New year, new look at opening convocation

By Judy Tsang
Managing Editor

Opening Convocation last Thursday was not only the first official ceremony at Alfred University for the 911 freshmen and over 100 transfer students, but also for President Charles M. Edmondson as well.

President Edmondson’s welcome came after a peer welcome by Student Senate President Seth Mulligan and an address by Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brody. President Edmondson told the new students how their entrance to the University was the centerpiece of the occasion, which signaled them a part of the University.

He urged the new class to consider college to be more than an assembly of faculty and students. He said he wanted them to see it as an evolution.

Edmondson regarded AU as a “distinct American institution” and hoped for the new students to “share the ideals and motivation of our founding fathers of AU.”

“(AU) is a collection of true individuals, different from one another,” Edmondson said. He added it is also a community where students will be sharing knowledge and face the “challenges ahead.

Edmondson seemed to love being able to see the incoming student interests.

“I continue to be amazed by the spirit of people here,” he said. “They just have genuine goodwill.”

Throughout orientation, faculty members and students commented on the fervor that Edmondson has had toward student interests.

“That’s just who I am,” he answered back.

Indeed, he found himself in front of quite a few of them last Thursday at Opening Convocation. Again, Edmondson seemed to love being able to see the incoming class.

“In a way, it’s like asking a pitcher in the World Series if he feels tense,” Edmondson eluded. “It’s what you always wanted to do.”

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AU announces results of new hazing study

By Sue Goetschius
AU News Bureau

Every high school student who joins a group stands a significant risk of being hazed, according to an Alfred University survey, the first-ever effort to measure the prevalence of hazing among American high school students.

Results of the survey were announced Monday at a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

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Fiat Lux

Support efforts of classmates at AU

BY JAY WEISBERGER
Editor-on-Chief

It was in the Returning Student Newsletter that the University sent out a reminder to students returning to campus. This is the year, right before the information about the big block letters..."REMEMBER:" It was a simple reminder to put in an absentee ballot at home should you wish to vote in the upcoming presidential election. It was nice to see the University reminding its students to exercise that right, however. The University failed to mention just what is at stake this November.

Forget the conventions and what Ali Goe and George W. Bush say they will do. While campaign speeches often lay the groundwork for what is to come, it is important to look at what the next president will have to face in office. Now, I know who I'm going to vote for, but I'm not going to force that upon you. What is more important is for you to realize what is actually at stake this election, and hopefully see why it is important to get to the virtual voting booth an absentee ballot.

Perhaps the gripping thing about the next president is that he or she is young. You are still waiting for America to accept a woman may have to choose three new Justices to the Supreme Court. Students who remember Clarence Thomas’ tale a few years back know the political power held by that branch of the government. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court has more power than the President in determining what will be law. Look at the issues he or she will undoubtedly look at soon. The famed Roe v. Wade decision could be reversed — the court appears temporarily at this moment 5-4 in favor of keeping abortion legal. Now, we know George W. Bush is a pro-life and Gore favors choice. In fact, it has been speculated that Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge did not become Bush's running mate because Ridge is pro-choice.

It would make sense, then, that Bush will appoint justices that are more likely to overturn Roe v. Wade. This should be enough to light a fire under most women to vote one way or another. Then, take a look at gun control. Both candidates will say things that sound as though they will combat the proliferation of handguns the United States seems to have acquired. Again, sooner or later, the Supreme Court is going to examine just what the right to bear arms means in this country. Now, magazines like Rolling Stone have gone out of their way to portray Bush as a gun-toting hoyden.

To me, that is unfair. However, Bush has shown a relative lack of action towards limiting the availability of handguns. Handgun control advocates have jumped on Bush over this, yet the NRA would operate out of the Oval Office.

Social Security is still a big issue as well. This is all on top of election-year hot topics. Also, it is important to consider the running mates of both candidates — Dick Cheney and Joe Lieberman — in order to fully grasp what a candidate stands for.

You don't pick a running mate that is going to differ greatly from your own views. There is a lot at stake this election, your views are probably going to match up with one of the candidates... So, go out and do the research. Go beyond the 6 o'clock news. Learn about the issues and the history of each candidate.

This election is about a lot more than Hillary/Lanston. We can actually say that our every vote is affected by the outcome of this one. So please, take advantage of your right.

Students should get involved with AU

BY JUDY TSANG
Managing Editor

Let's face it: You've just started school, or returned after a three month break, and the last thing you want to do is take on any work that you have to. You may be homosked, exhausted or just feel you have no reason to perform those functions labeled "extracurricular activities."

You may even believe that extracurricular is just that: "extra." What most incoming students do not realize is that becoming a part of a club or organization can be a strain to your life. It should compliment your academic career.

What better way to solve homesickness than to occupy yourself in helping an organization with a special event. Think of the people you come into contact with while participating in a campus-wide event.

Ever heard of art therapy? Exhustion may just be stress, and indulging yourself into an art-based club can relieve and divert the negative tensions built up in you. Can’t think of why you would possibly waste your time on an organization rather than on yourself? Working with an organization is to work on yourself. Aside from learning a hierarchy of positions, it's a great resume builder.

College students cannot get enough of those resume builder components. Believe me.

With the number of eligible workers carrying a college degree increasing, it is imperative for you to have an edge over other workers. Student Senate President Seth Mulligan puts it best. During his welcoming speech at convocation, Mulligan said he had difficulty reading this year’s list of organizations and their presidents.

You ask why? There were so many condensed onto one page, the font became very small. There were 107 AU clubs and organizations on that page. That means there are at least 107 avenues for students to relax and divert their energies too.

Last Saturday evening, during freshman orientation, over 60 organizations introduced themselves at the annual Block Party. Out of the 107, there has to be at least one organization every student on campus is interested in.

If not, then why not take the initiative to start a club? Students have interest and knowledge in mind. Still, there are numerous organizations to get to know. If you want to voice your opinion or have an idea you want to project, AU has at least four major media organizations: Kasdokum yearbook, WALT 88.7 FM, ACTV and the Fiat Lux. As well, we have service organizations and multicultural clubs.

Unlike some other colleges, AU also offers a chance to be a Freshman. My point here is that there should be no excuse for you to be bored on campus. We all know very well that Alfred is not the most metropolitan village, but there are still so many students on campus that barely have a time to breathe because they are doing so much.

Fiat Lux welcomes your letter to the Editor. Letters must be no longer than 250 words. For publication, letters must be signed with your name, campus address and either a phone number or e-mail address (some way we can get in touch with you).

Letters should be put in campus mail to Fiat Lux, Powell Campus Center, or may be e-mailed to fiatlux@alfred.edu.

Due to volume of letters received not all letters can be published.
More flavor for dining halls

BY CHARLIE CASPARIE

Taco Bell, Sara Lee, Bruegger's new familiar names

A Taco Bell in Ade, a Sara Lee lunchmeat deli in Powell and Bruegger's Bagels in each dining hall are a few of many changes this year in Alfred University's dining halls.

Director of Dining Services Gordon McCluskie added that there is a new frozen yogurt machine, as well.

In the L17 A17 Cafe pretzels, from Pretzel Logic, and Smirnoff are now being served.

In Powell, there is a sandwich deli, which is making sand-whiches to order.

Carrie Hockenson, a freshman from Youngstown, said she hasn't tried any of the new additions as of yet, but said she is excited to try them out. If she does try them, she said she will be forced to eat something that is new to her.

McCluskie noted that students need to be patient the first few days of classes in the dining halls due to line backups.

The new products are due to all the new people being trained in these new facilities.

He said, though, despite backed up lines, much food is being made to order, such as in Taco Bell or the deli.

He said that things should run more smoothly when the full student staff gets back into the swing of things.

Ben Lawrence, the first floor resident assistant in Tefft, has been a victim of the backups.

"The lines were long, and the food wasn't really worth it," he said.

Returning student Tom Whitcomb also hasn't had a chance to try out the new offerings, but "looks forward to doing so," he said.

McCluskie said that in order to get everything set up in Powell there will be had to be some changes in the way the hall was arranged.

The salad bar will no longer have sandwich meats in hopes that the wait at the sandwich bar will be reduced, he said.

The Sara Lee made-to-order deli has been moved to where the deserts were last year, along with the toasteries and bagels.

Along the far wall will be the home to the cereal and milk, so this year, milk can be added right to the cereal instead of having students wander around looking for milk, he said.

That's substantially higher than the number hazed to join a high school fraternity or sorority, which is approximately 155,000 each year, Pollard said.

For Dr. Norman Pollard, director of Alfred University’s Counseling and Student Development Center, one of the major concerns is the effect of hazing on students.

"Seventy-five percent of the students who were hazed reported negative consequences, from getting into fights with their parents or other students, to being injured, to doing poorly in school," said Pollard.

"This is so overwhelming, I have to be concerned about it," he said.

"When we look at recent inci-dents of violence in high schools, such as those at Columbine, and Mash, and Springfield, we see the dire consequences of teens feeling excluded, rejected and humiliated. The young men who committed those acts of violence felt as though they did not belong, and they acted violently against the very institution that was supposed to meet their needs and be safe for them," he said.

The Alfred University study also found that 25 percent of those who reported being hazed were hazed before the age of 13.

"Worse, those who are hazed in high school are more likely to be hazed if they knew an adult who was hazed," said Pollard.

"The prevalence of hazing in high school should be a serious concern to all of us in higher edu-ca-tion," said AU President Charles M. Edmondson.

"Colleges and universities have long considered hazing to be a problem, and they have worked hard to prevent it. This study reveals that our challenge is much greater than anyone appreciated. It shows that stu-dents may already be deeply immersed in the culture of hazing before they arrive on our campuses as freshmen," he said.

"Too often, said Dr. Robert Mears, a professor of anthropol-ogy and public health at Alfred University, "Our culture views hazing as 'fun and exciting.' That's the primary reason stu-dents gave for why they partici-pated in hazing, even for danger-ous and aggressive forms of hazing. Students who have hazing rules and an administration that "fun apparently gives us license to justly any type of behavior, no matter how abu-sive."'

"Students also appear inca-pable of distinguishing what hazing is," said Hoover.

"Fifteen percent said they were hazed, but 48 percent told us they participated in behavior that is clearly defined as hazing, and 29 percent did things that are potentially illegal in order to join a group," he said.

Alfred University researchers said there are no formal laws in what the study reveals about the role of adults. "Students are more likely to be hazed if they knew an adult who was hazed," said Hoover. "That leads me to believe that adults condone hazing, and their attitude is being conveyed to the students. Worse, when students are hazed, they believe there is no one they can talk to, or that adults who do this will protect them would not know how to handle a report of hazing."

Other notable findings:

• Both male and female students report high levels of hazing, but male students are at highest risk, particularly for dangerous hazing.

• The lower a student’s grade-point average, the greater his or her risk of being hazed.

The deserts will be moved outside the main serving area in hopes to alleviate traffic during meal rushes.

Meal rushes were also a concern of his and the dining ser-vices committee. Powell is not large enough to house all of the students during the lunch and dinner rush during the day, he said.

In an attempt to make Powell a more comfortable place to have a meal the committee decided to put the taco bell in Ade, hoping to draw people from Powell to Ade where there is considerably more seating.

Taco Bell was a popular meal last year on the occasions the dining halls featured it, and eventually, McCluskie said the Taco bell in Ade will have the full Taco bell menu when the staff gets trained.

Input from students and the planning board all went into making these changes.

"Dining services likes to mix things up, make it more exciting for the students to eat at the dining hall," McCluskie said.

"I am really excited, and we believe these changes will be really successful," he said.

Look out:

The next issue of the Fiat Lux drops on Sept. 13.
Orientation 2000

AU comes together to welcome new class

New students sprint around the McLane Center gym during the annual Playfair event. The event is designed to allow freshmen to meet as many of their classmates as possible in a short amount of time.

A student signs one of the Alfred University charters at Opening Convocation. The signing of the charters is an annual tradition at the event.

Orientation guides and Tefft residents celebrate the “New Year” at Tefft’s New Year’s party last Thursday night. The event was part of Tefft hall’s theme.

The Fiat Lux welcomes the class of 2004.

Good luck!
Students make the most of summer with internships

By Kristin Hoffman

Editor

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Taylor agreed with Woughter that students have to set goals and objectives they want to meet to try and find specific internships. The process is very individualistic,” he said. Later this semester, Woughter and Taylor will be providing group internship seminars for people interested in the liberal arts, and drawing and designing.

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Edmondson said he already thought about what he will look for. “We’ll I cannot do nothing until [if I feel I’ve learned everything],” he joked. In fact, Edmondson said he has already thought about what he will look for.

He said that University will continue to examine the strategy it uses to call the world about itself. “Now we are being challenged to think about the traditional approach to higher education,” he said. “It’s not as much about transmuting knowledge anymore,” he said.

If all energy is in transmitting information then you’re competing with commercial entrepreneurs who package information over the Internet, he said.

What still distinguishes a university, and that is we are the reevaluation of information and how information is interwoven, he said. “We’re about the personal development of students, helping them to fulfill their human and intellectual potential.”

Going along with his responsibilities in education, Edmondson realized that his position is one often called on for University fundraising. “You have to remember why you do things,” he said. “Mind of that work resembles the work of managing a bank or a company.”

“A different set of skills have been acquired [by today’s students]. You have to reflect on that.”

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Napolitano said he feels the campus is primed for this type of event. “The Rahzel show [last semester] proved we can do this sort of event,” he said. “We’re breaking the formula of entertainment at Alfred.”

Not that there won’t be the usual round of concerts and coffeehouses. Napolitano added that there will be several Knight Club “small acts” that are worth seeing.

He noted that punk band Mindless Self Indulgence is slated for a Sept. 22 show. Also, the band FAT, which opened the Third Eye Blind/Smash Mouth show three years ago at AU, will be returning.

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**BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN**

News Editor

After David Pye, the former Dean of the College of Ceramics, retired to become a professor of Glass Science, his position was eliminated. This led to the rise of four new leaders in Carol Wood, Carla Johnson, Richard Thompson and Gordon Wood, former Associate Dean to the College of Ceramics and currently the Director of Statutory Administration, including his new jobIncludes overseeing all of the administrative departments, including the Budget Office, Physical Plant and the Human Resources Department.

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**BY ALISON KEPNER & ALAN KNOUSE**

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(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. —

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PSU officials warn about increased risks early in year

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Life & Society

**NEWS EDITOR**

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN

In this issue of the Daily Collegian, we explore the impact of changes in leadership within the university’s administration, the rise of sexual assault awareness, and the role of coaches in shaping team dynamics. The issue also highlights the contributions of PSU alumni and athletic achievements.

1. **New Leadership Structure**
   - Following the retirement of David Pye as the Dean of the College of Ceramics, a new structure has been implemented, with Carol Wood, Carla Johnson, Richard Thompson, and Gordon Wood leading various administrative and academic departments.
   - This change is expected to provide students with more direct access to the provost.

2. **Sexual Assault Awareness**
   - PSU officials have emphasized the importance of increased awareness regarding sexual assault, with officials stating that opening weekend’s bashes could be hot spots for sexual assaults.
   - Students are encouraged to report incidents to the Center for University Health Services.

3. **Athletic Achievements**
   - The Saxons, led by senior tri-captain Brian Keefer, are among the top five list for all-time tackles.
   - The Saxons have an exciting schedule this year, with a strong and intelligent defender who has a good work ethic.

4. **Alumni Contributions**
   - PSU alumni, such as Maminta Crandal, director of Herrick Library, and Richard Thompson, have made significant contributions to the university's libraries.

The Daily Collegian is your source for the latest news and updates from Pennsylvania State University.
Leadership, new recruits key to f-ball success

BY BENJAMIN LEE
Sports Editor

Head football coach Dave Murray’s attitude is positive for the upcoming 2000 season. Last Friday afternoon before a night scrimmage against Cortland Murray expressed his thoughts about this year’s team.

“We have a group of seniors that aren’t just talented football players, but great team leaders as well. A team is only as good as its leadership,” said Murray.

Veteran players like two-time All-American Brian Keser, Brandon Falk, Chris Vant, Aaron Rounds and Tom Phelan will lead the Saxons into the 2000 fall season.

Along with the veteran leadership and talent, Murray says that there is an outstanding group of freshman on the team. One player in particular is freshman quarterback Jon Davern. Davern was last year’s New York State Player of the Year, and one of Alfred University's recruits.

“We have three quarterbacks that are competing against each other. Two returning quarterbacks, Matt Gates and Todd Zanovick, and Jon Davern,” said Murray.

The teams depth and talent will be needed to tackle 2000’s challenging schedule. The Saxons will face three playoff teams in Ithaca, Union and Carnegie Mellon. The team has also added a new opponent for the schedule, William Patterson.

Murray said that they needed a tenth game and said, “If we can get a tenth game, we will be led by junior tri-captain Jon Bridges. Bridges, whose season was cut short by injury last year’s squad will be experienced. Now, with an extra year of experience for those starters, the team can pick up where they left off at the end of last season.

“This is a growing year for us,” Hassler said. “If we can avoid injuries with this group of guys, we can have a breakthrough year.”

Up front, juniors Guy-Robert Desir and Karl Gunn will lead the Saxons. Desir had a team-high six assists last year and added a goal for a total of 11 points. Karl Gunn is an excellent one on one playa with dangerous scoring ability. Add to it Gunn’s pinpoint shooting accuracy, and the Saxons should put balls into the back of the net.

Senior Andy Gennarelli and freshman James Kopsatt will also see time playing up front.

Hassler hopes to get much more production out of his forwards this year. “We are more dangerous up front with a group of guys that play well together,” Hassler said. “They all have good size, speed and intensity.”

In the midfield, the Saxons will be led by junior tri-captain Jon Bridges. Bridges, whose eight goals and 19 points led the team, was a First Team All-Empire 8 Conference player in 1999. Along with Bridges, senior men’s soccer...