Delta Sigma Phi house facing hazing allegations

BY PATRICK L. BOYLE

Delta Sigma Phi, an AU fraternity, has been charged with violating the university’s anti-hazing policy. It is the first organization to be so charged since the football team incident in the fall of 1996.

The case was presented to the University's Hearing Board for Hazing Violations on March 22. As of press time, the board had not made a determination as to whether or not Delta was in violation of any policies, nor had it imposed any sanctions on the fraternity.

The University has made us aware of the allegations,” said John Hockman, the executive director of Delta Sigma Phi nationally. “At this point we are conducting an investigation into those allegations and we are working in partnership with the university to determine all the facts appropriately.”

The allegations were made by Jane Gilliland, an employee in the University Business & Finance office, whose stepson Brandon Gilliland had been pledging the fraternity this semester.

According to Jane, Brandon had been drawn from the University and is staying with relatives out of state. He has no plans to return to AU. Gilliland said that her stepson left the University both because he was upset about the nature of Delta’s pledge process and because he was afraid that he would be socially pressured for pledging.

“He did not at all what was happening and his feeling was that he actually pledged (and stayed at the University) that basically his life in Alfred would be a living hell,” she said.

Neither Jane Gilliland nor University officials would reveal the specific nature of the alleged hazing before the hearing board makes a ruling on the matter.

Jane Gilliland said that Brandon “was asked to do some physical activities that had unpleasant expectations and caused them to ignore the historical significance and to make an important apology; to ignore it would be to deny the church’s role in such crimes.”

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New Senate e-board excited

BY JAY WEISSBERGER

Managing Editor

Members of the newly elected Student Senate executive board are trying to bring their energy to the Senate floor every week; however, each member agrees that challenges lie ahead.

President Seth Mulligan, a sophomore, is no newcomer to the board. He was Treasurer for last year’s executive board. He is joined by Vice President Rachael Downey, a sophomore political science major.

“Working with this new executive board will be high energy,” Mulligan said. “We have a lot of newer executives, which should lead to fresh ideas.”

“I think we were definitely excited,” he said.

Helping out Mulligan and Downey will be four other executive board members, most of whom are relatively new to AU.

Environmental science major Jaime Pena, the only second-year student on the executive board, will take the duties of treasurer. Sophomore French major Liz Reina, who transferred to AU before the ‘98-99 school year, takes the secretarial reins.

The board is rounded out by freshmen Colin Kenzard, who is the new Publicity Chair, and Rachael Downey, a sophomore on the executive board.

ResLife gets ready for annual sign-up blitz

BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN

Staff Writer

ResLife is working hard to finish work on placing students in common interest housing so they can be ready for general housing sign-up.

Einnie Dungan, the assistant director of Residence Life, said that students applying for common interest housing this year are the largest group yet.

“We ask [the students] to give a brief summary of their house’s interests, policies, and goals. The objectives must meet the University’s perspective,” she said.

Dungan is looking forward to the required program each group of students will present with a resident assistant pertaining to their theme.

Athletic housing is located in Phillips and Tredennick Halls, in the Upper Pine Hill Suites. Regular housing placement will take place in the Bartlett lobby for both the Ford Street Apartments and Pine Hill Suites on the evening of April 10. April 11 is the night to sign up for the Black, Bartlett, Kruzon and anything not selected the day before.

Students can sign up for other people as long as they present the identification card and signed room contract of that person to Residence Life.

Director of Residence Life Tomas Gonzalez indicated there is always a small waiting list because the demand for housing exceeds the space available.

“It’s sometimes a nerve-wracking experience for students [to be on the waiting list], but we ask that they have patience and we’ll get housing for them as quickly as possible,” Gonzalez promised.

Both Dungan and Gonzalez indicated that everyone who wants to live on-campus should eventually be accommodated because there are always students transferring, leaving the

ITS frees web access

BY JUDY TSANG

Copy Manager

In the course of increasing availability and accessibility to technology, Alfred University has developed some new problems.

An example of such occurred before spring break when students experienced slow Internet access. Also, in late January, AU was attacked three times from a source outside of the network. These attacks blocked up traffic against the Internet.

“Students complained about how slow the Internet was,” Assistant Director of Information Technology Services Adriano Morling said. “My job is to determine the network status.”

It was not easy to determine the cause of the Internet’s delay, but through e-mails, newswire and comparisons to other university campuses, Morling became aware of the program “Napster.”

There were other programs being heavily used but because of its popularity, Napster was shut down so that AU could reclaim bandwidth, Morling said.

“If you had the pick of Napster,” he added.

Morling described bandwidth as a highway allowing for a certain amount of traffic to pass through. Taking down Napster was equivalent to freeing up a lane or two in highway traffic, Morling said.

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ITS debated for another week before deciding to take it down.

“We are just responding to a problem caused by Internet access,” brought to our attention by

Delta Sigma Phi, long a part of the AU community, faces allegations of hazing.

Photo by Julie Amundson
More money needed for student orgs.

Next week, the Senate Finance Committee will convene with the treasurers of every student organization requesting a budget. Their job is to allocate money to each group, taking into mind the budget requests of each organization. This year, with the addition of some new groups, this process could be the toughest it has ever been.

We can only hope that good sense prevails at the hearings. This money is what keeps most organizations viable.

Some students believe that the problem is that some organizations are asking for too much money. However, some groups — including the Fiat Lux — need a lot of money.

Generally, groups tend to ask for an appropriate amount of money for what they need to do.

The real problem is that there seems to be a shortage of money to go around. If too many groups continue to be added, we are looking at a situation in the not-so-distant future in which an organization will not receive enough funding to function properly.

The important thing is that Senate has to allocate is simply not going to be enough a few years down the line. We hope. Depending on how the hearings go this year, we may have already spread ourselves too thin.

The University needs to find ways to funnel more money to the Senate. If we can find students championing their organizations’ livelihood by thinning down their budgets to dangerous levels.

Court decisions to affect campus life

BY JAY WEISBERGER
Managing Editor

All right! Propre to the government. (At tax time.)

What I’m referring to is the Supreme Court’s decision last week (Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin v. Southworth).

The decision is something we will all have to deal with. It’s a “thank you” to the judicial branch about.

What the decision does is guarantee student activity fees from students are used to help fund all campus organizations. The students who started the case objected to the use of their money being gut towards funding groups they disagreed with.

I think we can all see the problem with being able to decide which get funding; it promotes ignorance.

College is supposed to be a time to learn, not just about topics in your major, but about the views of others.

By supporting the universal use of student fees, the Supreme Court has ensured that groups don’t have their views qualitied because students don’t feel the need to fund them.

This will especially benefit groups that tend to be the target of the conservative estabishment. Groups that support diversity of ethnicities, sexualities and sexual orientation have often been the victims of harassment, if not flat-out hate, on many of the nation’s campuses.

Now, at the very least, we can rest assured that these groups will continue to get money from all students, not just the students who feel that equality and diversity might actually benefit the country.

Diversity of culture is tremendously important on campuses across the nation. Different people allow learning more readily than any textbook and we should all be happy the Supreme Court feels the same way.

Now, the next challenge lies in lower courts, where the Kincade v. Gibson case is going to be heard again in Kentucky. The case will determine the censorship power of university administrations for the entire country.

If the last decision in the case is upheld, university funded events would be subject to the approval of the administration that funds the event, or group putting on the event.

Yes, this means that schools could pull the newspaper off the shelves if they didn’t like what was printed. This nifty little book could be prohibited from being distributed for the color of the yearbook cover.

Don’t think this is possible? The color of the yearbook cover at Kentucky State University was one of the main reasons the Kincade case went to court in the first place.

But, it goes well beyond col- legiate media. Being that universi ties control campus buildings, it would be possible for a university admin- istration to control what events occur there, be they student generated events or others.

Essentially, every form of student expression could be affected if the decision goes in favor of the Kentucky State administration.

We at AU are fortunate that our administration has always supported free expression, let ting the speaker take the fall for any mistakes. We are fortunate that President-elect Charles M. Edmondson has openly said he supports free expression on campus.

That doesn’t mean we should sit back and let whatever hap pens happen. Make sure the administrators you deal with support whatever forms of expression you participate in.

Right the notion that other schools seem to have that col lege students aren’t able to make mature decisions.

Finally, let’s all hope that the court down in Kentucky can show the sense the Supreme Court has.

Editor’s note: Not only liberal groups, but also conservative groups also deserve protection by the Court. The Fiat Lux believes that all decent voices deserve to be heard.
Changes come to Senate

BY MIKE PELLICCHIOTTI
STAFF WRITER

The new Student Senate Executive Board began its admission of new members last week with a clarification of Robert's Rules of Order. They also reconvened seating.

President Seth Mulligan reviewed his take on Robert's Rules of Order explained the way motions work and how senators and representatives would be recognized.

He also explained that the new administration would be reining off seating in the back of the Nevin Theatre. They will not be using microphones to speak as the last executive board did.

Wednesday's hour and a half meeting was long and included issues from both students and faculty.

The Removations Committee announced that the University would be repairing roofs in Alumni Hall, carpeting Owsley and the Brick and improving lighting and locks in the Pine Hill Suites.

Mulligan said that requests for credit card use on campus are being looked into. He said that he met with Dave Fagan, assistant controller for Business and Finance. Mulligan said that Fagan is trying pilot programs to determine the usefulness of credit cards on campus.

Mulligan also announced that Chris Stavrius would serve as the Senate Village Liaison.

Senate voted for a new member of the Finance Committee. Two issues came up in questioning the candidates. One candidate for the position, Steve Toddus, said that an amount of an academic organization receives from its school. The Senate department should determine Senate funding.

The other candidate, Michael Topp, was asked if his new position as WLF Treasurer would be a conflict. Topp said it would not.

He said, “I'm the first to admit that WLF asks for way, may too much money.” George Harris, Senator for WLF, argued that Topp had yet to see WLF’s budget for the semester.

Todunou was elected to the position.

Mulligan presented to the Senate the idea of having a Senator represent each college in the University Senate voted for the Executive Board to look into constitutional amendment.

Gail Walker, professor of psychology, spoke to the Senate regarding student voting in the Excellence in Teaching Faculty Award. She requested that Senator Walker make the Allied Student Voting as an opportunity to select the Faculty Award recipient.

Mulligan said he would look into the matter.

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some physical injuries.” She said the activities also caused Brandon emotional distress.

Both Jane Gilliland and Assistant Dean of Students Daryl Conte, who presented the charges to the board, said that drugs and alcohol were not involved.

Mulligan said that she stepped was physically limb or struck. According to her, the charges are part of a pattern of activity in the pledge process and not on one specific incident.

Gilliland described the incident to Conte early in the week of Feb. 27. The University ordered the fraternity’s pledge process suspended pending the results of the hearing. She said that Delta Sigma Phi [or any other Greek organization] has never had a policy of harassing their pledges.

Delta Sigma Phi at Alfred University, New York, recently received warnings for two violations.

The board did not allow the Delta Sigma Phi outside the hearing, the hearing was unavailable until the board delivers er rules.

According to Sue Smith, associate dean of students and University coordinator of Greek life, no individual students are facing University judicial charges at this time.

No complaints have been made to the Alfred Police Department regarding the matter.

AU’s hazing policy defines hazing, in part, as “any activity expected of someone affiliating with or joining a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers, regardless of the person’s willingness to participate.”

According to Conte, if Delta’s is found to have violated that policy, the fraternity could be subjected to a variety of sanctions. The penalties could include mandatory education classes regarding hazing.

The fraternity might also be subject to probation or have its charter suspended by the University.

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University, or studying abroad.

Gonzalez also said that students may want to come in with two to three different options in case their first choice may not always be available.

Students are encouraged to keep answering the residence life trivia questions in the e-mails both Gonzalez and Dungan send to the campus community.

“Today is important to get people thinking about housing for next year,” Gonzalez explained.

He also added that a mountain bike would be presented to the next grand winner of the trivia contest.

Currently, Gonzalez and Dungan are talking with the Residence Hall Council and the Student Senate to try to implement changes in housing procedures for the future.

Both Gonzalez and Dungan said they believe that the students who are contributing positively to the community and have higher GPAs should take priority over students who are not involved, present low GPAs, and have received judicial action.

If this change were implemented, it would also put a lot of power in the hands of students.

“You can influence friends to contribute to the community,” Gonzalez explained.
AU has big presence at women’s conference

Women and punk topic of paper

BY JASMINE LELLOCK
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VALDOSTA, Ga. — While many students spent their spring break getting sunburns in exotic places, junior English and communication studies major Emille Hardman presented a paper in Georgia at the Fifth Annual (Re) Presenting Woman Valdosta Conference.

Hardman worked on the paper, a “content analysis of Punk albums by bands with female members,” for a year with Karen Porter, professor of sociology. She will continue the project due to funding from an ABDUS grant.

“The point of being able to analyze more albums to see if there are any differences in bands with different amounts of gender,” Hardman explained.

As a women’s studies minor, Hardman’s background in English and communications influenced this project.

“If you read the work that has been done on subcultures, particularly in reference to resistance, you will find nothing written about women or girls participating in any way besides [as] ‘girlfriends,’ ” Hardman explained.

Her theory is that “women have been excluded from subcultures of resistance primarily because they so often are connected to music.”

Hardman discussed the issue of authenticity “because you have to be well-versed and an avid consumer or participant in music to be an authentic member of a subculture.”

The point of her research is about “their lesser access to music when it comes to going to shows, being in bands, and even trying music “because their money is more controlled.”

“I’m talking about swing, hip-hop, even beat culture, among many others,” she said. “Women’s clothing is more often restricted than men’s by the fashion industry.”

“I think that as gender roles have changed, women have had more access to subcultural participation,” Hardman said.

“The issue of politics is really interesting, too, because subcultural resistance is often connected to political concerns, as women have been excluded there, too,” Hardman said. “I see punk as a movement that opened doors for women.”

“My idea with records is that punk is placed in the music and the politics, both of which are connected through records,” Hardman explained. “Nobody has studied that before.”

On the conference itself, Hardman said, “It’s really an interesting experience, even if you don’t go to present a paper; although that is mind-blowing too because you are suddenly in contact with all these people who honestly love their research and are honestly interested in your research.”

Hardman explained that people from all over the world attended the conference, and did not just present papers.

“We had art and performance and readings and roundtables and people just talking about their struggles and triumphs with feminism,” she said.

Hardman summed up the conference with, “It just showed me how academia/political struggles can reach into every facet of life and make life and academia that much richer.”

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“The idea of meeting over and over with the wall, falling and rising again, tiring of the struggle doesn’t hurt,” she continued.

The audience was amazed. “...and of invisible walls, it’s hard to even imagine it. We fall and pretend it doesn’t hurt,” she continued.

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BY KRISTEN HOFFMAN
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Emille Hardman presented a paper at the Fifth Annual (Re) Presenting Woman Valdosta Conference on the apparent success of some women in the business world gives the impression that the contemporary society is liberated, though the struggles behind the scenes and the sacrifices women make to achieve success are often overlooked or ignored,” said Hachiyanagi about her performance. “We, as women, face so many invisible walls, it’s hard to even imagine it. We fall and pretend it doesn’t hurt,” she continued.

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Senate

Continued from front page business meeting, Sen. major Jalal Clemens, who will sit as Finance Chair.

The group has some big plans for the next year, and each notes there will be challenges along the way.

For Vice President Rachael Downey, just being elected was a challenge.

"It’s just a relief to have [the election] over," she said, referring to her close race with fellow sophomore Chris Starnino.

Downey won the run-off election by a startling two votes.

Of course, now that she’s in, things aren’t getting easier.

"All of the things Beth and I campaigned for... we’re trying to follow through on all of those issues," Downey said, emphasizing this was going to happen "this semester."

Indeed, Mulligan has already brought some of his big issues to the floor, including the pursuit of senate representation for academic colleges at AU.

"[Some campaign issues] have to be discussed and resolved now that they can put in place at the start of next year," Mulligan added that he’s going to try to make things go well.

I am looking forward to having a great time in the process," he said, "I hope we will have a fun and productive hearing.

Clemens pledged he would try to be as fair and impartial as he can at the hearings.

I want everyone to know I will not tolerate disrespect for others in the hearing," he said.

Clemens said he was impressed with the job Clemens has already done towards making the hearings run smoothly.

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I want people to know the importance of attending Senate," she said. She noted that, aside from the possibilities of losing funding because of bad attendance, Senate is still one of the best ways to keep up with what is happening on the AU campus.

Reina is especially upbeat about the relatively young executive board.

"We’re very focused," she said, "and the energy level is great."

Reina did note that it would be necessary to clarify what duties belong to which executive board members.

"The duties of each officer have not been defined well," she said.

"We’re figuring out who does what."

Regardless, Downey knows she is to oversee Senate committees. Those will soon get her attention.

"There are going to be changes in the committee structure," she said. She noted those plans would be revealed in the next few weeks.

Pena is looking to effect some changes in the participation aspects of Senate, emphasizing he wanted to work to make sure senators keep their organizations up to date with Senate proceedings.

Downey said she is excited about the upcoming year, a sentiment the other members, like Pena, echo.

"The current exec board is a group of students who are all very outspoken and have a desire to make positive and effective changes to the AU community and student body," Pena said.

ITS has given certain Internet functions higher priority than others.

Priority One (50% of bandwidth)

- Web Browsing
- Outgoing Internet Mail
- DNS Services
- FTP Transfers
- All other services

Priority Two (35% of bandwidth)

- Incoming Internet Mail
- Telnet sessions
- PTP Transfer
- Internet News
- All other services

Priority Three (15% of bandwidth)

- Web Browsing (secure)
- Incoming Internet Mail
- OUTGOING Internet Mail
- DNS Services
- FTP Transfers
- All other services

This "Dynamic Prioritization Configuration" would decide which programs take precedence over other programs. During the day, educational-based programs and Internet mail will take precedence while at night and on weekends, entertainment programs, such as Napster and games, can take up bandwidth (see sidebar).

After several failed attempts, ITS was able to set up this "Dynamic Prioritization" on March 19. However, Napster was not available. Morling wanted to be sure that the new prioritizing program was stable before restoring Napster. After several days without any conflicts, Napster was made accessible on March 24 once again.

As a means of informing students of the status of the network, Morling has posted a new website. Regular updates can be found at http://www.alfred.edu/its/netstatus.html.

"Our ultimate cause is to better serve you," he said. This was a win-win situation, where he can monitor Internet traffic in and out of the campus network and yield more bandwidth for better use for students.

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- Microsoft Instant Messenger
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It's been a busy winter for Larry Greil, professor of sociology and health policy at AU, who still had time to teach his classes and arrange for an interview in which he discussed his interests, past accomplishments, present motivations, and future desires.

Recently, Greil learned that he has been named Executive Officer of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Such a position, he noted, involves "running the logisticle end" of the society, including planning meetings and running the day-to-day operations of the society smoothly. He believes that his four-year stint as treasurer of the organization led to his appointment as executive officer.

At first glance, Greil's professional interests of infertility, gender roles, and the sociology of religion seem disjointed and random, but they were all fall into place after a connection is explained.

His overall interest is to discover "how people deal intellectually with problems," and how they seek to answer the question of "why me?" when tragedy befalls them. His interest in infertility was the result of a personal experience. "Why me?" when tragedy befalls them. His interest in infertility was the result of a personal experience. His interest in religion was still there, Greil said, but the sociological way of studying religion allowed him to explore the concept of religion as whatever people do when they say they are practicing religious rituals. As for an ultimate goal of his, Greil noted that his wife merely wants to see "what I want to get done tomorrow." However, he is in the stages of planning a book on the religious lives of non-religious Jews. He wants to explore the concept of religion as whatever people do when they say they are practicing religious rituals.

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Greil again quoted Porat in supporting the apology, saying, "there is great symbolic significance to the Pope's request of forgiveness. It is a confident building block, and famous Papal statements do carry weight in history for many centuries, either for the better or for the worse. I think we should applaud the Pope's courage and keep encouraging him to go to the right way towards reconciliation."

But Donius, campus minister at St. Jude's and St. Brendan's, added to this sentiment with the idea that the apology and the pilgrimage to the Holy Land are connected.

"The apology sets up the pilgrimage of peace to the Holy Land. We, as a Catholic community, see the call for peace comes from the humility in seeing we aren't perfect," Donius said.

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Medievalist tells of hard times, prayer in past

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

When famine struck, people in the past turned to prayers and supplications to keep the animals on which they relied for food from dying away. Dr. William Chester Jordan, a medieval historian, presented the annual Russell Lecture in Nevins Theatre, March 23.

A Princeton professor for more than 20 years, Jordan received his Ph.D. from Princeton and his A.B. in Russian Studies, mathematics, and history from Ripon College in Wisconsin.

The title of his speech was "God and the Animals: Medieval Europe in the Early Fourteenth Century." Jordan introduced his talk by setting up the historical context of the Great Famine in the early fourteenth century.

"Crop production was about one-third of the normal crop yield … having serious consequences for human health," Jordan explained.

Jordan then referred to a supplication prayer that he had copied onto a handout for the audience. A ceremony to save dying sheep, the prayer described in great detail the specific methods of the ceremony. Incorporating various languages and biblical texts, the prayer included a charm which describes a shepherds inhabiting an illigal isle. According to Jordan, these isles were a safe haven, a reward for "perfect innocence." They represented both paradise and sheep cotes, where sheep were kept.

Jordan showed a slide representing Jesus as the "Good Shepherd," which visual representations of those little sheep isles. He then described the various connotations of these ideas in a religious context.

In a separate interview, Jordan explained that his goal was to "reconstruct how people dealt in a spiritual way with this crisis." He said that this research is "an outgrowth of my recent book…" a story that was a real event. "I get to be Jesus." Jordan replied, "It's Sunday school, and you present ourselves out of the clinical role," Greaney said.

She said she hopes that even more people will participate next year. "The health fair improves the image of the Crandall Health Center. It allows us to present ourselves outside the clinical role," Greaney said.

"Fiction is not about what you know, but what you don’t know," O’Brien explained. He then told a story about his dream to be a writer. A very bad baseball player when he was young, O’Brien read a book about a little boy who won the Little League World Series. O’Brien wrote his first novel immediately after reading this book. It was titled "Tommy, the Little Leopard," a title that was "a complete rip-off" of the book that O’Brien read.

O’Brien said that his novel "Going After Caramba follows the theme of Tommy, the Little Leopard." The novelist explained with, "I never walked away from Vietnam, like Tommy won the World Series." O’Brien credited the power of imagination, saying that fiction presents "a world as it could be, a world as it should be." O’Brien's next story was about an airplane that he and his childhood friend Herbie built out of wood. Upon asking his father for an engine, his dad said, "One engine coming up. No sweat." All summer, they waited for the engine. Finally, his father brought home a turtle named Toby and said, "That’s the best I can do.

Herbie was a "disturbed kid," according to O’Brien, and he invented a game in which they were to nail Herbie’s little sister, Lorna Sue, to the cross-shaped airplane. "It started out as a game … but suddenly I knew Herbie was going to do it," O’Brien said. When O’Brien’s mother came out of the house, terrified, and asked what was going on, Lorna Sue replied, "It’s Sunday school, and I get to be Jesus.

When he explained to his father that it was just a game, his father told him that the hammer was real, that it was not a game. The son replied, "Yeah, but was Toby a real engine?"

This event intrigued O’Brien, and introduced an important question about languages. "Words mean something different for me than for you," he suggested.

"The stories I've told are about his invention as a writer," O’Brien shifted to talking about the war. "I don’t consider myself as a writer of Vietnam," he stated, "I write about the human heart.

He then read from his novel The Things They Carried. The character in the novel kills a man in Vietnam. The character reacts to this killing, stating, "It was not a matter of live or die … The young man would have simply passed me by … And it will always be that way.

On one of the functions of fiction, O’Brien remarked, "Stories are for joining the past to the future … for eternity, when memory is erased, when there’s nothing remembered but the story."

O’Brien presents works to AU

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

A & E EDITOR

Buhl Hall will be the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony of the Alfred University chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.

The ceremony will be held Friday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Saxon Inn dining room.

Mitten has been adjunct professor of the Harvard Divinity School since 1984. He has also been James Loeb Professor of Classical Art and Archaeology, Department of Classics, Harvard University, since 1983.

In 1991, he received the Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Excellence in Teaching from Harvard.

Mitten earned a Ph.D. in classical archaeology from Harvard in 1962, a master’s degree in classical archaeology from Harvard in 1958 and a bachelo’r’s degree in Latin from Oberlin College in 1957.

To be eligible for induction to Delta Mu Delta, students must be in the top 20 percent of their class, have a grade-point average of 3.2 or better and have completed at least 64 credits in the College of Business.

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The Saxon Sports Update at fiatlux.alfred.edu.

Medicine and fitness central at Health Fair ’00

BY JASMINE LELLOCK

A & E EDITOR

Dave Clay, a senior, checks out the different offerings at the Crandall Health Center’s annual health fair. Tables had information about many different health topics.
Big weekend for University

Prospective students, the Girl Scouts and several lacrosse teams converged on the Alfred University campus last weekend.

Accepted students from all over the country arrived for the University’s accepted student open house.

The open house offered prospective a chance to meet the heads of many organizations, fill out housing forms and ask current students questions about student life.

Many organizations from all parts of the campus community took part in the activity fair offered in the campus center.

At the McLean Center, AU student athletes combined with the local Girl Scouts for a program.

Merrill Field saw the annual Terrence O’Connor lacrosse tournament, featuring the Saxons men in action. The Saxons were able to defeat Clarkson Saturday. At press time, the tournament victor was not yet determined.

Many activities were planned for the entire weekend as well. Laser tag was the main event at McLean Light Nite.

The “Writing for Your Life” conference took place, bringing in such famous names as screenwriter Syd Field and novelist Tim O’Brien. SAB sponsored also a comedy on Saturday night.

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While the two teams were picking their captains, it was obvious what Enke was talking about when he mentioned the “healthy, happy, fun student athletes.”

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Eatchuk led Alfred (4-20 overall, 1-11 Empire East) in scoring, free-throw percentage, and three-pointers. She was second on the squad in assists.

Other Saxon athletes finished well in the conference statistics. Lisa Valtutto finished sixth in rebounds (6.8 per game) and Lee Ann Kushner finished sixth in steals (2.25 per game).

Men’s track

Brad Bowden finished 14th in the long jump (19’ 3.25’’) at the ECAC Championships. Scott Scheibner finished 16th in the 1,000 meter dash (2:37.85) at the event as well.

Women’s track

Jen Ares finished second (1:17.54) at the ECAC Championships. Lisa Valtutto finished sixth in the mile (5:17.89) and the mile (4:56:52) in the 1,000 meter dash (2:37.85) at the event as well.

Women’s lacrosse

The men’s lacrosse team has an optimistic outlook after starting 2-1.

The Saxons started their season over the mid-semester break by traveling to Colorado. The first game was a 7-5 victory over Colorado College. Jamie Pierce led the Saxons with two goals and an assist. Bryan Bacon also added two goals. Josh Dunn stepped up and scored a win on the road. The Saxons then went on to lose four games in a row to Bluffton 11-2, Marietta 9-2, Maryville 8-4 and Muhlenberg 8-1.

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**BY CHARLIE CASPARIUS**  
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**Women look to up intensity**

**BY JAY WEISBERGER**  
**Managing Editor**

AU’s women’s lacrosse team was shaken up when Donna Stachulek left the team and assistant Tina Murphy suddenly found herself in charge of the squad.

Not that she wasn’t used to such a situation.

“It happened before when I was an assistant at Le Moyne,” Murphy said, explaining how she had to take over at LeMoyne for two seasons when two different head coaches left from 1996-98.

In fact, taking over the team, Murphy said, isn’t nearly as big a challenge as balancing the time she gives the team and her studies in AU’s doctoral level school psychology program.

“It’s definitely too much for one person,” Murphy said. “So we’ve picked up the intensity.”

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**Men’s Lacrosse**

Trevor O’Connor Tournament

Defeated Clarkson, 11-8

BY CHARLIE CASPARIUS  
**Web Manager**

Monday’s Frozen Four semi-final saw the Johnnies fall to the two-time defending champs, Princeton.

Tuesday’s Frozen Four final saw a familiar foe in the top seed, the Northeastern Huskies.

The Huskies would need to defeat the Johnnies in order to advance to the Frozen Four final, and they did.

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**Women’s swimming**

Despite only sending four team members to the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in Atlanta, Ga., the men’s swimming team finished a respectable 17th out of 48 teams.

Todd Striker set two new school records and earned two All-America Honors at the championships. Striker finished third in the country in the 200 backstroke (1:50.92). In the preliminary round, Striker broke the previous school record with his 1:50.36 performance.

Earlier at the meet, Striker finished sixth in the 100 backstroke (51.27) to break his own school record.

Brian Striker also had a successful meet, winning two All-America Honors. Brian finished fifth in the 200 freestyle (1:42.36) and was 0.12 seconds from breaking his own school record. Brian finished sixth in the 100 freestyle (49.02) at the meet as well.

The Saxons also competed in three relay events. Both Striker and Carl Schwartz finished ninth in the freestyle relay (1:29.53) where they earned All-America Honorable Mention Honors. The Saxons also earned Honorable Mention Honors in the 800 freestyle relay, finishing 14th overall (7:08.64).

**Women’s basketball**

Sophomore attacker Sheilah Higgins avoids an opposing defender in action last season. Higgins has already been a big contributor this year.

Still, she is optimistic about the rest of the season.

“Things are falling together,” Scavone said. “We know what we need to do.”

**Men’s swimming**

The AU men’s alpine ski team finished a disappointing 17th out of 19 teams at the United States Collegiate National Championships at Loon Mountain, N.H., March 8-11.

In the giant slalom, the team finished 36th overall. Tyler Calzagni was the top AU skier, finishing 46th (1:45.75). Conner Walsh (1:48.74) and Cody Washburn (1:48.79) finished 46th and 64th in the event.

AU faced no better in the slalom, finishing 18th place. Conner Koll was the top finisher for the team, placing 41st with a time of 1:39.08.

**Women’s skiing**

The AU women’s team faced better than the men’s squad, finishing 11th out of 19 also at Loon Mountain.

The Saxons started out the competition finishing 13th in the giant slalom. Charity Lord was the top Saxon, finishing 8th (1:59.00). Becky Van Overbake also finished in the top-50 with her 45th (1:52.50) place finish.

In the slalom event, Van Overbake finished 55th (1:55.77) to lead the Saxons to a 12th place finish.

**Men’s basketball**

Two of the Saxons players were named to the first-ever Empire Eight all-conference teams.

E.J. Docteur was named to the first team, while center Kareem McKinnon was named to the second team.

Docteur finished second in both scoring (29.9 ppg) and rebounds (7.9 per game) in the Empire Eight conference. Docteur scored in double digits in all of the Saxons 24 games, and had seven double-doubles (pointe-rebounds).

McKinnon led the Empire Eight in field goal percentage (62.9), and was tied with Docteur for second in rebounds (7.9 per game). McKinnon broke school records for blocks in a game (10) and season (70). He finished the season with 131 career blocks, tied with Mike McGee for the all-time Saxon mark.

Point guard Willie Smith led the conference in assists (4.4 per game) and steals (3 per game), and finished third in free-throw shooting (84.1 percent).

Neil Burley was named rookie of the week by the Empire Eight for the last week of play.

Burley had a career-high 21 points, including 5-for-7 behind the three-point line in the season finale against Keuka on Feb. 23.

**Women’s basketball**

Amy Kathan has been named second-team Empire Eight all-conference team.

Kathan was the leading scorer in the conference, averaging 19.4 points per game.