Students sleep out for homeless

BY MELISSA WYANT

Participants raised over $450 along with a pile of food and clothing from the "Southside Sleep Out." Fifty-seven AU residents were a part of the night's event but 25 braved the cold weather two weeks ago to sleep "homeless-style" on the Brick Lawn.

Their camp consisted of cardboard boxes, blankets, a lantern candle and a small charcoal heat source. Despite the cold, dewy weather and uncomfortable sleeping arrangements, many residents supported this cause. Basic conversation and cards were the night's means of entertainment before sleep.

Scott Scheibner, a resident assistant for Openhym, said he was "very impressed with the campus-wide support and the amount of donations collected." He added that the sleep out was a huge success.

For their September community service project, the students of Brick, Krouse and Openhym Hall worked together to create this event. Their goals were to raise awareness and donations for the homeless.

During the week of Sept. 25, students used a pledge sheet to collect donations, which allowed students to gather donations on an hourly basis. Those sleeping out received financial donations based on the number of hours they stayed outside. All proceeds will be given to the Rochester Homeless Shelter.

On any given night, 700,000 or more people are homeless and up to two million experience homelessness during a given year, according to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

A recent study of 38 U.S. cities in 1998 found that 26 percent of all requests for emergency shelter were not met because of a lack of resources.

Participants of the "Southside Sleep Out" said they gained a better appreciation for their current lifestyles while educating others and collecting donations for those less fortunate than themselves.

Freshmen participants Wendy Breed and Laura Woods said that it was an awesome event and an experience they'll never forget.

The house on S. Main St., where Andrew Bartholomew was burned last year is taken down last week.

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Students talk of summer activism

BY EMILIE HARDMAN

Their summer experiences were a far cry from sunning at the beach or waiting tables in a hometown restaurant.

Last Friday, at the monthly women's studies-sponsored roundtable in the Knight Club, senior Alfred University student, Mandy Nourse, Christa Nyman and Angie Young, discussed the politically active internships they were involved with this summer.

The students, all members of AU's Women's Issues Coalition, spoke as representatives of their group, on a panel entitled "Political Activism 2000."

"I got involved with activism because I believe what that bumper sticker says, that 'if you're not mad, you're not paying attention,'" said Young.

Young, who hoped originally to intern at Planned Parenthood in Oregon, took a canvassing position instead with the Oregon Public Research Interest Group in Portland. The Portland PRIG, a public advocacy organization started in the 1970s by Presidential candidate, Ralph Nader, is the largest of the PRIGs in the country.

Some feel that the students being hit most by housing regulations are those in Greek organizations. Some Greeks feel they are getting a raw deal through it all.

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Students see two sides to housing codes

BY JUDY TSANG

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**Fiat Lux**

**Coverage blurs the issues**

**BY JAY WEISBERGER**

Editor-in-Chief

As the first debate between George W. Bush and Al Gore approaches next week, I couldn’t help but wonder what coverage of the event would be like on Thursday.

Think about it. There are political analysts noting how the candidates are acrobats juggling running neck and neck. A New York Times column over the summer lauded Gore’s ability to “call an audible” when faced with circumstances he wasn’t counting on.

Well, gee, maybe Gore should get the starting job in Pittsburgh over Kendell Stewart or Kent Graham next week.

All those polls updated almost hourly that tell us who is winning the presidential race are basically a swirl hanging on the far end of the political stadium.

Millions of fans come to glance up to see where their guy stands, or worse, to jump behind the front page and editorial opinions.

Now, I love sports as much as anybody does. Heck, I’ve spent my last two summers watching sports in New Jersey’s capital city.

I can guarantee you, though, that if sportswriters were writing about the political campaign, they would see this is not a simple game.

It’s all different — than numerous print and TV news outlets.

We’re trying to make the campaign a bigger sporting event than the World Series.

It’s very easy to be cynical and say not going to change no matter who is elected. However, such a view illustrates a lack of understanding of issues at stake.

Unfortunately, this view is indicative of the attitude most Americans have about the political system. Most, probably, cannot tell what “KU-498” is with anything political.

Someone probably thinks that was the type of processor Intel was putting out before the Pentium chip.

A lot of people think that safety locks are something on an infant’s car seat, not something that could go the way of the dinosaurs.

Political coverage that concentrates on what moves the candidates will make next or “how the candidate will set his defenses against the opposition’s attack”

**Column**

**Please: think before you speak**

**BY JUDY TSANG**

Managing Editor

“What are you?”

I’m sure that dining services frequently gets this question. But it is incredible how many times I have been approached with such a question.

This question inspires the origin of my dessert, as it is quite apparent that I am Asian.

Perhaps the inquirer is just expanding his or her horizons and is curious as to what my dessert is. Good for that person.

But have we, as a society, all respect and sensitivity? It’s as though everyone is sitting back and relaxing, and no one is too particular about being respectful or considerate.

It is quite obvious that the Alfred University student population consists of very few Asian students. I and Alfred are at ease with that.

But, are we prepared as I thought. I was to expose myself to a Castilian or tonet body. I was not ready for the little jokes at my culture.

The Dining Halls often try to bring a variety of foods to our meals. Recently, we were served fortune cookies and the closest to wraps I’ve ever seen were Philadelphia wraps.

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And the closest to wraps I’ve ever seen were Philadelphia wraps. Peking duck in Peking dollars.

When I saw the chicken and onions enclosed in a spinach wrap, I began contemplating what exactly was Chinese about this.

I’m sure that dining services was not out to insult Chinese cuisine, but it’s the little things — like carelessneses to take into consideration what Chinese food is exactly before using the terminology Chinese wraps — that stick out.

Another incident that threw me into a shock was in my Honors seminar. This seminar studied comedy and humor, and in this particular class recently, we watched an excerpt from A Christmas Story. The starring family lost their Christmas turkey and had to celebrate their festivities at a Chinese restaurant instead.

The scene abruptly featured several Chinese kitchen benches singing Christmas carols. The comedic relief in this was the heavy Chinese accent, and the workers’ difficulty in enunciating coments such as “a Castrician or tonet body.” I drew roars of laughter from my classmates, while I was left insulted internally.

Was one group of people’s difficulty and handicap, then another’s advantage? Apparently so.

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Thank you for your feedback. Let me know if there is anything else I can do to make Fiat Lux, your student newspaper, better.
Dear Editor:

Over the past two years, I’d offered President Edward G. Coll Jr. numerous invitations to 12 Pirate Theater plays, all of which he declined or failed to respond to (when he did respond, something major happened to the organization).

Of course, I was excited when I read and again of President Charles M. Edmondson’s favor toward student interests, but now it’s proum night all over again, and I’m full of better rejec-

tion.

When I found myself next in him at the President’s Picnic and invited him personally to Pirate Theater, President Edmondson mysteriously (no joke) responded, “I don’t want Italian sausage,” and walked away. The next day, I sent him a letter (which I subscribed to keep “safe”), but I still have not received his response. I wonder how long it will be before I do receive it, I’ll better leave room in my Christmas stocking.

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Groups try to get campus voting

BY MICHAEL Topp
STAFF WRITER

This year the two major political parties have strong participation among Alfred's year old political clubs: the College Democrats and the College Republicans.

Much of the heightened interest is due to the upcoming presidential election, to be held on Nov. 7.

The elections hold special interest this year because of the highly contested senatorial race between Howy Clinton and Rick Lazio in New York.

Both of Alfred's political clubs are encouraging all students to be active this year. Eric Zuckerman, president of the College Democrats, commented that college students need to “get out and make a statement that people our age matter on issues that have a significant impact potentially.”

Both the clubs plan campus-wide activities to spark interest in the campaign.

Ashley Johnson, president of the College Republicans explained that the College Democrats meet weekly as an organization with 25 active members and about 70 members in total. He said that in this political season both organizations wish to encourage anyone to vote to increase young people's impact on the election, without regard as to which candidate they support.

The College Democrats and Republicans are working with Onicrec Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, to put together pamphlets of information on each, candidates to improve awareness of issues and each candidate's stance on them. They will be providing voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications to encourage a strong turnout in November. Students should look for this in Powell Campus Center in the coming weeks.

The College Republicans will be utilizing media to educate the public, as well as putting out postcards. Both Zuckerman and Johnson spoke of possible debates to occur between the organizations in Nevinson Theatre as the elections near.

Zuckerman explained “we as College Democrats don’t just want to focus on the political elections. Lots of our members want to participate in Earth Day and other community events.”

Johnson stated that “it is important for us as club leaders to create an educated consciousness about who the voter is casting their vote for; be that [George W.] Bush, [Al] Gore, [Ralph] Nader, the Libertarian candidate, etc.” He explained that in order to create awareness, each side should be as unbiased as possible when attempting to sway votes to their cause.

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Other Alfred students attended Hillel-sponsored affairs, along with Jewish resi- dents of the community. Josh Stitkoff, president of Hillel, feels the warmth of atti- tudes towards the High Holy Days annually from the Alfred community.

“Students usually have parts in the services, especially here at AU, reading the Torah and the Haftarah portions,” he noted. “Sometimes, students lead in singing the prayers, which unites the students, faculty, and their families throughout the holiday. During this usually leads the major part of the prayers and it’s nice when students are largely involved in the services.”

Stitkoff also attended the din- ners before and after the services along with many students and faculty at AU.

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Mapping Alfred brings answers

BY JUDY TSANG
MANAGING EDITOR

Yes, Alfred is worthy of being put on a map, and Diana Sinton, Alfred University’s full time geographer, dissertated what needed to be done to do that during last Thursday’s Bergren Forum.

The first thing Sinton clarified at her lecture, “Putting Alfred on the Map,” was that people do get PhD’s in geography. Sinton said, in the study and description of the Earth’s features, resources, populations, etc., and its patterns. Geography is not to be confused with geology, which is the study of rocks, Sinton emphasized.

To illustrate the importance of creating maps, Sinton, who is also an assistant professor of geography and environmental studies, emphasized that this is the quintessential time period of self-reflection for the Jewish people worldwide.

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Other Alfred students attended Hillel-sponsored affairs, along with Jewish resi- dents of the community. Josh Stitkoff, president of Hillel, feels the warmth of atti- tudes towards the High Holy Days annually from the Alfred community.

“Students usually have parts in the services, especially here at AU, reading the Torah and the Haftarah portions,” he noted. “Sometimes, students lead in singing the prayers, which unites the students, faculty, and their families throughout the holiday. During this usually leads the major part of the prayers and it’s nice when students are largely involved in the services.”

Stitkoff also attended the din- ners before and after the services along with many students and faculty at AU.

Larry Greil has said that he believes that this is the quintessential time period of self-reflection for the Jewish people worldwide.

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New organizations get ready to roll on campus

BY JASON PILARZ
FEATURES EDITOR

“There’s nothing to do in Alfred” is a tired line used by students who feel that small-town Alfred has little going on. With the formation of several new student clubs and organizations this semester, this line is quickly losing its veracity.

A goal of many of these new organizations is to “get students more involved with school activities that didn’t center around some type of school work,” noted Sheree Johnson of the Alfred Step Team.

One new organization, Students Promoting an Appreciation for Music (SPAM), was formed to “promote diversity of music on campus,” stated Tara Rosado, president of SPAM.

She noted that “people are tired of the same old acts coming to Alfred” and SPAM was formed to bring together people who like different types of music, with the hope of eventually broadening the spectrum of music acts that come to campus.

“We are a bunch of women who love to make beats,” Johnson said of the Step Team.

In addition to a desire to step, the group was formed to “bring together people from the Alfred State College campus and the University campus as a whole,” stated Johnson, who organised the club.

Although the Step Team is open to both men and women, the group currently only has one male: Marcus Stair of ABC, who is the main choreographer.

She noted that stepping is fun and interesting, yet difficult. The team creates beats on their bodies using hands, legs and feet, and they hope to eventually perform at various campus events.

An opportunity to play ultimate frisbee is afforded by DISC, another new addition to the Alfred campus. Steve Harriger and Nathan Sherman organised this ultimate frisbee club last year, although games have been played informally in the past.

Sherman stated that the club was formally organized in order to get a “better chance at getting a field to play on,” rather than being prevented by official sports that have reserved the fields.

An additional goal of DISC is to eventually be able to play night games, perhaps on Tucker Field, noted Sherman.

In order to help promote themselves, many groups have planned activities to get their name out to the campus community. SPAM has sponsored a viewing of WildStyle, a 1996 movie that was the first to portray breakdancing and hip-hop, according to Rosado.

Johnson said that the Step Team will be performing at half-time at the charity basketball game on Oct. 21, and plans to audition for the December AU Dance Theatre Dance Concert.

All of the new organizations are actively seeking new members, and welcome all that are interested to come to any of the club meetings.

At least two of the newly formed groups are organisations that have existed in the past on the Alfred University campus. An ultimate frisbee club has been on campus informally recently and used to be an officially recognized club. Additionally, the Step Team used to exist at AU.

Forum looks at future

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
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At the request of AU President Charles Edmondson, faculty and staff members gathered together to give their input on how to improve the quality of Alfred University.

David Szczerbacki, the dean of the College of Business who led this forum, said that he would like academic planning agendas to help AU have a “dynamic future.”

Szczerbacki held this forum for academic planning Sept. 29 in the Olin building. The 80-plus people in attendance were divided into four smaller groups to discuss the ways Alfred University might be improved.

The faculty and staff in the first group indicated that they would like to see AU develop an “English as a second language program” for international students.

They would also like to see more cooperation between engineers and scientists on the graduate and undergraduate level as well as in the public and private sectors.

The members of the second group emphasized the idea of increasing opportunities for students to bring what they learn at Alfred University to the outside world while bringing more international students in.

“Think globally, act locally and act globally,” was the quote this group emphasized, which means that individuals should care about what happens in the world and then consider how the “world at home” can be improved.

The third group suggested that “we need to understand ourselves and what we’re all about.” They would also like to see the development of new programs while maintaining the strength of current programs.

The fourth group supported the previous group in that they would like to establish a definite identity for AU. They emphasized the importance of finding out why students choose AU for either undergraduate or graduate work.

The second group was in favor of looking at all of AU as a “center of excellence,” to which Szczerbacki said that it is important to “build excellence where we can find it.”

Faculty show the usual — excellent

BY JALAL CLEMENS
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As usual, the Faculty Concert on Friday, Sept. 22 was a jam-packed program of amazing works, showing once again how music is a joy to create, play and listen to.

The program ranged from selected classical pieces. However, Peter O’Connor, adjunct instructor in music, was in a creative mood and told the audience he was in a jazzy mood deciding to play some good old jazz improvisation, with a little bit of the “Charlie Brown Theme” and the “Maple Leaf Rag” for flavor.

In another unique piece, “Echoes,” a dance and live music performance, once again demonstrated to the audience how much the professors love to work together, not only to increase our knowledge and appreciation of music but also to demonstrate their own love of music and the performing arts.

As each performer finished, the crowd in Holmes Auditorium gave a thunderous applause showing their great appreciation for the professors’ diverse skills.

The audience left Holmes Auditorium that Friday night with “The White Cockade” played by Marc Sackman, assistant professor of Music, on the piccolo and Eckler on the snare drum, running merrily through their head.

Some probably shared jokes and lines from professor of theatre Becky Prophet’s rendition of Thurber’s “The Night the Bed Fell.”

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Green Day back with a Warning

BY KEVIN SOBCZK

THE UNIVERSITY NEWS

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(U-WIRE) ST. LOUIS — Dookie was a huge success, and, suddenly, it was cool to listen to punk rock. Everyone has heard “Longview” and “When I Come Around.” The band’s frenzied guitar and crazy drumming made their bitter acoustic song about reminiscing to the music mellowed out. Songs like “Hold on,” “Misery” and “Church on Sunday” are pop songs and are equally enjoyable. Since Nimrod, Armstrong has picked up the acoustic guitar, which he plays in such songs as “Macy’s Day Parade.”

Revealing inspiration for the music style on the album, Armstrong said, “I’ve been listening to a lot of old Bob Dylan lately, especially the album where he first used a band.”

The entire album is not easy to classify as a particular genre. It is not a pop punk album, nor is it a pure pop-sell-out album. Hopefully that is enough for everyone. Of course, Green Day won’t care because they are just being themselves.

Sylvia pleases all

BY KRISTINA BEAULAC

STAFF WRITER

Imagine rehearsing for four weeks at six days a week for four hours each day; add four cast members, one of which is portraying a dog and you have one hilarious show. 

Sylvia, presented last week, was an example of such.

Greg is walking in Central Park after an argument at work with his boss when he stumbles upon Sylvia. Sylvia is a homeless dog who manages to squirm her way into Greg’s heart. Kate, Greg’s wife, is less than pleased to see a dog running rampant through their apartment when returning home. She feels that with their children off at college and her career as an inner-city middle school English teacher, Sylvia would be a heavy burden to her and Greg.

Greg takes Sylvia to a grooming shop and returns with a “tangled mutt” transformed to a “primped and prétted pup.” Sylvia tripped in her attempts to win a place in Kate’s heart and gets a “few days to stay, but only as a trial run.” The entire play is humorous from the second Sylvia bounds onto stage. Sylvia can communi- cate verbally with Greg and as well as with the other characters that make for an interesting twist to a wonderful play of humor and sad- ness.

A touching moment in the story is when Kate is getting ready to leave for England on a grant to advance her career. Throughout the play, she refers to the dog as Salvia because she feels detached from her husband and no longer apart of their marriage.

She is at the airport with Greg, whom she insists need not be there when she can sense his long- ing to be with Sylvia. The stage is split between the airport and their apartment when you see Sylvia wandering around feeling lonely without Greg, her God.

Sylvia begins to sing Cole Porter’s “Every Time We Say Goodbye.” By the end of the scene, Greg, Kate and Sylvia are singing in unison. It connects the actors and the feeling of loneliness and detachment within each character.

Senior Daniel Di Pillo played Sylvia. When asked about the point in the play where she has to lick Greg’s face with slobber, Di Pillo said, “It took a little while to get through the shyness … but then I just went ahead and licked.”

Greg was portrayed by senior Joe Miller. Some of his credits include Owen in Prokofiev and Spits in J Edgar.

Junior Laura Randall played Kate. Randall, the only cast member without a theater major, has a double major in English and communica- tion studies. “I didn’t plan on it, but I just did,” Laura said about acting. Randall was Countess Pivonia in the Latin American tetralogy four semesters ago. She also said that it was difficult to act mad at Di Pillo (Sylvia); “I would be more like Greg in reality; kind, caring, and understanding.”

Clinton Powell, a senior double major in theater and English, portrayed Tom, Phyllis and Lesli.

“Sylvia was the most fun I’ve had at stage school,” Powell said. “I had a lot of fun … it was excellent and professional … a great honor and heart to match what,” was the consensus of the cast.

The audience gave the cast and crew of Sylvia a standing ovation. The crowd was visibly moved and enthralled by the show.

Attends Scott Selinman said, “I laughed, I cried … it was better than Cats.”

The entire cast was clearly moved and enthralled by the show.
Newborn Kid A takes Radiohead even higher

BY JAY WEISBERGER
Editor-in-Chief

When Radiohead released The Bends several years ago, it showed they were hardly a one-hit wonder. When the band released 1997’s OK Computer, Radiohead suddenly was leading the way. OK Computer might be the best album of the 1990s. And Radiohead’s newest effort, Kid A, has the band moving even further ahead.

What can you say? Here’s an album that doesn’t rock you the way “Paranoid Android” did, but mesmerizes you in ways only Molotov can. Here’s an album that takes all the tweaking of U2’s Pop and makes it work. If you’re looking for a big guitar track, you’ll have to settle for “Optimistic” and believe it or not, the next Radiohead disc due within six months.

It might take that long to fully decipher Kid A, but you’re going to enjoy every minute of it. The throbbing “D Idiotique” sounds numbing at the first listen, then draws you in with a big beat over Thom Yorke’s high tenor. In fact, much of this disc is like that. The first listen has you asking, “Huh?” By the end of the second you’re already saying, “Wow.” Each listen brings you more and more into the sound.

The disc opens with the stellar “Everything in its Right Place.” The song is an immediate triumph. Yorke’s singing “I slip away” towards the end of the track will stay with you all day. Radiohead fans who liked the synth-type sounds on OK Computer’s “Planet Telex” will feel right at home — the disc has plenty of them.

Other highlights? The rolling bass lines of “The National Anthem” are amazingly catchy. The closer, “Motion Picture Soundtrack” is also a top track. Much has been made of how much the disc is a departure, but, really, it’s Radiohead continuing to progress. Not one of their discs has sounded too much like its predecessor.

Oh, by the way, Radiohead is rumored to be heading into the studio before Christmas to begin recording yet another disc. All in all, we might be getting three Radiohead albums between now and New Year’s 2002. If the band can continue to pull off this type of progression, right now culminating with Kid A, they are going to approach legendary status.

That’s if Kid A hasn’t put them there already.

Every experiment on this disc seems to work. It’s easier to lose yourself in this disc than OK Computer, and that, in itself plan a women’s leadership conference, learned about lobbying and helped put together an emergency contraceptive campaign.

“It was hard work, but the experience gave me so much back. It was totally worth it,” said Nyman.

Nourse, who worked at the Upper Hudson Valley Planned Parenthood, encountered very specific problems in her job, but like Young and Nyman, she also felt she was given great rewards.

“The clinic I worked at was the only Planned Parenthood in the area that performed abortions, so we would have protests at our clinic a lot,” said Nourse.

Part of her duty as an intern at the clinic was to assist women who were coming into the clinic for medical services get safely through the picketers and into the clinic. This was challenging, but made Nourse feel good about herself and her work at Planned Parenthood.

“One time, a protester got right in my face and told me that I was going to hell for what I was doing, which was helping to kill babies. Then she asked me if I was proud of myself. I looked at her and said that ‘yes, yes I was,’” said Nourse.

The panelists all agreed that it was important for young people to take an active interest in what is going on in our society.

“I found what really interested me and impacted me. That helped me be active for a cause I believe in. I think that is the way into activism,” said Nyman.

REVIEW

Za hosts acoustic gig

BY SARAH GUARIGLIA
A & E Editor

Alfred’s lack of an off-campus music scene may soon be a problem of the past, thanks to efforts of Alfred students and Main Street restaurant Café Za. AU students Angie Young and Ryan Elliott performed at Café Za on Sept. 30. The pair sang and played guitar for a large crowd, many of whom sat on the floor and crowded around tables.

Young and Elliott played an hour-and-a-half set, which drew from many bands, as well as some original songs. The Indigo Girls’ “Galileo,” the Beatles’ “Norwegian Wood,” and Dave Matthews Band’s “Crash” were some highlights of the set. Young’s original songs ranged from humorous (as in “Freshman Fifteen”) to emotional, “Forgiveness,” by Patty Griffin. The duo ended the eclectic performance with a sing-along rendition of Moby’s “Famous.”

The venue gave the performers a different feel from the coffeehouses held in the Knights Club. Café Za’s atmosphere offers an experience unique to Alfred, with a diverse menu of foods and beverages.

According to Eric Cushing, who owns and operates Café Za with his husband Kris, this was the first live music performance the Café has offered.

“It went well,” said Cushing, “and we are planning to have more performers,” including a Celtic musician later this month. Cushing also said the Café is open to more student performances.

Some adjustments are being considered in order to ease some of the crowd problems experienced at the performances, which began at 8 p.m.

“The time wasn’t good, we had people sitting down to eat dinner and people who came for the music, and not enough tables,” said Cushing.

One solution under consideration is keeping the café open after the dinner rush, to accommodate both groups.

Cushing said “I’d like to stay open later, once we have more help.”

Café Za is working on expanding its menu as well as its hours, hoping to attract a larger lunch crowd with “good food that’s quick and cheap,” said Cushing.

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Men’s soccer

BY BENJAMIN LEE

Going into the second half of the fall 2000 season, Coach Ken Hassler’s men’s soccer team has left a strong first half record of 5-3-1 behind them.

“We’ve played extremely well. We’ve done a fantastic job of working hard and playing smart as a team,” said Hassler. According to Hassler, the team is strong all around. Their versatility and depth have allowed him to tweak the lineup to best become a threat to their opponents. The depth has been the most important asset to the team. Despite the superb soccer they have played, they have also been plagued by injuries.

“Our biggest goal for the second half is to get healthy. We lose three starters this past week,” said Hassler.

With the loss of key players such as captain Adam Reynolds, captain Scott Wallace and Rick DeSalvo, the Saxons have had to rely on great play from bench players. Hassler commented on the strong play he has received from freshman players, Kristin Thalen, Chris Donnez and Andy Kernahan. He also recognized the efforts of some of his solid-returning players.

“Kevin McGee and Shane Donohue have both played strong enough to be starters, and they have really contributed off the bench,” said Hassler.

Hassler said that the second half of the season would be much more difficult than the first. The eight games remaining in the season are mostly conference games. According to Hassler, “All the conference teams will be tough, but the team responds very well to training and adjustments in tactics,”

Even with a tough second half ahead, senior captain Adam Reynolds is confident due to the chemistry of the team.

“This is the tightest team in four years. It is the most talented and has the most unity. There is a lot of depth, and the chemistry is there,” said Reynolds.

This week the Saxons were home vs. Lyons College and then traveled today to Elmira. Further down the road, the team is scheduled to travel to New York City and Long Island over mid-semester break. There they will face Hunter College and SUNY Farmingdale. Both teams are formidable opponents according to Hassler.

“Hunter has the Conference Player of the Year, and Farmingdale was last year’s NCAA Division III Champions,” Hassler said.

Saxon runner Andy Corman keeps the pace in a recent cross country meet. The team will be at the University of Rochester this weekend.

BY BENJAMIN LEE

Head Football Coach Dave Murray is in pursuit of his third consecutive winning season, but he and the team are frustrated with the 2-3 record during the first half of the season.

“We are disappointed. We’ve been unable to make the big plays when we need to,” said Murray, heading into an off week last weekend.

According to Murray, turnovers, the inability to stop long passes, and not making critical third down conversions has really hurt the team so far this season, but the 2000 schedule is packed with excellent teams. Ithaca and Carnegie Mellon both rank among the better teams in the nation, for instance.

Murray said that the program has shown that they are competitive with the best teams in the country, and that they just need an extra push to win those games.

“We are three plays away from being 4-1. We just can’t seem to get the critical plays that will put us over the top,” said Murray.

When Murray was asked about the strengths of the team, he said that he has received strong play from Brian Keefer, George Rea, James Raymond, and that the defense can keep the team in every game. However, Murray said that the inconsistent offense has been one of their biggest weaknesses.

They have fluctuated from rushing the ball 489 yards in a game to rushing a disappointing 10 yards in the game against Union.

“We just haven’t been able to get a good flow and continuity offensively,” said Murray.

Despite the first half of the season setbacks, the team is optimistic and Murray’s goal is to return to .500 in this week’s road game against Hartwick.

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Field hockey faces off

The Alfred University Club Field Hockey team will take another step towards its goal of becoming a varsity sport on Saturday Oct. 21.

Then, 7 p.m. at Merrifield, the team will play its first game under the lights. The team’s opponent has yet to be announced, but will be a non-conference challenge.

The squad is hoping to play two games this fall and two in the spring semester.

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