Emily Pataki campaigns for her father at AU

By Brandon Thurner
News Editor

Emily Pataki, daughter of New York state Governor George Pataki, recently came to Alfred University in an effort to better inform young voters of her family and father's record.

"New York citizens have come to know him as a strong leader" that they can look to and trust, said Pataki.

Pataki's main goal since April 2002 has been to lead a grass roots effort to re-elect her father. The purpose of "People for Pataki" is to inform, motivate and inspire a unified movement on behalf of her father, said Pataki.

Pataki's current swing will last two weeks as she tours college campuses across the state. She had never been to AU before and felt that the facilities were well-suited for her speech and enjoyed the receptive crowd that gathered in the Knight Club in the Powell Campus Center.

James Gentile, president of the Alfred State College Republicans, feels that it is perfectly legitmate for children of politicians to visit college campuses.

"It's a pleasure to see one of our peers speak that is not a suit," said Gentile. Pataki and her father have always been very close. Her experiences at Bloomberg Television also added into her decision to hit the campaign trail, said Pataki.

Pataki believes she can reach out to many different age groups, not just young adults attending college.

Gary Outwater, professor of history and mayor of the Village of Alfred, believes that children can humanize their politician parents in ways that Emily did in her visit to Alfred.

"She conveyed a sense of her father as a politician, as former mayor and governor but also as a parent who is not dramatically different than most of ours," said Outwater.

As a 23-year-old American studies graduate from Yale University, Pataki realizes the busy schedule college students go through.

Spectrum brings awareness to AU

By Tim Inthirakoth
Staff Writer

Gay History Month, sponsored by Spectrum, Alfred University's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered alliance, kicked off Oct. 1 with the showing of The Celluloid Closet in Nevins Theater.

Gay History Month will try to raise awareness of gay issues and educate the campus with various events held throughout the month of October.

"We wanted to make this Gay History Month as educational and encompassing than ever before at Alfred University," said junior fine arts major Theo Knox, co-president of Spectrum.

The showing of The Celluloid Closet and other movies, along with events such as National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 and Glam Slam on Oct. 26, seek to welcome all students, gay or straight, to create a more tolerant attitude on campus, said Knox.

"I'm really excited about Gay History Month and wish more people would get involved on campus so everyone could see the many different opinions and viewpoints," said sophomore Spectrum member Monica Lara.

Jenni Popper, assistant professor of fine arts, led an introductory discussion of the documentary. It describes the various depictions of homosexuals throughout the history of American films to present.

The Celluloid Closet, narrated by Lily Tomlin, includes insight from various writers, producers and actors such as Susan Sarandon, Whoopie Goldberg, Shirley MacLaine and Tim Hanks. The documentary has received five Primetime Emmy nominations, an Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in a Craft, the George Foster Peabody Award, a Columbia DuPont Award and the Freedom of Expression Award from the

SAB presents Homegrown

By Sarah Guargiglia
Staff Writer

"The Dignity of a Woman is Unimpeachable" was the topic as two speakers on women's rights in Asia addressed an attentive crowd in the Knight Club on Sept. 30.

Sarkis Sarkisian, founder, and director of Help the Afghan Children, Inc., and Sister Socodar Perpinan, founder and director of the Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women in the Philippines, explained the problems that citizens in their respective countries face and how each of their organizations work to alleviate these problems.

Perpinan, who is referred to by her colleagues as “Sister Soc” because of both her name and her nun's dress, related tales of her work as an activist rescuing women who have been victimized by the sex industry in the Philippines.

"Women are used for recreational purposes," she said, using delicate terms for the deception and cruelty that young women and even children face as a result of sex industry trafficking. She often talks about the globalization of prostitution through media such as the Internet and the popularity of prostitution on U.S. and other foreign military bases in the Philippines as situations that fuel the traffickers' industry.

Perpinan described a typical scenario for such trafficking, in which girls are offered large amounts of money and the chance to travel to Europe in exchange for signing a contract with a "talent" agency. What the girls do not know at the time, said Perpinan, is what awaits them in Europe and how hard escape can prove to be.

Perpinan decided to work for awareness of this problem and to educate young girls about the lurking danger in these agencies, where she would present a play at a women's rights conference in Hanoi, China. The play, They Are So Sweet, Siv, is based on a book by Belgian author Chris DeStoop.

It portrays the story of young women lured into the sex industry who quickly discover the truth about their new careers. They react in different ways and one group decides to get even. They deceive their captors and escape to the Philippines, where they take the head of their agency to court.

However, the judges side with the agency, which Perpinan confirmed is a true story. The play ends with a song of strength over victimization, reaffirming the women's freedom and renewing their pledge to help others in the same situation.

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Speaker brings motivational story

By Jason Pilzar
Editor in Chief

If you spent a good portion of your childhood in the back of a truck with a negative self-image, would you think you could become successful some day?

Misfortunes in life may be discouraging, but they also have the power to provide lessons that help enrich your life, said Fred Sarkis during presentations last Tuesday in the Olson Building.

During his childhood, Sarkis was a self-described "prisoner of the truck," forced to spend his entire summer and weekends during school workdays with his father on a truck selling fruits and vegetables.

Yet, with two important life lessons and a strong desire to succeed, Sarkis became a prosperous businessman who now travels to schools to share his motivational story.

Although he usually speaks to children in middle and high schools, Sarkis gave three presentations at Alfred University business students throughout the day.

In advance of the speech, students were asked to read "Yes, Po," a free version of his autobiography in order to familiarize themselves with Sarkis' story.

The presentation opened with a routine where Sarkis, dressed like a clown, attempted to tell them a story stretched between two chairs. When the endeavor failed, he noted that the lesson was to learn to embrace failure as an "opportunity to learn to do better."

The talk that followed was quite similar to the book, containing a narra- tive of Sarkis' life, with the lessons he learned along the way.

Plight of women in Asia discussed

By Sarah Guargiglia
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Make your voice heard

In general, college students like to complain about those in authority. Even the Fiat gets into the act occasionally, questioning the prudence of various policies put forth by the University and others. One of the obvious objects of criticism for us newly enlightened young adults that grues AU is our government. College students, quite honestly, love to gripe about all levels of government on any number of issues. 

Too often, such comments end with the resignation that, “Oh well, there’s nothing I can do about it.”

Well, next month, each of us has about as much opportunity as we’re going to get to influence the government that, in turn, influences the university.

While the New York state gubernatorial election may not garner as much interest as a presidential election, it is still politics on a large scale that probably will have an effect on your future.

True, not all AU students are from New York, but many of us are. Also, each of us goes to school in New York and has the right to vote here, as long as the right to vote is claimed somewhere else.

So that means that many of us have the responsibility to become informed on Nov. 5 and go out to vote — or send in your absentee ballot.

First, and foremost, Emily Pataki, daughter of current Gov. George Pataki, paid AU a visit last week to stump for her dad.

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Access to a variety of views important

John Belisle
News Writer

What is the role of college education in our daily lives and how important is it that students have the freedom to choose what knowledge to learn?

Access to information has become a topic of amazing controversy following the attacks of September 11. The shock and the lockdown in information coming from the federal government is a conflict that has been waged throughout the 1990s with those who have allowed voicings, consumers and private citizens the ability to view information about government agencies and corporations, and the acts passed under the guise of patriotism in the past year.

This surge of patriotism, however, may be impeding the ability of our democracy to operate effectively. It has also provided instances around the country at public universities where teaching faculty are being fired because they have issue with the way in which governing interests in our society operate.

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Disrespectfulness unacceptable

BY ALVIN SAVETT
Cory Evrout

I really think that this first cut you obvi-
ously were drunk when you wrote this pa-
ter. You're the first cut used. What's your
problem, are you trying to be "hip"?

I have never heard any of our fac-
tulty utter these phrases, or the like.
In fact, the last week I have heard incredi-
ably disrespectful comments said by students to
professors.

Our professors are here to teach us and help us learn, not to be insulted by their students. To
speak to an elder like you speak to your peers is fine, so long as you're not being ill-mannered.

Evidently is abundant in the stu-
dents' mouths. They and their friends and peers, have been incredibly disrespectful to our
professors.

"We don't feel like you're putting in the same effort we are," said one student to a professor after she cancelled class because she was ill.

First of all, who has the right to make that judgement? And second-
dy, what you have done to qualify to tell the professor she's not doing her job? I sure don't think he was qualified to make that judgement. In fact, no student is qualified to say such a thing, espe-
cially a professor. That's just downright rude.

Another incident I was embar-
raised to witness was when a new professor gave a group assign-
ment, and my classmate called it a complete waste of time. Unfortunately for this professor, the student was not nearly as "naive" as the last confrontation I had seen. This student actually booted the teacher, commenting on personal things.

I'm sorry, but I did miss some-
ting? When did anything that happens with a professor outside
of school become our business? And when did it become all right to treat your elders with such con-
temptuousness?

First of all, I witnessed both appear to have visibly shocked the professors and hurt their feel-
ings. Would you like it if your pro-
fessors made fun of you and the work you turn in?

Junior Resident Assistant Kerry White has noticed this problem and said that the rude attitudes are ridiculous.

"I feel like there's sometimes an attitude of my mama and daddy are paying your salary so I can say whatever I want to you," she said. "I'm surprised more professors haven't addressed the issue."

Evidently facility to faculty is complete-
ly uncalled for, and should not be tolerated by anyone. We should be acting both tactfully, and diplomatically, so this rudeness doesn't become a habit and split into our profes-
sional lives post-graduation.

Media have responsibility to cover bases

BY TED FORSYTH
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On Sept. 11, 2002, from 11 a.m.
to 1 p.m. on 89.7FM, WALF broad-
cast a speech given by Noam
Chomsky, professor of linguistics
at MIT. Chomsky's Department of
Linguistics at MIT titled "The New War on Terrorism."

For those who don't know, Chomsky is a renowned politi-
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So what did I hear? Chomsky is
right. We are engaged in a war on terrorism.

As Chomsky said, "Nobody is
thinking the war on terrorism has ended."

The incidents I witnessed both
were a part of the swimming tradi-
tion, and it pains me greatly to see
that the University continually over-
looks the achievements of this
athletic program.

I recently read a press release
pertaining to this year's Hall of Fame inductees. While I wasn't able to see that Art
Appar, who sworn for Alfred from 1984 through 1987, was recog-
nized for his outstanding achievements, I was equally dismayed to see that the Hall of

I am involved in the project of bringing the speech to the AIRwaves of 89.7FM.

The speeches were cut to
breakdown in communication.

Excuse me while I try to scrub
the sour taste out of my mouth.

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BY JAMES KRYSIAK

Guarantee currently do, stated Ostrower. However, this is something that each voter needs to do. Active role in informing oneself is important for us all, she stated. All and that is why voting is through each day. However, decisions young adults make affect us.

Associate Dean of Students Daryl Conte, was present to offer Senate his support. Before the senator induction ceremony, Vice President Kristin Stafani read the responsibilities of a senator from the senator handbook. Secretary Elizabeth Groff gave a few words of encouragement and President Matthew Washington read a personal statement about his experience in the Student Senate and what he hopes to accomplish this academic year.

Washington then led senators in pledging allegiance to the Student Senate and its constitution. Stafani reiterated the importance of the duties of Senate committees and how each senator is responsible for carrying and adhering to those duties, as specified in the senator handbook.

Treasure Dawn Mandich presented the Senate executive board to the floor, following the Pro Pro board president's presentation by Publicity Director Robert Baynes. Some senators questioned the budget, but a majority voted for their approval. The main open forum issue of the meeting was the lack of phones in the Science Center.

There is only one phone available for public use in the entire building, which has caused safety concerns in case of an emergency. Washington said that he would get back to the Senate with more information regarding this issue.

The first order of business of the Oct. 2 meeting was the announcement of the Senate committees' organizational assignments. Committees restructured, and every committee elected a chairperson who would serve as the direct link between the committee and the Senate executive board.

Baynes announced that he is looking for a work-study recipient who would work in assisting him with various tasks related to publicity and the Senate. For more information about this position, please contact Baynes as soon as possible.

Baynes further explained the attendance policy and regulations.

Gentile: Getting out the vote is important for everyone; voting is a constitutional right that we can either use or lose, stated Gentile.

George Pataki is currently seeking his third term as governor of New York. A three-horse race has taken shape this year between him, Carl McCall and Tom Golisano.

The name “Pataki” comes from Hungarian roots. These family ties influenced Pataki’s father when they ancestors arrived in the United States.

After this event, his father took his education experience to Yale and Columbia Law School where he compiled his work ethic and desire to help less fortunate people, stated Pataki. The belief that government has a role to do good as well as evil underlies his father's record.

Gentile. "Materials engineers need to maintain performance with strict environmental standards," said Meier.

According to Meier, beryllium oxide is currently the predominant microelectronics substrate for applications requiring high power dissipation. However, it is carcinogenic, making production and disposal hazardous to people and the environment.

Aluminum nitride, used as a replacement, is not without own problems. It reacts with water, making cleaning with conventional aqueous solutions more difficult, said Campman, including acids, bases and alcohols under varying pHs, temperatures, levels of polish and exposure times.

Meier explained that each aluminum nitride sample was then measured for surface roughness and observed under a microscope. Campman listed three possible results: corrosion, corrosion with a byproduct and no effect, the optimal scenario.

Corrosion leads to “inconsistent performance and inconsistent reproducibility,” which are major problems in microelectronics, said Meier.

After the experimentation phase concluded, Campman, Mandich and Meier traveled to Denver to attend an IMAP conference Sept. 4-8, the three researchers explained.

According to Meier, the trip was partially funded by the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science.

At the conference, Campman recalled giving a PowerPoint presentation on the aluminum nitride research and its preliminary results.

Final results will not be available until the current data compilation phase is complete, according to Mandich.

As of now, Campman and Mandich are working on their final reports to IMAP and the CEEK, the two explained. Campman said that he is planning on using the project as his senior thesis.

The three researchers said that they are also preparing a manuscript to submit for publication in a scientific journal.

AU students do research

Undergraduate students Rob Campman and Dawn Mandich took part in a summer research study that will hopefully lead to more environmentally friendly microelectronics.

"As high performance is expected from smaller components," efficient heat transfer becomes more important, explained a honors assistant professor of metallurgy and materials engineering, who advised the project.

Materials with high thermal conductivities such as aluminum nitride and beryllium oxide are used as microelectronic substrates, the bases upon which circuits are built, so that heat dissipates effectively, said Meier.

Meier continued that environmental issues have also become part of the materials engineer’s job with increasing environmental awareness.

"Materials engineers need to maintain performance with strict environmental standards," said Meier.

Meier explained that one aluminum nitride sample was taken and senators voted using write-in ballots. The elected committee chairpersons are Kerry White, Michael Wanberg and Zachary Allen.

Lastly, during announcements, Senator Walter officially announced Student Activities Board’s large act for this academic year: December SAB will present pop sensation and chart topper Vanessa Carlton in concert. More details will be revealed by SAB soon.

By Teague Lindman

In order to make informed decisions at the polls, college students “need to do some back-ground checks and start building contacts” with those running for office, said Pataki.

Agreeing with this view, Octoverto feels that “taking an active role in learning more about issues and candidates” is something each voter needs to do. However, this is something that only a minority of Alfred students currently do, stated Octoverto.

“Getting involved and voting helps change the future,” said...
The future of libraries in the information age was the topic of discussion when Stephen Crandall, director of Herrick Library, presented the Sept. 26 Bergren Forum. The presentation titled “The Library versus the Internet: Is There Still a Library in Your Future?” began with a look back at the history of Alfred University libraries. The University’s first library was up on the top floor of Kenyon Hall in the 1890s.

In 1912, AU received a charitable gift for a permanent library. One of the helping factors in this was that Melville Dewey, a former student of AU and the inventor of the Dewey Decimal System, wrote a recommendation. Dewey said that Alfred could stretch a dollar just about as far as any place could, stated Crandall.

In 1947, the New York State College of Ceramics started their own library where Bims-Merrill Hall is now located. Herrick was built, as more space was needed, and officially opened in 1947. They used to have a smoking lounge, but not any more, said Crandall. Funding in 1971, Harder Hall became the home of Scholes Library.

In 1979, AU outsource Herrick and the Drake Library Wing was added. During this addition, special paneling was donated that originally belonged to William Randolph Hearst.

The Scholes we know today began in 1992. Crandall then showed a prototype of what the new Scholes would look like, although he said it is not final and had not yet been approved.

Crandall reassured the audience that there will be a library in their future, but he asked, “what will that library look like?” Libraries are still doing the time-honored library services, offering research help, circulating materials, providing inter-library loans, acquiring and maintaining materials and providing study space. But, now the AU libraries have a 24-hour Web site that offers easy access to over 15,000 journals in full-text, Crandall said. New search capabilities, finding out if materials are available, wireless Internet, electronic reserves and an online form are only a few examples of how new technology is making it easier for the user.

SUNY Connect is another example of new technology improving library usage. Mark Smith, associate librarian and information systems librarian at Scholes, said that through our participation in the statewide SUNY Connect project within the 2005 fall semester our campus should see a new library catalog that will be customized to the needs of our students.

Crandall said that the question he asks in the forum title is really presenting a false dichotomy, because the library has already heartily embraced the Internet. Pat LaCourse, assistant librarian for engineering and science, said that libraries have not even begun to scratch the surface of what technology can do.

This semester the AU libraries have a pilot project to introduce programs on information literacy. Information literacy includes computer literacy, but goes even further, requiring the ability to find, analyze, evaluate and use information effectively. Information literacy is expected to be presented by colleges and universities nationwide.

There have been budget cutbacks and flat budgets for most academic libraries. Herrick has had a flat material budget for several years.

We buy less books than we used to, said Crandall.

The libraries have always been careful about not buying materials that the other libraries might already possess. Another potential problem is online resources available to libraries. Most of these subscriptions work like annual loans. This is different than paying for a paper copy of a material once.

The libraries have showed interest in new technologies, such as electronic books (e-books). But, they have not come into their own yet, said Crandall.

Throughout the presentation, Crandall stressed the importance of users taking advantage of all of the possible resources available, regardless of the format used.

The documentary discusses films from Thomas Edison’s 1895 experimental film of two men dancing to the gay undertones in the classic Ben Hur and more modern gay-oriented films such as Thelma and Louise and Philadelphia.

“Movies taught straight people what to think about gay people and what gay people thought about themselves,” said Tomlin.

Homosexuals have rarely been discussed or depicted in positive roles in films. Gay characters were commonly used to laugh at or to pity, said Crandall.

The first gay character introduced to the American public was the ‘sissy’ in the 1914 film The Gay Divorcee. This character was seen as non-social and powerless and therefore non-threatening, said Tomlin.

“The ‘sissy’ character was degrading, disgusting and not funny,” said screenwriter Arthur Laurents.

Though the gay community often bemoan the stereotypical depiction of gay men as feminine, some gay actors approve of the ‘sissy’ character and any form of visibility.

“I like the ‘sissy’ character because I am a sissy,” said actor Harvey Fierstein.

He added, “Visibility at any cost is worth it because I’d rather have negative images than none.”

Despite the production codes, which eventually whittled away, that attempted to eliminate any form of homosexuality in movies, gay characters were still shown on screen but in a more secretive manner. The gay character evolved from the victim to the victimizer. Regardless of a gay character’s role in a film, they all met the same fate of death.

“Gay people always die in movies because death is seen as the only way of peace for gays,” said Laurents.

Once the production codes were eliminated, Cabaret was released in 1972, which was one of the first films to embrace homosexuality. Making Love, Thelma and Louise and Philadelphia were a string of modern movies that did not necessarily depict homosexual relationships in a derogatory manner.

“Love is spelled with the same four letter words in any kind of relationship, gay or straight,” said Tom Hanks.

Pepper led the follow-up discussion after the movie. Several students shared opinions on the documentary and its impact on gay and straight audiences.

“I thought it was an accurate portrayal on how people felt and if you looked at the many things misrepresented about gay people through the media,” sophomore fine arts major Christine Bell said.

“Hollywood governs the stereotype of gay people, which are not necessarily true and there should be more accurate portrayals of gay people in the media.”
Students have ties to Israeli army

BY ERIC BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Yael Seidel, a junior at Alfred University, is part of a military family.

Her father, Eric Seidel, has a mission to stop suicide bombers from leaving their home area. He and his mother, Regina Seidel, first met serving in the armed forces. Seidel’s older sister, Ilana, also served in the army for over two years before she began her college career.

What separates this family of American patriots from most others in the army is in which country they serve. The enemy Eric Seidel faces is not from Afghanistan or Iraq, but from the Palestinian West Bank.

Seidel, like the rest of her family, has dual citizenship in the United States and Israel.

Seidel and her family have a strong connection to Israel, but live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Eric Seidel fought to protect Americans as well as Israelis and serves as the deputy chief of the Rackets Bureau in the Manhattan district attorney’s office, where he is the counsel to the Investigation Division.

Though he has a successful career in the United States and is an Israeli war veteran, having fought in the Yom Kippur War of 1973, Eric Seidel still took time off from work to volunteer his services to Israel at age 55.

Although Seidel is very concerned for her father’s safety, she and her family fully support his actions and are proud of the contribution he is making.

According to Seidel, he felt compelled to help because of the increasingly dangerous “terrorism problem in Israel.”

His assignment is to “help the border police on the green line to stop Palestinian terrorists from crossing over to Israel,” said Seidel.

The Seidels have a more moderate view of the situation than the current leadership in Israel sometimes projects. Seidel and her family all agree not only that a separate Palestinian state is an acceptable solution, but that Palestinians deserve their own country.

As badly as Eric Seidel wants peace and is comfortable with Palestinian statehood, he also thinks “it is extremely important to protect Israel and maintain its existence. Jews need a homeland because of the large amount of anti-Semitism in the world.”

His daughter echoed his sentiments.

“Serious negotiations can’t resume until the terrorism in Israel stops,” she said.

Jerusalem has always been one of the main points of contention between the Israelis and Palestinians. Seidel agrees that Jerusalem is a “very holy land for many religions,” but she points out that people of many religions are already allowed to live there.

Ultimately, Seidel said, “Jerusalem is now, and should always remain, Israeli controlled.”

Seidel sympathizes with the majority of Palestinians. She feels that most of the problems derive from PLO leadership and terrorist organizations that target Israel.

She says that Palestinian decision-makers, most notably Arafat, “rejected former prime-minister Ehud Barak’s offer for a separate Palestinian state, and instead decided to achieve their goals through violence.”

As Americans recover from the Sept. 11 attacks, Israelis fight an ongoing battle in the Middle East.

Yael Seidel, as a citizen of both countries, has a unique perspective on the work Eric Seidel, whether defending Israel with force or Americans with law, has one goal — peace.

Free drinks for voting in Florida

BY JESSE JACKSON
FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

Ground was broken recently on the construction of the new Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred University. While the project is not expected to be fully complete until 2006 the design process is near completion.

The museum is currently being run out of a space on the second floor of Blinn-Marvall Hall. The final building will be newly constructed on the south end of campus, on the corner of Park and Terrace streets.

The firm designing the Schein-Joseph International Museum of Art is Kallmann, McKinnell and Wood Architects of Boston, Mass.

They are responsible for the current Miller Performing Arts Center.

According to AU President Charles Edmundson “(the museum) is a project to create a facility that would educate the public about the ceramic arts and Alfred’s leading role in ceramics.”

This facility is seen as an important asset for the campus and the community. Intended to encourage academic and artistic growth here at AU this project is also seen as a way to economic development in the region.

“It promises to enhance economic development activity in the region by serving as a point of destination attraction,” stated David Szczerback, provost and vice president for academic and statutory affairs.

The New York State Senate has directly recognized that “the museum would enhance not only the quality of life, but economic development efforts in the Southern Tier.”

The new facility is expected to cost between $6 and $8 million dollars, most of which is from the State of New York. Senator John Kuhl has been widely recognized as playing a major role in securing the funds from the state.

Alumni and trustees also made large donations. “Marlin Miller has provided the key financial support for the design of the facility, and Pam Joseph along with Bob and Sue Turner are the major contributors to the operation of the museum once it is built,” said Edmundson. He added that valuable gifts were also made for the actual art featured in the exhibits.

Under way for nearly two decades now and still in the early stages, long range goals are seen by many on campus. Dean Richard Thompson of the School of Art and Design stated that “this phase of groundbreaking and design is really the first stage of a more comprehensive picture for the facility. The initial 20,000 square feet is really seen as phase one.”

The facility is planned to be split between a space for the permanent collection and a space for changing or traveling exhibits. While it is not completely determined yet what the specifics of the facility and program will be, student involvement at some level is expected.

“I think it is very reasonable to assume that once we are into the exhibit planning and facility programming stage there will be student involvement,” said Szczerback.

AU holds groundbreaking for new ceramics museum

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BY JOHN BELLISLE
STAFF WRITER

The registration will take place from 9:30 p.m. until midnight on Wednesday and between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday. For the Nov. 5 general election, students must be registered by Oct. 7.

Marusak said the group registered about 50 people at The Swamp on Monday night, although members had to encourage students to come up to the table and register.

“People are there to have a good time and drink, so they didn’t really notice us at first,” she said.

No matter how they get people to register, Marusak said the goal is to get as many people involved in the upcoming elections as possible.

In a press release, Swamp Restaurant Manager Frank Villante said he is supporting the event because he believes students should become more involved in the community and exercise their right to vote.

But student voter turnout is traditionally low, especially for mid-term elections, said Beverly Hill, Martin County Supervisor of Elections.

“The hard part is getting people to vote,” she said. “Everyone will register, but turnout will still be low.”

The group also plans to host an “I Voted” Party at The Swamp on Nov. 5 that will have some discounts for students who wear an “I Voted” sticker.

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Soft-spoken junior Theo Knox helps lead Spectrum

BY TIM INTHIRAKOTH STAFF WRITER

Standing over six feet tall, Spectrum’s new co-president, junior Theo Knox, is a soft-spoken leader who enjoys his new roleas an example for his fellow students. Knox is an avid reader and enjoys spending his free time reading or hanging out with friends. "I love to read," he said. "It helps me relax and take my mind off of things." Knox is also an excellent dancer and has been part of the university’s dance team since his freshman year. "I’ve been dancing since I was little," he said. "I started with hip-hop and moved on to contemporary and then to modern." Knox is also involved in the university’s drama club and has been in several productions. "I enjoy performing on stage," he said. "It’s a great way to express myself." Knox is currently studying art history and plans to pursue a career in the arts after graduation. "I want to be a museum curator," he said. "I love the history of art and the stories behind it." Knox is an active member of the university community and is always looking for ways to help others. "I’m passionate about making a difference in the world," he said. "I want to use my talents and abilities to make a positive impact." Knox is also committed to his athletic pursuits and is an avid runner. "I run every day," he said. "It’s a great way to stay fit and healthy." Despite his busy schedule, Knox always finds time for his friends and family. "I value my relationships," he said. "I treasure the time I spend with my loved ones." Knox is a true leader and an inspiration to all who know him. "He’s a great guy," said his co-president, John Belisle. "Theo always has a positive attitude and is always willing to help others. He’s a true leader." Knox is looking forward to the challenges ahead and is excited to see where his journey takes him. "I’m ready for the next chapter," he said. "I’m excited to see what the future holds."
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**Review**

**Dispatch brings music and new movie to AU**

BY REBECCA WURST  A & E EDITOR

On Sept. 23, Holmes Auditorium was three-quarters full for the preview of Dispatch’s new movie, Under the Radar, and to hear the band’s drummer, Brad Corrigan.

Corrigan walked on stage and introduced Under the Radar to the audience and I sat back for a good show.

The movie was about the band and how it came into existence. We opened with them doing a show at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City. They sang a couple of songs and then it jumped to a narrative of the band talking. The movie continued from concert to concert to and how it came into existence.

Audience and I sat back for a good show, with the word out about independent concert film being Elliot playing an acoustic guitar. A song in three parts, the aud’s prelude proved a highlight, which sounded to this ear as very “sweet” — a lovely tune all around.

Over time they all picked up different roles in the band. Corrigan learned to play the drums out of necessity of the band.

After watching the very informative preview of Under the Radar, we were grazed with Corrigan and friend David Pransky — who plays the mandolin — for some acoustic melodies. They both led songs and played a song with Corrigan and Pransky that he had just taught them.

The movie was rather bland at times, but in end it was a pretty good show, with the highlight being Elliot playing an acoustic selection with them.

Sales of Under the Radar will debut on Oct. 15 with a highlight on the Late Night with Craig Kilborn show on Oct. 15.

**Review**

**Faculty recital is hit; doesn’t draw large crowd**

BY JOHN P. DUNPHY  STAFF WRITER

Despite a “very competitive home-coming” that limited attendance, the Faculty Concert, held Saturday, Sept. 28 in the Holmes Auditorium, proved a great success and joy to be had for the hall group who did attend.

Lisa Lantz, assistant professor of strings and chamber orchestra conductor, with David Peter Coppen on piano started off the night with Johannes Brahms’ “Sonatina,” showcasing Lantz’s high level of expertise and skill with the violin as well as Coppen’s talents.

Up next Ben Howard, professor of English and lecturer of music, played “Hats for Cellos, No. 1” by T.S. Bach on acoustic guitar. A song in three parts, the aud’s prelude proved a highlight, which sounded to this ear as very “sweet” — a lovely tune all around.

Following Howard was one of three performances that included Luanne Crosby, associate professor of voice and chorus, with the first also featuring Linda Larson, both on soprano and Laurel Buckwalter on piano. Performing Mozart’s “Sull’aria” first, they next went into “I Will Choose the Handsome Dark One” from Coss i fan Tutto, where Luanne Crosby was able to playfully poke fun at husband J. Stephen Crosby, professor of theatre and chair of the Division of Performing Arts, by referring to him as “the handsome grey one” during the song.

This immediately lead to a late addition to the show, a solo piece from Shakespeare’s Love’s Labour’s Lost performed by J. Stephen Crosby.

The first half of the recital concluded with a funny and charming piece titled “Tribute to the Bassoon” by William O. Smith, performed by Edward Wadin, director of bands and instructor of music, on bassoon with Becky Prophet, professor of theatre, doing a near spot-on narration.

The second half of the show opened with an incredible performance by Peter O’Connor, adjunct instructor in music, on piano with pieces by Vince Guaraldi, Chuck Corra and Rimsky-Korsakov. His adept and confident hands left this audience member stunned and wanting to hear more.

In addition to two more soprano pieces with Luanne Crosby and Linda Larson, including the impressively competitive “Art is Calling For Me” by Victor Herbert who closed the show, there was another bassoon piece by Wadin as well as another acoustic guitar piece, this time by David Worth who performed numbers by H. Villa Lobos, Lou Harrison and Joaquim Turina which were absolutely stunning in their skill and execution.

It is a shame that so few came out to see the faculty concert this year because the amount of talent in the room that night well exceed expected and resulted in an enjoyable night of music, singing and more. Hats off to all who performed, they did one hell of a job.

**Review**

**Sirenia debuts new disc**

BY JOHN P. DUNPHY  STAFF WRITER

The Gothic metal scene gained popularity over the last couple of years with the Norwegian artists Tristania among the standard bearers for the cause.

In 2001, main composer, vocalist and guitarist Morten Veland parted ways with the band due to musical disagreements and personal differences. Now, in 2002, he has created Sirenia and its premiere album, At Sires And Sevens.

Produced by Terje Refsnes and Veland at Sound Studios in Marseilles, France, At Sires and Sevens is complete with moody keyboards, violins, 12-string guitars, powerful drums and bass, as well as a plethora of vocalists ranging from angelic female to guttural growl, powerful male to alarming scream.

This band, also hailing from Stavanger, Norway, is proving to be a welcome addition to the scene. Veland combines his love of metal with his love of classical, helping to provide a one-of-a-kind musical experience.

Songs such as opening track “Meridian” set the stage as it introduces the listener to the large company of performers in the production, which includes angelic female vocals by French singer Fahtonne Gandamam, who provides a counterpoint to the male clean vocals, operatic choirs, growls and occasional shell scream.

**Greenspan hits sixteenth year as Fed chairman**

BY BENJAMIN LAWRENCE  STAFF WRITER

Sixteen years ago Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan stepped inside an office that was occupied by a moderately-sized hall. It was hosted by a large fireplace, had a long conference table and a desk in the back, where if you yelled your voice would echo like a tank.

Greenspan said, “I take it.”

In recent months, publications and ads hailing to the number of interviews have acquainted the public with Greenspan, who last month was appointed by President George Bush to serve another term.

Greenspan’s job, among other things, consists of monitoring the Federal Reserve Banks throughout the United States and controlling the interest rate setting. In other words, he is the king of the United States’ monetary policy.

As the only man in the world who can participate in the stock market, he also enjoys controlling the world.

Greenspan has been underlying criticism lately, on whether or not he should step down, and should Bush appoint another qualified individual for the position — one younger and more capable of dealing with the new trends in the markets and foreign affairs.

This criticism has been generated from his poor projections of the federal budget. Currently, there is a projected deficit of $150 billion, according to CNN reports.

As Greenspan began addressing a question in one of his many conversations with CNN reporters regarding the current state of the economy: “that most of the disappearance of the projected budget surplus was due to last year’s $1.8 trillion tax cut. This tax cut was proposed by Bush, which Greenspan supported. He also added that the Congressional Budget Office had projected the ten-year surplus on the basis of these predictions.

“The expectations ... were all overestimated,” said Greenspan. In response to another question during this time, Greenspan said that he would be surprised if a U.S. war in Iraq caused a prolonged increase in oil prices, and a subsequent recession.

It does not take an economist to figure out that during war times oil consumption drastically increases, thus raising the price.

Greenspan contradicted himself when he added that if a war in Iraq lasted too long, it would have a negative impact on the economy. Wouldn’t that negative impact be a rise in oil prices?

Sixteen years of age, one can determine that the monetary king is well past his peak years in this position, but his question is, who will take his place?

His job must be of equal or greater intellect than Greenspan, who has received degrees from New York University, Harvard, Yale, Notre Dame and more.
These facilities give the survivors somewhere to live and to learn practical job skills. Many of the victims of trafficking are under 17, said Perpiman, and still have a successful adult life after escaping prostitution.

Perpiman emphasized “the strength of the women who get out of [prostitution]... they are not to be pitied,” she said, but admired. Many of the survivors are now employed by the group, holding support sessions in bars and helping prostitutes realize that there is a way out.

At the end of her talk, Perpiman asked the audience to remember, “in the peace of Alfred, that peace is not everywhere.”

Suraya Sadeed began her presentation with an image of a peace: Afghanistan, pre-Soviet invasion. She struck a chord with the silent audience expressing her reaction to the events of Sept. 11, which was one of fear for what Afghanistan would face due to the actions of Osama bin Laden, “this unwanted guest.”

Sadeed reminded her listeners that terrorism does not just affect Americans: “Afghans know how unwanted guest.” She began to use Afghanistan as a safe haven, because the country had no strength or organized government to deter them.

Afghans still suffer from the remnants of the Soviet invasion, including land mines disguised as toys, the after-effects of chemical weapons and a average life expectancy of 45 years. Sadeed noted that 25 percent of children die before the age of five in Afghanistan, and the ones who survived the lowest education level out of children in all of the Asian countries.

Education is one of the main goals of Help the Afghan Children, but children need education so that they can, as adults, “address the country’s needs within its own context,” said Sadeed. When the Taliban rule began, all education for women ceased, and men were only given a religious education. The organization helped open 17 United States for girls and helped them find healthcare, as females were banned from going to male physicians.

In Afghan society, Sadeed said, there is a sense of ownership of women by men. However, the strongest restrictions on women are hurting the country’s efforts to rebuild itself: 80 percent of the population is female, and ignoring them as a workforce is severely detrimental.

Sadeed also outlined some statistics and situations that shed new light on Afghan life, especially in contrast with the typical American perspective on the culture. She also spoke about global politics as not just watching out for threats or potential profits, but as paying attention to the problems of the world.

“Afghanistan is a deep wound,” said Sadeed, “and a quick fix of putting a Band-Aid on it is not going to work.”

Her organization’s focus on children is an attempt to go beyond the quick fix and help the citizens who will be Afghanistan’s future. This is done with an eye towards both the country’s well being and peace between it and other nations: “Giving them food and blankets will help the children of Afghanistan survive this war, but giving them an education could prevent another war,” according to Sadeed.

Bill Hall, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Business, asked assistant professor of French, Zakia Robana, to introduce the speakers and facilitated a question and answer session at the end. Hall thanked the speakers as well as the coordinators and sponsors of the event, which included the Department of women’s studies, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Alfred Muslim community and St. Jude’s Catholic Church in Alfred.

The College of Business added four new members to its roster of outstanding faculty this fall. Jim Fantanzo, Yuvaraj Taylor, Adel Al-Sharkas and Clare Popejoy were all welcomed to Alfred University.

Jim Fantanzo has been an adjunct professor at Alfred University for the past ten years, and joined the full-time faculty this year taking on two MBA courses and an undergraduate course on organizational behavior. About Alfred, Fantanzo said that it is “a very special University, and it’s an honor to teach here.”

Fantanzo earned his doctorate from Walden University in Minneapolis where he defended a dissertation related to effective training methodologies. Since then, he has become a professional speaker and is the president of his own company, Creative Training Solutions. He is also a marathoner, having competed in a total of 25 marathons with the 26th a possibility in the very near future.

Taylor is originally from Maine, and came to Alfred after having taught at the University of Richmond. He received his doctorate from the University of Connecticut, where he did all of his post-graduate work. Taylor is taking on the first introductory course to economics, as well as a senior seminar in the economics of international contracting.

He has traveled to many European countries, and spent time in Southeast Asia on field-work assignments. Despite his worldliness, Taylor has had little trouble adjusting to life in Alfred and finds it very similar to his previous surroundings in Maine. He jokes that Alfred makes up for the absence of the 26th state by doing away with all of the 50 states!

Adel Al-Sharkas has also joined the Alfred University College of Business faculty and is teaching two upper level finance courses in addition to an MBA course.

Al-Sharkas is originally from Jordan and came to the United States to attend the University of New Orleans where he did all of his post-graduate work. He has a doctorate in financial economics. He enjoys reading and swimming and commentates on his experiences at Alfred have been nothing but wonderful thus far.

The last faculty member added was Clare Popejoy, a visiting professor in information systems. Popejoy is teaching a class in computer programming and has the responsibility of instructing all four labs in the introduction to management information systems course. She earned her MBA from Emporia State University in Kansas and has done some doctorate studies and the University of North Texas.

She plans to eventually conclude these studies at a different location. Popejoy has had five years of experience teaching at Dowling College on Long Island. She enjoys the fact that AU is a residential campus with many activities always going on. During her off-campus time she enjoys reading, going to the movies and spending time with her granddaughter.

Winsook Woo, another new faculty member, arrived at Alfred University in the spring semester of 2002. Woo is an instructor of business administration, and is currently teaching business policy and entrepreneurship. Woo hails from Korea and came to the United States to earn his MBA at Carnegie Mellon University. He is currently working on his doctorate from the University of Buffalo and intends to defend his dissertation next spring.

Woo has enjoyed his time in Alfred thus far, commenting on the peacefulness of the surroundings and the outstanding quality of teaching within the university. As an avid golfer, Woo’s only complaint is that there is a severe lack of golf courses in the area.

Interim Dean of the College of Business Frank Duserick recently expressed his appreciation of the efforts of each new faculty member.

“We’re very fortunate to have all of them,” Duserick said. He also commented how each professor has quickly become part of the College of Business team, helping out other professors and filling in when needed. It looks to be a promising year with added support at AU’s College of Business.
Investing early helps

BY LUIS VASQUEZ
BUSINESS MANAGER

With the recent business scandals and the ongoing poor performance of the economy, it seems like Americans are losing faith in corporations and the economic system as a whole. Some might argue that it is not a good time to be thinking about investing in the stock market, while others don’t want to trust putting their retirement savings into the 401(k) programs that corporations offer.

However, it is never too early or too late to start saving for the future, regardless of the current economic conditions. But according to senior accounting major Seonhgo Seo, “the earlier you start saving the better it would be in the long run for you.”

Seo recommends that a college student should start maximizing his or her money by creating a portfolio that includes investing in bank accounts, certificates of deposit and stocks.

“As soon as you graduate start thinking about retirement plans,” said Seo.

According to Seo, the best way to manage a portfolio that would provide higher returns is through diversification, or a combination of safe and risky investments to balance the portfolio. The rate of inflation could be a helpful determinant of investing and long term commitments.

Seo added that potential investors join a credit union. “With a credit union you get higher interest on returns and lower interest on loans,” she said.

Managing a financial portfolio could be a difficult task to master, and it could generate drastic outcomes if not prepared and handled correctly. Seo said the help of a financial advisor could be very helpful, but if a person wants to start right away the best place to do so is at a bank.

Seo noted that because of this, he developed a negative self-image at an early age.

At the age of eight, Sarks began what he referred to as his “prison sentence.” His father earned a living by selling fruits and vegetables door-to-door out of the back of his truck, and began to bring Sarks along to help.

Each day during the summer, he went to work with his father from early morning until evening. On Saturdays, he was forced to wait in the back of the truck until 11 p.m. while his father sold his wares inside the local bar.

Once winter came, Sarks had a reprieve during the week to go to school, but Saturdays he was back on the truck until late into the night with only a kerosene lamp to keep him warm.

This situation continued for four years with no change: Sarks still had a low self-image, which was not helped by his feelings of being a prisoner on the truck.

At age 12, however, Sarks learned two important lessons from his father.

The first involved a sales technique, which also helped to give Sarks a more positive overall attitude. During strawberry season, his father would buy extra strawberries and sell them in the evening in different neighborhoods to increase his income.

Selling the strawberries were Sarks and his brother Joe, four years younger. One time, when Sarks came back to the truck to get more strawberries, his brother asked why Joe sold more strawberries than his brother did.

His father then followed Sarks out to observe his sales technique, which consisted of Sarks saying to a potential customer, “You don’t want to buy any strawberries, do you?” while shaking his head.

His father then demonstrated his technique, which displayed the strawberries while extolling their quality and freshness. To finish the pitch he asked, “do you want one quart or three?”

Sarks explained that the lesson he learned here was the importance of attitude. His original negative attitude made it easy for potential customers to say no, while a more positive approach got the customers excited about buying strawberries.

Another lesson was learned one day when Sarks’ father asked him if he enjoyed working on the truck. Sarks answered that he hated it. His father then explained to him the importance of an education, for it was his father’s lack of education that forced him to work on the truck.

From that day forward, Sarks was aware of the value of education, using his time on the truck to study. He turned himself from a poor student who hated school into one whom earned a scholarship to a business school and graduated first in his class.

Indeed, education became a way out of the truck as Sarks got a job that allowed him to buy a larger house for his parents and many siblings. This would be just the beginning of a long, storied career in business.

After serving in World War II, Sarks founded a business providing coffee vending machines to local businesses. His business became so successful that he eventually sold it to a large company that also put him in charge of their Northwest operations.

This began a string of many business ventures that were successful, some not before Sarks retired with a new goal of becoming a tennis champion.

It was at this time that Sarks made a new discovery. He and his brother Joe were discussing their time on the truck — Joe had taken Sarks’ place once he got his first job — and Joe asked why Sarks had never followed their father into the bar on Saturday nights.

Sarks replied that he was simply doing what he was told. Joe was more headstrong than his brother and had been going into the bar with their father.

At this point, Sarks asked Joe why it took their father their entire evening to sell fruits and vegetables to patrons. Joe, surprised at his brother’s naiveté, explained that their father had in fact been gambling the entire time.

At this point, Sarks was heartbroken. He believed that the whole time he was in the truck, his father was working hard to support the family, while in reality he was gambling.

After professional counseling, Sarks decided he wanted to share his story with young people. He believes that the lessons he learned can help others as well.

After relating this story of his life to his audience, he answered a few questions about his life and the lessons gained from years of experience.

In closing, Sarks referred to an acronym that sums up his important life lessons: A.C.E. He explained that having a positive Attitude, Courage and Enthusiasm is essential and urged those in attendance to adhere to this philosophy.

BUSINESS TIPS

Retirement plans used by corporations for their employ- ees, also known as 401(k)s, are another way for a person to invest money towards retirement. Corporations normally match the quantity taken from a person’s paycheck that goes into his or her 401(k) account, which results in higher retirement savings.

“Contributions towards a 401(k) program are tax exempt- ed, so you want to channel as much income as you can into it,” said Mapalad-Ruane. “But it’s money you can’t touch until you retire.”

However, this year the public saw how thousands of employ- ees lost part or all of their retirement savings in compa- nies like Enron. The govern- ment has recently stated that corporations should set aside a special 401(k) retirement pro- gram account that is not direct- ly tied to corporations’ operat- ing accounts.

This would prevent employ- ees, in case of corporate bank- ruptcy, from losing their retire- ment savings.

“It’s a matter of corporate responsibility and loyalty,” added Mapalad-Ruane.

She also recommends that potential investors join a credit union.

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Mapalad-Ruane advised that a person should start off with a savings account, get used to saving constantly, and then explore more options for invest- ing and long term commitments.

PHOTO BY ALISON SAVETT
Seniors Colin Kennard and Sheree Johnson were crowned Homecoming king and queen at halftime of the football game on Sept. 28.
BY ROBERT BAYNES  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's tennis team has compiled a 2-4 record thus far this season. Coach Brian Friedland, who was named Empire 8 Coach of the Year last year, the team is aiming for at least a fourth place finish at the Empire Eight tournament and to break even for the team record.

"We lost four quality players from last year's team but have acquired some new talented players combined with returning players who have improved during the off-season," said Friedland.

The toughest competition seems to be Nazareth College and St. John Fisher College, who have improved as well as gained new players. The Saxons have compiled a 2-4 record thus far but have many more opportunities to play better as the season progresses, according to team captain and second singles player Alexis Pickarsky.

"We are a new team that is still trying to mesh but we come together and play our hardest," said Pickarsky.

Leading the team in first singles will be Alicia Ballard, who also played number one in her rookie season last year. Pickarsky follows Ballard and sophomore Janice Brooks rounds out the top three singles.

Ballard, who was named Empire 8 Rookie of the Year after last season's 12-2 record, feels a bit of personal pressure coming from herself, said Ballard. "I just try to play my best every match and not to think about everyone else's expectations.

Junior Beth Harris is the starter at fourth singles, followed by freshman Emily Salberg at fifth singles. Outlining the team at sixth singles is junior Krista Carlson, who is playing her first season on the team. Newcomer Charisse Harris, Pastor, will be playing exhibition in hopes of gaining experience and improving for next year's season.

"The team doesn't lack experience but confidence," according to Ballard.

The team looks to improve with every match and learn from its past mistakes to improve during the season as well as build a solid base for next year," said Friedland.

Team aims to break even

WOMEN'S TENNIS

BY TIM INTIHARROTH  
STAFF WRITER

The AU volleyball team has been playing hard at the net the past couple weeks.

"We have all the elements to win," said junior Amanda Vinzarru, one of the team's captains. "We just have to remember what we came to do and fight until the end."

On Sept. 24 the women went up against Nazareth, who is ranked 21st by the AVCA Division III Coaches Top-25 poll.

Senior Jill Coldon and sophomore Kathryn Lee nailed down seven kills each. Co-captain Erin Murray set up 12 assists and popped up a total of nine digs.

Freshman Beth Sanger threw in three kills, three blocks and seven digs but it was still not enough to win for Alfred as the team fell to Nazareth in three games, 30-18, 30-21, 30-22, getting an end to their 15 game losing streak dating back to their win over Hartwick in four games at last November's Empire Eight tournament.

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Team posts 1st win

VOLLEYBALL

BOX SCORES

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Sept. 14

Certified Institutions

Mac's Men's Cross Country Meet

Alfred University placed 6th of 4.


Women's Cross Country (4)

Alfred University placed 6th of 7.


FOOTBALL

Saturday, Oct. 2

At Merrill Field

Pitt-Bradford 0 – 0

Alfred University 0 – 0

American 4 – 0

First half – 1, Alfred, Carrol (Laker), 40th minute. Second half – 2, Alfred, Robin (Phelan), 5th minute. 3, Alfred, Grant, 56th minute. 4, Benjus, 57th minute. 5, Ninos (Wentlet), 84th minute.

Saves: Pitt-Bradford – Grande 3. Alfred – Ball 0, Brown 0.

Second half – 2, Alfred, Robin (Phelan), 53rd minute. 3, Alfred, Brandfonbrener, 75th minute.


First half – 1, Washington, Mazzer, 25th minute.


Second half – 3, RIT, Lower (Santos), 73rd minute.

Saves: RIT – Jaskula 1, Weis 0.

BY ROBERT BAYNES  
STAFF WRITER

The Empire 8 volleyball season is charges up to be a memorable one for the Alfred University women's volleyball team.

"The AU volleyball team has been playing hard at the net the past couple weeks," said Tim Intiharroth. "We have all the elements to win," said junior Amanda Vinzarru, one of the team's captains. "We just have to remember what we came to do and fight until the end."

On Sept. 24 the team went up against Nazareth, who is ranked 21st by the AVCA Division III Coaches Top-25 poll. Senior Jill Coldon and sophomore Kathryn Lee nailed down seven kills each. Co-captain Erin Murray set up 12 assists and popped up a total of nine digs.

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professor of education
BY BRYAN SICK
MANAGING EDITOR

Homecoming weekend turned out to be a very costly one for the Saxons.

Besides losing to the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets, 19-3, the Saxons lost their starting backfield.

Senior tailback Jesse Raynor went down in the first quarter of Saturday's game with a sprained foot and is listed as doubtful for this weekend's game at Union.

Two days later, sophomore Brenton Brady, the number two tailback in the starting offense, suffered a herniated disc and will be out for at least three weeks.

With the loss of both starting tailbacks, the Saxons offense will have a completely different look this week. Junior Cory Ramer will replace the tandem in the backfield, while his first start as running back at the collegiate level.

The offense will also have a more open look to it, featuring a four-wide set for much of the time that Raynor and Brady are gone, said Murray.

To go with the recent injuries, the Saxons will face a tough schedule with four of their next five opponents on the road.

The team is looking to recover from their embarrassing loss to Waynesburg in front of the homecoming crowd.

The offense turned the ball over seven times in the game, including five in the first half and the defense missed tackles all game, said Murray.

The Yellow Jackets jumped out to an early 12-0 lead on two touchdowns coming off of a pair of turnovers.

Quarterback Jeff Dumm, who was named Presidents’ Athletic Conference offensive player of the week after the game, played the entire three of the first quarter fumble.

Alfred quickly gave the ball back to the Yellow Jackets who answered with a 66-yard touchdown pass to senior running back Bobby Hagens.

Waynesburg extended its lead to 16-0 midway through the second half with a 15-yard pass to freshman wide receiver Dominic Hunter.

Senior quarterback Ron Murray is expected to start.

Alfred's only points of the game came on a field goal later in the quarter by junior kicker Pat Breuer.

Murray had a chance to cut the lead in half on their next drive but sophomore quarterback Emon Murray fumbled the ball at the goal line, once again turning the ball over to the Yellow Jackets.

Dumm found the end zone yet again three plays later on a 62-yard strike to freshman wide receiver Ivan Hawkins.

Despite the losing effort for the Saxons, the team is moving on and regain the confidence they had prior to last weekend.

"The loss to Waynesburg is not what's important to our football team right now," said Murray.

"How we react is what is important."

Alfred traveled to Union Saturday in an attempt to avenge their 34-14 loss to the Dutchmen a year ago.

This weekend the team will head to Oneonta to face the Hartwick Hawks in a tough Empire 8 contest.

PHOTO BY ALISON SAVETT
Senior Dave Munro engages a Waynesburg player during the Homecoming game, on Sept. 28. The Saxons lost 19-3.

PHOTO BY JOHN BELISLE
PHOTO BY ALISON SAVETT

Despite losing record, rugby squad perseveres

BY ALISON SAVETT
COPY MANAGER

After getting out to a rough start, Alfred women’s rugby has finally started to gel, both on and off the field.

With 17 rookies this season, 12 from AU and five from Alfred State College, captain Eva Breuer has had her bit nervous prior to the season, but all of the kinks have either worked themselves out or are in the process.

"I am excited about this year’s team," Tabbert said. "This is the best we’ve played together on the field, that I’ve seen."

Coaching seemed as a problem in past years, but Tabbert, a senior fine arts major, and her co-captains all agree that this year everyone has meshed really well, in spite of the 0-3 record.

Under the guidance of Alixa Calbertson and Mary Ball, the captains from last year’s team, graduated, along with Kelly Vettern from AU and a handful of girls who had been playing for the past few years, explained Tabbert.

Last year, the team had a losing record in six games during the fall and one in the spring. They were pulled due to weather and field conditions.

Tabbert described herself as a rugby nut.

Women’s soccer

BY JOHN BELISLE
STAFF WRITER

Alfred’s women’s soccer team won their first game of the season Oct. 2, defeating Wells College, 3-0, putting their record at 1-6-1.

The goals against Wells were scored by sophomore Ellen Brandaliser, Andrea Crandall and Lisa Howey. Alfred had a seven to one advantage in shots on goal.

The game against Wells is a welcome win for the women’s team, which so far this year has focused on rebuilding and team building after the loss of several upperclassman from last year. They had been shutout in the past three games and the scoreboard had been blank.

"I was a bit of a tyrant," she said, smiling.

"Laura is really great about conditioning," Tabbert explained that losing Ball, Culbertson and Vettern were stopped by junior goalkeeper Liz Bishop.

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Tabbert and Mezhebovsky are really pleased with the season even though they haven’t won any games yet, but I think we’ve played well given the circumstances."

"Sometimes the schools divide," she said. "We’re all coming together now."

In order to avoid any major problems, the team’s jerseys only say "Alfred."

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Tabbert and Mezhebovsky are really pleased with the season even though they haven’t won any games yet, but both have high hopes for the last two games at Fredonia State and St. Bonaventure University.

"Our team is learning fast and has a lot of potential," Cato stated. "We just need to pay attention to small aspects of the game."