Napster, network problems take center stage

BY JASON PILARZ   
FEATURES EDITOR

Bandwidth problems caused by Napster and other file sharing programs need to be dealt with, according to a panel discussion on the problem Tuesday in the Knight Club. “Something has to change,” declared Adrian Morling, assistant director of Information Technology Services.

The discussion, co-sponsored by ITS and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was moderated by Joe Goe, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and director of the communication studies program, and included Morling and five student participants.

In opening, Goe explained that over one-half of U.S. homes have personal computers, with the majority of these having Internet access. This prevalence of online households explains the popularity of Napster and other file sharing programs, which allow users to share music and other files between each user’s computers.

The popularity of trading music files comes from the fact that they are digital, noted Goe, and can be easily copied and transmitted without any degradation of the sound quality.

He further explained that their legality is still in question. Some claim their right to download songs based on fair use doctrines of copyright laws, and say downloading songs is equivalent to borrowing a friend’s compact disc. Others, such as record companies and artists, claim that the creators have intellectual property rights over their music.

The major issue regarding these file-sharing programs on the Alfred campus is their use of University computing resources, noted Morling. Bandwidth, the “pipes” through which data flow, is limited. Network access within the University has been sluggish this year, due to the fact that there is more data being transferred than bandwidth will allow.

Morling stated that he has spent a good deal of time examining the campus bandwidth problems to determine their cause.

What he discovered was that all outgoing data, typically “15 percent is attributed to file sharing” programs.

The problem is that, in general, these programs are used send out much more data than is received. In a one-hour test time frame, about 50 percent of outgoing data was from Napster, while only 10 to 20 percent of incoming data was Napster related, according to Morling.

AU Prez explains his roles

BY JASON PILARZ   
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The job of a university president is a challenging one that defies clear definition, according to Charles Edmondson, president of Alfred University.

The job duties are unlimited — they can encompass virtually anything connected with Alfred University, noted Edmondson. The challenge, he said, is to know how to play such a varied role.

The job of university president is the “most elastic you can imagine,” explained Edmondson. Among other things, he is responsible for the overall direction of the University and the main strategic decisions.

One of the roles is balancing the different groups with interests in the University. He noted that the University is not the equivalent of a corporation, it is.

Qing works for people in China

BY JUDY TSANG   
MANAGING EDITOR

“Just take out the bread and butter, don’t get too involved with politics. It’s too complicat-ed,” an attorney friend of Chinese People’s Deputy Wu Qing told her.

Sixteen years in the government has proved that Wu Qing disregarded her friend’s warn-ing. In fact, she not only got complicatedly involved, Wu Qing stared up much contro-versey by being the first person to cast an ‘against’ vote in Congress — two years ago when China’s Constitution was set to be amended.

Wu Qing, the deputy of the Beijing Municipal People’s Congress and deputy of the Haidian District People’s Congress, spoke at Susan Howell Hall last Tuesday. Wu Qing is a close friend of Robyn Morrill, associate professor of communication studies, who introduced Wu Qing.

After she was elected to a people’s deputy on June 4, 1994, Wu Qing studied the Constitution of People’s Republic of China.

“It (the Constitution) is set black and white but no one knows about it,” Wu Qing exclaimed. She then went on quoting the constitution, “No organization or individual should go beyond the Constitution,” which includes the Communist Party. Regardless, it was still difficult to enforce laws and it was important that the constitution be enforced, Wu Qing said.

A contributing factor to this difficulty in enforcement, according to Wu Qing are the ideas most people have about what a people’s deputy should do, “just agree with every-thing.”

The debate over Napster

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Dear Editor,

I feel that the your article, “Village, Greeks see two sides to safety codes” inaccurately portrays the general consensus of our five inspections of the Greeks of Alfred University feel.

I don’t know any person, Greek or non-Greek, who would say that having fire codes and inspections are a bad thing. We need to keep our houses safe so that the accidents that have happened at other schools do not happen here in Alfred. I am glad that the Village and the University also support these safety measures.

Many of our houses are quite old so it is not the easiest project to renovate our houses. It takes time and money to fix the houses up to the right. We now have our essential life-saving device. We wish that every piece of property should be held accountable to the same standards.

When you walk inside the front doors of Kappa Psi, look up to the right. We now have our lighted exit sign and emergency lighting. We had not budgeted any money for this project, but we understood that it was an essential life-saving device. We put our other house improve projects — remodeling our kitchen and bedrooms up for high-speed Internet connections — on hold so that we could afford this project. Just last week, we got our fire alarm working and are in compliance with these new codes and regulations.

All Greeks are college students, worrying about classes, homework, quizzes and tests. Our houses are the places where we hold social events for ourselves and our friends, these are the houses that we eat, sleep and talk to our parents on the phone at. Again, Greeks that these new inspections and fire codes are not a bad thing, we just wish that every piece of property should be held accountable to similar standards.

Sincerely,

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President, Kappa Psi Upsilon
Fiat Lux

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BY JUDY TSANG MANAGING EDITOR

If you didn’t know beforehand, by the end of this week’s Student Senate meeting you know that naming the current Senate, the executive board and committee members are very lonely.

President Rachael Downey asked that people visit her during her new office hours, “because they let go their long and many could have graduated without even seeing any of the money. Others argued that organizations do need to prove their strength and endurance for two years before they can receive funding. The Rules Committee will look into this.

Student Senate advisor Tricia Debelman announced that applications for office space renewal or request are available at the Information Desk and are due Oct. 17. If any organizations are interested in helping to set up or entertain the “Winter Holiday Party” for Alfred and Alumni children on Dec. 9, contact Debelman.

With all the complaints and conflicts students have been experiencing with parking availability, President Mulligan suggested a parking forum. This forum, however, is not set up for complaint. Rather, it is set up to find ways to solve the parking problem. Members from the Faculty Senate and Pat Schwartz, director of safety, security and telecommunications are being looked into as guest representatives. Senators voted to set the forum to be held before winter break.

The Senate passed junior Angie Young’s Special Allocations request for $300 to bring Keegan Cox, an active member of the Green Party to AU last night, Oct. 31 in the Knight Club.

Expect Senate tonight to be short — really short. Senate will be starting the “Foresmess” tonight as “college kids can trick-or-treat.” Downey said.

Organizations will set up tables or decorate their office space and give out candy to trick-or-treaters beginning at 6 p.m.

“That means, if you do the math, Senate has to be over real soon,” Downey said with a smile.

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ENS speaker explains career

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN NEWS EDITOR

Although the process of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data entry can become tedious, the result makes it worthwhile.

Lisa Matthies, who is currently a GIS analyst with the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District said that gathering data does require great work, but it “is exciting when the end result is immediately applicable to the public.”

Matthews graduated from AU in 1994 with a BA in environmental studies with a minor in geological geodesy. Despite entering as an art and design major, Matthews was currently enrolled in the University of Buffalo to obtain an MA in geography. She spoke of her experiences on Oct. 13 for the Environmental Studies Speaker Series.

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The National Science Foundations awarded Michele Hlubich, professor of biology and associate dean for research, a $734,660 grant. This grant will be used to organize and present 20 national and regional workshops for college-level facility throughout the nation for the next five years.

Hlubich, along with her co-principal investigator, Jamey Haynes, professor of biological sciences at SUNY Brockport, will be presenting techniques and strategies used in environmental studies programs and other related disciplines.

Jack Apple, a Los Angeles artist, will be giving a public lecture today at 4:30 p.m. in Susan Howell Hall on “Art in the Public Realm.” She will be holding a follow-up discussion with two classes at 11:20 a.m. in the Brick tomorrow.

Apple has organized many public art projects and worked in public broadcasting for 14 years.

The New York Yankees triumphed over the New York Mets to win the World Series for the 26th time. This is the team’s third consecutive win.

Much hype was brought to this Subway Series considering the last Subway matchup was 44 years ago between the Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

About 21,000 members of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers launched a “work stoppage” last Friday. This affects not only parents who need to look for day care for their children but should it go on long enough, voting may be greatly influenced.

Election Day, nearly 25 percent of the city’s polling stations are located in public schools.

Some people may not want to cross picket lines just to vote, Union spokesman Bob Bedard said.

“You should get to know your coffin before you’re buried in it,” declared Brad Miller, co-owner of Your Coffin Company, an online company operating in Indiana.

Aside from the usual appeal, the company has come up with 101 uses for the average wooden coffin as a coffee table, wine rack, bookshelf and more.

A basic, no-frills oak or maple wood coffin starts at $399.

After several days of relatively low-level violence, intense fighting broke out last Friday in Palestinian cities throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip. These protests injured more than 150 Palestinians and four Israeli troops.

Palestinian gunmen fixed on Gilo, a Jewish settlement in Southern Jerusalem, damaging nine Jewish apartments and a school building. The violence has become an almost nightly ritual.

A cross on top of the cross on the edge of Ablonka, Ivory Coast, at least 55 young male corpses were found piled grotesquely on top of one another, most of them only partially clothed or naked. Ivory Coast’s newly installed civilian government officials vowed last Saturday to track down the killer and punish them.

Almost 1,500,000 foreign and national forces have been charged by Italian prosecutor Alfredo Orsman in connection with an investigation into child pornography on the Internet.

Authorities trapped these people, mainly from Italy, Russia, France and Malaysia, by setting up a fake pedophile Internet website.
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Meaning in his life.

The second chapter of the diary portrays the journey of the main character and a friend to several Italian islands. Each island seems different, but they find something that they have a deeper meaning in their lives.

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The Oct. 21 Student Activities Board Coffeehouse in the Knight Club was one set to be missed. Gregory Paul, on guitar, was accompanied by Aaron Boucher (“The Bald Guy”) on drums. The duo is based in Rochester.

Their songs sound like something that you would play on a Friday afternoon while driving home after a long day; it’s lively and upbeat. If you listen carefully to the lyrics, you’ll understand that they have a deeper meaning.

When asked about where his lyrics come from, Paul said, “I keep a journal — constantly. I will usually be playing around with my guitar and look for something that I’ve written that fits the rhythms and melodies.”

The performance opened with “Amour,” the Gregory Paul song featured on this semester’s CD, Faces in the Crowd. The band did two covers, “Bittersweet Symphony” by The Verve and “Blue Flower” by Manzy Star, as well as many original songs. Paul furnished the concert with anecdotes as well as wonderful playing. He talked about being a caterer at Lilith Fair in Canandaigua, and what it was like to be around so many stars. While pushing a cart of ice upstairs, he came up with the lyric “Brush shoulders with stars, climb endless stairs.”

Paul turned that line into the song “Shy Town.” Boucher also provided a few stories about rats, which became a running gag throughout the show.

During the final song of the set, Paul switched to a bongo drum, turning the ending into a stunning percussion jam.

Paul has produced three CDs. The first is his solo album, Thes of Transcendence. The second is called Fioribene and the third, which should be out soon, is titled The Sea Is Rough.
The staff of the Fiat Lux reminds the student body to vote in Tuesday's presidential election.

BY JASON PILARZ
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People's rights in China are usually championed by dissidents outside the government. Wu Qing is one of the few who chose to change China from within.

"I consider myself a verb — an active verb," explained Wu Qing, a people's deputy in the Chinese People's Congress, who noted that actions are more important than words.

Famous in China for her role as an English teacher on national television, Wu Qing was a professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University for 40 years before retiring last year.

It was her position as a university professor that gave her the opportunity to serve in the People's Congress.

In 1984, Beijing Foreign Studies University received a seat in the Congress because it contained 5,000 people. Wu Qing and one other woman fit the criteria of being a female middle-aged, non-party member who was a teacher.

Wu Qing won the ensuing election, and became a deputy representing the Haidian District.

Later, her work on the district level allowed to her serve also on the municipal level in the Congress. The only higher level in the Congress that women could participate in is the national level, usually reserved only for members of the Communist Party.

One of Wu Qing's concentrations has been working for the rights of her constituents.

"I aim to educate others about the Chinese constitution and to push for its enforcement. The constitution gives individuals democratic rights, but in practice they are rarely followed," she said.

Wu Qing stated that currently there exists a "rule of man, not rule of law." Citizenship is important, she said, and people must understand their rights and responsibilities.

"Her way of affecting these changes is from within the government. When her students joined demonstrations in Tiananmen Square in 1989, she urged them back to their classes," she stated.

Wu Qing points out that women's rights in China are important, she said, and people must understand their rights and responsibilities.

"No one is home," despite her own presence. Even she felt that she wasn't important enough.

Wu Qing wants to help women to discover their identity as individuals.

Problems also exist in urban areas, she noted. Often, women who migrate to cities to work have no skills to enable to find jobs.

Wu Qing noted that she received a great deal of personal satisfaction from her work for the rights of others. She sees it as her duty and responsibility to help those whose voices are not heard.

She stated that pursuit of money in a career is not enough.

"We should have goals and a mission," said Wu Qing, and for her, working for the rights of others is her mission.

"If I don't raise my voice, who is going to speak for the people?" she asked.
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more of a community. As such, he
views the various stake-
holders — students, faculty,
staff, alumni and trustees —
must be taken into account when
making decisions.

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BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN

To dispel myths about the Islamic
religion, some Westerners should
gather more information before
passing judgment, Abeerahman
Robana indicated.

Quick judgments have to be
reconsidered,” said Robana.
Robana, professor of finance,
spoke at the Berger Forum on
Oct. 12 in Nevins Theater. He indi-
cated that Muslims make up 16
percent of the world population.

But, there are 50 million Muslims
in China and 200 million in
Indonesia, which contains the
largest Muslim population in the
world. There are also Muslims in
democratic African countries
such as Madagascar and Nigeria.

“I want to dispel some of the
stereotypes and myths of this
great religion,” said Robana.

The five pillars of Islam are
emphasized in the Islamic religion
and include: profession of faith
(knowledge that there is
only one God and He is the
creator and innovator in the business
world.

Another goal of Edmondson is
to clarify the role of graduate
study at Alfred University.
He explained that Alfred will
“always be chiefly undergradu-
ate,” but that it still is a univer-
sity. It is graduate programs,
he noted, which bring outside
renown and respect and show
the distinctiveness of the
institution.
The objective, said Edmondson,
is to have selected programs of
national distinction. Included in
this are deciding what programs to
concentrate on and what kinds of degrees
to offer — master’s level or termi-
ation. Potential options include
expanding current programs and,
he added cautiously, possi-
ble new programs.

When dealing with graduate
study, the important considera-
tion is deciding what size Alfred
University should be, stated
Edmondson. It will never be a
large university, he said, but
even an increase in students from
2,000 to 2,800 makes a large
difference.

Identifying the educational
strengths and weaknesses of students
is an additional goal of
Edmondson. Specifically, he
stated that he sees a need to
connect experiential and acade-
mic learning, concentrating on
personal growth as well as the
intellectual growth. He noted
that the University has an
“obligation to support the per-
sonal development of students.”

Part of this is increasing
international learning opportu-
nities for students. The main consider-
ation here, Edmondson explained,
that such programs are hard to pay for and that it is
a matter of finding money for international projects.

Stabilizing and strengthening
the University’s financial posi-
tion is another of Edmondson’s
goals. He stated that Coll did a
great job in this area and thinks
that it is important to continue.
His ultimate goal is to eventual-
lly achieve the financial strength
of the elite Ivy League universi-
ties. ☞

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value of free enterprise and
community work.

“The essence is to prepare stu-
dents to be leaders,” stated
Robana. This is achieved through
work and placing students in
the role of teachers. The main out-
reach of SIFE involves going to
area high schools to teach students
about the debt problem and the
role of free enterprise in society.

As a Sam Walton Fellow, Robana
explained that he is responsible
for getting students involved,
and for referring them for jobs.
He noted that career net-
working is an important aspect of
the SIFE experience.

SIFE also hopes to teach its
members the virtues of free enter-
prise and small business. Robana
believes that small business is
important as it serves as a job cre-
ator and innovator in the business
world.