Diversity resolution debated by Student Senate

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A recent proposal for a Student Senate resolution has sparked discussion and controversy about racial equality on campus.

Alex Toribio, a senior criminal justice major, proposed the resolution March 24 to address what some students feel as an uncomfortable learning environment for minority students.

Toribio cited the lack of minority faculty members as one area that needs improvement.

"You like to see people of your own race taking the lead," he said. Toribio said he feels the administration is working hard to help with diversity on campus, but, he said, "It's time for Student Senate to take a stand on racial equality."

Previously, Senate voted to accept the procedures for passing resolutions last semester. According to the policies and procedures established by the senate executive board, a resolution "is an important document that expresses the feeling of the entire Senate on a certain issue."

Once a resolution is passed, it is widely distributed to inform students, faculty and staff of the Senate's view.

"The resolution is designed to be effective when nothing else is effective," said Jim Kostiw, a senior political science major and former finance chair of Student Senate. Kostiw helped draft the policies and procedures for passing a resolution last semester.

Students were divided about the issue of a resolution.

"Nobody was against the spirit [behind the resolution], they were against the mechanics," explained Ben Lisk, a senior history major.

Some students felt the resolution should contain clauses about discrimination based on religion, gender, sexual orientation and disabilities.

Toribio, who is also the Senate representative from Poder Latino, favored separate resolutions, however.

"Each issue is so important that I feel they should be handled equally and separately," Toribio said.

He added that he did not want to give the impression that one group was more important than another.

Other students said they didn't feel the resolution was the right way to tackle the problem.

They gave examples of previous problems, such as student concern over the health center and the plight of the track team that have been addressed and solved through Senate without the use of a resolution.

After discussion at the meeting March 31, the Senate executive board met to investigate whether

SAVAP clarifies use of pager system

BY MICHELLE PANCOE
编辑

Nearly a semester after the Sexual Assault Victims' Advocacy Program changed its contact number, many students still do not know how to use the service.

"We're concerned that the campus community doesn't know about the number," said Cathie Chester, co-coordinator of the organization.

SAVAP was forced to switch service providers due to the unavailability of its former provider, she explained.

Students need to know how to use the beeper service, she added.

"Unfortunately... it seems like students are aware of our existence but they don't know how to use us," said Matthew Katz, a junior art and design major and member of SAVAP.

Chester explained that the beepers are now operated by a service in Hornell which operates beepers for St. James Hospital. She said the new service does not include the ability to provide a recording for callers. On the other hand, the service is more reliable and the advocate on-call can travel farther and still be accessible, she clarified.

SAVAP is also recruiting advocates.

"It's a great chance to help minority students," Katz said.

Students hold vigil for peace in Kosovo

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Anyone walking past Harder Hall April 8 would have seen a striking sight. A circle of students, holding hands, stood in silence in support of the people of Kosovo.

The students were holding a vigil to make more students aware of the strife that is currently occurring in that area.

Kosovo is a portion of Yugoslavia, populated primarily by ethnic Albanians.

Since the late sixties, the Albanians have been demonstrating and fighting for independence from Yugoslavia.

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Kosovo remained an autonomous province until 1998, when the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, stripped the province of its autonomy, triggering a wave of protests in which more than 20 civilians were killed, according to a chronology of the Kosovo conflict by the Associated Press.

In 1999, the Serb government recognized the independence of Kosovo and the Serbian forces withdrew.

The violence continued until October 1999, when NATO approved a series of airstrikes designed to end the fighting. This authorization led Milosevic to withdraw troops and allowed monitors from NATO to verify compliance with the conditions set forth.

However, the truce did not last very long, as daily citizen violence led to a series of peace talks between the Serbs and the Albanians starting in March.

These talks led to the declaration of interim autonomy for the Kosovo Albanians, which the Serb delegation refuses to recognize, ending the peace talks.

Based on the failure of the peace talks, Milosevic was warned of the potential for air strikes unless he signed the autonomy agreement.

Milosevic refused to sign the treaty, and on March 23, 1999, NATO authorized airstrikes in Yugoslavia.

The airstrikes angered some in Europe, most notably the Russian government. Russian President Boris Yeltsin blamed the Prime Minister of Italy, Massimo D'Alema, for expressing Russian anger over the bombing of Yugoslavia, according to an Associated Press report.

Yeltsin also threatened that Russia may alter its military policy if the airstrikes against Yugoslavia continued.

However, Russia's foreign minister, Igor Ivanov, assured world leaders that Russia has no intention of becoming involved in the confrontation, said Robin Cook, British Foreign Secretary.

On March 24, the airstrikes began, and NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark said that NATO forces will "systematically" destroy the Yugoslav army unless the offensive against the Kosovo Albanians is ended.

Serbian President Milosevic denounced the airstrikes as a "grave crime against the people of Kosovo."
A story idea for all of us to say we are not prejudiced. We may be doing a decent job not discriminating against oth- ers. But that does not mean we’re perfect, and it does not mean that equalit’y will suddenly materialize.

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Instead of opening up forums to discuss race, religion and other diversity issues was suggested at Senator Senate last week, many of us had been just standing by, doing nothing. Some of us have been going through the motions, attending work- shops and conferences, but never really thinking or talking about actual issues.

Others have been too uncomfortable to accomplish anything valu- able. We have stifled our questions and concerns because we are afraid to ask. Whatever. Many students on this campus are unaware that minorities sense discrimination. Many of us would not notice discrimination if it happened right in front of us. And even more of us have never stopped to think about diversity on this campus.

Discrimination does not go away on its own. We will not wake up tomorrow morning and find that AU is a happy, accepting place. Ignoring it will also not make it go away.

We need to talk. We need to talk to our friends, to our families, to our professors. We need to talk about what has happened right in front of us. And even more of us have never stopped to think about discrimination. We need to talk about our fears, our concerns, our misunderstandings and misinterpretations.

Communication is the key to solving every problem. When we choose to not confront diverse issues, we allow for misunderstandings and misinterpretations. AU is a diverse place, with no administration members and no media coverage, to vent their feelings about these complex issues, and to listen fairly to what others have to say. We need something different than diversity training or a special speaker.

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When we can hear the viewpoints of others, we may find that of our assumptions about them were wrong. We may be able to move towards a solution. Ignoring discrimination will not make it go away. Talking will not solve the problem either, but it will make it better.

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BY JAY WEISBERGER
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Do you know what’s going on in Kosovo?
Do you know why NATO is bombing over there?

First of all, we have to look at why we’re there. The tension in the Balkans is nothing new. However, for years, there seems to have been a system of ethnic cleansing in place in the former Yugoslavia.

We like to make ourselves feel good when we say “never again” with the Holocaust. Such a claim is hollow if the United States sits back and watches ethnic Albanians slaughtered.

The United States has neglected not helping put a stop to the madness of Auschwitz sooner. So, after many failures to solve the Kosovo situation through diplomacy, NATO acted.

This is not Vietnam. Those are human rights.

Do I like putting our troops in danger? No. I have relatives in the military. I do not want to see them putting their lives on the line.

But, that doesn’t mean I’m not going to support the troops we put into action. No one else was ever as Americans, we need to respect the fact that there are people willing to put their lives on the line for us. It’s why we have a army. President Clinton should be commended for not trying to invite more a major conflict by sending in ground troops. Recently, the attacks to airstrikes is actually a very smart move.

Chances are, if ground troops end up in Kosovo, this whole situation is going to explode; I don’t care what the outcome will be. Let’s hope it doesn’t come to that, but, at the same time, let’s at least support what our forces are doing over there. Our troops deserve it.

There are troops who didn’t get to spend Easter with their families or go to Passover seder this year. For them, there was a reason to mire these events. Let’s not con- template.

We have become such a fragmented society that, since WWII, have been able to unite behind a cause our country has fought for.

We all lead different lives and are motivated by different things. That’s not a bad thing. It makes us more diverse.

Nowadays, one of the only things we have in common is our country.

What if bad is when we don’t support the Americans who put their lives and families at risk for their country.

Whether you know about Kosovo or not. We owe it to our troops to care about what happens over there. Don’t they deserve people paying attention to what they are risking their lives for?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ROTC blamed for Pine Hill damage

DEAR EDITOR,

On March 15, everyone that has an e-mail address received a message that the Reserve Officers Training Corps program would be conducting exercises on Pine Hill.

The event had not given much thought to the event. However, a potentially dangerous hazard, as well as other conse- quences, have arisen because of it.

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Engaging in a discussion does not lead to answers, clarification of the problem is the first step toward a solution.

Many students are so afraid of offending someone that issues of discrimination are rarely discussed.

This is not to say that students can voice any opinions whatsoever. Certainly, people shouldn’t say offensive or derogatory things.

But they have the right to ask questions about issues that puzzle and concern them.

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AU’s population increasing

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Alfred University may be getting much bigger in the next year. The expansion is due to an increase in the number of students who are staying in school, coupled with the large number of high school seniors who have decided to attend the University.

The increase in the number of current students who are staying in school is a product of extensive efforts by the University to improve retention rates. Sue Strong, vice president for enrollment management and associate provost, said that overall, there is better retention of students this year, in comparison to previous years.

Strong said that there was a higher rate of return at the beginning of both semesters, and that there were fewer academic dismissals, withdrawals and leaves of absence taken.

Strong said the University does “everything we can to provide a meaningful experience” for students who attend AU.

Strong explained each college within the University has a retention committee, which tracks student files and identifies potential problems.

In addition to identifying at-risk students, the retention committees use past student files to observe trends in the student body, which help the colleges develop programs, such as the freshman year experience, that aid in retaining students.

Strong said the student opinion survey is another source for ideas and input into what the students are pleased and displeased with.

Strong said the survey serves to identify problematic areas for students, which the retention committees can then target.

The retention of current students is only part of the reason it may get a little more crowded in Alfred next semester, however.

The second reason for the expansion is the increased number of high school seniors who will attend the University in the fall.

Katherine McCarthy, director of admissions, explained the fundamentals of the University’s program for recruiting new students.

McCarthy said the admissions office seldom recruits specific people based on one special talent, such as national merit scholarship, or excellent athletes. Instead, McCarthy explained, the admissions office “works hard to identify students who are interested in AU, and who would be a good match with the University.

The admissions office is looking for potential students who have good high school preparation, and the students who are recruited do not fall into any obvious groups, said McCarthy.

Once the admissions office has identified interested students, there are several strategies the office employs to encourage those students to attend AU.

McCarthy said there are a variety of regional admissions programs, ranging from mailings and high school visits to receptions hosted by alumni.

These strategies help establish contact between the university and the potential student, which is extremely important, said McCarthy.

These strategies, in addition to others, are the key factors in recruiting a strong freshman class each year.

The reply date for the fall semester is May 1st, and Strong said that the University is anticipating a freshman class of the same size, or larger, than the class of 2003, the current freshman class.

AU Junior Mike Pellicciotti has been named as a finalist for a Truman Scholarship.

Of the 230 finalists, 65 scholarship winners will be selected. Winners will receive $3,000-$30,000 to aid cover the costs of senior year and $27,000 to aid with graduate school costs.

Holocaust survivor Royd Berlinger, an Alfred resident, will speak about her experiences in a lecture tonight.

The event is sponsored by Hillel and will begin at 7 p.m. in Susan Howell Hall.

• Jill Nelson, the first black women to write for the Washington Post Magazine, will be the speaker at the fourth annual Riley Lecture in Women’s Studies.

The lecture is scheduled to be in Susan Howell Hall April 19 at 4:30 p.m.

• A new lecture series named for Samuel R. Scholes Jr. has been created.

The lecture series will focus on chemistry, but should also appeal to the entire university community.

The inaugural lecture was held last month in Nevins Theatre.

• Assistant professor of English Carol Burdick and 1998 graduate Megan Allen have been the first recipients of the Abigail Allen Award, given by the women’s studies program.

The award is given to one professor and student (or alumni) “whose service to the University community; and to the women’s studies community especially, exemplifies the standards set by Abigail Allen,” said Karen Porter, director of the women’s studies program.

Allen was the wife of the University’s second president, Jonathan Allen. Abigail, however, essentially shared the presidential responsibilities with her husband.

Investigators unearthed a rifle buried near the Amherst, N.Y. home of slain abortion doctor Barnett Slepian.

The rifle has been turned over to the FBI.

Authorities are still looking for anti-abortion activist James Kopp, who disappeared after the shooting of Slepian.

Kopp’s car was in the Amherst neighborhood in the days before the killing. Kopp’s car turned up afterwards at Newark International Airport in New Jersey.

• Delores Hill, principal of Tabernacle Church of God Elementary School in Brooklyn, has been arrested for running a small-time drug ring out of her school.

Hill, the school nurse and a janitor have all been taken into custody for selling cocaine to adults while students were in class.

• Louis Farrakhan, controversial leader of the Nation of Islam, is recovering from surgery and will be on medical leave for four to six months.

In his absence, the Nation of Islam will be run by the National Board of Laborers due to the fact that none of the candidates to replace Farrakhan have the appropriate religious credentials to lead the Nation.

The airstrikes against Yugoslavia continue.

Reports of heavy damage have been coming in from Yugoslavia, as well as reports of civilian casualties. Pristina, the principal city of Kosovo, has sustained heavy damage from allied bombing.

Last week, Yugoslavia presented a cease-fire plan that was unilaterally rejected by NATO, saying it fell well short of what was necessary for the airstrikes to stop.

Ethnic Albanian refugees have been swarming out of Kosovo, while Yugoslavia has reportedly accelerated its aggression against the Albanians.

An effort to free three captured U.S. soldiers failed as it was announced the soldiers would not be freed as long as airstrikes continued. [See related article, page 1]

• Niger’s President, Ibrahim Bare Mainassara, was assassinated by his own bodyguards in an airport last night.

Mainassara’s government has been widely criticized by the populace of Niger and it is suspected that Mainassara’s government fixed recent elections to avoid defeat.

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the resolution should be drafted. At the Senate meeting April 7, Carlos Pearce, Student Senate president, read a memo produced by the Senate executive board. According to the memo, “After much discussion amongst the executive board and careful consideration of the open debate conducted on the Senate floor, we have decided not to draft a resolution. We appreciate Alex's proposal, but we do not feel that this important issue should be addressed by means of a writing a resolution.”

Through the memo, the executive board proposed to implement an ad hoc constitutional committee to create a Senate Mission Statement. The statement would be “Senate's way of making a statement about our acceptance and appreciation of diversity in all of its forms,” according to the memo. Senators voted to implement the committee. Because Rodriguez, Dustin Weisner, Chandra Leiter, Tania Geraldino and Rachel Doust were elected to serve on the committee. The committee has been instructed to complete its task in two weeks.

Link described the decision of the Senate executive board as “very wise.” He said the issue of racial equality is very valid and needs to be addressed.

“I hope something will come about that is effective and accept- able,” Link said.

“Both parties have done an excellent job of presenting their sides,” said Peares.

“I also believe that Senators have done an excellent job of talking about it with their organizations,” he added.

Mike Pellegrini, a junior business administration major and for- mer Student Senate president, addressed Senate about the deci- sion and its implications on April 7.

People need to take productive and active steps, he said. “Dealing with it means talking about it,” he added. He suggested that Senate sponsor a forum for “frank and open discussion” about racial diversity and equality at AU.

“The people on this campus who should be communicating aren't,” Pellegrini added.

Several students agreed that the forum would be a good idea. They asked whether it would be a one-time event or an ongoing series, and whether it would be held this semester or established next semester.

They also wanted to know if University administrators would be invited to the forum.

Many students said they felt administrators should not be invit- ed, because their presence might make some students uncomfortable.

Despite this action, Toribio expressed disappointment after the meeting.

“I don't feel [adding a mission statement to the Senate constitu- tion] is the right way to show the voice of the students,” he said.

Toribio was quick to assert he was not angry with the Senate executive board.

“The mission statement is a good idea,” she said.

She added that she felt the mis- sion statement would allow for the interests of all groups to be equally stated.

Rodriguez was also pleased with the discussion on the issue on the Senate floor.

So was the Senate President.

“I am happy that students are expressing their concerns and issues at Senate,” said Peares.

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Student Senate resolutions should then investigate the matter for one week, to see if the situation can in any way be resolved.
4. If the executive board finds that the issue under investiga- tion cannot be resolved, then the board should hold a special meeting to develop and write the resolution.

The completed resolution should be ready for presenta- tion to the Senate body within two weeks.
5. At the next meeting of the Student Senate, the completed resolution should be presented during old business... Once dis- cussion is completed and closed, a vote for the passage of the resolution should be opened during the new busi- ness portion of the meeting.
6. A resolution of the Student Senate can only be passed by a three-quar ters vote of the Student Sen- ate.
7. If the resolution passes, the completed document should be sent to the American Friends of External Affairs for the College of Ceramics, organized a clothing drive to help the people of Kosovo. Baldwin said that she originally intended it to be a relatively small project, but that once a local radio station became aware of the drive, the project became much larger.

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Student Senate Resolutions
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Yugoslavia.

The airstrikes continued throughout March, and into the beginning of April, with NATO striking out against the First Army headquarters in Belgrade.

As a result of the airstrikes, refugees begin pouring out of Kosovo at a rate not seen in a European country since World War II.

Alfred University students have varying levels of awareness about the situation in Kosovo. Student reactions ranged from “I had no idea what was going on,” to “I am very concerned about the situation,” and everything in between.

The Alfred vigil was in support of the Kosovo refugees and also to bring awareness of the events, said attendees of the event.

In addition to the vigil, the Alfred community has pulled together to collect clothing for the refugees.

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Burdick presents her ‘Swan Song’ at Bergren

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER
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Carol Burdick, assistant professor of English, delivered her “Swan Song” to a packed Nevins Theatre at the Bergren Forum last Thursday. Or, as she termed it, it was her “swan dive,” because she addressed several controversial issues.

“Will the new millennium bring equality based on numbers to the women of Alfred University?” Burdick asked rhetorically.

She listed the number of women professors in each college of the University. According to her calculations, less than one-third of all professors are women.

Burdick said she hoped that the University would hire more women faculty, more non-white faculty and more faculty in general. Despite the “battle cry” from the Office of Admissions, advertising AU’s small classes, professors are over-burdened with large classes, she said.

She also said the University should promote adjunct professors. Burdick compared them to “beasts of burden” and said that their salaries “make minimum wage look good.”

“It disturbs me that so many of our faculty are over-burdened and weary,” Burdick said. She wondered if stressed-out, overworked students at the University were a reflection of their tired professors.

AU was smaller and the classes were more manageable in the past, Burdick said. She explained that there was less pressure to do research and publish writing, as well.

Burdick also supported the University secretaries. She worked as a secretary herself, she said, and both she and her employer breathed a sigh of relief whenever she found something they needed. Even though she wasn’t a great secretary, she said she still thinks they deserve more pay for their valuable services.

Burdick summed her ideas up into one statement: Despite the numerous renovations the University has made, “it’s beginning to feel a bit hollow behind the facade.”

Burdick also questioned the University’s policy in regards to student entertainment.

In the past, she said, the University brought enriching cultural events to campus. Now, however, pop bands and comedians are the norm [see sidebar].

The faculty and staff are so tired from their burden of responsibilities that they cannot attend AU’s existing art and music programs to support the students, she added.

Burdick suggested that the health center change its hours. She said it would better suit a tired and ailing student body that can’t drag itself out of bed for morning appointments.

She also commented on what can happen when freshmen pledge fraternities or sororities.

Burdick said she has seen many students’ grades plummet when they pledge their freshman year. She said she didn’t think first-year students should be allowed to pledge.

Burdick switched gears to teaching classes.

“As my students come to the class with different backgrounds and goals,” Burdick said.

She related an anecdote of an 18-year-old’s essay about her child’s birth. In the next assignment, the student debated about whether she should join a sorority.

“Some students are gifted with compassion, while some are not,” she also said. She spoke of a student who came to AU from a third-world country.

The student was shocked when she read an article about homelessness in the United States. The student wondered how such an affluent country could have such poverty.

Burdick ended her lecture by explaining that a “swan song” is not a requiem. She is not leaving Alfred, and she will still be teaching classes.

Burdick closed with her poem titled “Only the Smell of the Violets.”

She received a standing ovation from the audience.

A response?

The Student Activities Office seemed to be responding to Assistant Professor of English Carol Burdick’s comment at the Bergren Forum that the University needs to provide more “cultured” entertainment and less “pop” entertainment to the students.

In the weekend update e-mail, sent April 8, the Student Activities office said, “We ask that you look over the list of events and hopefully find poetry within the music, honesty within the comedy, beauty within the performing arts, and experience the culture of others within each and every opportunity. Many students and staff have committed many hours to provide these opportunities and we hope you get the most from them.”
The audience at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church craned their heads to see the Alfred University Chamber Singers in the back of the church as they sang “Hope There Is,” based on a poem by Oodgeroo Noonuccal, an Australian Aborigine. The repetition of the words of the poem made each one important as the singers harmonized. The song changed tempo several times to indicate jubilation, and the dancers seemed to light up with celebration. Their green sleeveless costumes were colorful and reflected traditional African clothing.

The Chamber Singers were accompanied by several percussionists who kept a fast and exciting rhythm. As the drums beat, the singers processed up the aisle during “Natufrahi siku ya leo.” At times the drums drowned out some of the singers’ voices and made it hard to hear them. The program included pieces from Ireland and America, and the second half of the program was dedicated to songs from Israel. The men sang “The Cobbler” and “Eileen Aroon,” two Irish songs that contrasted completely. “The Cobbler” was characterized in tone but fun, while “Eileen Aroon” was a more traditional love song. The men seemed at first to have problems blending, but by the end of the song they had achieved unity.

Two special highlights on the program were “There’s a Land,” by Leslie Burns, and “Adon Olam,” by Jeffrey Ryan. Burns visited AU recently and worked with the Chamber Singers. “There’s a Land,” from Burns’ opera “Uzoevi,” was sung a cappella, which Clarke noted was unusual. She said Burns seemed to be happy that the Chamber Singers would be performing the song that way. Jeffrey Ryan wrote “Ecce Homo,” which the Chamber Singers performed twice last year.

The more traditional feel of “Adon Olam” was much different from the dissonant “Ecce Homo,” which only resolves at the end. The audience seemed to enjoy themselves, even clapping along to “Simona MiDimona,” a song about a town in Israel and the “exotic appeal” of its North African residents to Northern European immigrants. The Chamber Singers also seemed to enjoy the songs, and their energy and appeal propelled the concert.
AU band strong at spring show

BY JUDY TSANG
STAFF WRITER

The AU Concert Band expressed its theme of heritage in the Spring Concert, April 9, through musical selections dating back to the 1800s.

With Marc Sackman, professor of music, as conductor, the band performed for a Holmes Auditorium audience of about 200 people.

The pink and amber lights allowed for a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

With strong starscots beats of a traditional march, the concert commenced with Hector Berlioz’s “Marche Hongroise,” immediately lifting the audience’s spirit.

The strength of the piccolo and flute section was clearly visible, contrary to the misconception of a weak woodwind section in a marching band.

A dedication was made to Anna Babcock (1938-1998), the former costume mistress for the AU Performing Arts Department with Frank Ticheli’s “English Folk Song Suite,” featuring Shawn Welch on the English horn.

This selection delivered a calm, soothing tribute to Babcock.

Adam Spach performed an exquisite alto saxophone solo in this lullaby-like piece. “English Folk Song Suite,” the concert’s third piece, allowed for a variation from light tape of a march to reflections of holiday music with its three sections.

The first section featured the trumpets while the second section spotlighted a clarinet solo. The ringing of a triangle completed the feeling of Christmas in the third section.

Dave Brubeck’s “It’s About Time” proved to be different from the other songs. It opened with a strong, jazzy feel and continued just as strong, forcing the audience to tap its feet to the upbeat tempo.

At one point, band members stopped playing their instruments and performed by clapping.

Gradually, each section returned to performing with their instruments as the handclaps of the other band members answered.

Before the closing piece of the night, Sackman thanked the audience and acknowledged all the seniors gracing the AU stage for the last time.

Each senior was individually introduced and recognized.

The closing piece of the evening, “Russian Christmas Music,” featured Shawn Welch on the English horn.

This selection gave the idea of awakening to a cold winter morning.

The sounds of tower clock bells chiming were reproduced to give off the feeling of the early 20th century.

The echoes of the instruments rang out even after the precise cut-off at the end of the song.

The audience responded with a standing ovation, delighted with the concert.

As the applause continued, the band showed their appreciation with an encore of a Johann Sebastian Bach chorale.

This was the Concert Band’s final performance of the semester.

Kazan’s On the Waterfront an explanation of his actions

BY DAVID WESTHART
CONTRIBUTOR

A great deal of controversy surrounded director Elia Kazan’s 1959 Oscar for lifetime achievement. In light of this controversy, it seems like a good idea to look at his film On the Waterfront.

The film is considered by some to be Kazan’s unapologetic defense for “naming names” to the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s.

The film opens with Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando) as an unwitting accomplice to a corrupt local union as they eliminate a worker who is about to testify against them.

The worker is seen as a “canary,” and after he is thrown from his rooftop, the comment is made, “He couldn’t sing, but he couldn’t fly.” This sets up the crisis of conscience that is the basis for the film.

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Overall, On the Waterfront is an excellent film that is sure to maintain your interest until the resolving climax.
**Senate Update**

**BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER**

Finance Chair Craig Calvert announced that budgets for Senate organizations are due April 16. Finance hearings will be April 18 and April 25.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

The following arrests and complaints were reported by the Alfred Police Department.

**Arrests:**
- Disorderly conduct:
  - Jacob M. Mecheaux, 22, Orlando Fls. (Mar 27)
  - Dustin Weiderman, chair of the Senate's Finance Committee, noted that the parking on Pine Hill will now be completely for senate organizations.

**Complaints:**
- Disorderly Conduct:
  - Mill St. (Mar 27)
  - Provost's Office (Mar 20)
  - Illegal parked vehicles:
  - Church St. (Mar 22)
- Disorderly conduct:
  - Reynolds St. (Mar 22)
  - Disturbance, Mill St. (Mar 21)
  - Disturbance at a dorm, AU Campus (Mar 21)
  - Wild animal in house, Sykes St. (Mar 22)
- Noise violation:
  - W. University St. (Mar 27)
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**Speed in zone:**
- Amy B. Kirchner, Philadelphia, Pa. ($90)
- Richard D. Jacobs II, Ogdensburg, reduced to failure to obey traffic device ($100)
- Kersten M. Klinge, Ithaca, reduced to failure to obey traffic device ($80)
- Henry J. Treadell, Syracuse, reduced to failure to obey traffic device ($130)
- John G. Knowler, Hornell, reduced to failure to obey traffic device ($130)
- Melanie A. White, Franklinville, $80 also expired inspection ($80)
- Douglas V. Cunningham, South Bend, Ind., reduced to failure to obey traffic device ($60), also expired registration ($80)

**Failure to obey traffic device:**
- Tracy A. Williams, Wellsville ($130)
- Carlos R. Pearce, Oakdale ($130)
- Joseph Rende, Port Chester ($130)

**Passed stop sign:**
- Averin S. Donough, Port Royal, Pa. ($130)
- John B. Putnam III, Liverpool, reduced to failure to obey traffic device ($130)
- Daniel W. Swargent, Hilton ($100)
- C. M. Petrizzo, Glen Love ($100)

**Expired inspection:**
- Meghan L. Eddy, Fairport ($80)
- Todd J. Tritt, Salamanca ($80)
- Allecia R. Brutsman, Hornell ($80)

**No seatbelt driver:**
- C. J. Keating, Attica ($80)
- Babbs Bergner, West Hartford, Conn. ($80)
- Joseph W. Meyers, Wellsville ($80)

**Other:**
- John C. Almster, Hamlin, improper right turn ($80), also unlawful possession of marijuana ($80)
- Jamie L. Wagner, Lyons, criminal trespass, reduced to disorderly conduct ($100)
- Reinaldo Morales, assault in the third degree, reduced to disorderly conduct ($100)
- Warren M. Ross, Salamanca, open container ($25)
- Richard J. Boop, Phelps, speed in excess of 55 mph ($80)
- Eric L. Moreo, Canaseraga, DWI, reduced to DWAI ($530)

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**SAVAP CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**

other people who need it,” said Greg Hilgert, a senior psychology major who has been a SAVAP advocate for two years. “It’s been an amazing experience,” he added.

Bethany Carpenter, a junior elementary education major who has been an advocate for a year, said she joined because she wanted to do something which benefited others.

“I felt there was a need to have an advocate for victims in this community,” Katz said, explaining why he joined SAVAP. He added that SAVAP provides “a level head in an incredibly insane situation.”

Chester said the usage of SAVAP increases every year. She said she is still concerned, however, that people are not always aware that what is happening to them is sexual assault.

That fact, and the increase in the use of date rape drugs, makes SAVAP a very crucial service, she said.

She also stressed that people can call SAVAP even if there is not a crisis.

“SAVAP is pretty unique,” she added.

Most campuses this small do not have a group that does what SAVAP does, she explained.

“There is definitely a need for it on all campuses,” Hilgert said.

Chester said SAVAP has received many requests for educational programming. That it is not currently part of the group’s mission, she added.

“We don’t have as many people as we need to run a good educational program,” she explained.

Overall, students seem pleased with the services SAVAP provides.

On last semester’s Student Opinion Survey, students rated services provided by SAVAP 3.4 out of 5 points.
Brill to present annual lecture for “Glass Day”

BY HEATHER KOOL
STAFF WRITER

“A Glass Day,” which celebrates glass science at Alfred University’s College of Ceramics, will be held on April 22.

The festivities focus on areas of glass science and engineering.

The annual Scholes Lecture, held in Holmes Auditorium, will kick off the festival.

The lecture is named in memory of the former dean of the College of Ceramics and founder of the glass science program, Samuel R. Scholtes Sr.

This year’s lecturer is Robert Brill, a specialist in glass conservation, archaeological chemistry and scientific research.

Having received his doctorate in physical chemistry from Rutgers University, Brill was an administrator of scientific research at the Corning Glass Museum from 1969-1972, later becoming the director of the museum.

Prior to that, Brill was an associate professor of chemistry at Upsala College in East Orange, N.J.

Brill is currently a research scientist at the Corning Glass Museum.

Brill’s speech, titled “Glass from along the Silk Road,” addresses the Silk Road, which was a major trading route that connected China and other parts of Asia with the West.

Brill will also look at the various glasses excavated from China and Central Asia.

Regarding the Asian Silk Road, Brill said, “One of the most intriguing areas of current glass research is the comparison of glasses made in Asia with those imported along the Silk Road from the West.”

Following the lecture, the winner of the annual Scholes Award will be announced.

The Scholes Award is presented annually to the sophomore, junior or senior student who has excelled in the undergraduate lab course.

The environment at Alfred is more like that at the graduate school at Clarkson, Williams said.

He explained that the relatively small size of AU’s engineering department allows for more interaction.

Williams said he decided to come to Alfred University because it was “a good job and a good match.”

In his time here, he said he plans to gain funds for research and to continue to improve the undergraduate lab course.

The new mechanical engineering professor shares humor

BY STEPHANIE WEBSTER
MANAGING EDITOR

A poster titled “Murphy’s Laws of Technology” hangs on the wall in John Williams’ office.

The amusing quotes such as “Any simple theory will be more complicated than necessary” reflected the good sense and humor of the new assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

Williams received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Clarkson University.

He said he is currently waiting for a summer research grant.

However, he joked, he wants to get through his lab course first.

He explained that mechanical engineering is a very vast field.

“Engineering is fundamental and needed,” he added.

Graduating mechanical engineering students should know that they have a lifetime of learning in front of them, Williams said.

“You’re not done here,” he added.

Williams also advised students to be professional and to “do the right thing” when it comes to ethical problems.

He explained that at times an engineer may run into pressure to cut costs, which can lead to safety hazards.

“It’s a hard decision,” he said.

In his free time, Williams said he likes to travel, cook, hike and go to concerts with his wife and his two-year-old daughter, Abby.

This summer, they are planning to go to a Jimmy Buffet concert, he said.

Williams said his favorite thing about Alfred University is the lack of parking on campus.

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Class most repeated by one person
Class most slept through
Best professor (male)
(female)
Funniest professor (male)
(female)
Sexiest professor (male)
(female)
Easiest class
Hardest class

Administration
Best thing done
Worst thing done
Unsung hero
Most likely to go insane
Most likely to be seen jogging

Residence halls
Best residence hall
Loudest residence hall
Best RA
Messiest RA
Coldest residence hall
Hottest residence hall
Res. hall with most fire drills
Longest wait for a shower
Best program
Best closets

Dining halls
Best entree
Worst entree
Do you go to Taco Bell Night?

Student Senate
Best thing done recently
Worst thing
Senate rep with the most to say
Senate rep who says the most

Student Activities
Movies:
Best
Worst
Movie we should get
Movie we shouldn't get
# of movies you watch per semester.

Fiat Lux:
Best headline
Worst headline
# of times your name appeared in the Police Blotter

Other organizations:
Most stressful
Best publicized
Most in need of members
Most e-mail sent to campus
Most picked-on organization

Sports
Favorite varsity sport
Favorite non-varsity sport
Most exciting game
Most boring game

University buildings
Warmest
Coldest
Funniest-smelling
Most likely to burn down
Most likely to collapse in wind
Most likely to slide down the hill

Food
Best pizza
Best wings
Best coffee
Worst coffee
**Men's Lacrosse**

BY ANDY BERMAN

Anytime that you have the two highest scorers in a team’s history playing at the same time, you must get excited.

The women’s lacrosse team is excited.

Lindsay Balkins and Lauren D’Aurio are the AU women’s all-time leading scorers in lacrosse. Balkins scored her 100th goal this season against Oswego earlier this year. She is leading the team in points this year with 82. D’Aurio scored her 100th goal a few games later at the 12-6 victory over Brockport. D’Aurio scored four goals in the game. Going into Saturday’s game, D’Aurio leads Balkins in goals scored 24-21. Both Balkins and D’Aurio are junior attacking field, which makes next year’s team even better.

Senior Leigh McKinley leads the team on defense. Denna Stachelek, the coach of the team, said McKinley is the backbone of the defense. Denna is also a senior and will return next year.

Mary Beth Bruder has played well in goal so far this season. She has 76 saves, with a save percentage of .576 and a 7.29 goals-against average.

**LAXers break AU records**

BY ANDY BERMAN

The women’s softball team split a double-header with Fredonia.

In the first game, AU only got two hits off the Fredonia pitching crew. The team did a complete 180 in the second game to even their record up at 1-1. Lisa Anderson scattered four hits over the entire game. Anderson helped her own cause when she doubled and scored twice. First baseman Jessica Snyder had a pair of singles and drove in two runs.

The Saxons are very optimistic about the upcoming season, despite the fact that every game they play is a double-header. In fact, they will be playing six games in their next seven days.

**Junior outfields Megan Stuart will be leading the team this year. Stuart led the team with a .358 batting percentage. The team will also rest on the shoulders of two sophomore infielders, Jen Benson and Theresa Trzoda. Benson led the team last year with a .371 batting average. She also led with 12 hits and 11 runs scored. Trzoda is a solid shortstop and was second last year in total fielding attempts.**

**Saxon Sports Roundup**

Men’s lacrosse (5-3)

AU 9, Hartwick 8
M. Pilliod 2 goals, 3 assists, Morrison, Brown 2 goals, 1 assist, Dunn 13 saves

Colby 12, AU 9
Pilliod 5 goals, 1 assist, Brown 2 goals

New York Tech 14, AU 8
Dawson 4 goals, Strickland 1 goal

Women’s lacrosse

AU 12, Brockport 6
D’Aurio 4 goals, Balkins 4 goals, Bruder 9 saves

AU 19, Canisius 1
D’Aurio 8 goals, 1 assist, Balkins 1 goal, 1 assist

AU 8, Oswego 7
Bruder 10 saves, Balkins 3 goals, Higgins, D’Aurio 1 goal, 1 assist

AU 12, Geneseo 8
Balkins 4 goals, Higgins 2 goals, 2 assists, Bruder 15 saves

• Lindsay Balkins and Lauren D’Aurio became the first and second in AU women’s lacrosse history to score 100 career goals

Softball

Game 1: Fredonia 8, AU 0
Game 2: AU 6, Fredonia 1
Anderson double, two runs, Snyder 2 RBI

Men’s track and field

Ithaca Invitational: 5th of 11
Winkle 1st, 5,000m (15:35.44), Young 1st shot put (45.84m), 3rd hammer (38.36m), Madejczyk 1st hammer (44.42m), Lockfield 2nd 100m hurdles (10.54)

University of Rochester: 3rd of 5
Winkle 1st, 1,500m, Madejczyk 1st hammer (45.84m), 4th shot put (12.53m), Schoenier 2nd 800m (2:01.84)

Women’s track and field

Ithaca Invitational: 5th of 12
Road 2nd in 900m (2:21.51), Brewer 1st 110m hurdles (16.48), 3rd 100m (10.32), Balkins 2nd high jump (5.31m), Area 3rd 400m (55.69), 4th 200m (27.78)

University of Rochester: 2nd of 5
Road 1st 800m (2:23.00), Menter 1st shot put (9.90m), Area 2nd long jump (5.31m), Brewer 2nd 100m hurdles (14.20), 2nd 200m (25.88), 3rd high jump (1.52m), Gaydos 1st 100m (11.81)

• Millicent Road led a new school record for the 800 meter run twice (2:21.51) and then (2:21.53).

• The 4x100 relay team of Katy Gaydos, Jen Brewer, Nancy Callen and Jen Area set a new school record twice (52.19) and (51.88).

• Elizabeth Menter set a new school record in the hammer (28.80).

• Men’s tennis

AU 8, Penn State-Beaver 5

Klima 5, AU 4
Clay and Luisi won in singles, Corrigan and Hart and Clay and Wintemantel won in doubles.

Equestrian

Regional
Brown 1st open on the flat, 2nd overall, 7th in open equitation over fences, Ferguson 1st walk-trot, O’Riordan 1st walk-trot.

In other sports news

• Brian Quinlan was named to the Columbus Multimedia All-East Region 2nd team.

• Quinlan was also named to the NABC All-East Region 2nd team.

• Lisa Valtuttio was named to the Columbus Multimedia All-East Region Team.

• Todd Striker was named to the GTE/CoSIDA Fall/Winter All-District 1 All-Academic team. Striker had a 3.38 grade point average as a ceramic engineer.