The Powell Mural Project, created, organized and partly painted by 2002 graduate Jalal Clemens, is now situated in Powell Dining Hall. The mural represents the spirit of Alfred University.

BY BRANDON TURNER

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The Alfred University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to eliminate fraternity and sorority organizations on campus last May.

“We believe this set of decisions offers a new opportunity for creative improvements in residential and co-curricular life of Alfred University,” stated President Charles Edmondson. Sue Gostchak, director of communications, said in a press release that a Greek Task Force was put in place last February after the death of Benjamin Klein. Board Chairman Emeritus Gene Bernstein, a 1969 alumnus of AU, took charge of the task force which concluded that many students who belong to Greek organizations are upstanding citizens. However, a number of those organizations have become dysfunctional, stated Bernstein.

According to Bernstein, the task force dealt with three choices regarding Greek life at AU to continue Greek life as is, to significantly reform the system or to eliminate fraternities and sororities.

Gerold Brody, vice president of student affairs and dean of student affairs, said he does not know if the Board of Trustees’ decision will be felt immediately.

“There’s not going to be a tremendous impact if a [Greek organization] is in good standing,” stated Brody. “We’re trying to allow students who are Greek and in good standing to graduate as Greek.”

The task force stated that Greek membership at AU has declined from 46 percent of the student body 40 years ago to 10 percent currently. “This decision by the Board of Trustees will allow the University to recapture resources now directed at the 20 percent of students who have Greek affiliations to improving the quality of life for all students,” said Brody.

As a member of the team charged with drafting an implementation plan for eliminating the Greek system, Brody reiterated the University’s position that current Greeks retain their status out of fairness to returning students. However, Greek organizations are no longer allowed to recruit on campus and the decision to phase out current Greek life had led to a new residency requirement: said Brody.

The new three-year residency requirement does not affect students, said Director of Residence Life Brenda Porter, and began with this year’s incoming freshmen class.

The resident director and resident assistant staff were trained in August to be able to respond to student concerns, answer questions and dispel rumors pertaining to the new guidelines that Greeks in good standing now operate under, stated Porter.

In a letter to Greek organizations in good standing this July, Brody discussed the need to “have a cohesive and orderly transition.” In order to help with this transition, Brody has formed an advisory group of students to provide input.

“The trustees, president and I know that there are many good students within Greek organizations and good students in Greek organizations not in good standing,” stated Brody. “For this reason, each and every student deserves the support.”
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Alfred exploring new directions

Students who pay close attention to Alfred's e-mail accounts over the summer months have noticed that a great deal of news has been coming out of Alfred University.

Two days after graduation, as many of us were beginning to settle into a new summer routine, the University announced that life was being eliminated. A few days later, on May 22, the University and Alfred State College jointly announced that they were exploring the possibility of a merger.

So, while Alfred may not look different from what we remember last year, the University is in a process of change that will be taking place, at least in part, during our time here.

Change, especially change of this magnitude, is often resisted. People prefer their comfort zones and anything that pulls them out of the comfort zone is to be opposed, even if it is in their long-term best interest.

With that said, it is important to understand that the two institutions were thrown open, allowing members of such to run around some ancient chauvinistic notion.

Senior leadership at both schools is deliberately exploring this possible consolidation to ensure that it makes sense. The road to a combined institution is a long one that requires approval from many parties and a great deal of work from the leadership to be certain that this will benefit both schools.

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The responsibility the AU President Charles Edmondson has said that students who are into that vision of Alfred that we have here now, and possibly even those who enroll next year, can expect to have four to five years here with no changes from the institution that is here now.

More specifically, Alfred and Alfred State President William R. Corliss issued a joint statement guaranteeing that students enrolling in academic offerings at the combined institution.

It's not as if the proverbial floodgates between the two institutions were thrown open, allowing members of such to run around some ancient chauvinistic notion. The road to a combined institution is a long one that requires approval from many parties and a great deal of work from the leadership to be certain that this will benefit both schools.
During the summer of 2002, 35 student parking spots were added in front of Tefft Hall as part of an ongoing initiative to improve parking on campus. There was a major increase in the number of vehicles on campus this year, said Pat Schwartz, director of safety, security, and telecommunications.

“Parking has always been first come, first served,” said Schwartz. “Now, students don’t have to park in the upper row.”

Rather, the 35 spots outside Tefft Hall were put into place to allow residents closer access to their cars, said Schwartz. According to Assistant Director of Physical Plant Dave Pederson and Director of Budget Analysis and Forecasting Gervais Lloyd, the construction, which cost $8500, was paid for by A.L. Blades and Sons of Hornell.

Additionally, two of the 10 parking spaces reserved for resident directors were moved behind Brown Hall and Canest Hall in locations in front of Brown Hall.

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One gate is to be installed outside the Brown suite, preventing vehicles from entering from behind Brown Hall, and said Schwartz.

Although traffic would be allowed to continue behind Tefft and Tefft, vehicle access to the suite would tentatively be cut off at 3:30 p.m. and reopened around 8 a.m.

The gate should resolve parking problems outside the suites, make a lot more sense if we could find some synergy there, rather than just duplication,” said Edmondson.

Edmondson will seek to answer questions throughout the facilities committee meetings including how to strikes a delicate balance between a diverse set of academic programs with different voice needs.

Overall, Edmondson believes that bringing in Alfred State’s programs will not hurt the University. “If I thought that the reputation of the University was at stake to be maintained, obviously I wouldn’t even be engaged in these discussions,” he said.

Chief among them is concern over the combination of the two institutions, as requested by Gov. George Pataki. Combining a wide array of programs will take a great deal of time and collaborative effort to work out, said Edmondson.

“The key question is how much do we really need to change,” said Edmondson.

However, Alfred State has already decided to become largely a four-year, baccalaureate institution, a decision reached independent of the consolidation talks. With this in mind, “it would appear there are so many advantages to a proposed consolidation, according to student senator from Alfred, Matt Davis.”

Of course, as with any major change, questions and concerns have been raised.

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Black prof. arrives in Alfred

BY SHEREE N. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Alfred University welcomes its first Black female professor in five years, as the department of psychology brought Anta L. Saunders to campus from Washington, D.C. Saunders, a graduate of Hampton University, has spent 17 years there, until May is a bit much.”

“I always knew that Alfred was a very special place,” he said. “I think people know that about Alfred. I do not miss the winters. Having the leaves fall off the trees in September and not come back until May is a bit much.”

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Surprises aplenty, VMAs do not disappoint

BY MICHAEL TOPP

MTV held its annual awards cerem-ony, the Video Music Awards, Aug. 29 at New York's Radio City Music Hall marking a hall- mark day in the entertainment industry.

This year's VMAs had both highlights as well as some very low points but the collective perfor- mance was exhilarating.

Saturday Night Live star Jimmy Fallon was the host this year bringing a special comedic element to the show that had been absent in recent years. Fallon's ability to do impressions was key to his presentation as he opened with parodies of some of the biggest hits of the year, such as Eminem's "Without Me." The audience loved it.

"This was an unfortunate tash to such an otherwise mannerly night for Eminem.

Other major winners of the evening were The White Stripes who took home three moon men for "Breakthrough Video," "Best Special Effects" and "Best Editing" for "For Love in Love with a Girl." Pink won two trophies for "Best Female" and "Best Dance Video" for "Get the Party Started." No Doubt also won two moon men and front woman Gwen Stefani made a blatant attempt to show the crowd that she could rock a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage. MTV made it public that she's going to be getting a tattoo on stage.

The most anticipated event of the night was the performance by Eminem. He appeared behind a podium in front of what looked to be a replica of Congress. He opened his hit-filled "White America" and then re-emerged on stage. It was clear from each band's perfor- mance that rock has a definite future and the crowd was much more enthralled.

The most amazing ending to the VMAs as Eminem came out of the woodwork to deliver a charged and explosive perfor- mance with the new group N'RG. All has lost some of his screaming abilities as his voice bores once he speaks. However, for a man who has been out of the public view for so long it is very amazing that he looks as good as he does and that the new band sounds so close to the original.

Overall, the 2002 Video Music Awards were extremely enjoyable and a viewing spectacle not to be missed. If you want to catch a run of the show, just tune in to MTV. It will be sworn over the next week.

There was much anticipation prior to the VMAs as to who the winner of the "Battle of the Bands" between the Hives and The Vines was going to be. Both rock bands did an incredible job of making a case for why their band should win as they thrilled out true rock, not pop rock, songs on the stage. It was clear from each band's perfor- mance that rock has a definite future and the audience was much more enthralled.

The question now is can America produce talent as such as the Vines and the Hives, both importa importa importa Australia and Sweden, respec- tively.

The most amazing ending imaginable happened this year.

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**Theater student wins award for makeup design**

BY JOHN P. DUNPHY

Last spring, shortly before the end of the spring semester at Alfred University, senior — then junior — theatre major Joshua First of Allegany, N.Y. received an award for "first-time designer" at the National Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

First competed in the area of makeup design with his work on AU's fall 2001 production of Arthur Miller's The Crucible, directed by Stephen Cressy, chair of the Division of Performing Arts.

It was also the first time a first- year designer has ever won the award in national competition. Of that, First stated it was "really weird. I couldn't believe it." He later went on to say that he was "going up against seniors and super-seniors. I didn't think I was going to win.

Of the overall experience, First said it was "a really good learning experience. (To) see everyone's work, their ideas ... helped me learn how to present my material and learn new techniques."

As the Mehron Makeup Award for theatrical design winner, First received a silver make-up case and a $25,000 scholarship to attend a four-week course in makeup at Los Angeles Make Up Designery (MUD), one of the most prestigious design centers in the United States.

Additionally, he received an all- expenses-paid trip to attend the national make up trade show in Pasadena, Calif. this past summer, which First described as "amazing."

As for any future aspirations in makeup design at AU and beyond, it is not out of the realm of possibil- ity. During the makeup trade show in Pasadena, First was able to sit in on a class at MUD and expressed a strong interest in wanting to enroll there after he graduates from AU.

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Senior Josh First applies makeup to Tara Rosado. First won a national award for his work on The Crucible.
**Hachiyanagi opens new installation in NYC**

BY ALISON SAYET
COPY MANAGER

Rie Hachiyanagi, assistant professor of fine arts, will be opening her art show, "The Golden River," in the center of Manhattan on Sept. 11.

"I feel great for the opportunity to be able to take part in a positive healing process in a city I love," Hachiyanagi said. "I feel very grateful for the opportunity to carry people post-mortem."

Hachiyanagi got in touch with the 9-11 organizations and they connected her with the Limner Gallery. After applying, the gallery asked her to exhibit for the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11.

"I really wanted to do it for the first anniversary," Hachiyanagi said. "It's one thing to present a show, but it's another to do it at this time."

"The Golden River" originally opened up last year on Sept. 20 in Atlanta, Ga. Hachiyanagi explained that she doesn't believe it was a coincidence that the exhibition opened immediately after 9-11. Only about 150 people came to her opening, and in one of their last conversations, her friend explained that there is a river somewhere called the Golden River. The two of them then wondered about where this river was located.

This conversation, coupled with D.H. Lawrence's poem "The Ship of Death," inspired this exhibition. The poem is about building the ship of death to carry people post-mortem.

"The Golden River is not the river itself or you can stand on it. In the NYC exhibition of "The Golden River," the space is almost twice the size of the Atlanta gallery."

"It has a lot more space for it to flow," Hachiyanagi described. "The audience should be able to experience it better."

The piece is definitely interactive according to Hachiyanagi.

"You can be right in the middle of the river itself or you can step back and watch," she said. "People told me [at the previous show] that they began to feel a peace that they hadn't felt since the 9-11 attacks happened."

Knowing that people were benefiting from her piece so much helped her realize that she needed to show the piece in the center of Manhattan on Sept. 11's first anniversary.

To make the boats, she explained, it is an incredibly lengthy process as it takes several months just to make the paper alone. Each needs approximately one dozen folds.

"It's an extremely meditative creative process," she said. "The making of this piece is my prayer for peace."  

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**Survey suggests religious beliefs help with post-traumatic stress**

**BY KARI PETRIE**

*Minneapolis Daily University of Minnesota (U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — A recent survey conducted by a research team in the University of Minnesota's psychology department shows 8 percent of 188 students met the criteria for diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The survey was given to undergraduates psychology students for extra credit. Patricia Frazier, a psychology professor, conducted the study and said the terrorist attacks offered a unique opportunity to document tragic events' positive and negative effects.

"Sept. 11 was an unprecedented-event where no one was in control," Frazier said. "I was interested in how this loss of control would affect people." Although many students felt some loss of control after the attacks, Frazier said the team was surprised to find many individuals felt they had some control over the situation through their belief in a god.

Those who believe in a higher power showed fewer signs of post-traumatic stress disorder than those who believe the events were controlled by individuals, according to the study. "Frazier said. "I was interested in how this loss of control would affect people.

"The study found that those who did not report fewer positive changes. "Those changes included a better appreciation of life, closeness to family and beliefs in the goodness of people."

Many students reported feeling negative change in their lives in areas of safety, fairness and justice. Ninety percent reported experiencing at least one symptom of post-traumatic stress disorder, the study says. A similar November study conducted by the New England Journal of Medicine found the same result.

"Because of the small sample, it is unclear if the results could be of the University as a whole," Frazier said. She added she did not know whether the fact only psychology students were surveyed would affect the results. "Although clearly not a random sample of the population, given the uniqueness and tragedy of the events it is important to assess their effects on a broad range of people within the U.S.," the team wrote in a summary of the study. The research group hopes the survey will help reveal more about this kind of trauma in case an event like Sept. 11 should occur again.  

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**Webster Hall DJ rocks the house**

PHOTOS BY HEATHER MUCKLEY

Students dance as one of NYC's famous DJ's spins on Friday, Sept. 6, in the Knight Club. The Webster Hall NYC North American Tour came to Alfred University at the request of Student Activities Director Dan Napolitano and the Student Activities Board. The event went from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m.

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Rie Hachiyanagi's "The Golden River" will be displayed beginning Sept. 11.
Weight-loss drug similar to cocaine

BY RUTH IHDE

The active ingredient in the weight-loss drug Metabolife has the same effects on the brain as cocaine, according to a study conducted by Texas A&M University behavioral pharmacologist Dr. Paul Wellman.

Ephedrine and cocaine stimulate the nervous system and alter the level of dopamine in the brain, which plays a significant role in mental health. In Wellman's tests, lab rats on ephedrine did show reduced appetite but also altered activity as a result of the drug. People who have too much dopamine can suffer from schizophrenia, while too little dopamine can contribute to degenerative diseases like Parkinson's disease.

The U.S. Justice Department has brought charges against Metabolife in light of reports to the Food and Drug Administration of adverse health effects stemming from the weight-loss product. Although Metabolife has denied any reports of harmful effects from its product, the FDA has received nearly 200 reports nationwide of negative effects from the stimulant ephedrine, found in Metabolife and other new weight loss supplements.

Wellman testified in 1999 in front of the Texas Department of Health about the effects of the herb on the nervous system and the similarities between ephedrine and cocaine. Wellman said both drugs stimulate the nervous system.

"The point is, cocaine and ephedrine have the same profile of action," Wellman said.

Ephedrine is an herbal medication found in plants, which allows little regulation of the drug. Although there are no long-term data for the effects the drug has on the nervous system or studies using pills for weight control is not ideal, Wellman said.

"You must get off of it eventually, and you may gain the weight back," he said.

Rhonda Rahn, health educator of nutrition at the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said she has heard from various students who are concerned about friends who are taking Metabolife and other similar weight loss pills.

She said some students are complaining that they cannot stop shaking or get to sleep at night when taking the ephedrine-based pills. Research has found problems such as heart attacks and strokes in otherwise healthy 28-year-olds who take ephedrine.

"Some people have health problems they are not aware of yet [and ephedrine] just multiplies it," Rahn said.

Empire Health issues and deaths stem from people taking ephedrine in excess, it is also not the most effective top of weight loss, health experts say. The best way to lose weight is to eat a proper diet and exercise regularly.

Wellman said he hopes his investigation into Metabolife for the FDA to be more aware of regulation concerning herbal weight loss supplements.

"It would be a step in the right direction for consumers," Wellman said.

Young team looks for success on field

BY ROBERT BAYNES

The women’s soccer team is preparing for a new season. Although the team did not have a winning record last year, they are hoping for a better and more innovative season.

“Our main focus as a team right now is coming together and working the field as a unit,” said head coach Jaime McLaughlin. “We are basically comprising a new team, which takes time to develop.”

The squad will consist of many freshman and sophomores this season. Sophomore Andrea Crandall, Ashley Van Wie, Stephanie Stirling and Melissa Stephens are returning to the forward positions this year. Crandall, who started out 15 games last year, is a captain this year.

“Alexandra has really become a leader by example and with such a young team that is exactly what I need,” said McLaughlin.

“Alex, step up and really take control,” Wellman said.

...Men’s Soccer

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freshmen Skylar Paim, Justin Gillian and Jon Ninos are also playing the midfield positions this year.

The men’s soccer team has been training hard and is looking forward to a competitive season.
Football squad hopes for a winning season

BY ROBERT BAYNES
Sports Editor

The Alfred University football team is looking strong as they head into this season. The team has powerful players on both sides of the ball. “From an optimistic view, it looks like we will have a good season,” said head coach Dave Murray. The first goal of the team is to have a winning season, which means winning at least six games. This is the first time in Murray’s five years tenure as coach that the team has not lost a member during preseason training.

Four out of five starters will be returning from the offensive line that helped the team to over 200 rushing yards per game last season. Josh Skinner will return at left tackle. Skinner, known as “the mammoth” by his teammates, stands at 6’4” and weighs 280 pounds. “Both his height and weight will be a big advantage for us,” said Murray. “The offense is looking good this year,” he commented. The team will be starting a new quarterback this year, sophomore Ron Dubia, taking over for four-year starter Todd Zandrowicz. Dubia did not have much experience last season, but when he was on the field he performed well, and has continued to play well through preseason. He will be throwing the pigskin to junior Nick Coleman, and sophomore Jake Sprague, who are the starting receivers this year.

The Saxons defense is led by hard-hitting linebackers senior Colin Murphy and junior Erin Murray. “I’m very optimistic, walking into this season. The team is looking strong as they head into this season. The team is optimistic about the upcoming season,” he commented. “In experienced players team up as strongly as the players in the past, and adjust to the collegiate game. This year’s team will be led by senior captain Karl Guann, who led the team in goals last season with his hard and accurate shot. Senior Andy Gommarini, who missed last season due to injury, is returning to the front line. Junior Keith Phelan, who also missed last season, will be playing on the front line as well as sophomore Stephen Robin. The midfield will be made up of sophomore Shane Donahoe, junior Andy Kernahan and freshman Adam Morgan. Junior Ian Hoffman, sophomore Mike DeLorenzo and senior Adam Morgan.”

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