AU welcomes new class

BY JUDY TSANG

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Torok, who commutes from Wellsville, knows this well, working in the communications office where press releases could be dropped off at any time. Torok drives back and forth to the office in her sport utility vehicle and said, “I have to hit the bullet and just white about it like everyone else.”

These universal whines are heard by Sandy Sherwood, manager of the Sunoco gas station in Wellsville. “We’ve had numerous people ask why [other gas stations’ prices are a lot lower], but we go by our competitors. That’s how we check our prices.”

Manager Tom Payne of Short’s Alfred Mini-Mart agreed, although he said “you still get complaints on the gas [prices] being high now even compared to what it was six months ago.”

Some of the complaints are being pacified, because some area gas stations are providing “gas sales” on the weekend, which save customers an average of ten cents per gallon.

Katie Smith, a cashier at the Mobil station in Almond, said, “We do have gas sales here most weekends, so that’s when most people fill up.”

Area residents look at the future of gas prices

BY CATHERINE KEVET

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In an attempt to relax and vegetate as much as possible before orientation break, I wished myself to be submerged into the good old book tube. My wish to just let my mind drift with the television program was short-lived, though, as I was watching MTV’s tenth season of the Real World. Instead I became infuriated with the drama that was occurring on the screen before me.

For those of you on protest against cable programming, what happened within the first episode of the Real World back in New York was that racial issues were brought almost immediately, and tensions were ignited.

Perhaps the immediacy of the conflict could easily be related to the amount of time spent by the producers on the screen before the conflict occurred. Mike, a suburban white male from Ohio, ignobly, but not maliciously, commented on the lack of quality education black people possess. His companions at the time were two of his African-American roommates. Coral, from San Francisco, was quick to rewrite him off at the insult.

What progressed over the next episode was that nothing Mike did could appease Coral. She found him to be an ignorant racist, and she made no attempt to educate Mike. Now that’s where I blow a fuse. Instead of trying to change Mike’s perspectives, Coral just allowed for his perception to remain ignorant and took the opportunity to let him know what she thought.

Mike was out of line when he made his comment, but if you watched the premiere, you could see that he deeply regretted his remark. And, understandably, Coral and anyone should be angry at Mike’s act.

But realizing his sheltered upbringing, Mike was eager, and even determined, to learn about the differing cultures and backgrounds of his roommates. When roommate Malik explained the significance of Rose Parks and Malcolm X’s role in black history, Mike was attentive. This angers me that people can gather up the strength to create confrontations and conflicts all when that energy can easily be redirected to educating and explaining different perceptions.

On our campus, it is quite obvious that our student population is not ideally diverse. But it doesn’t take different groups of people to create diverse minds. More often than not, I am seeing a minority candidate take on the stand at attempting to progress and improve their group of others while ignoring the point of equality with everyone else.

People, this isn’t supposed to be a competition. How do we expect to be treated equally when we don’t give the same respect we want?

As we embark into a new year, I can only hope that we do not return to school, or come to AU, with ignorant minds and non-tolerant attitudes.

Student Senate along with Student Acting for Equality (SAFE) last year took a big leap forward with the passage of the resolution implementing the “zero-tolerance of blatant acts of hate and discrimination” on the basis of “gender, age, class, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or plethora of other differences.”

This resolution is really just a first step.

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Will Condit fade?

And so the latest chapter in the Gary Condit is complete, as Condit finally publicly spoke about his relationship with Chandra Levy.

After a couple of speculations and calls for Condit to come clean about Levy, his public comments were woefully inadequate, as he sidestepped questions about his relationship with Levy, angering Levy’s parents and a top Democrat.

And so continues this sordid tale. First of all, way too much has been made of this whole situation. Just for a new student, Condit/Ley would have been tubed back furth in the news section.

Yet, Condit’s stupidity continues to make this big news. An intense/congressional affair is not news. A missing person is not news. But when the involved congressional fails to make a clear statement on the subject, suspicions become aroused.

Apparently, Condit is taking cues from Clinton. Sidestep, deny, repeat. With this in mind, if you are a new student, take some time to thank your OGs over the next few days. Hearing some kind words from you can make a world of difference to someone who’s going through the whirlwind four days that is orientation.

For those of you who have trouble adjusting to the upperclassmen, consider becoming an OG next year. You just might make a new student feel at home.

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Summer heat, humidity makes for good thinkin’

By B J O N P I L A R Z
MANAGING EDITOR

Random thoughts generated by a quiet summer in Alfred:

I’ve found that I’ve been thinking about George W. Bush. Sure, I may not agree with many of his policies, but I do understand what he stands for. I suppose, in his view, that he has an integrity that the $10 Million Boy lacks.

I find Old Navy’s entire adver-
sesements laughable, but he stands up for what he believes in. I am still looking forward to following my hockey and football teams. I am still looking forward to following my hockey and football teams.

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Join the Fiat Lux on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Organization Suite. Writers, photographers and all interested are welcome!
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Code Red worm wreaks havoc

BY CHARLIE CASPIARIUS
WEB MANAGER

Since July 19, there have been a large number of attacks on computers due to the now famous computer worm, Code Red. Code Red is a worm, unlike a virus, which a computer has the ability to activate itself. Then, usually after it infects one computer, it uses the e-mail client that computer to send itself to other computers where it infects them as well. According to CNN.com, the Code Red worm takes advantage of a security flaw in the IIS web serving software of Windows NT and Windows 2000.

Hackers are able to take advantage of the back door that the worm creates in the computer. The Code Red worm only creates a back door in those hackers computers. Once inside, the hacker is able to do a number of things, including illegally obtaining sensitive personal information like credit cards and numbers and passwords.

The worm can also create a program that makes the computer infect others with another type of code, which can create holes and installs while they are utilizing that computer. This worm, while having the capability to be extremely dangerous, seems to have been little trouble. The White House and major businesses that run public Web sites on the Internet have recorded some trouble. According to government officials, the worm has flooded their public Web sites with too much incoming information causing these sites to shut down.

According to CNN.com reporters, the general public and people who use personal computers, have nothing to worry about. They will not be infected with the Code Red worm, because it only takes advantage of a security flaw in Windows 2000 and Windows NT.

Windows 95/98 and Millennium do not have this security hole, so those computer users running those operating systems do not need to worry. If you are concerned about the Code Red worm infecting your computer if you run Windows NT or 98, there is a virus patch that can be downloaded from the Internet that will protect against the two versions of Code Red currently infecting computers worldwide. You can find these patches on the Microsoft Web site. While the Code Red worm may seem like a huge problem, and may slow the Internet down at times, it pales in comparison to the "Love Bug" virus that struck millions of computers last year.

Just in monetary terms the Love Bug virus caused over $9 million in damage, while the Code Red worm just passed the $2 million mark.

The cost of the Code Red virus lies in productivity time where network administrators have to format infected computers, patch non-infected computers and other maintenance that goes along with keeping up with the Code Red worm.

The Code Red worm is programmed to terminate on October 1, and while the origin of the code is still unknown, the damage will decrease due to the patches coming out for the worm.

The only major effect that most people will see of the Code Red worm is a slight slow down of Internet Web pages. Otherwise, Code Red should not be a problem for anyone who is not running a Web site or a Web server. Windows 2000 or NT IS safe.

Interestingly enough, the Code Red worm got its name from a popular beverage among hackers.

"We want to find a common thread that defines what it means to be an AU graduate," Szczerbacki said. Integrating common experiences of AU students and how to build it into the curriculum was the challenge Szczerbacki was looking forward to working on.

More specifically, there is a great deal of interest at the Board of Trustees on upscaling the University's international experiences and learning. There will be efforts to try and move forward the study abroad and the international internship programs.

Another project Szczerbacki and Edmondson have been given thought to is the need for some of "hallmark educational experiences." For example, "for every fatal shooting, there's three non-fatal shootings," Myers revealed.

As far as the way we speak is concerned, "Don't use our words to have an impact, too," Myers asked. "Oppressive language does more than [express] violence... it is violence," he said.

"Violence is only for those who have run out of good ideas," Myers quipped.

Following Myers' address, Edmondson spoke to the class of 2005 about what has ahead in the academic world for them. "The opportunity will not come to you again. This is an opportunity few people have," he said. "Confirm your promise in writing by signing this charter.

After all the charters were signed, Interim Director of Admissions Christopher Coons and Raina presented Alfred University's newest students to President Edmondson.

Edmondson Edmondson is not the only one pleased with Szczerbacki's new title. "I received a lot of e-mail traffic when I was announced as provost," Szczerbacki revealed. "It was very gratifying... to receive support from alumni, some current students and people I haven't seen in awhile.

As far as the upcoming years go, Szczerbacki is excited. "My crystal ball shows that we're poised for a nice move forward."

Edmondson/would like to welcome the Class of 2005 to Alfred University and welcome back all returning students. Good Luck this semesrer.
Welcome to AU, Class of 2005

AU's newest freshmen class embarks on a new chapter, along with many new faculty members.

Don’t know what to do with your time? Join an AU organization!

BY JENELLE SILVERS
A & E Editor

With over 60 clubs and organizations in attendance, this year’s Block Party gave freshmen a chance to see the range of opportunities for involvement in their student community.

The area outside the first floor of Powell Campus Center was packed with bodies milling about from table to table, gathering information and chatting with friends. The event, which lasted from 8 to 9:30 p.m., was chaotic.

Moira Ernst, freshman, felt the block party was a fun opportunity to come out and see the variety of clubs and organizations on campus.

Representatives from all kinds of groups: honors, professional and academic, entertainment and performing arts, environmental, gay/lesbian, media, multicultural, Greek, political, religious, service, sports and women’s issues, were present.

Both well-established and up-and-coming clubs made a showing at the Block Party.

Eager to recruit new members, the club representatives talked with new students, explaining the activities and goals, handed out literature, and recorded names and addresses of interested students.

The idea for the Pacific Rim Organization, explained President Michiyo Oishi, came from the Japanese cultural café held last semester. The group looks forward to bringing cultural programming to campus, programming ranging from performers to cultural cafes.

The Firing Squad, composed mostly of ceramic engineers (but open to everyone), works on standard and ceramic rockets, explained President Rob Lacey.

Though he couldn’t elaborate, he also intimated that planning is underway for a significantly larger project.

The Alfred Steppas, composed of both Alfred State and University students, and proud winners of a 2001 Alfie Award, meets three times each week to practice their moves. Sheree Johnson, captain, said the group puts on as many performances as possible and hopes to increase membership.

The College Comic Illustrators, under the direction of Andrew Tanneier, Maki Naro and Nadir Balan, plan to produce a comic for the yearbook.

An informal pool of talent, the group welcomes artists and non-artists alike.

Started last year, the AU French club seeks to promote the French culture and language, explained President Caroline Gardiner. The group attended a French play, held a dessert buffet fundraiser, and traveled to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. last year.

The Society for Indigenous People, a small group, seeks to create awareness for Native American issues. The club, open to all students, shows movies, brings in speakers, and discusses issues faced by indigenous peoples, said Treasurer Paul Joseph Hill.

Freshmen left, arms full of handouts and goodie ranging from cookies to fly swatters, with a better sense of the opportunities Alfred offers to get involved.

Dan Napolitano, director of student activities, encourages students to support the existing clubs and to get involved.

If you missed the Block Party, you can still check out the clubs and organizations on campus by going to www.alfred.edu/studact/.

NEW STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AN ICEBREAKER IN FRONT OF CANNON HALL.

PLAYFAIR PARTICIPANTS HOOK UP LAST WEEK AS PART OF ORIENTATION.

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President Charles Edmondson addresses the Class of 2005 at Opening Convocation last week. Senate President Liz Reina and Professor Robert Myers were among the speakers at the year’s Convocation.

Fiat Lux: We’re not just your average litter-box lining newspaper.
Stipe, REM entertain in free Toronto concert

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Stipe, REM entertain in free Toronto concert

BY JASON PILARZ
Features Editor

The elder statesmen of modern rock proved they’ve still got it as REM celebrated their latest album with a free concert in downtown Toronto in May.

An estimated 20,000 people showed up in Canada’s largest city to see the show. The concert was held outdoors at one of Toronto’s busiest intersections, shutting down the corner of Yonge and Dundas Streets at the Eaton Centre.

Original band members Michael Stipe, Mike Mills, Peter Buck and friends were clearly in the mood to celebrate REM, the band’s latest album, released two days before. They opened with “Imitation of Life,” a simple problem. Add 100 or 1000 to 10000 as it was shown. The audience seemed confident that they had added the numbers correctly, but when the right answer was shown, they saw that they were off by 90.

If she had given the problem to the audience member individually, they could have actually come to the right answer. Otherwise, these students wouldn’t have been accepted at Alfred, she joked. However, when in groups, students often make wrong decisions. Cullen used the audience’s response to discuss the problem of peer pressure on college campuses.

Next, Cullen asked everyone in the audience to envision their ideal car. After a moment, she began comparing the features of the cars that they chose to human qualities. One might consider the wear and tear on a car. Banter about possible car colors led to a discussion about age discrimination. The price of the car one might choose started talk about socioeconomic background.

A magic trick involving four brightly colored scarves illustrated how humans naturally notice differences before similarities. Although each of the scarves were identical in every way except color, when asked to identify the student volunteer said there was a red scarf, a yellow scarf and a green scarf.

After magically combining the four separate scarves into a large multicolor one, Cullen explained that humans, like the scarves, are alike in new ways than they are different. It is healthy to notice differences. “The important thing is how you behave after you notice,” she said. It is easy to feel alien and invisible, especially when making the transition to college, Cullen said. However, it is just as easy to make that person reappear, too. What could a person do to help someone feeling alone? She says, the one from the crowd found its way to the front, and the audience stood up if their scarves were multicolored, and the student was recognized.

Audience members stood if they knew someone with depression or an eating disorder. Audience members stood if their parents were divorced or if they were raised by someone other than their parents. Each question, she asked the people to look around. Notice the similarities illustrated that no one in the audience was alone.

By the time the presentation had ended, Cullen had issued a challenge. “If you see someone who did not close enough to see the stage,” she said, “Ask them to sit next to you. Or the giver of a past favor. In doing so, each person will have asked someone to stand, valued their differences and made them reappear.”

Acclaimed speaker Cullen discusses diversity

BY ABBEY BREN
Features Editor

Try tackling all of the tough topics—race, gender stereotypes, sexuality, socioeconomic background, ground, suicide, depression, eating disorders— with humor and sensitivity.

Maura Cullen, a nationally acclaimed speaker, gave freshmen and new students their first lesson at Alfred at 8 p.m. Friday in Harder Hall. It was all about kindness.

“Tackling the kind of tough topics that we’re really not just your average litter-bug lining newspaper...”

Chairman Robert McConnell

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NOetry for the Alfred Magazine. Widdicombe was nominated to the Board of Trustees by the Alumni Council.

The updated Board now looks to the future to help improve Alfred University. Widdicombe noted that, for the first time ever, the Board held a three-day retreat to facilitate open discussion about the University. The retreat also served as an introduction for new members.

Additionally, Arthur Powell, a 1943 alumnus and Board member since 1980, was granted life trustee status by the Board. He was Board chairman from 1995-1996. Although he will no longer serve as an active member, he and his wife, Lea Powell, who also resigned as an active member, pledged to continue their involvement with Alfred University.

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Edmondson were hired.

In addition to a ceramic engineering degree from Alfred, McComsey earned an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1973. He has previously worked for RCA and A.G. Becker and is currently an general partner of investment firm Neuberger and Berman.

Gerald Ford. His duties at the Post include oversight of public policy, new business development and special corporate projects. He is also president of a NewswEEK Productions.

H includes a u m u n worked as a business analyst for Corning Glass Works after earning an MBA from Dartmouth College.

Widdicombe is director of the Samuel Willi a m s Lib r a ry at the Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. He previously worked at the Cooper Union and the Yonkers Public Library in New York.

He is recognized as an expert in library automation and networking and serves as a consultant on library planning.

He used these skills to develop a database and e-mail network for the AU class of 1963 and serves as its class cor-
Dear David:

Frustrated: Whether or not your friend is overweight, she does have a problem that will repel men and women until she fixes it. That problem is her attitude; it is not physical. You've probably heard that “you are what you eat.” I disagree. I say you are what you believe. Your friend may believe that she's defective, and focusing on that can only hurt her. By harping on the negative, she's sending the message that “I'm not good enough” to people she meets. That's not making her any friends.

I think you can help her a great deal. Start by inviting her to the gym. Even if she doesn't see immediate results, she'll feel better because she's taking action to change what she doesn't like about herself. Also, you should reassure your conversation toward her intelligence, sense of humor, and anything else you like about her. I think she'll be fine; she just needs a bit of a reality check. Good luck.

Dear David:

I am new to this whole college thing, and one thing I've always heard about is Time Management. I've never had to budget my time, and I'm worried about that. It seems impossible to be an effective student and still enjoy the whole college experience. Is it possible?

—A Nervous Freshman

Dear Nervous Freshman: It is not impossible to be a successful student with plenty of free time. There are 168 hours in every week. A good rule of thumb is to study for two hours for each hour in class. If you're doing that with 16 credits, there are still 114 hours for everything else (eating, sleeping, and “enjoying the college experience”). If you sleep eight hours per day, you still have 56 hours per week of complete freedom. That's over eight hours per day!

You can do whatever you want with that time. I recommend using some of it for meals. Some time should also be devoted to basic hygiene. Otherwise, there will be too few people who wish to enjoy the college experience with you. As you gain more experience, you'll learn to save extra time with helpful tricks. For instance, you can multi-task. I usually eat breakfast and brush my teeth during my morning shower. Also, those eight hours of sleep don't have to come all at once. I often take quick naps throughout the day, waking only to walk to my next class. That keep your mind focused on your goal and work hard. The rest will work itself out.

David Fogelman’s “What Would David Do?” column is a regular feature in the Fiat Lux. Questions can be sent by e-mail at fogel@jhu.edu or at Powell Box 755.

David advises and organizes
With millions of Web sites popping up every year, and the Internet expanding by leaps and bounds, there is room for everyone on the Net. If you have ever thought about getting your little corner of the Internet and having your picture spread around the world, I am going to tell you how to get started.

You may be thinking, “I have no Web programming experience and I wouldn’t even know where to begin.” Most of the Web sites that host personal Web pages have taken that into consideration.

All of the community Web hosting sites like fortunecity.com or tripod.com have easy membership sign ups, and are completely free. The only thing they ask in return is that they are allowed to place an advertising banner on the top of each page in your Web site. Usually this banner only promotes the hosting company in hopes that other people will sign up for the service. It is a small price to pay for your corner of the Internet.

If you want to become part of one of these communities there is very little work that you have to do. Some of these sites even promise Web sites in as little as 15 minutes.

The first thing you have to do is decide what you want your Web site to be. If it is just an autobiography, any Web site will do. However, if you want to have something special on your Web site, like a lot of pictures, you may want to look for a server that gives you a little more Web space.

Some common Web servers that have really good programs are fortunecity.com, geocities.com, tripod.com, freeservers.com and netfirms.com. Just go to any search engine and search for “free Web site hosting,” and you will find hundreds of other opportunities waiting for your business.

The next question you should ask yourself is how good your programming skills are. If you have none at all, don’t worry! The Web servers like fortunecity.com and tripod.com have software in their Web sites that allow you to point and click your way to a fun, professional-looking Web site. They create your backgrounds, give you a place to upload pictures and enter text, and in a short time you will have a great looking Web page just waiting to be accessed.

If you want to try to learn HTML and create some pages of your own, you should look for a Web server that has FTP capabilities. These sites usually boast this fact, and you can find help on using FTP if you are not already familiar with it in the Web sites’ frequently asked questions page.

One last thing you will want to look into as a new Web site owner is the address of your site. Some Web servers have really long Internet addresses. For example a typical fortunecity.com Internet address could look something like this, http://members.fortunecity.com/membername. This is a lot of information to give a friend if you want them to check out your Web site.

If you can’t find a Web server with a shorter Internet address you could always get a redirect address. The place to go for this information is the free redirect Web site, http://www.v3.com/v3home.asp. Here you can get any Internet address shortened to something like http://go.to/membername. This service is also absolutely free.

If you have ever wanted to create a Web page, this information should help you to get started. So build away, and don’t forget to share your success stories! ☞
Squad strives to advance

AU SPORTS INFORMATION

Facing an upgraded schedule in 2000 that included Division III powers Union and Ithaca, as well as holdovers Hobart, Hartwick and Carnegie Mellon, the Alfred University football team lost more than its share of close games.

This season, with an equally challenging schedule, Head Coach Dave Murray won’t be satisfied to simply compete. He wants the close games to go in the win column.

“We know our program can play with the better teams in the conference,” Murray said, noting close losses to NCAA tournament participant Hobart and perennial power Ithaca. “Rather than being competitive, we want to win our share of close games.

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To be successful against the quality teams, Murray said the team’s priority will be in establishing an effective running game. That will be especially important early in the season, as a defense that lost seven starters from a year ago works to get established. Murray feels the offense may be the best he’s had in his four years as head coach.

All 11 players who were starting at year’s end in 2000 are back, including offensive line Murray said is the best he’s had. “The key to our offense is the line,” Murray said. The projected starters average close to 290 pounds and are solid run and pass blockers, each with at least two years of extensive playing time.

The Saxons have a solid running game, led by junior tailback Jesse Raynor, plus some promising freshmen recruits. Senior quarterback Todd Zandrowicz is a four-year starter and the top three receivers are all multiple letter-winners. “We have some great experience behind the line.”

Establishing the offense early in the season, particularly the running game, is key, Murray stressed. “I think our offense may have to carry our team initially because there are so many starters on defense we have to replace. We’ll need to control the clock and keep the defense off the field.”

Indeed, graduation took its toll on the Saxon defense. The top four line backers and three of four starting defensive backs are gone. The good news is the return of five of the top six linemen (three starters), including standout senior tackle and captain Todd Strong.

“Our priority is to stop the run. Fortunately, with all the losses to graduation we’ve had, the line remained intact,” Murray said. “We have some holes to fill. We’re going to be young, but we just have to count on them to hold their own early and establish themselves. The big key is to avoid giving up the big play and force turnovers.”

Sport faces change

BY CHRIS KORMAN
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — People are naturally reluctant to accept change. And even though they had all summer, the Penn State women’s volleyball team is still trying to deal with a major rule change.

“It’s a completely different game,” said Mishka Levy, the All-Big Ten outside hitter. “It’s going to take some time to learn.”

The volleyball scoring you learned back in ninth grade gym class is now obsolete. The NCAA women’s volleyball scor-