 70; Rhodes (Tenn.), 66; St. Norbert (Wis.), 61; Linfield (Ore.), 60; Coe (Iowa), 59; Bethel (Minn.), 59; Union (N.Y.), 58; Montclair St., 57; Ursinus (Pa.), 52; Albion (Mich.), 48; Mary Hardin-Baylor (Tex.), 36; Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio), 34; Springfield (Mass.), 30; Methodist (N.C.), 32; Susquehanna (Pa.), 31; Muhlenberg (Pa.), 29; Wooster (Ohio), 26; Catholic (D.C.), 25; Wsu-River Falls, 21; Norwich (N.Y.), 21; Wsu-Whitewater, 20; Carnegie-Mellon (Pa.), 19; Cortland St. (N.Y.), 17; Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.), 16; Hanover (Ind.), 16; Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.), 15; Williamotg (Ohio), 9; Allegheny (Pa.), 8; Bridgewater (Va.), 7; Capital (Ohio), 7; Moravian (Pa.), 7; Case Western Reserve (Ohio), 7; Ripon (Wis.), 6; Concorde (Ohio), 6; Wheaton (Ill.), 5; Wesley (Del.), 5; Mustangville College, 2; Howard Payne (Tex.), 1; Westminster (Pa.), 1; Tufts (Mass.), 1; Nichols (Mass.), 1.

Clubs look to move up at AU

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The AU Field Hockey Club is continuing on their quest to become a varsity sport at Alfred University.

Together with the help of Athletic Director Jim Moretti and the Dean of Student Affairs Jerry Brody, the club sport is trying to make strides in that direction.

“Our ultimate goal is to go varsity, and Jim Moretti and Jerry Brody have been a big help,” said Kim Gray, a junior captain.

Moretti said that the team is still a club team, but that his office has been willing to help accommodate the squad’s needs in terms of practice facilities.

While he would not commit to any time frame for making the team into a varsity squad, he did not rule out the possibility. A group of 15 to 18 women make up the core of the team.

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