Parking woes aired

BY CATHERINE KEVET
PHOTO EDITOR

“The number one problem that was indicated in the SUNY survey was parking,” said Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brody at the Senate-sponsored parking forum on Feb. 7.

Students, faculty and staff were all invited to join the discussion mediated by Student Senate President Seth Mulligan in Nevins Theater.

The rule was that after all problems were aired, solutions had to be devised by the group.

Mulligan began by saying Alfred University’s parking situation in general was a simple economical problem of supply and demand.

Israel elects Sharon

BY ALISON SAVET
FEATURES EDITOR

When Ehud Barak announced that he was resigning as the prime minister of Israel, it was because he needed to “seek anew the confidence of the people of Israel and to receive a renewed mandate to lead the state of Israel on the way to peace.”

After stating his purpose, he continued by telling the world that he would be participating in the upcoming election for the prime minister’s seat from which he was resigning. Assuming he would win, Barak went through with his plan and resigned from his position to prove what support he actually had from the people.

Surprising not only Barak and the leftist Labor Movement to which he belongs, but also to the world, he was beaten in a landslide Feb. 6, by Ariel Sharon, a member of the right-wing Likud party.

The landslide win, supposedly, was the result of Barak’s failure to connect with the voters. It was also his lack of plan for the worst case scenario. “I think that Mr. Sharon is coming to plant roses … on the road between here and Jerusalem,” many residents of the Gaza Strip told the media.

Many residents of the Gaza Strip don’t trust Sharon either and feel that he represents a larger and more conservative population of Israel than Barak.

Apart from these feelings ofanimosity, Sharon campaigned and won his support from the more conservative population of Palestinians on the Israel pledge of “peace with security.”

He also made the promise to not divide Jerusalem between the Israelis and Palestinians, who both claim it as their most holy city, and also to lessen the amount of land that Barak had proposed for the peace treaty.

The 72-year-old prime minister elect stated on CNN that he will “work to unify the people of Israel, therefore I call on the Labor Party to join in a nationalunity government.”

In these trying times, unity must be our first priority. Photo by Jennifer Kristiansen

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AU investigating vandalism

BY ASHLEY BRENON
STAFF WRITER

Spray-painted symbols on the Herrick Memorial Library, signs stolen from the doors at the Powell Campus Center and broken windows in both buildings are contributing to the recent increase in campus vandalism.

“I do not know the motivation of the people that are doing this,” said Steve Cranfield, director of the Herrick Library.

Every two or three years, campus vandalism becomes a problem at Alfred University. AU Security finds the people responsible and the vandalism stops, said Pat Schwartz, director of security, safety, and telecommunications.

“Students first noticed the graffiti paint on the front door casing at Herrick Library two weeks ago,” Rachel Lorchon, a sophomore library student worker said; that the graffiti did not bother her until she realized that her tuition was paying for it to be removed.

Seven signs from bathrooms, the Multicultural Suite, and the Student Activities office in the Powell Campus Center have been stolen since the beginning of the fall semester, said Tricia Debortoli, director of the Powell Campus Center.

When a sign is stolen, Student Activities notifies Security and asks the Office of Residence Life to be aware of signs in student’s residence hall rooms. In all, the signs will cost $700 to replace, said Debortoli.

The broken windows are considered vandalism because if someone had broken a window unintentionally, it is likely that they would have reported it, said Debortoli.

“People are upset,” said Schwartz. “This is their campus and they don’t like to see graffiti around.”

Not only are people dissatisfied with the effects of campus appearance, it is an unnecessary expense.

“There are other things the University could be spending money on,” said Cranfield.

Students have come forward with information regarding suspects in the vandalism. An investigation is underway, said Schwartz.

Once the investigation is complete, the case will be passed on to Student Affairs for judicial action.

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Better parents make for better kids

BY EMMILIE HARDMAN
STAFF WRITER

When parents employ effective strategies with respect to child rearing, it is likely that their children will develop high self-esteem, be self-directed and get along well with their parents, according to Lou Lichtman, AU professor of psychology at the January Women’s Studies Roundtable.

“Parenting is only one of the factors in how a child turns out. We’ve got the media, peers and teachers that must be added to the mix too, but it is certainly an important element,” said Lichtman.

The presentation, “Parenting Tips and Strategies: How to Increase Your Chances of Raising Terrific Kids,” focused on the first four years of parent ing.

Lichtman believes it is in this time period that many patterns are established for the parents and the child. Successful navigation of this period of development will lay the groundwork for an easy transition into adolescence, she said.

“It begins with good prenatal care, which is since many of you are babies,” said Lichtman.

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Trustee Navin remembered for numerous contributions to Alfred community

BY JASON PILARZ
COPY MANAGER

After graduating from Alfred University in 1925, Bill Navin continued to have a presence at AU a quarter of a century later, and his legacy figures to live on for years to come.

Among other achievements, Navin was “instrumental in encouraging student-athletes and students to attend Alfred University,” said Athletic Director Jim Moretti.

A life trustee at AU, Navin died on Dec. 11, 2000. However, his legacy will continue to live on in numerous areas of Alfred life.

The Alfred Sun is one place where Navin will not be soon forgotten. An internship sponsored by Navin gives AU students an opportunity to gain newspaper experience and earn money while in school, according to David Snyder, publisher of the Sun.

Snyder noted that Navin had worked for the Sun for three years while a University student, and that he wanted to offer the same opportunity to current students.

The impetus for the internship began with the death of Navin’s daughter, Snyder said. A writer himself, Navin composed an obituary and submitted it to a local newspaper, according to David Snyder, publisher of the Sun.

“Navin had the idea that he could write the obituary of his father and submit it to the Sun. He had the Sun send it to us at AU,” said Snyder.

Once the obituary was accepted, it was published “word for word,” according to Snyder.

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Fiat Lux

Action needed after parking talk

We do like to talk, don’t we? At least, the recent Parking Forum was the first time in what seems like a very, very long time that any sort of constructive talk took place regarding the state of parking on this campus. Nearly all students complaining about AU Security — a group of students just doing its job.

Or, it’s complaints about an overall lack of parking. Now, if you recall the parking forum, we can see that there are as many concerns as there is a lack of parking and there are apparently too many people with cars on campus.

So, great, we talked about the problem. A good first step. However, we want to know what actions are going to follow. More spaces? Underground parking garage? No freshman cars? What’s the plan here?

It seems that we like to talk about the problems on campus, but we also seem to pay off actual actions for a while. Perhaps this is done out of caution; we understand that quick judgments often backfire.

Also, it’s hard to notice that Physical Plant did do quite a bit of parking work over winter break. But note, we do issue the table. Are we going to let them stew until another parking forum comes along?

Sometimes, we seem to tread water when we need to be heading toward something that’s actually occurring now.

For all we know, the parking problem will be worse when new freshman arrive in, um, six months.

Proactive steps now will help us to ready for whatever the new semester brings.

V-Day not about material things

So, Valentine’s Day is here. Why has this holiday place such an importance on one day in February? We agree that celebrating relationships and love is a nice thing to do. If we concerned ourselves with love and happiness, we would probably have a much happier society than we have here anyway.

However, in true American fashion, we have commercialized V-Day. Now, many feel obligated to show their love in terms of the material and monetary.

Let’s be clear here: does a material gift on one day of the year show as much love for a significant other as doing things with and for that person your year round?

Yes, Valentine’s Day is a good excuse to go out to dinner (or better yet, cook with each other) or take a nice trip to a Finger Lakes bed and breakfast. It’s romantic.

But does buying someone a dozen roses just because it’s Valentine’s Day mean that he/she will get as many roses delivered by someone else really show someone how much you care?

On any other day of the year an equal, if not more, impressive gift would be almost shunned. Yeah, people like flowers, but not necessarily obligatory flowers.

The best way to celebrate love and relationships is to do something with your significant other. And, get this—you don’t even have to just today. Any day works fine.

However, the American, matrimony Valentine’s Day comes off as pretension. Valentine’s Day is a waste of time and money. All that needs to be done is to sell things now that the holiday season is over.

So, if at this late hour you haven’t gotten anything for your sweetie yet, relax the urge to run and buy something. Perhaps the thing he or she would most appreciate is something you can’t get at the store.

Column

Political issues badly out of focus

Lately, muddled and insignificant political squabbles are like a bad cold. It never seems that it will go away.

Roughly a month after Bush’s ascension to the presidency, the headlines across America are wrought with monetary figures estimating the total sum of gifts that the Clintons received. The former first couple accepted $130,000 in gifts. They are paying it back.

My question is “Who cares?”

In a recent poll, it seems that our nation’s focus has been on issues that many American students are concerned with.

Was Clinton the first president to be adulterous? I think not.

Both Kennedy and F.D.R. sought comfort in the arms of women other than their wives. Now, our government is intent on finding for luxury to waste America’s time.

We have a new president, and like him or not, we should be paying attention to him. It is a shame that the headlines of a political nature seem to have more to do with whether or not Bill took a dining room set than they do with the tumultuous economic situation on the horizon.

For the past eight years, we have heard cries from politicians and moral prophets that Clinton should leave office. Now, he’s gone. So why all the attention?

If the public was so quick to oust him, then they should be content with his absence and move on. Mourning about our former president only wastes the time of the government and the public. Let’s focus our energy on energizing the current regime.

Right now is a time of change.

The news is filled with stories of political disputes, terrorism, and economics. We have bigger fish than the Clintons to fry.

Jared Branfman

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BY JAY WEISBERGER

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I may have stumbled upon something that all AU students agree on. I asked all kinds of students how they usually celebrate. The answer was mostly all kinds of students. How they usually celebrate. The answer was mostly

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The feminist stance? I like Eminem

By BY CHRISTA NYMAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Eminem’s got talent, and he’s got guts. His music is politically incorrect, and that’s what I like about it. He’s not titoeging around issues of violence, discrimination, and prejudices like I’d like to see it. He thrives PC language out the window and says, “I don’t give a f—.”

As aeliminist, I feel compelled to take a negative stance on the “entertainer” who raps, the misogynist, homophobic Eminem who has been nicknamed for several years.

When I listened to his song “Kill You,” I was shocked. He describes how his character wants to rape and kill his mother; I was surprised. I was prepared to say that Eminem is offensive, disgusting, a disgrace to the music industry and should not be nominated for a Grammy. But I wasn’t. In fact, I liked it. I laughed.

As pop god Elton John has said, Eminem’s music is not about “faggoty, it’s clever, it’s poetry.” And like WALT Station Manager Kristofer Chastain wack, “He’s a talented performer.”

Eminem’s critics, particularly parents, say that Eminem is unnecessarily violent. They think he believes everything he raps, even to the rest of us. If you listen to his lyrics, it’s unclear, he’s making fun of everyone and everything. There’s nothing in his music that makes him a crazy, irrational raper. What makes Eminem is that he’s entertaining. His music has more to do with whether or not Bill took a dining room set than they do with the tumultuous economic situation on the horizon.

For the past eight years, we have heard cries from politicians and moral prophets that Clinton should leave office. Now, he’s gone. So why all the attention? What does Bush’s tax cut mean for America?

These are issues that the American public should be concerned with. These are issues that will ultimately mold our futures.

However, the American public are suspended in a state of name-calling infamy. Our concerns deal with “ourselves” rather than working together to ensure an efficient government.

Let’s quit the squabbling on Capitol Hill. I urge the American public to notice the current issues of consequence.

So let’s take some Tums, a few Advil, grab a cup of coffee and kick this political hangover.

Fiat Lux
AU info. leak troublesome

BY SHEREE N. JOHNSON
Guest columnist

Two weeks ago I checked my voice mail and received a job offer. I had no doubt that many, if not most, people, would think that was the way to do it. I was not expecting battle to the task of an information leak.

Mr. Anderson, who supposedly worked at the Campus Information Office, even had the audacity to personalize his message. I am not alarmed that solicitors contacted me, but I am disturbed that Alfred University is not doing a better job accidentally releasing the private student information.

When I came back to AU for the fall of my sophomore year; I made sure the Registrar’s Office restricted access to all personal information. This way, we wouldn’t be able to get into each other’s right?

Wrong.

When I checked my voice mail on Jan. 7, I heard the following: “Good morning Ms. Johnson. This is Mr. Anderson calling from the Campus Information Office and I wanted to invite you this evening to check for your card. We’re going to have a sign up over at Room 218 at the Saxon Inn on Park Street.”

At first I thought someone at the Information Desk was calling me. The message caught my interest again when I heard, “It pays between $20 and $60, and you get your paycheck in seven business days.” That’s quick money for college student, say no more.

He told me to bring my friends, as I brought my boyfriend, James. Two men greeted me in one of the Saxon Inn’s suites. They told me to write up our name on a sign-up sheet and then fill out paperwork. The quick’s it done, the faster I get paid, right?

All nine students filled out a W-9 form and signed an Independent Contractor/Employee Rep. Agreement. The weird thing is they had us fill out the same four credit application cards we were supposed to get other people to sign. AT&T’s Student Platinum card, a Discard card, a Verizon Visa card and the Citrus Student card.

When asked if our applications would be processed, I was told “no.”

While filling out these applications, we would, “You’ll get paid $300 if you get 20 people to sign, $200 for 30 people, and $100 for 40 people to sign.”

Once I realized these applications would be processed, I changed my mind; I wanted out. We were then told, “I give the first two people who bring me a student identification a free $10 each.”

And I was out the door. We get up, crossed our names off the list, made sure we had our applications and left. When we got outside, they still had the first set of papers we filled out and signed. When we returned and asked for our W-9 forms along with the agreement contracts, we were given contracts.

Then it hit me. How did they get my name and phone number in the first place? When I spoke to Larry Casey at the Registrar’s Office about it, he told me that he had no idea how they got my information.

The Registrar’s Office supposed to give our student information to anyone but military recruiters and Alfred University Security.

Casey said, “People could have gotten hold of student’s information that was printed for the Physical Plant’s security as a list for internal use only.”

That’s a problem for me because he just acknowledged that people could have gotten hold of the list.

What makes it even worse is that Adrian Morling, the assistant director of information technology services, sent out a mass e-mail to say that student’s data doesn’t distribute, sell or give away any student information to outside organizations or agencies.

But when I spoke to Dawn Greenfield, AU Security, she told me that Security gives a copy of the student information list to Alfred Police Department, which is an outside agency.

Next time the Registrar’s Office sends out forms concerning the publication of your information in the student directory, and on the Web, take a minute to think about it.

If you restricted your information like me, will you still get solicited? As long as I know the University doesn’t have a secure system for distributing our protected information, I’m going to become more and more worried about who has my information in their hands.

Dave Toth
All campus

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obervers not always anti-light on campus

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to remarks made on your last editorial page about the new lights at Harrypin. In your editorial, you suggested that these lights were likely to raise the objections of those of us at the Knoll Observatory, but were otherwise useless.

I think it is important that cam- pus community understand that we at the observatory are not instantly anti-light. Physical Plant contacted us about those lights well before they were installed and could have gotten hold of the list. We understand that lights are needed on any college campus. What we ask is that the lights to be installed be chosen carefully, that they be given thought, that they are truly needed, and that students not get a false sense of security because of them.

The lights installed at Harrypin turn are very wonderful. From AU Security, she told me that Security gives a copy of the student information list to Alfred Police Department, which is an outside agency.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of those who so generously gave. My thoughts are with all of you.

Sincerely,
Andrew Bartholomew
Class of 2000

Conversation hour founders commended

Dear Editor:

I just read Margaret Hort’s arti- cle on the development of an International Conversation Hour at AU. The student and faculty leaders responsible for this event deserve credit.

This is an extraordinary chance for students to share and learn about diverse cultures. As a stu- dent in Canada at university with many fellow international stu- dents, I have found that exposure to different views can be refresh- ing and add to one’s national and personal values or beliefs.

Alfred provides a strong educa- tion. However, if one is to truly gain a perspective of their academic discipline and of the world, he or she must communicate with those who have different experiences. It always provides a unique educa- tional opportunity.

I am pleased to hear of this sig- nificant development at AU and hope to hear of its success and of future attempts to bridge lan- guage, cultural, and national differ- ences.

Sincerely,
Mike Polizzi
Class of 2000

Team should be noted

Dear Editor:

I just enjoyed the Jan. 31, 2001 edition of your publication. I was especially delighted to see the photo of Our Lady of Fatima and WALT.

However, I was amazed that there was no mention in the sports section of our alpine ski team. Comprised of talented women and men, this team is extremely suc- cessful and works hard to win. Please consider supporting and congratulating these athletes for their dedication and their accom- plishments.

Lori Swierczek, Class of 2001

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TECHNOLOGY

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The Super Bowl last Sunday was a Game of the Century and the most watched football game in America.

BY JENNIFER BROWN
Guest columnist

I watched the Super Bowl last Sunday. I have been a Giant’s fan for as long as I can remember. I’ve been to Giants Stadium and I rarely miss a televised game.

I tuned in also for the premiere of the XFL last Saturday. Yet somehow, a 20-year-old college female certainly didn’t seem welcomed in the arena of semi-naked cheerleaders and male-dominating commentary.

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### Alford parking crisis

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Gow: “What has changed to cause this problem?”

The past several large incoming classes have increased the number of cars on campus.

This raised the question of whether or not freshmen should be allowed to bring their cars to Alfred University during their first year.

This brought about a mixed response from students.

“Even though there aren’t enough spots, you can’t tell people they can’t bring their cars here — it’s not fair,” said freshman Matthew Washington.

“I think the decision of bringing a car to school is a very individual choice,” supported senior Patrick Boyle.

Still, one of the major solutions of Alfred University’s parking problems was to restrict freshman parking, whether it be by GFA, making freshmen wait one semester, or by distributing parking stickers from the senior class down until there are no parking spaces left.

The question still remained unanswered as to why so many parking stickers were handed out if there were not enough spots to satisfy the demand.

“Not everyone who has a permit is on campus at the same time. This really helps [the demand problem],” suggested Pat Tartary, director of safety, security and telecommunications.

The lack of designated commuter parking was another question raised.

A solution that went without opposition included special commuter stickers that would restrict the times a commuter could be on campus in certain spots.

Another idea that went over well was to increase the time restraint on the two-hour parking zones so more commuters would be able to keep their cars there.

The idea of adding new parking spaces was raised throughout.

“But with the addition of spaces, but only one student space, there are plans to increase in the number of parking stickers along with the increase in the purchase of those stickers.

The money is being put into a fund to find ways of solving the parking issues.

Considering each additional parking space added to the Alfred University campus is going to cost roughly $2,000, the fund is a good idea.

An area mentioned by a student for the possible construction of new parking spots was in between Davis Gym and McN.

However, Rauch did not agree with this idea, saying “The green space there behind Davis is really a sort of playground on campus.”

Activities in that area include Frisbee-playing, picnics and other University events.

Bethany Carpenter, a graduate student, warned that in the decision of where to add new parking, “we need to keep the aesthetics in mind, too.”

### The problem with this disc is the

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This Valentine’s season, do something for the one you love — Alfred University — and become part of the Admissions team.

You’ll love that you did!

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**Alfa Carthy**

**Angels and Cigarettes**

Carthy disc good

Looking for music to relax with after a long day?

Eliza Carthy’s latest release, Angels and Cigarettes may just be the thing you need.

Carthy’s blend of traditional English folk and pop results in a smooth, soothing collection as assorted by Carthy’s fields.

A follow-up to 1996’s Red Rose, Angels and Cigarettes is Carthy’s third solo album. She has also released a self-titled CD with the band also led, The Kings of Calcutta, and has teamed up with violinist Nancy Kerr to release a disc.

Angels and Cigarettes provides a departure from earlier folk-inspired works and offers more of a pop sound. Yet the folk influences remain and are mixed with electronic sounds.

The opening song “Whispers of Summer” is perhaps the folkiest on the album, highlighting Carthy’s folk prowess. Yet the Eastern vocal inflections add an almost electronic sound.

Ashley Johnson, student representative to the Parking Appeals Board, encourages students to appeal parking fines, with one student Mothers noted “If someone is parked in a fire lane, he or she should not try to appeal or his ticket.”

Contact Johnson with any questions concerning the appeals procedure.

Both the problems and solutions discussed at the forum are going to be looked over and presented to the general University population, perhaps through a survey, in the near future.

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BY JASON PILARZ

COPY MANAGER

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**REVIEW**

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Senate approves rec. room

BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

Although last week's Student Senate meeting ended fairly early to allow for the Parking Forum to take place, a major project was presented and approved by the Senate.

Prof. Mulligan proposed a recreational center to take residence in the first floor of Ade Dining Hall. The Senate floor approved the proposal. The building, if the Senate's proposal is accepted, will be used in the future. Mulligan thought the recreational center would be good use for during the week as well.

The recreational center will offer AU students the opportunity to play billiards, Foosball, Ping-Pong, dodge hockey and even video games. The video games will be coin operated and will be provided by AU Dining Services.

Concerned with the well-being of the center, four security cameras will be installed to watch over the area, as well as the stairways to the Ade Dining Hall. Dining Services were worried that students would attempt to go upstairs and take something. A work-study student will also be hired to watch over the area and give out accessories for use. The hours of the recreational center will run parallel to the operating hours of Ade Express. Mulligan is working on pushing Ade Express hours to stay open an hour later.

The costs of this recreational room was also discussed. When Student Activities Board brought Live to AU for the large set, SAB wound up losing some money. The money SAB owes Senate will be put into the recreational room funds.

Although the recreational room was approved last week, the installation of the center will not occur until over the summer, ready for the fall semester.

Mulligan explained that this was due to the weddings already reserved to take place in Ade over the summer.

Aside from the discussion of the new recreational center, Senate passed over the revised Constitution, the attendance policy and account suffixes.

During the officers' reports, Mulligan reported that Sue Peck, director of office services, announced that there will be no distribution of mass mail to all Powell Boxes. Only one student distributes for them. Mulligan added that mail direct- ed to all student's Powell Boxes will be avoided.

Tonight's Senate meeting will probably be another short one.

Elections for the new Student Senate Vice President are quickly approaching and Senate will be hosting the event at 7:30 p.m.

All students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the candidates and their platform.

Besides, there's a surprise faculty moderator.

Not much shaking under Alfred

BY CATHERINE KEVET
PROVOST EDITOR

An earthquake measuring between 7.6 and 7.9 in magnitude devastated the city of Bhuj, India on Jan. 26. The death tolls are in the tens of thousands, leaving at least 1,000 children orphaned. More than half a million people are homeless.

Closer to home on the same day as the India tragedy, there was an earthquake near Ashkhabad, Turkey, measuring 4.4 on the Richter scale.

According to the Evening Tribune of Hornell, a series of earthquakes shook homes, barns and nearby Avoca residents between Jan. 22 and 25.

The largest quake of the four measured 2.9.

Avoca town supervisor, Helen Lyke commented in the Evening Tribune of Hornell, “I thought my furnace had blown up.”

However, confusion surrounds whether the Avoca earthquakes were actually earthquakes at all.

“I’ve never heard an earthquake explode,” said Avoca Village Clerk Nelson Eaton to the Evening Tribune of Hornell. “If that was an earthquake, it was the loudest earthquake I was ever heard.”

Avoca has recently been the testing site for a possible underground storage place for natural gas. Although no explosives were said to be used for this project, surface drilling of depths up to 11,000 feet is thought to be related to the seismic activity.

Tim Marshall, deputy director of the county’s emergency management office, spoke more globally to the Evening Tribune of Hornell.

“There’s definitely something going on that’s shifting the plates worldwide,” he said.

The National Earthquake Information Center recorded another earthquake 15 miles northeast of Hornell on Feb. 3 that measured 2.9 magnitude. Accurate to Severity of an Earthquake online, microearthquakes are those with a magnitude of 2.0 or less and are only able to be recorded on local seismographs.

Therefore, the earthquakes recently near Hornell and Avoca were barely detectable on more sensitive seismographs.

Are earthquakes common in this area? In 1951, Buffalo and Western New York were classified as an area of “moderate seismic risk” according to the US Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Even though, since the area is not near any plate margins, there is no need to worry about consistently large earthquakes.

In contrast, Southern California has 100 times the rate of earthquake activity as New York does, because they are situated along the San Andreas Fault system.

According to the Web site, Earthquakes in New York State: Frequently-Asked Questions, the record of earthquakes in New York began in 1857, mostly caused by the movement of the Fourteen-Mile Ludden fault which is located in the Attica area.

Between 1857 and 1969, 11 out of 20 recorded earthquakes in Western New York were located in or near Attica. If any have occurred in Alfred or the immediate surrounding area, none was sizable enough to be noted.

When asked if the Alfred community had to worry about any devastating earthquakes, Professor of geology Otto Muller responded, “In terms of natural hazards, I believe that freezing rain, driving in it, walking on icy sidewalks after it, etc. will produce hundreds of more deaths and thousands of more injuries than any earthquake in New York.”

On a more local level, the recommendation of good snow boots and a lot of salt on roads and sidewalks seem to be of more importance than taking precautionary measures against earthquakes.

Questions, Answers and Glenn Miller's Visit

The Clinton's last week agreed to pay more than $65,000 for gifts received during President Clinton's last year in office.

Included were a couch and coffee table set worth more than $7,000. Questions had arisen as to whether the gifts were intended for the Clintons or the White House.

Linda Tripp, known for her role in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, said that she was told by officials not to report the gifts the Clintons received.

Additionally, the Clinton's had returned some gifts that were apparently intended for the Clintons or the White House.

• D.J. Simpson found himself in trouble with the law again in his new hometown of Kendal, FL.

• O.J. Simpson is free on bail after surrendering himself for charges stemming from road rage accuasions.

• Police have charged Simpson with felony and misdemeanor counts after he allegedly reached into the car and grabbed the glasses off of the face of the driver.

The driver, Jeffrey Pattinson, allegedly held at Simpson after Simpson ran a stop sign. Simpson then followed Pattinson and forced him to stop his car, which Simpson then allegedly approached.

INTERNATIONAL

Last Friday, a U.S. nuclear submarine struck a Japanese fishing boat off the coast of Hawaii.

And at great time, the 35 people on board were rescued, with nine passengers still unaccounted for.

The sub was on routine patrol when it accidentally struck the fishing trawler, used to train fishery students.

The U.S. Coast Guard came to the aid of those rescued and was searching for the missing passengers.

• Government celebrations in Iran were interrupted by opposition group protests. Fifty protesters were arrested.

• The government had been holding 10 days of celebrations to mark the 1979 overthrow of the pre-Western Shah.

• Demonstrators demanded greater freedom of speech in response to the jailing of pro-democracy activists and the banning of 39 newspapers in the past year.

• Government officials put the number of demonstrators at 300 or 400, while witnesses pegged the number at closer to 1,000.

• Chinese officials are going global in an increased attempt to crack down on the banned Falun Gong sect.

The government was looking for links with other cults worldwide.

• The recent crackdown is an attempt to avoid disruption in the capital of Beijing.

• Practitioners have held peaceful demonstrations in the past, and the government wants to avoid such assemblies during next month’s National People’s Congress.

Security officials in Chinese provinces have been warned to keep secret agents in their provinces, and checkpoints have been set up to prevent practitioners from entering the capital.

Important note

The Fiat Lux is away this week, attending the Columbia Scholastic Press Association’s national media convention.

As a result, we are unable to produce our traditional two-page Student Senate Election special. We are sorry that we are unable to provide the campus with the stamina of one candidate. Also, we are unable to objectively endorse any candidates as the deadline for petitions has passed.

The Fiat Lux encourages all students to attend tonight’s “Meet the Candidates Night” so that all may be able to make an informed decision to campus leaders.

Look for post-election coverage in the Feb. 28 issue of the Fiat Lux.
Crawdaddies show brings bluegrass sounds

BY JENNIFER KRISTIANSEN
Darkroom Manager

Friday, Feb. 2, 2001:
9:00 p.m.: I enter the Knight Club a few minutes early for the Crawdaddies show; the lights are still on full force and there are about 20 people milling about. I set my things down and prepare for the concert.
9:05 p.m.: A few members of the band step inside for one last cigarette before the show.
10:00 p.m.: Recorded music is emitted from the speakers to warm up the audience.
10:05 p.m.: Five men walk unobtrusively onto the stage; they go mostly unnoticed by the crowd until the lights are dimmed.
10:07 p.m.: After a brief introduction, the Crawdaddies begin their set with “Swamp Music,” an upbeat song with obvious bluegrass influences. From here, the show just gets better and better.

For a while, I was the only person dancing, while the other audience members, a total of approximately 50 students, sat in the chairs in the Knight Club.

By the second song, I was accompanied by a group of five girls who couldn’t resist the powerful, danceable bluegrass music, obviously influenced by various other genres, including funk, blues and classic rock.

“We all grow up playing all kinds of music,” said bassist Conrad St. Clair. “Personally, I’ve played everything from funk to metal to country.”

Although the group now calls Baltimore, Md., their home, they all hail from different parts of the country; none of them, however, are from Louisiana, the place one would typically expect to hear this type of music.

Lead singer and electric guitarist Chris Huntington called the show “one of the better college gigs we’ve had at home, they all hail from different parts of the country; no one sat down after that. The third song, all but two people were up dancing, and no one sat down after that.”

“My two years, that’s the first time I’ve left the [sound] board,” said sophomore Joy Lambert, who hails from Baltimore and “lives down the street from these guys.”

But how could one remain seated with more than an hour of toe-tapping, blues-breaking, bad-day-turning-good, much-needed, much-wanted music playing at full volume in the Knight Club?}

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are not yet parents you might not realize actually begin before pregnancy,” Lichtman said. Up to 50 percent of children have their development compromised prenatally, he said.

A range of factors can cause the potential developmental problems, including incomplete spinal formation and brain damage. As we have known for the past 30 years, high levels of alcohol consumption during pregnancy is responsible for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a mentally and physically debilitating condition, however, even low levels of alcohol can cause trouble.

“We know that even small amounts of alcohol, especially during the first trimester can produce Fetal Alcohol Effect.”

AFFECTED CHILDREN have consistently scored lower on IQ tests than non-afflicted children.

Pregnant women should not drink any alcohol during the pregnancy,” Lichtman said.

Eating disorders also have a prenatal effect, regardless of when it occurred, though the negative effects may lessen with time and severity of the disorder.

Also, nutritional deficiencies, like insufficient intake of folic acid, the levels of which should be doubled in a pregnant woman’s diet, can compromise spinal development.

During infancy, it is important to form attachments with the child in order to build a foundation of confidence and security, Lichtman said.

Bonding and attachments are cemented through time together and especially physical contact in the form of cuddling and rocking.

“This is particularly important for fathers because many fathers feel uncomfortable interacting physically with their young children and that can create distance between the father and father that will affect their relationships later in life also,” Lichtman said.

Research has shown that fathers who bond early with their children have relationships that are closer throughout life than those who don’t,” he said.

When children are older and begin to interact more fully with their environment, Lichtman stressed that it is important to allow them to make their own choices.

“That is the key to reaching their fully neurological potential,” he said.

An important study revealed that though day care centers must meet safety and health standards almost across the board, fewer than 10 percent of them meet children’s needs for intellectual development.

The brain, like a muscle, can atrophy when it isn’t exercised well, so parents need to be aware of the lack of intellectual stimulation that their children may be receiving in day care and be sure to provide that stimulation at home, Lichtman said.

“Let children pick out their own clothes, do interactive activities with them and allow them the freedom to play and learn as though they feel attracted to certain things like blocks or painting,” Lichtman said, advocating a Montessori-style approach to learning.

Of course, as children make choices they may make some bad ones. When it is necessary to discipline a child, parents should keep in mind that discipline means to teach, not to punish.

Talking about why the behavior is inappropriate will control children’s behavior by changing internal values, not external consequences, Lichtman said.

We can see the effects of punishments that do not encourage children to think about their behavior in the results of a survey of college males who were asked whether or not they would commit date rape if the threat of being caught were removed completely.

Thirty-five percent of the men said that it was possible that they would commit date rape whereas 20 percent said that it was highly unlikely. Lichtman pointed out that this kind of response illustrates a lack of developed values because the majority of young men were only concerned with ‘getting away’ with something rather than the morality of the action.

Talking with children and valuing their feelings and ways of understanding the world is extremely important for their development and independent and successful people, Lichtman said in conclusion.

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Thongs Lashes and Lotteries: This is Valentine’s Day?

**Valentine’s Day** was later known as the Day the Birds Begin to Mate. The custom and tradition:

“Forsythian” Valentine’s Day when every foul creature desired newly minted love and, as such, birds and beasts were courted and paired. On this day, all of nature’s animals were thought to assure fertility, and for that reason, this day was heavily retrieved from the first century BCE, to be celebrated as “The Springtime of Love”.

Legend has it that Valentine fell for the princess’s blind daughter, Arionia, whom he sent messages of love written in ink squeezed from violets. He signed these letters “From Your Valentine,” and his words of love cured Arionia of her blindness. Valentine was beheaded on Feb. 14 for violating Claudius II’s decree outlawing marriage. The church later named Valentine a saint. In 496 CE, Pope Gelasius sought to Christianize the Roman festival of Lupercalia, and the celebration from Feb. 15 to Feb. 14 and associated it with St. Valentine and Cupid. Young men and women drew the names of saints to emulate for that year’s outdoor celebration.

The details surrounding the reformation of more amorous traditions is unclear, but legend says that some anonymous young Roman men sent a card to the young woman she adored. During the Middle Ages, men and women exchanged handmade cards elaborately decorated with flowers. These cards expressing love dedications were never signed out thus started the tradition of the “secret admirer”.

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**Exhibit “spreads like water”**

**BY SARAH GUARIGLIA**

A & E EDITOR

“Imagine every piece of art as a container to fill with an aqueous solution of thought, ideas and concepts which, spilled out, spread like water.” was AU associate professor of ceramic art Walter McConnell’s challenge to the attendees at his lecture and workshop on Feb. 3 in Holmes Auditorium.

The artists of the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery’s current sculpture exhibition, “Fluency: Sculptures by John Roloff,” Katherine Ross and Walter McConnell made up the panel. The exhibit opened on Jan. 24 and remains on display through Feb. 15.

McConnell introduced the artists along with Lisa Tamiris Decker, who serves as intern director and curator of the Richard L. Nelson Gallery and Fine Arts Collection at the University of California at Davis.

John Roloff is a professor of sculpture and interdisciplinary studies at the San Francisco Art Institute, known for his large-scale outdoor installations such as outdoor kiln furnaces. Katherine Ross is chair of the Ceramics Department at the School of Art Institute of Chicago, and a native of the Niagara Falls area.

Decker presented a speech and set of slides of the artists’ works to give the audience an idea of the contexts of the pieces on display. Each artist works with the concept of water and “fluency” in a different way.

Roloff works with tree structures and living moss to study the role of water within the landscape. Decker pointed out Ross’ use of porcelain, a “cold, clinical white clay long associated with hospitals, bathrooms and hygiene” to create items such as ceramic faucets and hot water bottles.

Samples of tiles are superimposed with “digital images [of washing] penetrating the surface the way viral molecules must invade bodies,” according to Decker.

During the open panel discussion, Ross spoke about growing up in an area where the juxtaposition of Niagara Falls and Lake Erie was always nearby, as well as environmental disasters such as Love Canal.

“Water, for me, took on a lot of psychological and emotional connections and metaphors,” Ross added.

McConnell’s works create enclosed environments, what Decker called “living, breathing systems within place” which change with dynamic states of water much like our own environment does.

The clay pieces sit within a plastic structure, “flooding off and pushing up against the plastic membrane-like walls,” said Decker.

McConnell spoke about his experience with the process of constructing the pieces, which he said felt “simultaneously powerful — I was creating weather systems and landscapes with just a few motions and some wet clay.”

The artists discussed several questions from audience members, including the question, “what specific advantage do sculptures have in communicating these ideas?”

McConnell noted that “sculpture is in your space, and it can make direct comparisons with other things you know while allowing for a ‘simple kind of communion with the material.’”

Roloff echoed this idea, saying that sculpture is tied to the idea of presence: “It becomes a focal point, with an existential physicality.”

Ross added that sculpture is especially good for helping the viewer to understand the artist’s message, because with sculpture she can “try to have the viewer active within the space, moving through space to read the text.”

The viewers are physically relating to the space, and know that they are in the space, the way I am in the studio.”

Ross said that the studio process when working with sculpture is very different from any other medium, with different kinds of brain processes and related information that surface during the construction of the piece.  

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**Don’t worry. We won’t eat you.**
As flu strikes AU, prevention efforts in full swing for students

BY RACHEL EVANS

Story Writer

There is no doubt about it, flu season is in full swing, and it brought many a Saxon to his knees.

Everyone everywhere you look can spot a handful of the defeated, sporting translucent skin and a nose so red it could be considered festive for Valentine’s Day. They serenade you in the cafeteria with their coughing, blowing, and sneezing, and deposit their slimy, stuffed upper respiratory tracts in the wastebasket and the box of tissues. Next thing you know, you’re next to your roommate’s bed.

The flu is everywhere, and yours and your friends’ chances of surviving winter without such an ailment are slim if you do not put up a fight.

Although most people do not think they will have the flu unless they vomit or have diarrhea, the usual symptoms would just be considered a bad cold. The flu hits the front line complete with an assortment of side effects. Can’t find the wastebasket and the box of tissues? They’re free.

During flu season it is vital that you wash your hands correctly and often.

• Use a paper towel to turn off the faucet so as not to reapply germs on to your hands.
• Dry your hands with a clean paper towel after washing.
• Wash your hands often and well. Try these hand-washing tips:
  • Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  • Rub your hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds.
  • Rinse your hands under running water.
  • air-dry your hands with a clean paper towel.

A lot of people believe that tools are transmitted magically through the air, when in fact they can be spread through physical contact — someone one sick touches his nose or mouth then touches someone or something else.

Hand washing wipes out the germs before they can wipe you out. This technique may sound like common sense, however, use a paper towel to open the door of the restroom.

Hand washing is a cheap, easy, and steller way to combat sickness. If nothing else, it’s a fact that if you wash your hands properly, it is important that you wash your hands frequently as well. If you have a local travel agency, then you need to go to the Heath Center, Chase said.

In order to recuperate, drink a lot of water and juice to avoid becoming dehydrated. Resting and treating your symptoms are also very important.

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Law repeal a step forward, but some are displeased

BY JOHN ARWEILER

Daily Campus

The Internet is full of misleading information, said the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) in a recent article on travel tips. WebWatch.

On the silver lining, vacation scams can only provide the information that students ask for. It is not clear to what extent the Internet can be used to teach students about what is real and what is not.

For instance, the word “worst” in a search will not always give you vacations that are actually low prices. It is a better search for the lowest prices and then filter out those that are legitimate.

Web sites may also offer a very low price on the surface. But you have to book your hotel reservations with the same site. Often, the hotel price is paid to compensate for the lower airfare.

A student’s best defense is to have a local travel agent help evaluate the advertisements up for consideration.

Students can call the Better Business Bureau to see the company’s record or ask the company for the names and numbers of previous customers who were satisfied.

One student decides on a company, they should get the trip details in writing, and have both the price and the price guarantee.

When looking for a spring break getaway, be like the classmate who do the research come out ahead.

Break scams abound

BY ASHLEY BRENON

Staff Writer

Looking to go away for spring break? Beware! Bullies’ board flyers or web sites can be tricky.

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In the spring of 1999, New Orleans. The National Flu Surveillance Network.

During flu season it is vital that you wash your hands often and well. Try these hand-washing tips:

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New York state repealed the 150-year-old law Thursday prohibiting consensual sex between other than gay and transgender women.

The statute was repealed as part of the Sexual Assault Reform Act, which passed through the state legislature and was signed into law by Gov. George Pataki in October to take effect Feb. 1. The law was “out of date,” said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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Some terrorists used the law to persecute homosexual men caught having anal or oral sex in public places, while police issued tickets for the harassment of gay people.

“Foreman said he agreed the law was no longer fair.

“The law was homophobic,” he said. “It was clearly about pre- scripting and limiting the way people could relate to each other.”

But the law being on the books is not the law being enforced.

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WALF serves up the love

BY EMILIE HARDMAN
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Red roses, candy hearts, love, doves and diamond ring sound tracks. The Warner Brothers motion picture picture release of Valentine may be attempting to put a new spin on the romantic tradition of Valentine’s Day, but the accompanying soundtrack is anything but new.

The compilation featuring Marilyn Manson, Josh Homme, Linkin Park and The Døthes serves up the same mix of recycled electro-aggro hard rock that we’ve come to expect from these trendy-hopper horror films. Listening to this album is like 60 minutes of déjà vu, what with the recent release of the Drums’ ox and The Black Keys’ second album.

However, sadly enough the Valentine soundtrack will probably overshadow the more original compilation that have been served up recently. The Sony release,烟台 Port Side, featuring Japan’s foremost pop, alternative, punk and hot artists and an interesting blend of Japanese music, should release its first time domestically. Don’t let the fact that Puffy AmiYumi, DJ Kosh, Supercor, or Boom Boom Satellites are artists you’ve never heard of throw you for a loop, the songs are in turn catchy and amusing.

Similarly, Universal Latin’s Mission 10: The Latin Alternative Experience, has collected lesser-known acts that likewise deserve attention. This comp cuts through the co-called Latin invasion, i.e. Ricky Martin, to deliver an album that is not drowned in the commercial pop sound.

Joe’s Blue Plate Special, a project started to promote both known and unknown independent bands and bring unity to the indie scene, sounds like a commercial rock with their new offering. The four disc set has collected music and interviews from the likes of political mod-rockers, The International Noise Conspiracy, enigmatic psychonauts, At the Drive In, electro-pop experimenters, Blonde Redhead, and the new post-apocalyptic version of Sunny Day Real Estate minus their old singer, Jeremy Enk.

You won’t find this collection in stores and you can’t even order it by picking up your phone and dialing, it’s a radio only release that you’ll have to request.

For those who feel they can’t stomach the upcoming St. Valentine’s Day, London based Tame puts out enough bittersweet slow-pop anthems to allow you to wallow for a good hour in the frustration of failed relationships and the general cruelty of life with their second album, Honey Black Flame.

And if you’re not done sloshing around in that dark and dismal place inside you by the time that’s over you can spin the new compilation. This moody mixtape features a professionally trained female opera singer and is all over the charts in their native Finland. They are pushing their State-side debut with Waterloo, their second album.

Trying to win the college circuit over with their first fall-length release, BS 2000, delivers a butt-shaking blend of catchy electronic music with smooth soul to keep it interesting. The periodically political band is a side project for the Beastie Boys’ Ad Rock and former Suicide Tendencies member Amyv Smith.

But if that doesn’t get you dancing, check out Richard Devine’s Lissierth. Devine is a shaker turned electronic whiz-kid who invents machines with which to spin his layered beats. His PR people call it “funk for robots,” whatever that means.

Voted one of the most anticipated albums of this year by both Syle and Ville, Rob offers up Stool Soup, an EP out on Interscope. This smooth folks was featured on Euro jammer’s Street Stool and will be opening for Eyakh Badu in their tour scheduled for March, which is also when you can expect the full-length to hit stores.

As a follow up to their recently released full-length album, The Black Eyed Peas, are back with Reptile Lives featuring the vocals of Mary Gay and shining both album remixes and new material.

Also gearing up some interest with guest features, The Magic Magicians, brainchild band of both 764-HERO and Black Heart Procession members, call out for quirky pop rockers from Snaker Kneimi and the edge’s Murder City Devils for their album, Girl’s out on Suicide Squad Records.

The L.A. indie female core rock songs out the debut from Tatopo, fronted by a former member of Hole. This band has a catchy melodic rock sound with Blonde-esque vocal stylings.

Internal/External’s new disc also features several artists from folkrock Olympia local, Rebecca Pacey, which compliment the band’s alter-ego tapes.

Back with their second installment of collected 7” records, Florida’s constantly touring melodic hardcore band, Hot Trick and Music, does their final stint on No Idea Records with Never Kinder. The band is currently on their way to do more commercial Epitaph Records with their next album due in June.

Out now on Olympia Records, Fat Wreck Chords, is the new Propagandhi, which should have been the best pop-punk album this year if their previous cleverly political, envelope pushing, holey original releases were any indication. However, Today’s(tdneys) Propagandhi’s Ashes, is laced by their record company as “more mature,” which should be read as toned down, sounds-like-a-million–other-bands, generic pop-punk fare.

Hot Trick and Music are back with their old material or emo side project, The Weakbeams.

BY JAY WEISBERGER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I want to like Tricky. I really, really do. He just makes it hard sometimes.

His first solo albums, Maxinquaye and Propaganda, were wonderful examples of how good he can be.

However, he seemed to falter with Angels With Dirty Faces at about the same time that old mates Massive Attack went crazy with Mezzanine (one of the best albums of the 90s).

Now, almost two years removed from his disc, Juopinge, Tricky delivered his Mission Accomplished.

Now, on a shelf with the title track, which features an ever so un-trip-hop guitar sample. The song rolls along well, but it doesn’t impress like some of his earlier work.

Next up comes “Crazy Claws,” which is the type of Tricky song we’ve used to. To that, I mean it has that sound that’s good for, well, the type of activity that Tricky and Massive Attack have been singing about for a while.

If Hude doesn’t set the mood for you, the stuff will.

Interesting on this album is that it appears at times that Tricky is trying to highlight a bit of rapping. It is a bit of a departure from the material that we’ve grown accustomed to. The closer, “Divine Comedy,” is another “traditional” Tricky song. Tricky, speaking over a nice, loop- ing beat. It’s a great closing track and shows Tricky in his element.

If Tricky’s mission was to capture a bit of the magic that helped launch Massive Attack and made his first solo album works a success, he has succeeded. Now, if he can piece together a never full-length album that doesn’t drag, he will have accomplished something.

BY EMILIE HARDMAN
WALF MUSIC DIRECTOR
STAFF WRITER

Maria reigns on disc

I have a bias. With a few notable exceptions I am generally not interested in music without door s and vocals that sound like they originated from some- one experiencing great pain. So imagine my surprise when the newest Back Maria album floored me with its beauty, the newest Rainer Maria album.

That poetic influence on this band is clear and it doesn’t end with their name, which is two thirds of that deified symbol-ist poet, Rainer Maria Rilke. It doesn’t end with the deeply introspective, but not preten- sionously ambiguous, lyrics like “the body ... a patient motor in secret is whirling” binding together what was broken with the heart’s string.

It just ends when the melodic, yet edgy music that has com- plex emotion crafted into each minute.

It doesn’t end with Caitlin DeMarrs’s unique and equiva- lente vocals that manage to both soar over the music and within it as a powerfully comple- mentary force.

It just don’t end. Poetry is all over this album.

Before they made the move to NYC, Eainer Maria balled up in what had previously been a Pepperidge Farm bakery dairy cow barn to write the material that graces Better Version of Me.

While I wouldn’t want to say that the lyrics make me think of abandoned cows barns, there is a quality to it that inspires visions of lonely walks through empty fields out in the desolate Wisconsin farmland. In the same breath though, this album is cold concrete against your back as you lean against a tall, gray building in the city where pedestrians pass you without notice.

And yet again, there is an incredible joy to these songs also.

DeMarrs, Fischer and Kosh are people who love the music that they make and that comes through, Rainer Maria positively beam when they play live and as an audience member it is impossible not to smile back.

This emotional exchange translates to the album itself, especially at moments like the swell of vocal and musical power at the beginning of “Spirit and Fire” or the hooky beats of “Heal and High Water.”

The clever “Contents of Lincoln’s Pocketbook,” a song which imagines Abraham Lincoln at the moment of his assassination, also inspires a smile and some serious head nodding with its quietly rocking guitar line and vocals from Fischer with DeMarrs taking a turn at backing vocals.

Strange enough, his vocals call to mind those of synth-pop-punker Atom of Atom and His Package, but it works. The two vocalists seem to have such a sense of each other that the mix sounds perfectly natural.

If the critical response to the band’s previous full-length, Look Now, Look Again, is any indication, Better Version of Me will become a staple of the college and community radio charts in the next few weeks. It is a fully realized musical venture that is so artful it can even snuggle up to those who would never have expected themselves to be fans of their tunes.

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WALF Music Committee Top Five

New Releases:
1) Bright Eyed Son, Ambulance — Oh, Holy Pools
2) Rainer Maria — Better Version of Me
3) Elliott — False Cathedrals
4) Blonde Redhead — Melody of Certain Damage
5) Death by Chocolate — n/t
Don’t dismiss us

BY JASON PILARZ
COPY MANAGER

So here it is the first edition of the Fiat Greek Page. This is something I feel has a real place in this newspaper.

In addition to being the largest single group on campus, the Greek community is also the most misunderstood, and I hope the information contained on this page now and in the future will help dispel some misconceptions.

Too many members of the University community feel that Greek organizations exist merely to have and to drink. Just last week, when the death of Chuck Stennel was mentioned, one person replied, “That’s why I’m anti-Greek.”

As a result of the Stennel incident and nationwide, the Greek system as a whole has had to rethink its practices and role in college and university communities, and I think we have taken many strides in doing that.

However, many closed-minded people refuse to reassess the place of Greek life on the AU campus. Give us Greeks criticism when criticism is due, but also give us credit when credit is due.

Last semester, the entire Greek community came together and worked long hours to run a benefit for AU student and Kappa Sigma brother Andrew Bartholomew, who was injured in an apartment fire. The event was publicized heavily throughout the campus community, yet the attendance at the event was almost nonexistent. Greeks. Why didn’t the campus community as a whole support this?

I’m not saying that Greeks are completely innocent either. Often, houses have been relatively exclusive, keeping to themselves and not publicizing the work they are doing. Of course, the result is that all anyone hears about Greeks is the bad things.

Hopefully, that will all change soon. The new InterGreek Council is working to bring Greeks together and to make our campus community service events more visible. We are also working to improve our image in the community.

I just hope we’ve given a fair chance. Going back to the “That’s why I’m anti-Greek” comment: I feel that this sentiment (shared by many on campus, whether by word or deed) is completely unfounded. It is certainly acceptable to condemn an action, but not to condemn an entire group, especially when there are many other positive things we are doing.

So, what is it that Greeks do?

Aside from parties, fraternity men (“frat boy” is a derogatory term) and sorority women do a great deal of community service. Leadership and academics are also important aspects of Greek life.

If you consider yourself “anti-Greek,” I invite you to open your eyes. Check out this page and the events on campus in the future to see the good things Greeks are doing. Feel free to support our community service and other actions. What I want you will find is a group of hard-working, dedicated men and women with an unfair stigma attached with them.

Greek Picks of the Week

In an effort to branch out and support campus events, the InterGreek Council has decided to begin a Pick of the Week. Each week, one event will be featured and will be supported by the Greek community. All are encouraged to come and be involved in AU’s many cultural and social activities.

Sat., Feb. 17: Delta Zeta Charity Ball, 8-10 p.m. in the Knight Club.

The proceeds from this annual Delta Zeta event will benefit AlexFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS research. Tickets are just $5 each. For more information, call Sara Yager at 871-3820.

Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 22 through 25: Dance Concert, 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, CD Smith Theatre.

Miller Performing Arts Center.

Titled All About Love, the Dance Concert features the creations of Alfred students. Call the box office to reserve tickets at 871-2362.

Other Events

Until Friday, Delta Zeta will be selling 200 balloons for $5 each in Powell. 300 balloons contain a cubic zirconia and one lucky balloon will contain a quarter-carat-diamond valued at $500. Then, take your balloon to Crandall’s Jewelers to see if you got the diamond!

One-half of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the speech and hearing impaired. The cubic zirconia and the diamond were donated to the sale by Crandall’s.

Crandall’s will be offering mounting specials for Delta Zeta’s sale, sterling silver pendant with chain for $15, a gold-filled pendant with chain for $25, a 14-karat gold pendant for $35. Any questions, call Gretchen Schwerder at 871-3584.

Auction a great success for all

BY JASON PILARZ
COPY MANAGER

On Dec. 7, the AU Greek community came together to assist one of our own at the AU for Andy Berman/Auction held in Susan Howell Hall.

“I thought the event went wonderful,” said Alice Zebrocki, a sister of Theta Theta Chi who organized the auction portion of the evening.

Andrew Bartholomew, a class of 2000 Kappa Sigma brother, was severely injured in an apartment fire last spring.

Early in the fall, the Greek community decided to do something to help contribute to Bartholomew’s high medical bills.

What evolved was a dinner and auction, with all proceeds to be used to help contribute to Bartholomew’s survival packs” of snack foods, Web design services from student Cindy DeFelice and AU sports wear.

Kappa Psi Upsilon organized the dinner, which featured two men from each fraternity cooking a meal of baked ziti, salad, bread and dessert.

Berman said that about 50 lbs. of pasta had been used and that brothers from the houses also chopped in to work up the dinner and clean up after.

Following the dinner, numerous donated prizes were auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Sisters from the sororities found prime donors and also worked to publicize the event.

Zebrocki noted that the prizes that sold for the highest amount was tickets and merchandise for the Rosie O’Donnell show and labor supplied by the fraternities. Alpha Chi Rho, Kappa Psi Upsilon and Kappa Sigma each donated several brothers for a specified number of labor hours.

Other prizes included by “student survival packs” of snack foods, Web design services from student Cindy DeFelice and AU sports wear.

“With the help of the Greek community together for a good cause,” said Zebrocki.

Kappa Psi Upsilon has a rich history at AU

BY ANDY BERNAN
STAFF WRITER

The beginnings of Kappa Psi Upsilon are to be found in the fall of 1922.

The student body of Alfred University had increased beyond all expectations since 1920. The three college fraternities, Delta Sigma Phi, Rho Pi Gamma (Theta Kappa Psi) and Klim Alpha, had an unusually large number of men from which to pick candidates.

They could take the cream of the crop as they pleased. For some years there had been bitter strife between the three fraternities.

At times, each believed the other two were competing against it. Often they did share such alliances for a short time to gain some point.

Fraternity politics ruled the campus. At the same time, strange to say, there was a bitter strife within the fraternity groups. Some were overcritical of the acts of their fraternity brothers. Others were extremely careless in their actions, and, though deserving rebukes, resented criticism. There was little fraternity spirit.

There were a number of men on the campus who would not join one of the fraternities. They were disgusted with the situation. Surely there was a need for a new fraternity, inspired by high ideals and composed of sincere, conscientious men to take the lead and change the situation.

We at Kappa Psi have come a long way since our inception in 1922. Being a local fraternity, we set our own rules and do what we feel is best for the brotherhood and our house. When there were objections from national or other affiliations.

Since 1927, we have owned our house, situated across the valley from our house, without intervention from national or other affiliations.

We at Kappa Psi Upsilon have been a family since our inception in 1922.

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V-Day help from David

What would David Do?

By David Fogelman, Advice columnist

Dear Readers:

Smell that? Love is in the air … Happy Valentine’s Day!

I’ve been getting deluged with questions about the “big day.” Most people want to know how to make this the best Valentine’s Day ever. I don’t mind admitting that I’ve never really had a very successful Valentine’s Day. I do, however, think my failures can help you to have a more fulfilling Valentine’s Experience. Here is an incomplete list of David’s Valentine’s Day Precautions:

• If you take her to a nice restaurant and she gets dressed up, you need to wear something more formal than cutoff denim shorts and a tuxedo T-shirt.

• If you don’t have enough money for an expensive date, borrow some. McDonald’s is never romantic.

• Neither is Long John Silver’s.

• If you think 2 Live Crew is good “mood music,” you’re wrong.

• If you do end up at McDonald’s, bring enough to pay for anything on the menu, even if she wants to “Super Size” it.

• If 2 Live Crew is bad, Eminem is worse.

• A well-placed joke does wonders for the mood. “Nice dress, I have curtains just like it,” is not a well-placed joke.

• If you’ve been dating someone for a while, Valentine’s Day is not the best time to break it off.

Dear David: I still love my girlfriend very much, and I want to get back together. I think this Valentine’s Day is a great time to let her know how much she still worries me, but I’m not allowed within 250 feet of her due to a court order. How can I tell her how I feel?

—Jilted

Dear Jilted: Yours is definitely a hairy situation. All I can say is that you shouldn’t worry about it too much. If she went to the trouble of getting a restraining order against you, chances are she already knows how you feel. Relax and take things as they come. Someday soon, you’ll find someone new.

Dear David: There’s this girl I really like, but I don’t know how to approach her. What should I do?

—David

Dear David:

One thing you need to remember is that males and females have much more in common than you may think. Sure, it can be nerve-wracking to talk to someone you’re interested in the first time, but ask yourself, “What’s the worst that could happen?” (Ask yourself, don’t ask Jilted.)

I said earlier, men and women have a lot in common. You like it when someone compliments you. You feel special when something you’ve worked on gets noticed. Girls, not unlike guys, put a lot of effort into looking good, and they appreciate it if that’s noticed. Thus, an honest compliment can go a long way. You should point out something about her appearance that you find attractive, such as her eyes, chest or rear end. Choice of adjectives is also important, so be generous with words like “nice” and “hot.” If you’re feeling especially romantic, try “bodacious” or “righteous.”

Another important point: If you’re nervous, that’s very easy to pick up on, and girls like confidence. A good precaution to be received in the manner it was delivered. Fear is most evident in the eyes, so fix your eyes on something else. A good idea is to keep a steady focus on the part of her body you’ve chosen to focus on that way, she’ll know you’re sincere in your praise. Follow my advice, and she’ll be yours before you know it.

David Fogelman’s “What Would David Do?” column is a feature of Fiat Funnies, which is EXPLODING with fun!!!

Ignorance not a good response to ignorance

By Kyle Torok, Campus Observer

A few months ago, I wrote a column that made a lot of people angry. Many thought its purpose was to mock dwarves, but such was not my intent. I wrote it as satire, to entertain an audience.

Actually, I felt pretty good about it. I thought, “Good boy, Kyle, for taking on such a sensitive social issue! No more buffoonery about it.”

The next day, a young woman stopped me in Academic Alley and said, “Hey! I read your column in the Fiat yesterday!”

Anticipating the first of many compliments, I asked, “What did you think?”

She responded, “I think you’re an a-hole,” and walked away. She used a couple more cuss words in there, too.

That wasn’t the last such exchange.

Actually, there haven’t been many cuss words. Mostly, I’ve received lectures, such as those titled: “How Dare You,” “You’re a Jerk,” “Here’s It Feel to be a Bitch,” and “Print a Retraction.”

Thanks a lot, gang.

Here’s a shout out to my fan club for all its support.

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Wait, we’ve heard this one before.

Be your own sex machines

By Melissa Hunsberger

Bradley Scott

(0-WORD)pedo, ill. — When North Carolina anesthesiologist and pain specialist Stuart Maloy discovered that a machine used to treat back pain had a titillating side effect, there were audible “ooohs” and “aawwwws” across the country.

Here’s the catch: the device requires electrodes to be hooked up and implanted in the spine. The device is made up of three parts: the set of electrodes that is implanted inside the spinal canal, a connecting cable and a pulse generator, which is about the size of a beeper.

The generator is implanted in the upper buttocks, so all three pieces are under the skin. The patient is then given a handheld remote so that he or she can stimulate the electrodes, changing the pulse and the frequency.

Maloy, the Magellan of the clinical rivers, had found a new route to a woman’s inner secret.

I can imagine the press meeting.

Maloy: “During her treatment, our test subject began to quiver and quiver as if she was in some kind of sexual agony. We thought she was having an adverse reaction to her treatment, so we cut off the electric pulsations that were running through her lower body at regular intervals.”

“She immediately grabbed my hand, spun her head around three times fast and said, ‘Turn it back on, Maloy. No funny stuff!’ We knew we were on to something different here when she came back every day that week. She asked me cookies. She brought her friends.”

Rather than making electrode spinal implants a routine surgical procedure, we should instead focus our energy on changing public perceptions about women and sexuality, creating an environment where women will feel comfortable perceiving themselves as the fantastical, unhobbled sexual creatures that they are.

And I doubt women will ever fully embrace the device anyway. You can’t use it in the bathtub. ☺
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**Review**

**It's easy being Greene if the gig goes this well**

By Sarah Guariglia

A & E Editor

Sometimes the best bands can't quite be classified. Madison Greene is one such band. Sometimes labeled as Celtic, folk, Christian, tribal or even their own term for it, "aggressively acoustic," but none of those words exactly capture their sound.

Co-sponsored by SAB and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Madison Greene demonstrated the scope of their music to an unusually large Knight Club crowd on Friday, Feb. 9.

The band played, danced and sang their way through two sets and an encore, about 22 songs all together. With an arsenal of instruments ranging from drums to didgeridoos to recorders to mandolins to banjos, the five musicians played most of the night including "Cry Water Prayer," "Collide" and "Departure." They also covered a U2 song and a drum song from Ghana, West Africa.

The independent band is based in Michigan and has played at venues in both the Northeast and Midwest.

Three of the members are Madison Greene, singer/brummer Lisa May singer/guitarist Michael Blair and bassist "Bones" are related as brothers and sister. The other two, all-around percussion Jason Beck and singer/violinist/mandolinist Erin Beeck, are married.

The band's diversity in the instruments they play adds to the improvisational quality of the performance; the bassist and singers would frequently drop their own instruments in the middle of a song to tackle a space drum. Vocal harmonies were also a large part of the band's sound, with layered lyrics and harmonies overlaid on the instrumentation.

The audience responded well to the performance, with many people gathering in front of the dance and jump around.

"We appreciate you not invading our personal space, but really, we don't don't mind if you come up and dance," joked singer Michael Blair.

Some solemn moments interrupted the upbeat atmosphere. Michael Blair introduced the song "Apology," which he explained as a song he wrote in the voice of a close friend who had experienced an abortion.

While the band's Christian influences were clear in their lyrics, Lisa May Blair started off the song "Collide" by commenting that "a lot of people do things in the name of their so-called Christianity — some are good, and unfortunately, some are bad." The song protects the hypocrisy some people form in the name of religion, with lines like "you make religion of your compromises, when you hold tradition higher than the truth/ you frustrate me, you divide us, you act like you don't care."

One song, "Departure," was written "about a time when [Michael Blair] realized that things in his life were going wrong. So he did it all wise two against Ithaca and Elmira. After the upcoming weekend of Feb. 9 and 10, the team has the remaining opponents of St. John Fisher, Utica and Hartwick left to faces in the Empire Eight.

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**Swim**

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"What will separate us from the rest are the little things that we do as a team such as eating healthy, resting and getting into good sleep habits. However, those are just some. There are so many other tiny things that each individual does to prepare. Our goal is to win states," said Kerwin. 3

Full coverage of how the Saxons fared at States and a look ahead to the Saxons at Nationals in the Feb. 28 Fiat Lux.

Before heading into laxers, look to regain top form

**AU SPORTS INFORMATION**

For the Alfred University men’s lacrosse team 2000 was a season that began with high expectations and ended with disappointment.

The Saxons started the year ranked 24th in the nation with its sights set on competing for a place in the Division III tournament. Unfortunately the loss of several key players, combined with a tough schedule that included seven top-30 teams, helped lead to a 1-19-0 record.

"Last year was extremely disap- pointful for us," said coach John Proctor, Chapman said. "To be successful this year we need to put forth more consistent effort and be committed both on and off the field."

Chapman is confident his team will work hard to rebound from last year. The Saxons lost a host of top players from last season’s squad — most notably attack Jamie Fisher who left AU ranked third in career scoring. Still, with younger players getting the chance to step up and play last year, the Saxons come in with a high level of experience.

The Saxons’ success will depend largely on the play of its defense, which struggled in 2000. Made up mostly of freshmen and sopho- more, the inexperience of the defense was shown. If the team failed, on many occasions, to clear the ball to midfield and mount an attack.

"We’re emphasizing defense this year," Chapman said. "There’s a... two against Ithaca and Elmira. After the upcoming weekend of Feb. 9 and 10, the team has the remaining opponents of St. John Fisher, Utica and Hartwick left to faces in the Empire Eight.

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**BY BENJAMIN LEE**
**Sports Editor**

After a 2-1 fall season, the Alfred University field hockey team is regrouping for a spring season.

“We lost our first game last semester, but that was as expected. It was the first time that we ever played together as a team. After that, though, we won 5-3 and then 5-0. We hope to keep winning this semester,” said junior co-captain Kim Gray.

The team has decided that they will begin organized practice after spring break this semester. On the horizon for the team are several more fundraisers as well as an increased number of players.

“We had at least five new players show up to the last meeting. We hope to have four games this April. Two home and two away,” said junior co-captain John Johnston.

Overall, there are roughly 30 returning players. This solid base for a team will help the field hockey team on route to their goal of obtaining varsity status as an intercollegiate sport at Alfred University. Until then, they will remain playing the club circuit.

“Our goals for this semester are to continue with positive steps forward by winning games and maintaining a high number of players,” said Gray.

Spring awaits
Saxon club

**BY JAY WEISBERGER**
**Editor-in-Chief**

“National championships” and “Alfred” don’t often appear in the same sentence. The AU alpine ski teams are working to change that. Another myth the squads want to clear up: they are not a club sport. These racers are card-carrying varsity athletes.

“We’ll ski against D-I teams and Ivy League schools at regionals,” said junior Conor Walsh.

Walsh is hoping to ski against some of the bigger names at the national level, as well. National championships is the clear goal for both the men and women on the squad.

“Eight now,” said junior skier Becky VanOverbake, “the guys have been winning every race, and the girls are coming in second. If we continue to ski that way we’ll go to regionals.”

Walsh well there and what happens, “We’ll go to nationals,” she said.

Hey, you would be optimistic, too if you went to national championships last year and, get this, last one to graduation.

And if you are regional champs, you’ve earned the right to be optimistic.

While Walsh sounds very confident about the team’s chances at regionals, he has high hopes for the national level, as well.

“We can probably go top 10 at nationals if we ski the way we did last year,” he said.

Top 10 in the country? We’ll take 2.

It’s not going to be easy, though.

If a regular [recreational] skier come in and raced against us,” Walsh said, “the or also] would lose by 5-10 seconds. That’s like 5-10 goals in soccer.

So, Joe Skiier at Bretton Mountain might not be ready for the Slalom and Giant Slalom.

The ski teams have the added challenge of varying snow conditions and racing on courses neither squad has ever seen before.

“Snow conditions and temperature affect our skiing a lot,” VanOverbake said. “If the snow isn’t soft, it can cause the course to be more difficult.”

This is on top of hitting the mountain the day before the women’s course layout.

“We’re doing sold runs,” Walsh said. “If we could get more money from the school, we could go to [meets] a day early and practice. Most teams are probably going early, because there’s a training day the day before the meet. You can get jitters out.”

So, skiing well, without a day to try out the mountain, is testament to the AU squads’ skill.

“Skiing well” is more of an accomplishment (for us), especially on a challenging hill,” Walsh said.

Whatever conditions may come, getting to nationals will be a team effort.

For the men, Walsh obviously cannot get his team to nationals alone. To do well, all AU skiers need to finish the race.

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