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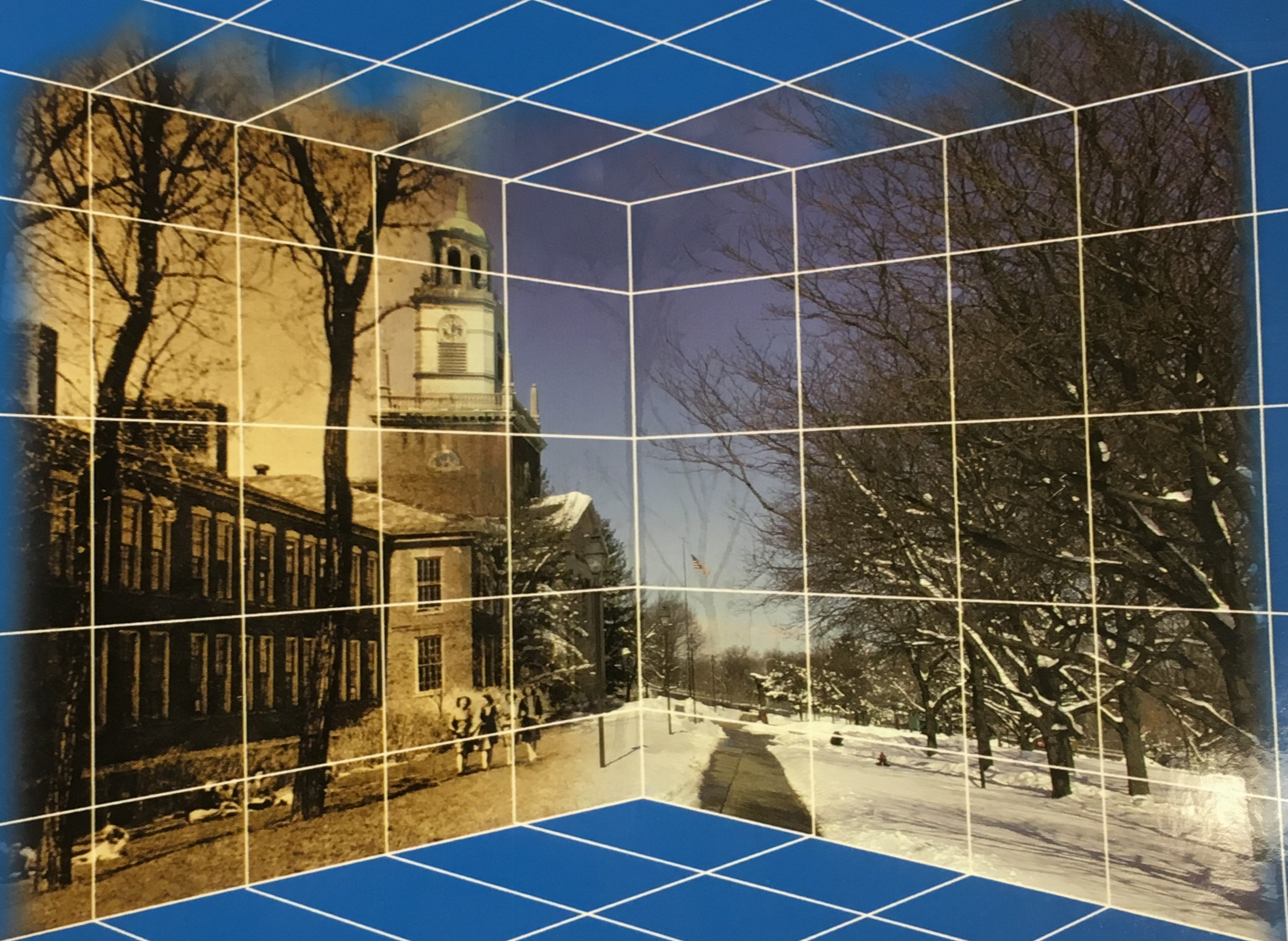
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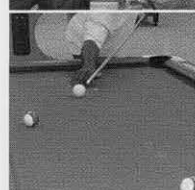
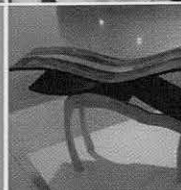
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The Elms Yearbook
A Buffalo State Tradition

“... this is not the end...It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

– Winston Churchill



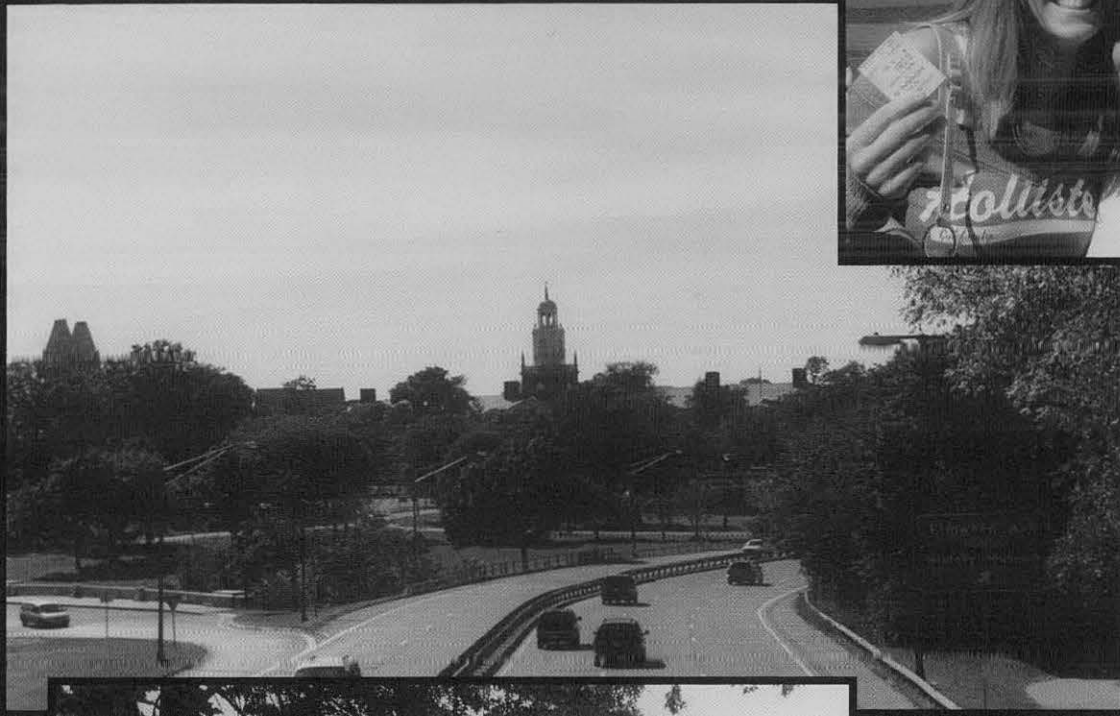
College yearbooks are interesting things. They are – by definition – dated. When a yearbook is first published and distributed to students they pore over it looking at recent events and people who are still classmates and friends. Years later those same people will take down the book occasionally to refresh their memories on the college experience and on people they've long since lost touch with. Years after that, people, some of them students at the college that published the book, will look through the pages of that “ancient” volume for an impression of what it was like “back then.”

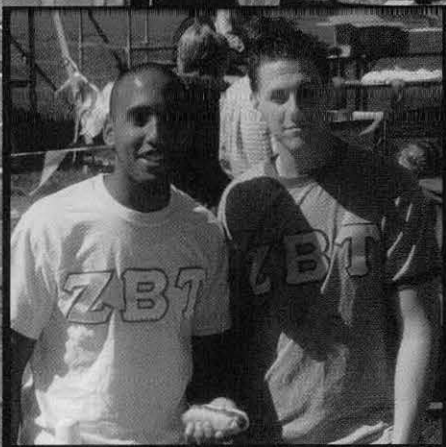
Welcome to the *2005 Elms Yearbook*. This year's staff endeavored in this, the 94th edition of the *Elms*, to capture the fleeting moments of our college life and to give them permanence. In these pages we hope to keep our memories fresh and unchanged by the passing of time, and pass them on in some form to those who follow us.

Our campus is constantly changing. At its present location the campus originally consisted of 5 buildings. During the 40s and the next two decades the campus was continually expanded. While the last major new construction was the Sports Arena built in the 80s, many of the older buildings have been updated and modified over the years. And that's just the buildings: the students who have walked through them have also changed greatly over the years from a relatively exclusive group of future teachers to a quite diverse population of students in dozens of fields-of-study.

The changing campus is the one thing that constantly ran through our heads this year as we used the pictures of past students to form our ideas and inspire us in this book. The staff looked through over ninety years of history in the *Elms*. It's amazing to see how much our campus has grown, yet how many things have stayed the same. Even though the exterior of the campus has changed the student spirit has stayed true. We sit in the same desks; walk down the same halls; participate in the same student organizations; and finally we will walk across the same stage, just as the students before us have. Sit back and enjoy our little piece of the legacy of the history of Buffalo State College.

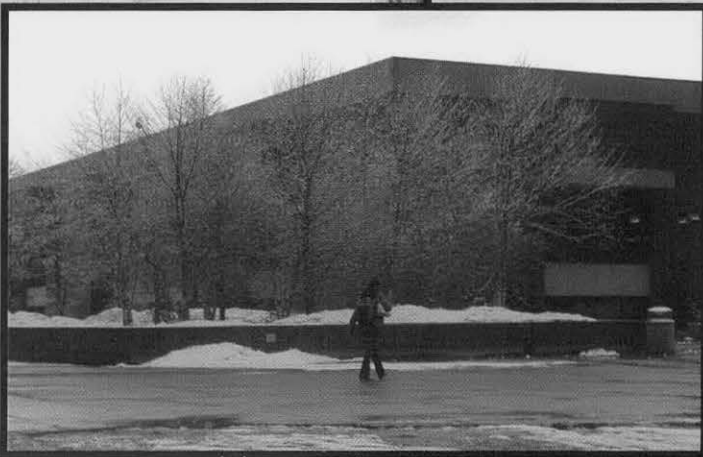
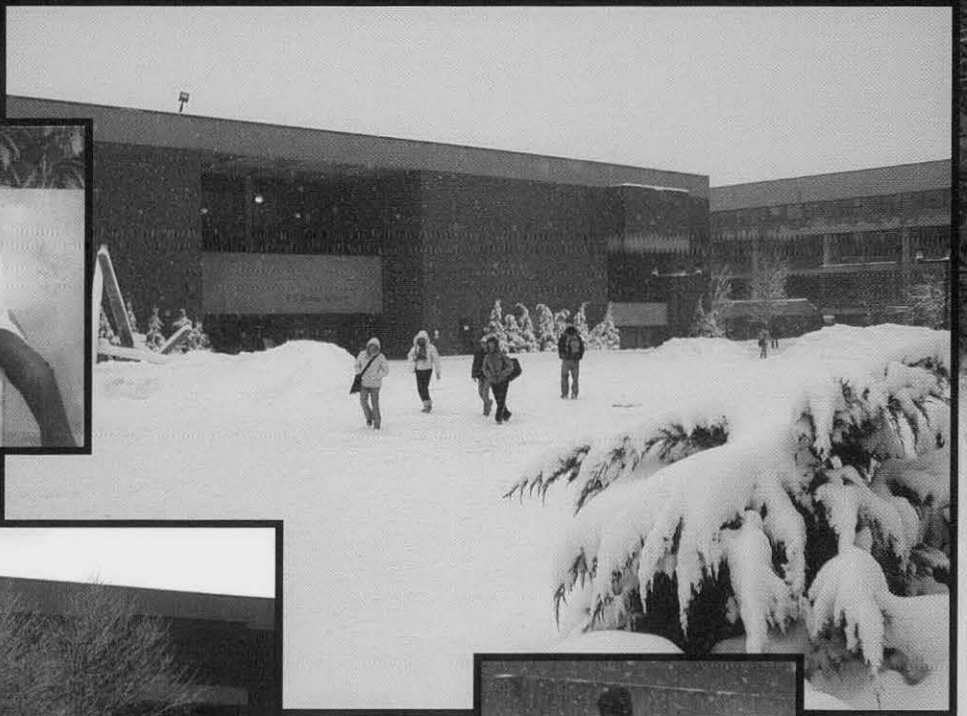
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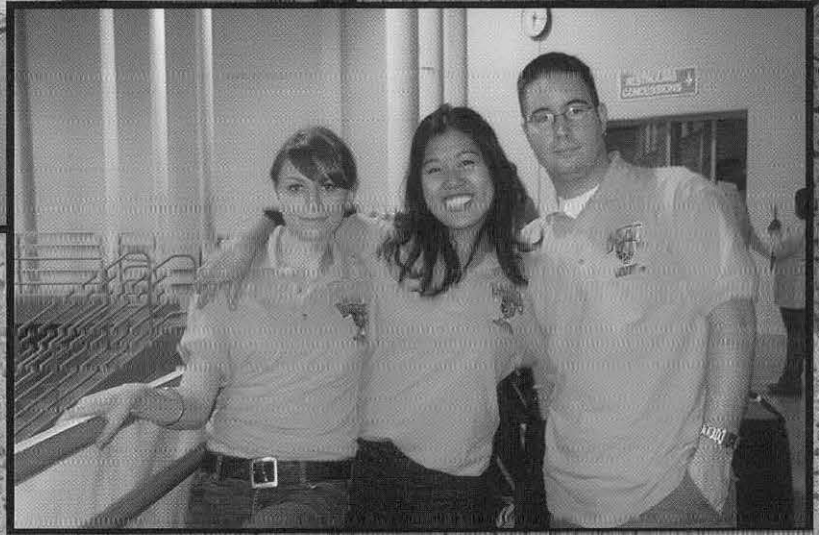


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Campus Scrapbook



Rockwell Hall



Rockwell Hall is the original campus building and Buffalo State's "signature" structure. As can be seen in the view above that combines a pre-1950 photo with a current one, the outward appearance of the building itself hasn't changed much over the years. But both the outside landscaping and the interior facilities have been changed and readapted many times over the years to accommodate the needs of the campus. Rockwell's next big change will be some time in the next decade when the Burchfield-Penney Art Center moves to a new dedicated museum building just across Rockwell Road.

Cassety Hall Steps & Elevator



Improvements of one sort or another always seem to be in the works at Buffalo State. Back in the mid-1980s the steps between the Student Union and the Communication Center were re-surfaced with brick pavers. As this book goes to press, the south wing of Cassety Hall – the building that houses most of the student organization offices – has been shut down and an elevator is being installed in the building. A worker can be seen above in a Cassety window opening that will soon be sealed up to form part of the elevator shaft.



Evolution

▲ ny college campus is a constantly evolving and growing place, and Buff State is no exception. The college store occupied the lower level of the Student Union for decades but when it moved into the newly constructed space on the southwest corner of the Student Union in 2000 a large space was left open. Several ideas were considered during the next few years but a student game room became the consensus good idea. It opened in September 2004 (see page 28 for more on the Game Room).



Growth

▼ hile buildings are constructed, spaces reconfigured, and roadways diverted, some changes are a little more subtle and slow moving. In the picture at left, taken in October 1993 by *Record* photographer Ryan Muncy, two campus workers plant trees near Porter Hall. The workers, Myron Yancy and John Moffat, are still employed at Buff State and we're sure they're proud of how "their" trees have grown.



"Tabling" in the Union

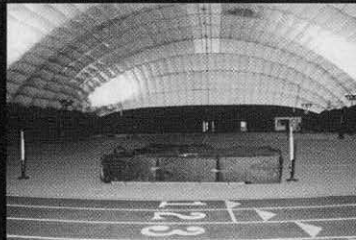


Setting up tables in the Student Union Lobby has always been a popular way for organizations to reach students, particularly the fraternities and sororities – groups that don't have offices on campus. In the top picture from the late 1980s Lisa Valenti from Omicron Omega Nu and Alex Bairan of Lambda Upsilon Lambda convince Student Life Director Kate Wallace (now Kate Ward, Alumni Affairs Director) to contribute to their Children's Hospital fundraiser. At left current Sigma Phi Epsilon members Sean Henry, Jon Koskey, and Ivan Curnejo seek pledges.

Parking Lot R



The water tower in 1977 shortly before it was razed.



Inside the Sports Bubble 1987.

The parking lot and tennis courts just north of the Houston Gym don't seem to have changed much over the years but that's because things have come and gone. Before the early eighties (right side of the picture above) a tall, broad water tower in the middle of the parking lot dominated the northwest corner of the campus for decades. In between then and now (left side of the photo) a domed bubble was inflated on that spot and used as an auxiliary sports facility. The future? Stop back in ten years and you may see a new apartment-style residence building in the area between the the parking lot and the Scajaquada Towers.

Past, Present & Future



Campuses naturally need to provide places for people to eat. Two of the venues in the Student Union have been open in some form for decades through a series of on- and off-campus based vendors. There are those who would tell you that the pizza at the Cookery

(above) hasn't change in decades. In any case the appearance of the food counters has been upgraded considerably. The Selona Grill, which replaced the venerable Bengal Burger, is a thoroughly modern tile-covered facility.



W hat else lies in the future of Buffalo State? Look to the south of the campus for one answer. The Richardson Towers of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center have been a city landmark since before the college moved to Elmwood Avenue. The buildings are now part of the college property and various re-uses are under consideration.

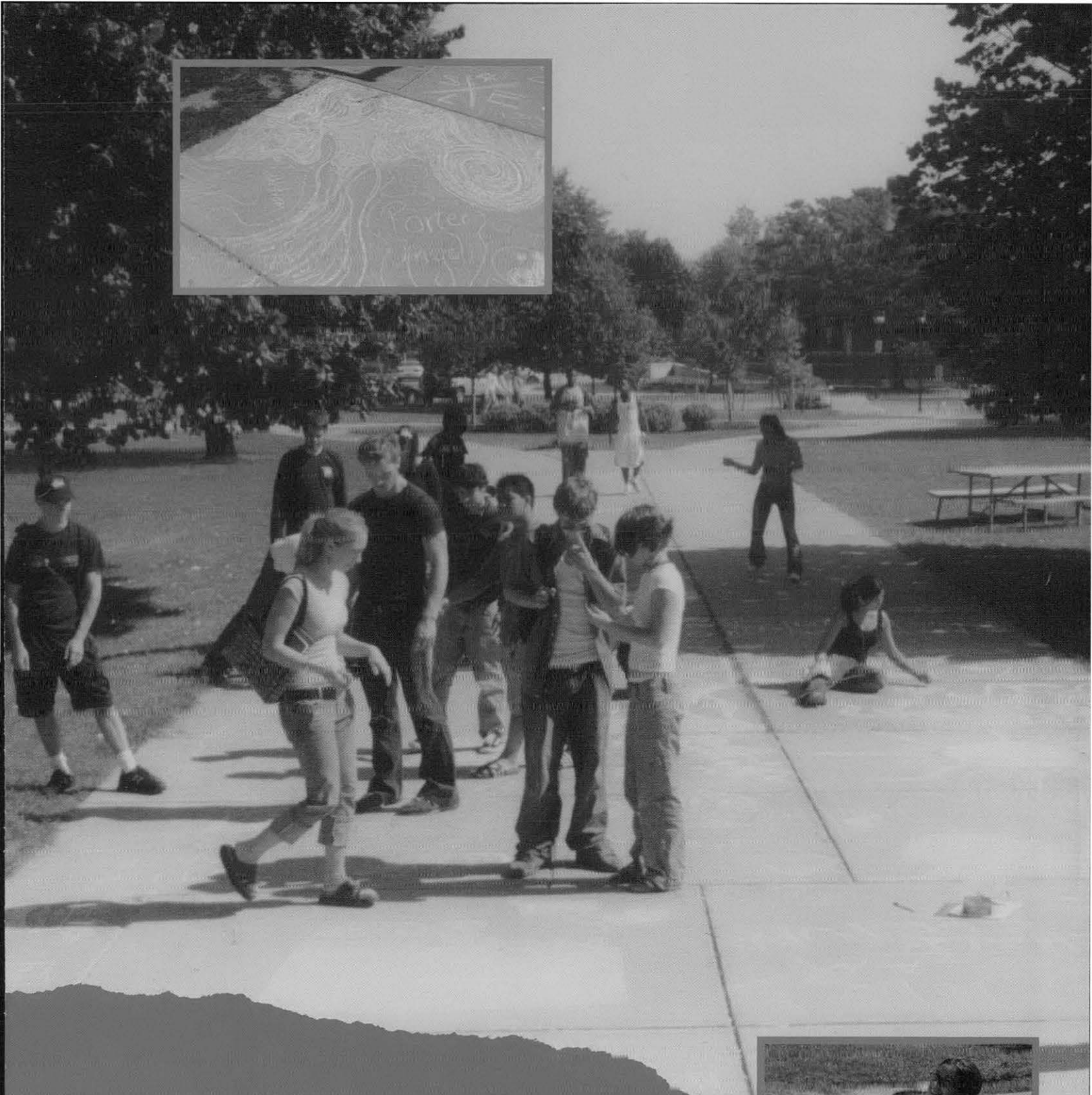


1997 Year At Buff State



CHALK IT UP!





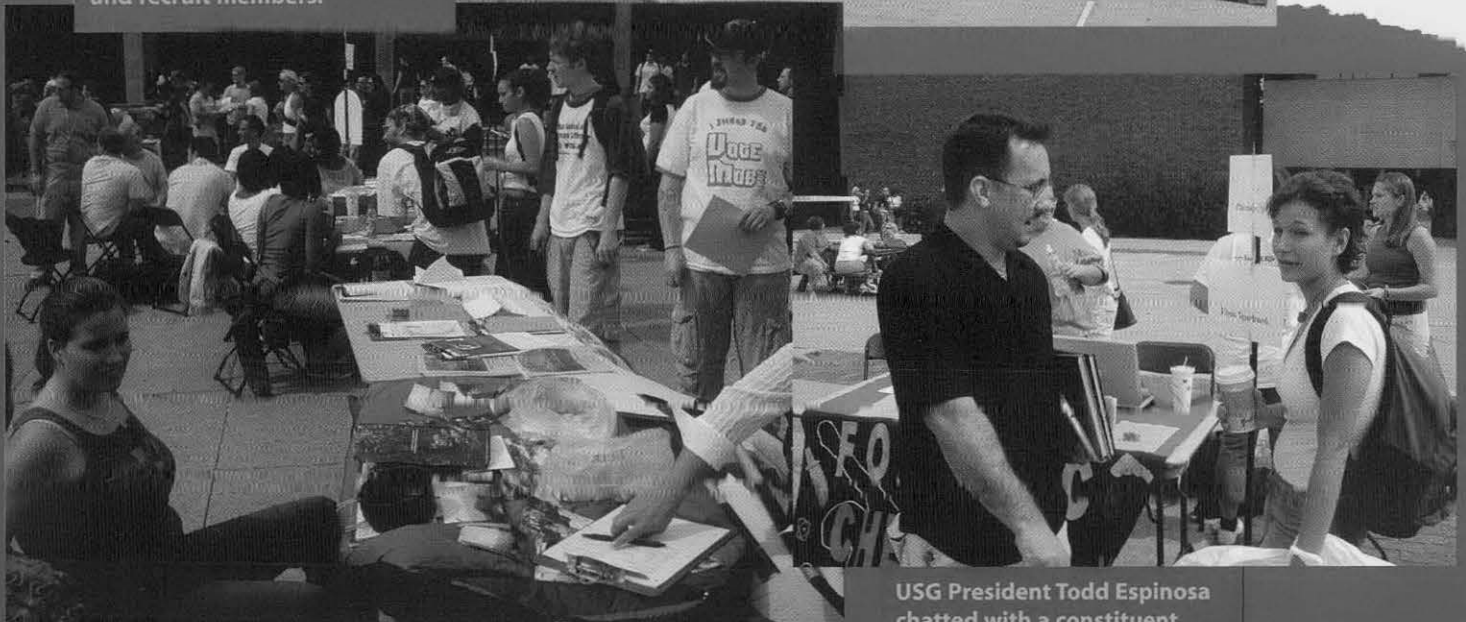
At the beginning of the fall semester some campus residents were invited to graphically express themselves on the walks outside Porter Hall. The chalk drawings and messages gave the students an opportunity to meet each other and find out who they'd be living with for the next nine months.



Organization Fair



Yianna Tatmen, the Physics Club President, gave Josh Coppings of Students for Peace a lesson in the power of forced air with a hover-chair when student organizations gathered in the Union Quad to exchange info and recruit members.



USG President Todd Espinosa chatted with a constituent.

September 14

Hot Off the Press...

THE RECORD STUDENT NEWSPAPER WAS PUBLISHED EACH WEEK DURING CLASS SESSIONS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE THE NEWS DURING THE FALL SEMESTER.



September 9

Freshmen are frustrated with crowded dorm rooms. The 8th floor of Tower 3, heavily damaged by an explosion and fire a couple of years ago, reopens after extensive repair. The USG Game Room in the Union opens. The soccer team is off to a fast start.

September 16

Staying safe on campus. Author Arundhati Roy (*The God of Small Things*) visits campus. Student Kat Kolkmann (above left) is working to bring Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues* to campus in some form. The Women's Soccer Team is having their best season ever (but the Buffalo Bills aren't).

September 23

BSC-TV is reorganizing after a shaky previous semester. The Study Quad in the Library gets high marks from students. Juggling work and classes is a common dilemma for students (below: barista/student Bethany Andrews).

September 30

The college plans to reorganize the campus into four schools. The Design Department is seeking national accreditation. NewsMa Garrick Utley visits campus. Many students feel Homecoming is not appropriate for college. The Bengal Football Team loses its fourth game.

October 7

The yearbook staff struggles to find interested students. Fraternities and Sororities look for pledges among students. Peace Week 2004 is announced. A large wind turbine blade is displayed on campus. The Football team wins the homecoming game.

October 14

NFTA-Metro Bus proposes a student bus pass. The Bengal Pause activity period is under review. The Orientation program has distributed CDs to students with various thematic information that they can use during the year.



October 21

Students wear yellow bands in support of Cancer Research. Buff State gears up for the presidential election. The United Nations Flag is raised in the Union Quad to mark Peace Week.

October 28

A student survey seeks opinions and complaints on college life. A Peace Conference speech espouses a land mine ban. Bengal Buggies end their runs. A Fiber Design class creates out-door exhibits on campus. Hockey season starts. Humorous Halloween costume ideas are presented.



November 4

SUNY Presidents may get a raise. Student vote for a bus pass fee is positive. Fall Fest will be off-campus - in a Niagara Fall club. Students protest the military training at the School of the Americas in Georgia.

November 10

Students volunteer to help the needy. Hospitality students get hands-on-experience (below: students prepare the Autumn Harvest Festival). A "mocktail" party and lecture demonstrates good manners and smooth social discourse. Casting Hall stages Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in Upton Halls' Warren Enters Theatre. Lloyd Banks performs at SUB's Fall Fest.

November 18

Buff State Professor Lori Quigley is appointed to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. The Great American Smoke-Out encourages quitters. Tops Market accuses students of stealing shopping carts. Bob Dylan plays St. Bonaventure.

December 2

The National Student Exchange Program sends Buff State students all over the country. A refugee from Myanmar visits campus to speak on oppression in his country. Fall Fest turnout is analyzed. The Cross Country Team has strong finish.

December 9

The Educational Opportunities Program is threatened by state budget cuts. Women below 30 get a chance to speak out in a new county outreach program. Basketball season has started. Finals are upon us!





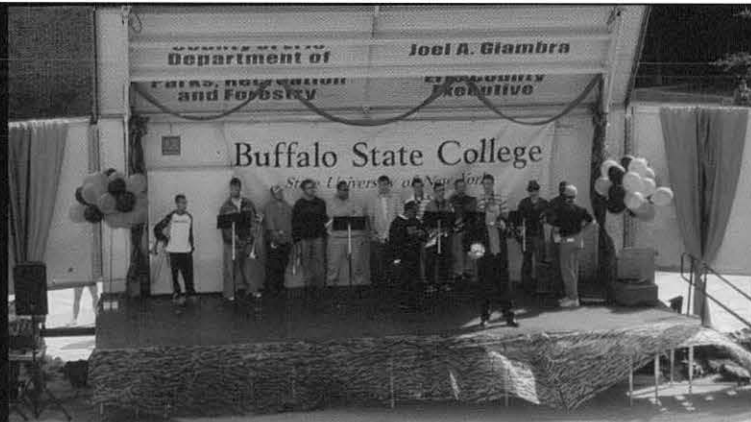
HOMECOMING '04



Homecoming kicked off with a Thursday afternoon rally and barbecue in the Union Quad. USG fed students a chicken lunch while the Pep Band, Cheerleaders, and athletes took center stage to foster a little school spirit for the annual celebration.

"Paws to Roar in 2004!"

September 30 to October 2



The "Paw Toss" has become an annual tradition with members of the student government tossing t-shirts and foam bengal paws from the Union balcony to the celebrants in the quad.



More Homecoming >

HOME COMING '04

"We're absolutely delighted with the turnout and thank all the students, groups, organizations, faculty and staff that took part in this year's Homecoming," said Tom Koller, Associate Athletics Director and Chair of Paws to Roar, Homecoming 2004. "The numbers reflect the popularity of Homecoming and the building of traditions. This year, we enjoyed record participation in the King and Queen Competition, Shopping Cart Float Competition, Banner Competition and the Parade."



BANNER COMPETITION

Student Organization Division:

1. Caribbean Students Organization
2. Asian Students Organization
3. AEL

Greek Division

1. Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority
2. Omega Phi Beta sorority
3. Alpha Sigma Tau sorority

SHOPPING CART FLOAT COMPETITION

- Best Residence Hall - Porter / North Wing
Best Campus Department - Counseling Center
Best Student Organization - Chemistry
Best Use of Theme - Black Active Minds
Best Sports Team - Women's Hockey
Best Spirit - Caribbean Students Organization
Best Overall - Zeta Beta Tau

KING AND QUEEN COMPETITION

- King - Sean Burke, men's hockey
Queen - Mayra Zapata, Omega Phi Beta
First Runner-up for King - Everard Shaw, USG
First Runner-up for Queen - Catherine Torruella, Lacrosse / Sigma Delta Tau





Omega Phi Beta's banner was a prize winner in the Greek Division.



Mayra Zapata and Sean Burke were voted Homecoming Queen and King.

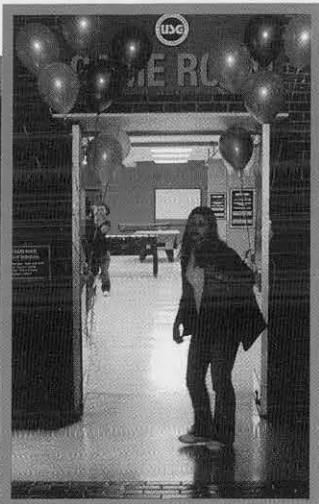




FINALLY...
Once all the rallying, decorating, and parading were over it was time for the Homecoming Football Game. The weather that had been fairly pleasant in the morning turned windy and rainy during the afternoon. In the mud, the Bengals beat the Frostburg State University, 16-9, for their first win of the season.



USG Game Room



Let the Games Begin



NADIA S. PIZARRO

Record Senior News Editor

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It was all fun and games at the Campbell Student Union with the opening of the new game room on September 2, 2004. The event celebration included free pizza, soda, t-shirts for the first hundred participants and free play of all games, including video games, billiards, air hockey, ping-pong and foosball. The new facility occupies the lower level of the student union. The space was formerly the campus bookstore and has been empty for over two years.

The idea of creating the game room was originally proposed by USG in 2000. Last year USG treasurer Shawn Lavin pushed it fruition. But the finished product is the result of a partnership between the Student Life office, USG, and Campus Services.

The Student Life office was responsible for coordinating the effort, hiring staff and future maintenance of the space. USG provided the funding for the games, furniture, salaries and programming by allocating money formerly used for recreation and intramural sports. Campus Services took care of all the electrical work necessary, painting the room, building a wall and installing a safety phone.

The coordinators of the game room originally planned for it to open by the first day of classes but some difficulty with the vendors delivering the games in time delayed the opening. According to Sarah Velez, assistant director of the student union, "trying to meet the deadline with so many players involved was difficult, it's still a work in progress."

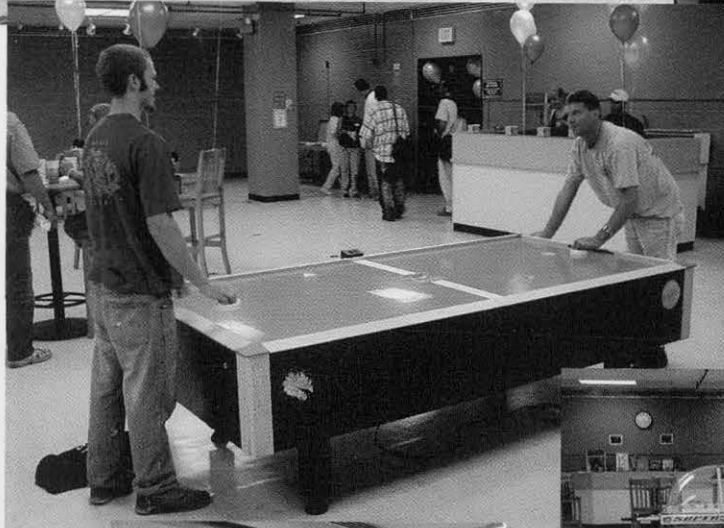
Many improvements were planned for the game room. A large screen television was added a week later and tournaments began for some of the activities. Sound panels were planned to localize the noise so that students in the lounge area can watch television while others listen to music.



University Police will be patrolling the area, and two attendants will be on duty during all hours of operation. There is a blue light phone for emergencies.

Transfer student, Corrine Reed Williams enjoyed the opening celebration and said that she would probably be in the game room at least once a week. "It was cool, there were pool tables, an arcade, ping pong and it was free!" Williams said.

Now that much of the major work has been completed, coordinators hope that students will make regular use of the facility. Current USG president Todd Espinosa was on hand for the opening and was pleased with the turnout and hopeful for the future. "If people want to see this game room stay and things like it come about, you have to use what is there. Come to the game room and use it, go to the study quad and use that. These are two things that have opened in the last four months that students have asked for. Use it, enjoy yourself and have fun." Espinosa said.



Living On Campus

Living in the college residence halls has it good and bad points, its up and downs. One student described her impressions of dorm life in an article publish an the Record.

A Student's Perspective: Living in Porter Hall

SHELLY CHRISTIAN

Record Contributing Writer

As I stepped out of the car and set foot on this campus for the first time as an official college freshman, I was welcomed by the sound of birds chirping, a dog barking playfully in the distance, and the sun shining brightly upon my pale, delicate face.

I grabbed my things, including my lunch pail, which was filled to the brim with delicious treats, and my mother's hand. We walked briskly up to the building towering over me that I



Porter Hall is just one of the Buffalo State Residence Halls – the shelter from the storm and homes-away-from-home for over 100 students.

would be calling my new home: Porter Hall.

The August heat burned my pocket protector, causing it to stick to my skin, but still I felt confidence coursing through me. I had high hopes that the day ahead would soon be another addition to the book of wonderful memories I write in once, twice, and sometimes, thrice a day.

I entered Porter Hall, talked to a few resident assistants, and climbed the staircase to my room. Upon entering, I was greeted by not one, but two roommates, and oh what wonders that entailed!

We unpacked our items of belonging and placed them in various spots in the room that seemed fitting. When that was done, we had one crowded room, or if you are an optimist, one "cozy" room.

Our room stayed in its state of "coziness" for a little under a month, until one roommate was sent to another room. With roommate number three gone, roommate number two and I were left alone to face the perils of dorm life.

I begin lightly, with the ups of dorm life. You are on your own. There is no mommy and daddy there to tuck you in at 10 p.m. sharp and sing you a good night lullaby. There is no one to shove vegetables

down your throat in the form of an air plane and there is no one telling you that you must attend class every day and do your homework before you are allowed to do anything else.

Then, there are the noises in the wee hours of the night, due to the lack of intelligence and reading skills of many of the people living in Porter Hall.

I say lack of intelligence and reading skills because there are many signs posted — in plain English mind you — that state the quiet hours and the days which each set of quiet hours apply to.

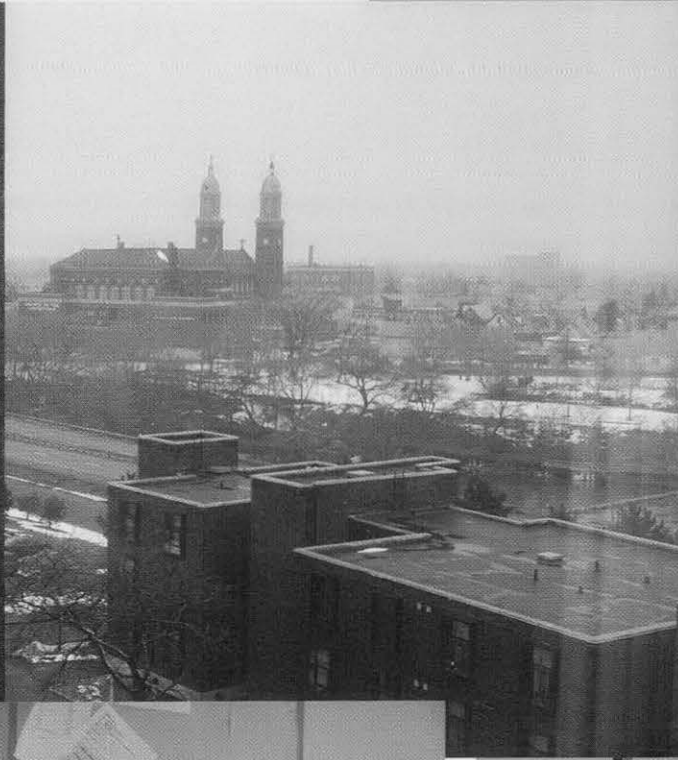
If I had a bagel for every time I was awakened by a fist pounding on a door, various people yelling, and many individuals running amok, I probably wouldn't be complaining because I'd be happy with all those bagels. However, since I have not received a bagel for any of those things, I'm still distraught.

And wearing shoes in the shower is tedious, as is carrying your toiletries back and forth between the bathroom and your room. Every time I tote my items to and fro, I feel as though I am in some sort of circus and must acrobatically juggle my items to prevent them from falling onto the ground.

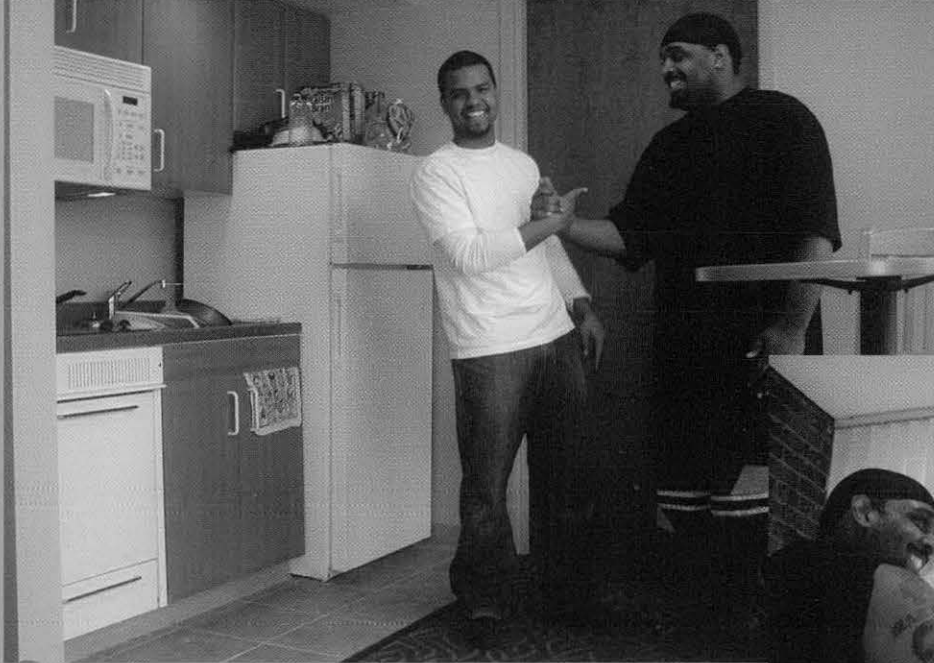
Lastly, the feeling of déjà vu that occurs every day. Walk to class, walk to the Student Union, walk to Porter, walk to class, walk to the Student Union, walk to Porter, blah, blah, blah. The same old, same old soon becomes tedious and boring. It makes one wish that campus life would pull an Emeril and kick things up a notch.



More Dorm Life >>>



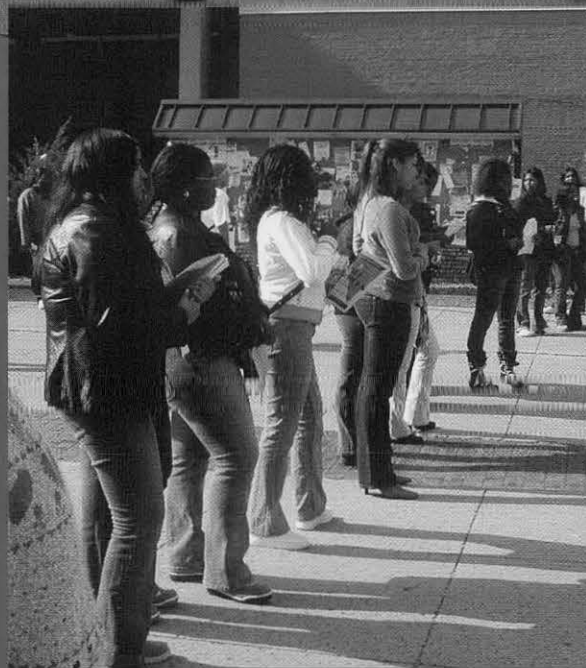
The view.
RAs.
Mail from home.
Crowded rooms.
Shared suites.
Roommates.
Suitemates.
Friends.
...all part of living in the residence halls.



Rap Up the Vote



October 26



With the Presidential Election just days away rap performers, DJs, and politicians spoke out to urge students to exercise their right to vote. Among the speakers was Byron Brown (far left) a Buff State alum, New York State Senator, and future candidate for Mayor of Buffalo. The event was sponsored by Black Active Minds, the African American Students Organization, Adelante Estudiantes Latinos, Caribbean Students Organization, National Society of Black Engineers, Students for Peace, and NYPIRG.

UN Flag Raising & Peace Week



Flags scaled the sky on October 14, 2004 at Buffalo State College. Students from Buckham Campus West School participated in Peace Week's annual Flag Raising Ceremony. Despite the clouds and nip in the air the United States, United Nations and BSC flags were celebrated.

Sixth grader, Delores Pereria who was selected to read her poem regarding peace stepped up to the podium and took a deep breath.

"Children come and play with me, please don't be alone," Pereria said. "Children come have peace with me, have our culture be re-grown."

"This (ceremony) symbolizes a number of things at Buffalo State College stands for," Dennis Ponton, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said during his keynote address. "We are a strong advocate of diversity."

The ceremony brought students and staff members from different backgrounds together to watch the rising of the flags that incorporate campus, the United States and the world.

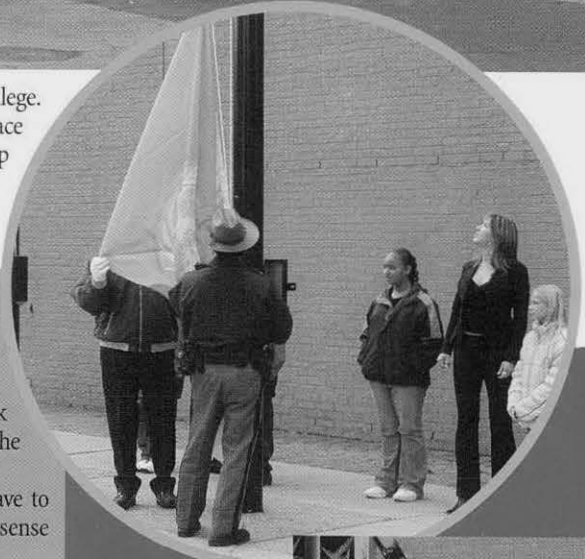
Steve Pritchard, sophomore, felt inspired during the ceremony. "You have to realize part of a world community," Pritchard said. "I think this will provide a sense of community (to campus)."

Monica Lehner, an exchange student from Germany, presented the American flag to be raised and she said she felt a little nervous.

"Americans usually show their flag more often (than Germans)," Lehner said. "Americans are extremely patriotic."

Other events during the 2004 Peace Week included the third annual peace conference, the viewing of films depicting Ghandi, and Martin Luther King Jr., and a Buffalo State Jazz Combo performance. Toy, clothing, food and blood drives were set up to benefit local charities. Presentations and discussions were also part of the festivities. Keynote speakers included Ms. Celeste Lawson; Ms. Cynthia Willis, VP Humanitarian Affairs, *Television Time*; and an audience Q&A session moderated by Dr. Carmen Iannaccone, BSC Professor of Exceptional Ed.

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Dr. Abdul Raoof was one of the speakers at the ceremony.



SUB activities include such things as personalized signs (left) and live bands like Someday Never Comes (below).

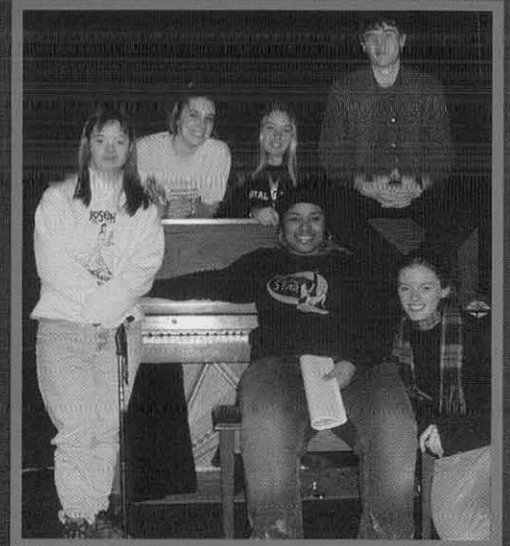


The Student Union Board (SUB) is the Entertainment Programming Board on campus. They schedule the Concerts, Movies, Comedians, Bengal Pause events (caricature artists, spray-on-tattoo, karaoke, etc.) Magicians, Casino Nights, and man other fun events on campus. SUB is a diverse group of students working together to provide fun entertainment campus-wide. Students are able to book, plan, promote, and facilitate events in various categories. SUB has two concerts a year: Fall Fest and Spring Fest, they participate in the Union Bash usually providing Casino Night where students “gamble” to win cool prizes, and run a monthly Comedy Show in the Cookery along with a variety of events throughout the year. SUB is always looking for motivated people to help out in bringing fun events and improve life on campus.



SUB was forced to move from their newly decorated office (middle) when the Cassety Hall elevator project started. At left, Brinna Auer, Lindsay Panaro, Eve Everette, Jim Waterman, and Norman Godfrey get ready for Homecoming.

Casting Hall Productions



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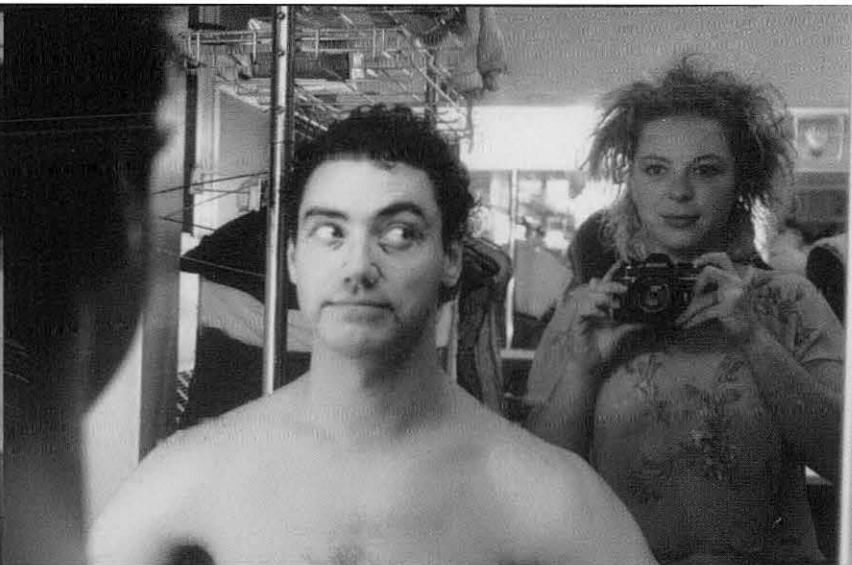
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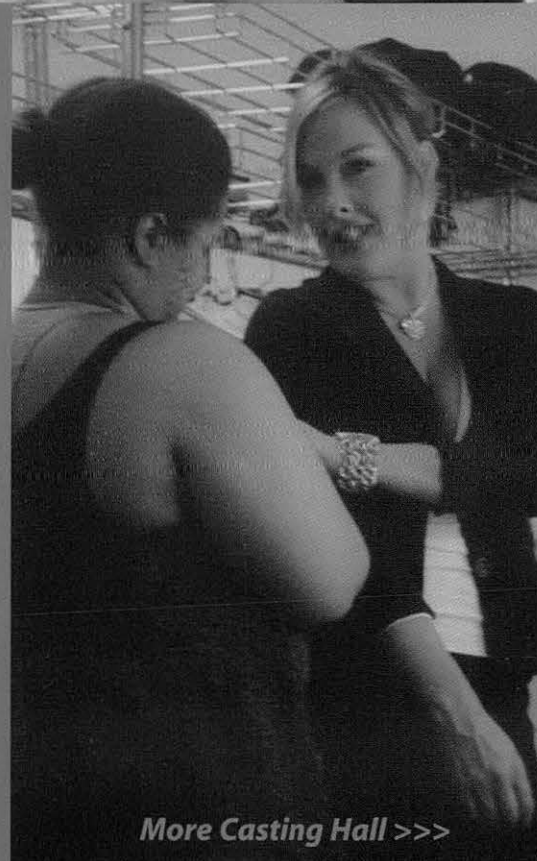
– April 2005





hroughout the year and for many years before (since 1943 in fact) Casting Hall has been held together by the executive board, the members, the shows, and most of all by the charisma that saturates everyone involved. Casting Hall is the student-run theater production company at Buffalo State. Working with faculty directors, Casting Hall does all of the pre production, publicity, stage crew work, and acting involved in the plays staged on campus. The dedication put into Casting Hall runs deep both on and off the stage. After every opening night the cast, crew, and anyone else interested, gather at Cole's (just down Elmwood Avenue) to discuss the show and have some appetizers. Casting Hall members not only have relationships as actors and crew, but as friends.

The executive board of Casting Hall for 2004-05 included: Arianna Boykins (President), Thom Walsh (Vice President), George Liaros (Treasurer), Kristen Towers (Audience Services), Abby Holland (Publicity Manager), Afrim Djonbalic (Head of Posters Committee), Mary Barrett (Production Manager), and Mark Hauck (Secretary).



More Casting Hall >>>





The Tempest

November 2004 • Warren Enters Theatre



African American Students Organization



The students of the African American Students Organization focus on Re-Learning, Re-Educating, Re-Awakening, and Re-Defining themselves in relation to the African American Experience. They encourage the principles of academic excellence, self awareness, unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. The organization's programming involves speakers, public forums, films, and musical and recreational events.

The annual Fashion Show and Apollo Night are just two of the events that have been implemented to enhance the quality of student life. Members of the executive board dedicate themselves to making sure these are successful campus events. Chavonne Hughes (in the red dress above) head of the Cultural Heritage Committee, coordinated the Fashion Show and had the remarkable insight needed to make it a success. All of the models practiced hard and adapted quickly. The show was titled: "Heated Chills on the Runway." Designers came all the way from NYC to assist our students.

The Apollo Night is a way for students to compete and show their best talents, whether rapping, singing, or dancing. AASO had their own "Sand Man" (Michael St. Rose), and acts from the Hood Bang Out Click, plus winners Step Expression. Entertainment Head Jason Clinton/Blu Boy coordinated this amusing success, with direction from AASO President Marcus Boatwright and Vice President Dawn C. Norman.



The AASO Executive Board - Left to right: Korian Kirk, Ileana Lagares, Denise Kemp, Aaron Groover, Dawn Norman, Marcus Boatwright, AMANDA FADDINS, Chavonne Hughes, Terayne Thomas, Shaundel Hall. Second row: Antonettisha Baker, Erica Jackson. Middle bottom: Jason Clinton.

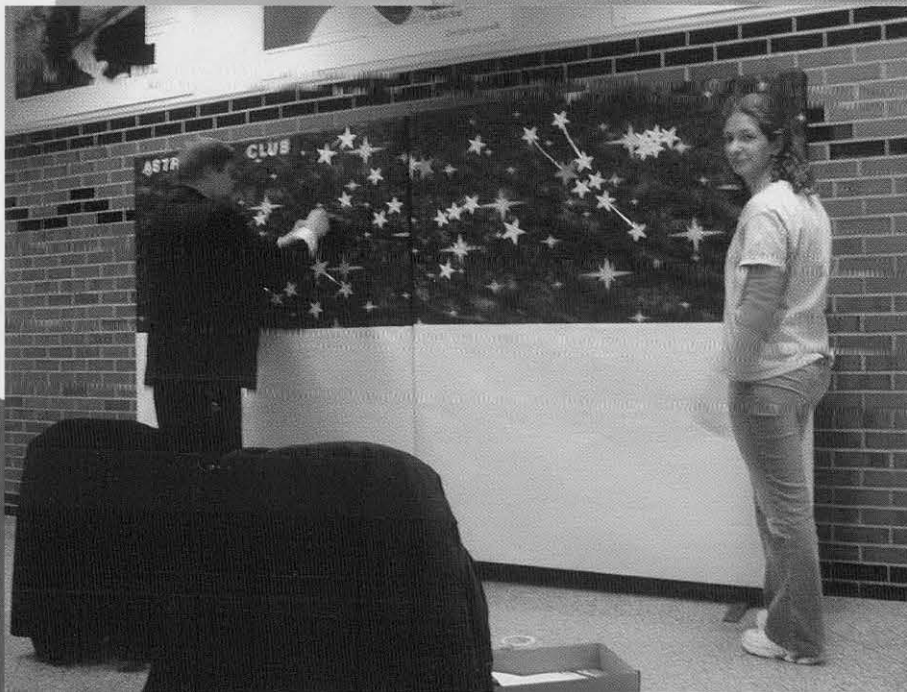
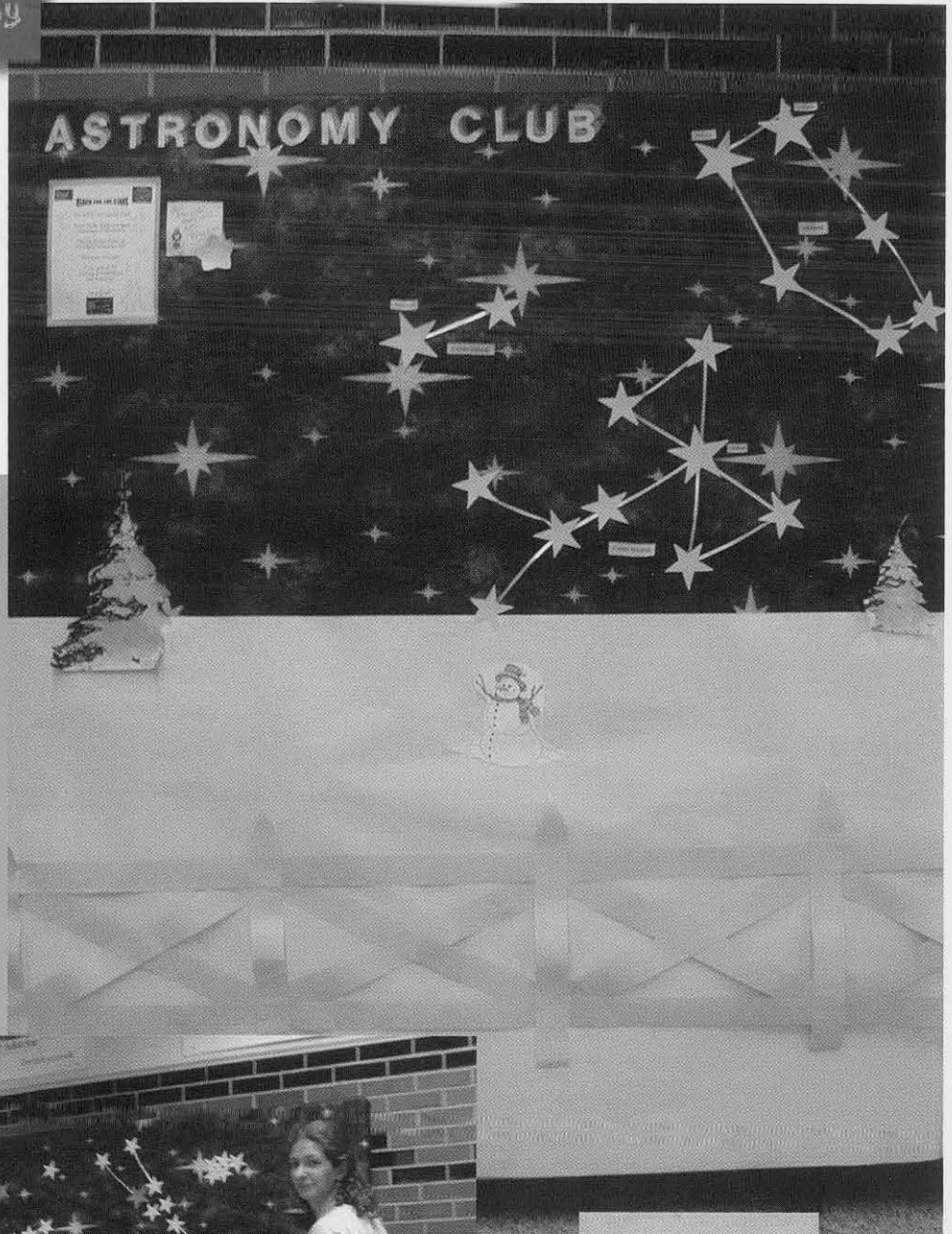


Apollo Night November 20



Holiday Decoration

Organizations were asked to decorate the Student Union for the holidays and one of the enthusiastic participants was the Astronomy Club. Planetary Director Arthur Gielow and student Holly Ann Harp (below) set up a winter mural for students to stick greetings on.



Students In Free Enterprise



Left to right: Dionne Mackey, Jennifer Butler, Jesse Blatz, Stephanie Ellison, Jon Goldsmith, Latona Huitt.

In the upper right photo Jennifer Butler is working with 4th grade students involving computer preparation for middle school.



SIFE is a global, non-profit organization that is literally changing the world through highly dedicated student teams on more than 1800 university campuses in more than 40 countries. SIFE offers these students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise, thereby improving the standard of living for millions in the process. Guided by distinguished faculty advisors and supported by businesses around the globe, SIFE Teams teach important concepts through educational outreach projects, including market economics, entrepreneurship, personal and financial success, and business ethics to better themselves, their communities and their countries. Each year, SIFE competitions are held worldwide, drawing together thousands of students and business leaders to pay tribute to these extraordinary educational outreach projects.

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PRSSA

The Public Relations Student Society of America is a national organization with a thriving chapter here at Buffalo State. P.R.S.S.A. is predominantly comprised of communication majors focusing on the development of their communication skills here on campus and in the professional community.

This year P.R.S.S.A. welcomed many new active members who helped put together fun and educational activities. They hosted panel discussions on the topics of sports management and events planning. P.R.S.S.A. attended networking mixers, national and regional conferences; local advertising agency tours, and conducted a campus wide fundraiser for Haven House. P.R.S.S.A. also worked for the promotion of other clubs on campus, having them act as clients.



Back: Stefanie Ickowski, Niki Fjeldal, Clare MacClellan, Jennifer Sanfilippo, Andrea Marquis. Middle: Courtney Smith, Jocelyn Farrell, Carleen Krauss. Front: Kim Richards, Unknown, Christine Boyle.



Student Art Sale

December 8 & 9



For the eighth year in a row the art students at Buffalo State were able to offer some of their work for sale just before the end of the fall semester – and the holiday season. Ceramics and jewelry made up most of the items but drawings, paintings, wood work, sculpture, and photographs were also available.



Students For Peace



Front: Andrew Luly, Chris Smith, Mary Colleen Bapst. **Middle:** Unknown, Tiffany Clevenger, Kelly Wilkinson, Nayrobi Rodriguez, Kisha James, Shea Brode, Amy Viola, Joshua Coppings. **Back:** Heather Dubick, Eve Everette, Carrie Czmak, Rachael Coffield, Jenessa Kornaker, Krystal Minnick.



In the lingering cold of February in Western New York, fourteen members of the Buffalo State Students for Peace traveled together to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national strategy meetings and Congressional lobby training sessions hosted by School of the Americas Watch (SOAW) at The George Washington University.

From February 19 to 21, 2005 students were able to learn new skills through the training sessions as well as take in some of the local atmosphere and national monuments. Since our time became extremely limited we found ourselves making mid-night runs to catch up on some of our national history. It is common to see many “night-shots” of the Lincoln Memorial and the newly installed World War II Memorial among others.

I believe that we were able to grow together both as individuals and as members of a student organization which focuses on the pursuit of peace in these times of world crisis.

It is extremely important for Buffalo State students to be able to make those connections between their own history, the U.S. political process, and also to one another.

Joshua Coppings
– SFP President

Mary Bapst and Eve Everette visited some of the attractions in the nation’s capital including the Reflecting Pool and the Washington Monument.



Adelante Estudiantes Latinos



DJ Johnny Cakez and DJ Mikasa move to the music.

AEL at Homecoming – *Front:* Myra, Rafaelo, Kenneth, Nora, Anastacia, Steven, Cynthia, Jazmin. *Back:* Jessica, Orlando, Kalia, Rafael, Jennifer, Julissa, Tanya, Yolima, Dan Valez (advisor).

Black Active Minds

Front: Chantz Miles.
Second Row: Yakima Melton, Courtney Miller, Courtney Love, Cara Malone, Jessica Lewis.
Third Row: Tiana Bethel, Marquita Cole, Jasmine McKnight, Nora Reyes, Janice Andrews, Tanya Kisha James, Michelle Harris.
Fourth Row: Jamell Yarborough, Iyabo Akinfemi, Vanessa, Seville, Sharon Sylvester.
Fifth Row: Les Abiva, Marcus Boatwright, Calvin Brown, Adama, Aazy, Mike, Jashua Martin.



Caribbean Students Organization



2004-05 CSO Members: Clarissa Lewis, Luis Alvarez, Sharene Long, Claudric Adams, Cindy Magnan, Melissa Agard, Lidsay Martinez, Janice Andrews, Frederick McAllister, Antionettisha Baker, Kevin McKenzie, Orinthia Baker, Monique Mears, Steven Bales, Libby Mitchell, Tereka Baltimore, Lisa Mitchell, Hamilton Baptiste, Chantz B. Miles, Raffaello Brown, Shantel Morris, Chrissy Calixte, Gabrielle Mosher, Leonora Cardenas, Khari Myers, Davian Clarke, Akil Narine, Erica Clerk, Nalini Paul, Elizabeth Colon, Luis Peralta, Geuka Delva, Sonia Perez, Luckins Desorisiers, Keon Pitter, Yolima Diaz, Daveria Providence, Ralph Dorvil, Empre\$\$ Pryce, Audilong Dufresne, Vilma Rivera, Tayo Darell, Jevan Romeo, Raphesia Edwards, Rochelle Rosier, Martelisha Rufus, Kevonne Fields, Juri Santos, Stephanie Fobi, Everard Shaw, Kiri Frierson, Mary Simpson, Lakeia Godley, Latia Sinclair, Irving Gonzalez, Marilyn Sohon, Fierra Green, Quentin Starks, Michelle Harris, Michael St. Rose, Craig Harrison, Sharon Sylvester, Malcolm Hicks, Izzy Taveras, Demetra Hooks, Michael Taylor, Marjorie Jean, Shanita Thomas, Renetta Jefferson, Alexa Torres, Krndra Jenkins, Brittany Turner, Jarrett Johnson, Vontasia Valdez, Camille Julien, Tanaj Winston, Korin Kirk, Viviane Ouderago, Amod Lackey, Jessica Washington, Earlston Lafond, Marcus Wallace, Rudy Legros, Chanel Lewis.

Step Expression aims to creatively increase school spirit while expanding diversity in student life using the art of stepping as a form of expression.

Step Expression



Survivor @ Buffalo State



On February 25 students from different organizations competed in a game of Survivor – Buffalo State style. The students were grouped in different teams; their initial task was to make up a team name. One of the first challenges was being handcuffed to a teammate. The partners had to strategize how they would get free from their partners. To the participants this seemed like an impossible feat. After a few minutes with no teams conquering the challenge the moderators stepped in and gave a few hints. Finally the cuffs came loose. Another challenge was to build the highest structure using the *Record* newspaper and some tape. The structures had to be free standing and could not be taped to the floor or



the tables. In the end though it wasn't the tallest structure that won but the structure that was the last standing. In the televised version of *Survivor* teammates are voted off, in Buffalo State's *Survivor* those voted off were chosen from a hat. For every challenge the teams won they were allowed to keep a certain number of teammates. To earn back lost teammates the remaining team members had to answer a series of questions about Buffalo and its history. In the end the teams with the most members won Buffalo State *Survivor* challenge. The winning team showed off their hard earned prizes in triumph.



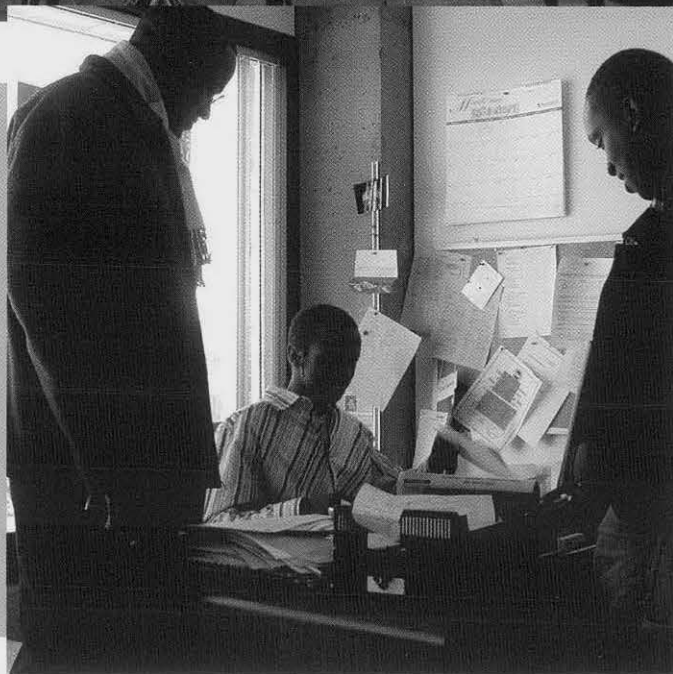
United Students Government

USG Officers
Seated:
Executive Vice
President
Sharon
Sylvester,
President Todd
Espinosa,
Treasurer Khari
Myers.
Standing:
Melanie
LaFontaine,
Kevin Buckley,
Lauren
Pastwik, Aaron
Smith,
Shannon
Crowley, Matt
Levin-
Stankevich,
Meghan Blake.



The United Students Government has represented students on campus since 1971. The USG officers work with the college administration to determine the needs of students and act on them. The organization is also entrusted with the student activity fee funds, and distributes the money to various organizations, activities, and services.

At right: USG Treasurer Khari Myers consults in his office with student organization members on funding an event.

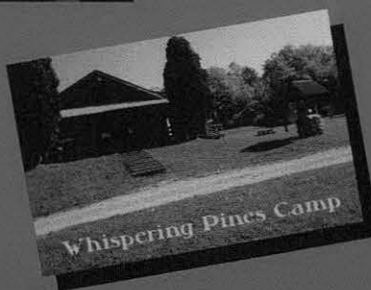
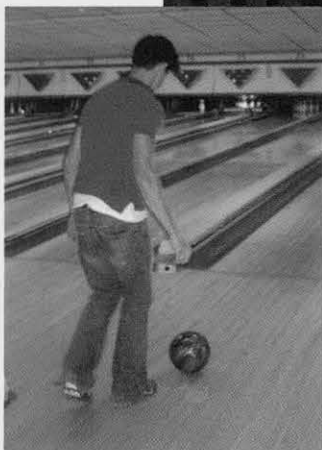




Above: USG officers and Senators. USG held their Corporate Meeting at the beginning of the Spring Semester (right) and the event included free pizza (below).



Among activities for USG Officers and Senators are team-building sessions (right) and a bowling party below.



USG funded a whole array of student organizations for students with all sorts of interests. Some of them are included elsewhere in this book.

MEDIA

The Record Student Newspaper
 WBNY 91.3fm Radio Station
 The Elms Yearbook
 BSC-TV 2



ENTERTAINMENT

Casting Hall Productions
 Student Union Board
 Visual Arts Board

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

- Adelante Estudiantes Latinos
- The African American Students Organization
- The Asian American Students Organization
- Amnesty International
- Black Active Minds
- The Caribbean Students Organization
- Commuter Council
- International Students Organization
- Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance
- Native American Students Organization
- Non-Traditional Students Organization
- S.P.I.R.I.T. Gospel Choir
- Step Expression
- Students for Peace
- Visual Arts Board

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Wilderness Adventures
- Whispering Pines College Camp
 (617 acres in Franklinville, NY)

ACADEMIC CLUBS

- American Marketing Association
- Best Buddies
- Chemistry Club
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Criminal Justice Club
- Fashion Technology Association
- French Club
- Geology Club
- Health & Wellness Association
- Information Processors Association
- Math Club
- National Society of Black Engineers
- National Society of Minorities in Hospitality
- Physics Club
- Political Science Youth Caucus
- Psychology Club
- Public Relations Students Society of America
- Social Work Students Organization
- Technology Students Association
- Vocational Education Students Association

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

- Men's & Women's Rugby Clubs
- Men's Lacrosse Club
- Fitness Center Equipment
- Student Union USG Game Room

SERVICES

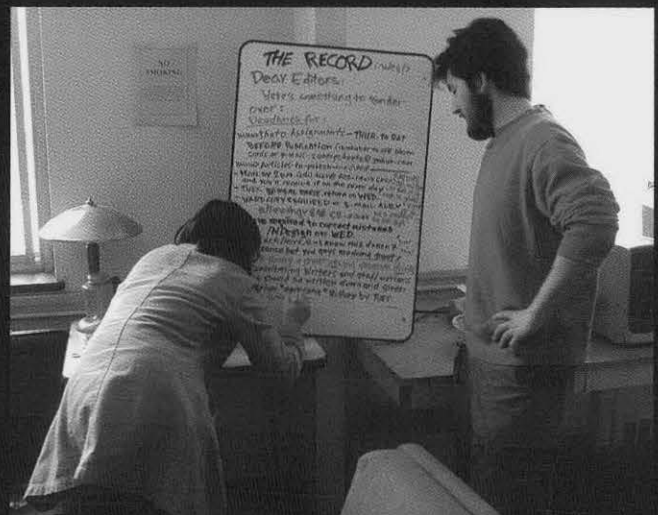
- The USG Dental Clinic
- USG Press Services
- BSC Child Care Center
- N.Y.P.I.R.G. Chapter

The Record



The Record Staff – Seated: Joshua LeSuer, Ying Nee Ooi (spring semester Editor in Chief), Amy Hotaling, Carlene Peterson (fall semester editor in Chief), Nadia Pizarro. **Standing:** Brian Hillery, Nicole Wallace, Anthony Conrad, Alexander Stetz, Ken Drabek, Bryan Maury, Meghan LaRoche, Rich Skelaney, Marques Phillips.

Scores of professional journalists both in Buffalo and throughout the country cut their teeth on the typewriters, layout tables, computers, and pages of the Official Student Newspaper of Buffalo State College. Only the *Elms* Yearbook has been around longer as a student organization. Currently the *Record* publishes once a week, half as often as in years past; but their full color pages and the ability to send the pages to the printer via internet are something past editors could only dream about.



Hot Off the Press... Part 2

THE RECORD STUDENT NEWSPAPER WAS PUBLISHED EACH WEEK DURING CLASS SESSIONS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE SPRING SEMESTER STORIES UP TO THE YEARBOOK DEADLINE.



February 3

Governor Pataki has proposed another tuition hike in the next state budget. Art from Cuba and Cuban-Americans is on display in the Burchfield-Penney Art Center. Loan consolidation advice is available to students. Sara Weinart sets school record in the 1000 yard freestyle swimming event.

February 10

Student Kat Kolkman performs *The Vagina Monologues* in the Butler Library. Abdul Raouf, Buff State Political Science Professor, votes in the historic Iraqi general election. Chinese artist Bai Gengyang exhibits watercolor landscapes in Upton Hall. A contributing writer suggests that there is a liberal bias at Buff State.

February 17

Buff State Interior Design students have designed a display for a market in Las Vegas (Mary Raszewski, upper left). Professors have a new tool for spotting plagiarism in student papers. Members are appointed to the BSC Council. Scholarships are available for students who fit certain requirements and pledge government intelligence service after graduation. WBNY is featuring a wide variety of latin music.

February 24

BSC TV is looking for on-air personalities. Art Education students exhibit work in Upton Hall. Women still struggle for equality in society and the workplace. Basketball teams end disappointing seasons. Men's Basketball Coach Dick Bihir retires after 25 years with the Bengals.

March 3

Severe budget problems in Erie County government have effect on Buff State. A new dormitory is proposed for an area near Parking Lot L. A grant has created a new professorship in the Art Conservation program. English Professor Manny Fried (lower left) and alum Mitch Ablom are performing *Tuesdays with Morrie* at Studio Arena Theater. The Oscar Awards are analyzed.



March 10

The renovated Rockwell Hall Theater will reopen with a concert by saxophonist David Sanborn. Professor Jill Singer has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation for student recruitment and participation programs. The escort van has had to cut some runs. NYPIRG organizes student protests in Albany to fight tuition hikes.



March 17

Students traveled to India to study Indian culture and society (above).

Take on television

BSC-TV on the look out for Late Nite Noise personalities

BY JIMMY LAWTON
Staff Writer

Buffalo State College students are expected to make a segment on the book television program, *Late Night Noise*. The show will feature students with a chance to work with personal television personalities, as well as the opportunity to gain valuable experience outside of the classroom. Students interested in the show should contact the show's producer, Devin Terry, at the show's website: www.bsc.edu/~bsc_tv.

The program is scheduled to air on WBNY-TV every week. It is broken up into several segments each featuring a different host. A regular broadcast of the program includes live and taped interviews, books and music reviews, and an advice column. According to Terry, the show provides a good look at the campus scene.

See "Signpost" Page 10
Devin Terry, Producer

ARTFUL LEARNING

BY BOB METZLER
Staff Writer

The New York State Art Education Association's 2004 Art Learning Award was presented to the Art Education Department at Buffalo State College on March 11 in Upton Gallery. The show features art from both graduates and undergraduates who are currently students.

Professors Dave Keop...

THE TRUTH

- 2.8 percent of college women will experience attempted or completed rape
- 15.5 percent of college women will experience physical or non-physical sexual victimization
- 13.1 percent of college women will be stalked
- 54.3 percent of women will experience sexual harassment
- 48.3 percent of college women will be the victims of one or more of the above
- 21.9 percent of college women will experience obscene telephone calls or messages

— provided by the U.S. Department of Justice

Pushing for equality in heels

BY ELIZABETH CARMELI
Special Issues Correspondent

We may have acquired the right to vote, reproductive freedom and even an anti-discrimination law, but for as long as it has been that women still struggle with inequality in the workplace. In their safety and after daily hardships, in hopes of providing a better life for their families, women are still not being treated as equals in the workplace.

Buffalo State's "Girl Power" initiative is a response to this. According to Virginia Gaudreau, chairwoman of the ecology department and longtime member of the group, "It's important to have women in the workplace and in the government and, when necessary, bring action with regard to issues that affect women."

See "Womens" Page 10

Inside Vamp

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GWEN STEFANI

ALBUM
REVIEW
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Chorus members will travel to the Czech Republic this summer. The BSC Coalition for International Relief Efforts is selling wristbands to raise relief funds. Author Colleen King signs copies of her book *Delaying the Real World* in the Bookstore. Reducing the graduation requirement from 123 credits to 120 has been proposed. Interpol plays in Niagara Falls.

March 24

Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello presents a seminar at Buff State on the future of downtown Buffalo. The Homebound Network provides a way for college students to carpool from school to home. Students mark the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq with a vigil in the Student Union Quad (lower right).

World News

Two years after a U.S. led invasion, some 140,000 US troops remain in Iraq, along with forces from other countries. They continue to come under attack from

insurgents attempting to thwart Iraqi politicians' attempts to organize a democratic government.

On December 26, 2004 an earthquake in the Indian Ocean created a tsunami wave that devastated the coasts of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and India. Over a quarter of a million people were killed and millions more were left homeless or in need of immediate assistance. Relief efforts continue but rebuilding could take decades.



Student Submissions



USG AVPs in disguise.



Above: Fashion Technology members show their style at Homecoming. Included are Vice President Becky Champlin, Treasurer Sarah Howard, and President Jill Morris. Below: These fraternity brothers have their own style.



A group of students visits Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls, Ontario: Tarah Caraco, Leah Winnett, Heather Esmond, Noell Lovejoy, Jessica Masacco.



The Visual Arts Board members caught during a trip to New York City: Charles, Kaitlan, Kara, Collen, Jason, Alison, Cara, John, Holly, Molly, Gina, Mike, Dave.



Alpha Omega Zeta members celebrating birthdays: Nicole Sprague, Anna Mulderig, Sara Pacitto, and Lindsey Beckley.



Michael Mitskoff, a Fine Arts Major from Lackawanna, works in the painting studio.

Campus Scraphook 2

Brothers and Sisters of Alpha Omega Zeta at Niagara Falls.



NIKI Fjeldal, Clare MacClellan, Jennifer Sanfilippo of PRSSA.



Above: Shannon Crowley, Meghan Blake, Melanie LaFontaine and Matt Levlin-Stankevich of USG party at the college president's house.

Left: The Boys of Alpha Omega Zeta.



The Phi Alpha Omega Social Work Honor Society hold a Bake Sale: Katie Koser, Shauna Fitzgerald, Emily Miller, Tyra Gordon, Chuck Kron, Sue Garand, Rose Attardo.

Student Portraits

The photos on this and the following three pages were submitted by those students who wanted their pictures printed in this yearbook.



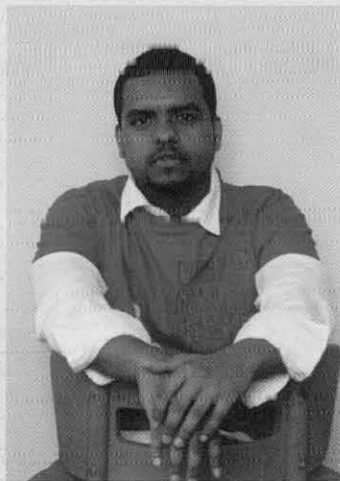
Lindsey Beckley
Buffalo
Graphic Design



Jocelyn Bowen
Syracuse
Political Science



Jennifer Butler
East Amherst
Business Administration



Ignacio Corniel
New York
Design



Terra K. Frazier
Syracuse
Health & Wellness

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Melbourne, Florida
Psychology



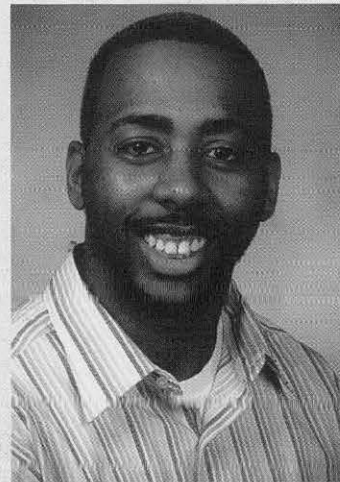
Courtney Love
Rochester
Health & Wellness



Jasmine McKnight
Rochester
Computer Information
Systems



Nancy Melendez
Manhattan
Criminal Justice



Chanz B. Miles
Rochester
Business Administration

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Buffalo
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Alison Pensley
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Brooklyn
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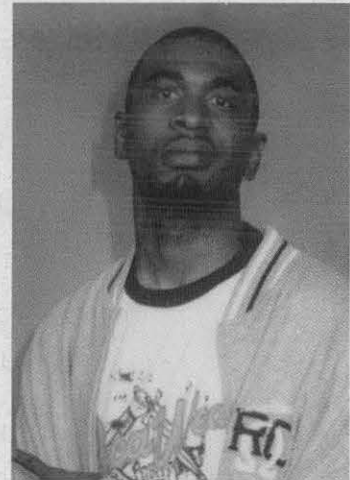
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Cassandra Victor
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Lamar A. Walker
Rochester
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Analysis Planning



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Syracuse
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SPORTS



BUFFALO STATE BENGALS

SOFTBALL Spring 2004

The Buffalo State Softball Team recorded its highest win total since 2000 as it went 26-14 and advanced to the SUNYAC playoffs for the 12th time in 14 seasons. The Bengals entered the postseason as the No. 2 seed, and advanced to the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Oneonta.

Buffalo State opened the year with a 5-5 mark on its annual spring trip to Ft. Myers, FL, that included victories against perennial powers Wheaton (MA) and Lawrence (WI). The Bengals pushed their record to 8-8 after returning home, before sweeping Oneonta and New Paltz. They found their groove down the stretch, closing out the regular season winning 12-of-14, including 10 consecutive victories on the road over a six-day period to end the conference slate.

As the second-seed in the SUNYAC playoffs, Buffalo

State opened the tourney with a 3-0 eight-inning loss to Oneonta. The Bengals rallied to stay alive the following day, however, beating top-seeded Cortland 4-2 and outlasting No. 3 Geneseo, 5-4, in eight innings. On the final day, Buffalo State was eventually eliminated by Oneonta, 1-0, in an epic 16-inning pitcher's duel.



Lindsay Matheis

Freshman Lauren Mruk led the team at the plate with a team-high .319 batting average and five homeruns. She was honored as an All-SUNYAC Team member as well as named SUNYAC First Year Player of the Year. Liz Beiter, Nadine Sirianni, Lindsey Matheis joined Mruk on the All-Conference team. Beiter paced the Bengals on the mound with a 13-4 record and a 1.70 ERA. Sirianni hit .309 for the season with a team-high 28 RBI and did not commit a single error on 67 chances in centerfield. Matheis anchored the Bengals defense from behind the plate as she allowed just 15 stolen bases on 25 attempts all season, and Goldyn hit .294 with a team-best 16 extra-base hits.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Men's Soccer team assembled its finest season in 20 years as it posted an 11-5-2 overall record and made its first SUNYAC postseason appearance since 1998.

The Bengals sprinted out of the gates, going unbeaten in their first 10 games compiling a 8-0-2 record. Included in the stretch of dominance were victories over Elmira, Nazareth, New Paltz, and SUNYIT, as well as a championship winning performance at the Bethany (WV) Tournament.



Richard Namulala

After a tough one-goal loss to Cortland, Buffalo State rebounded with a weekend sweep of Potsdam and a Plattsburgh team that was ranked eighth in the nation at the time. Buffalo State dropped three consecutive one-goal games to conclude the regular season as the No. 6 seed entering the SUNYAC playoffs.

The Bengals traveled to New Paltz on "Election Day" for just the team's second postseason game in 20 years. Buffalo

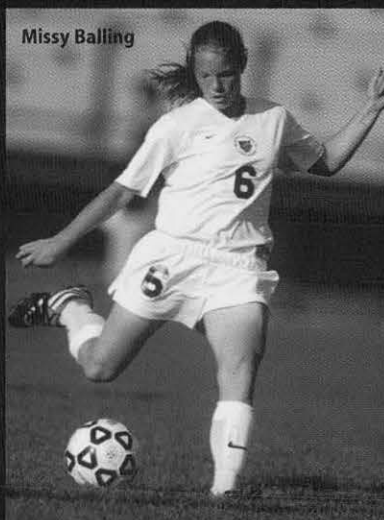
State battled the Hawks to a scoreless draw at the close of regulation time and an overtime period. The Bengals season finally came to an end in the second overtime period when New Paltz earned a 1-0 victory in the 104th minute.

Junior Richard Namulala led the Bengals offense with 24 points on 10 goals and four assists. The team's defensive corps was anchored by the outstanding play of senior co-captain Matt Romano. Shawn McDonell made significant strides in goal in his second season, as he recorded four shutouts and posted a 1.02 goals-against average.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

With a young team consisting of 18 freshmen, five sophomores and two juniors, the Women's Soccer Team showed glimpses of what could be a bright future, despite finishing the 2004 season with a 6-10-2 overall record and a 3-7 mark in the conference.

The team opened the season on a strong note, winning their first game, 6-0, over cross-town rival, Medaille. The Bengals continued their hot streak by capturing the

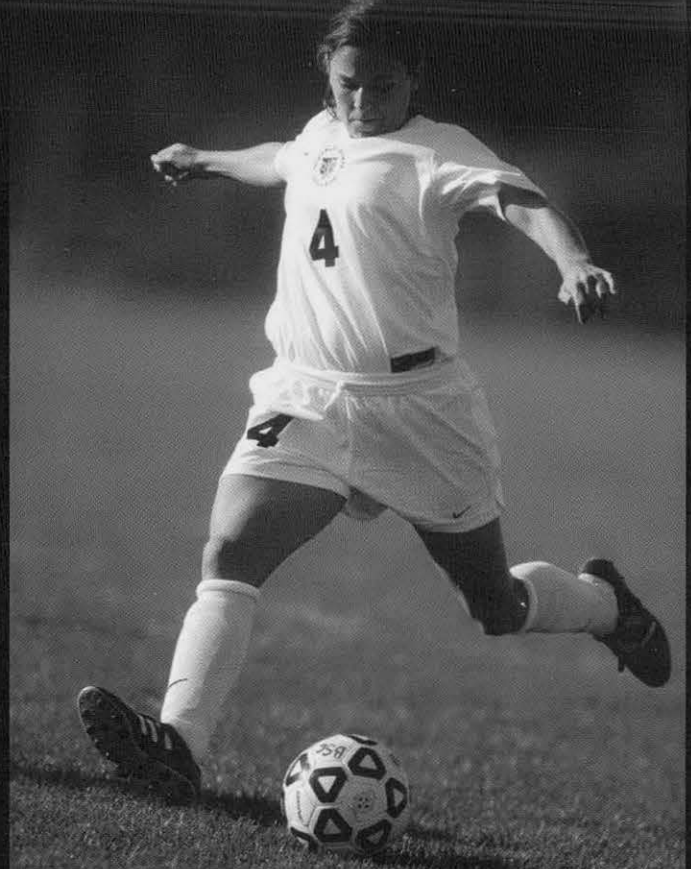


Missy Balling

BUFFALO STATE BENGALS

championship title in the LaRoche Tournament in Pittsburgh, PA. the following weekend. After dropping four-consecutive games, including two in the conference, Buffalo State was able to rebound and pick up its first two conference wins of the season over SUNYIT and Oswego. The Bengals also posted a SUNYAC victory over Potsdam, but it would turn out to be their last win of the season. Buffalo State

Gina Monaco



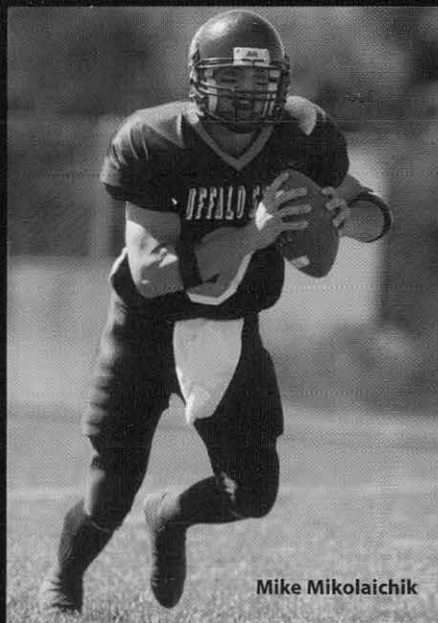
faced some difficult times in the back stretch of the season, losing the next five games before tying Alfred in the final game of the year.

Leading the Bengals' offense were junior Gina Monaco and freshman Missy Balling. Monaco finished the season registering 10 goals and seven assists, totaling 27 points. For the third-straight year, Monaco was awarded with conference honors, being named to the All-SUNYAC Second Team. Balling tallied 11 goals and five assists, tying Monaco for the team lead with 27 points. Freshman Keriann Claussen anchored the defense for the Bengals.

FOOTBALL

The Bengals set out to "Restore the Roar" in 2004 as they faced a season of firsts, competing in the Atlantic Central Football Conference for the first time, while being guided by first-year Head Coach Paul Shaffner. Buffalo State went a long way in accomplishing several preseason goals, as it equaled its win total from the previous three seasons combined at 4-6.

Following a slow start that saw consecutive defeats at the hands of Division I-AA Robert Morris, Ithaca, Wesley, and Cortland, the Bengals earned their first victory of the season with a homecoming win over Frostburg, 16-9. After closing out a four-game home stand the following week with a loss to Salisbury, Buffalo State used its bye-week to regroup for a pair of road games. The week off served the Bengals well, as they dominated a two-week stretch that saw them travel more than 2,000 miles and earn victories in Newport News, VA. and Plymouth, NH, topping Apprentice, 30-19, and Plymouth State, 26-0. Buffalo State extended its winning-streak to three games the following weekend, defeating Thiel, 18-12, in the Bengals' home finale. A season ending loss at Brockport the following week could not tarnish a season that has left Bengals' fans optimistic about the coming seasons.



Mike Mikolaichik

Junior quarterback Mike Mikolaichik led the Bengals' offense as he threw for 1,598 yards and eight touchdowns, and also rushed for seven scores. The receiving duo of sophomore Jonathan Allen and junior Jeff Shostak combined for more than 1,000 yards. Allen led the team with 48 catches for 547 yards and five touchdowns, while Shostak caught 37 balls for a team-high 550 yards. Freshman running back James Perkins emerged as a pleasant surprise in the backfield, as he rushed for 598 yards and four scores in nine games.

Leading the defensive efforts was senior linebacker Perry Taglienti, who registered a team-high 109 tackles, becoming the first Bengal to reach the 100-tackle plateau



since 2000. Defensive ends David Barabas and Michael Holbok bolstered

an impressive pass rush. Barabas, a junior, led the ACFC with 18 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, and was second on the team with 5.5 sacks. Holbok, a senior, led the Bengals with 9.0 sacks, 12 tackles for loss, and three blocked kicks. Senior Mike Potter topped the Bengals with five interceptions, while adding 70 tackles.

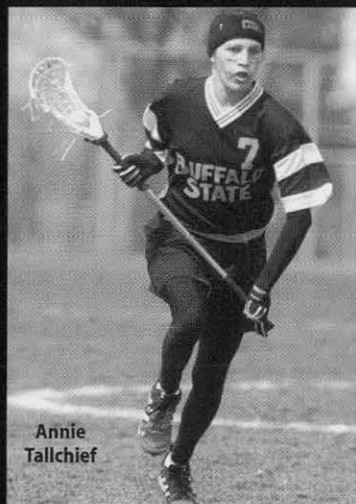


Mike Holbok

LACROSSE

Buffalo State's Lacrosse Team finished its 2004 campaign with an overall record of 10-4, breaking several individual and team records along the way. The Bengals posted a 4-3 SUNYAC record, qualifying for post-season play for the first time in school history.

The Bengals started the season on a five-game tear, topping RIT, Fredonia, Elmira, Medaille, and Allegheny. After suffering their only home-loss of the season to Oneonta, the Bengals captured their first win over SUNYAC-rival Brockport. Buffalo State wrapped up the final six games of



Annie Tallchief

the season with four wins and qualified for the SUNYAC playoffs. Buffalo State's season came to a close with a 10-4 loss to top-seeded Cortland in the SUNYAC semifinals.

Sophomore Chelsey Frail led the Bengals in scoring, setting new single-season records for goals and points in a season; with 39 goals and 9 assists for 48 points. Frail joined teammate Annie Tallchief earning Second Team All-SUNYAC honors. Tallchief was named the team's Most Valuable Player after tallying 27 goals, five assists for 32 points, and leading the team in draw controls (42), ground balls (54) and caused turnovers (32). Sophomore Leslie Perreault was second on the team in scoring, with 28 goals and 11 assists for 39 points.

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Buffalo State freshmen were a large reason for the team's success, highlighted by Leah Bernal's 28 points, 27 of which were Bengal goals. First-year player Meagan Powers finished tied for first on the team in assists with 11 and second in ground balls with 32.

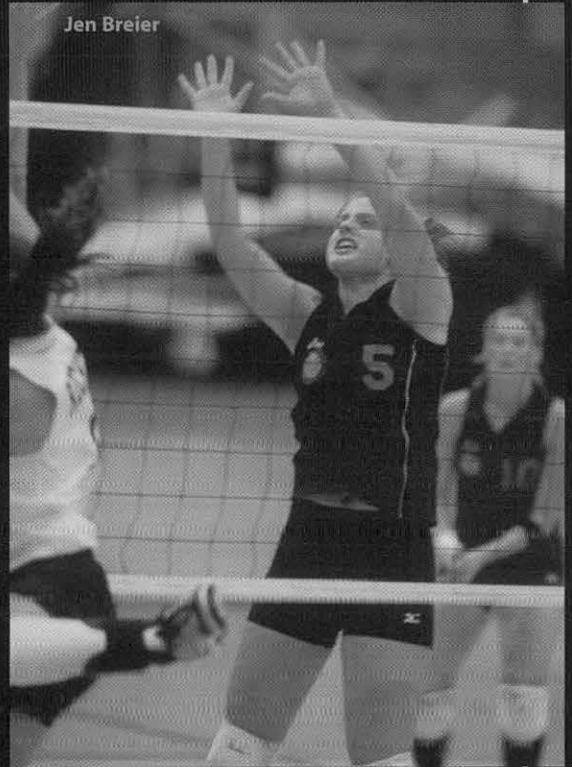
Head Coach Meg Stevens was named the SUNYAC Lacrosse Coach of the Year after leading her team to a program-best 10 wins. Stevens has posted a 15-13 record in her two seasons at the helm.

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VOLLEYBALL

The Volleyball team ended its 2004 campaign at 6-28 overall with a 2-6 mark in conference play. Although it was the second straight year that the team did not qualify for postseason competition, the Bengals showed signs of improvement.

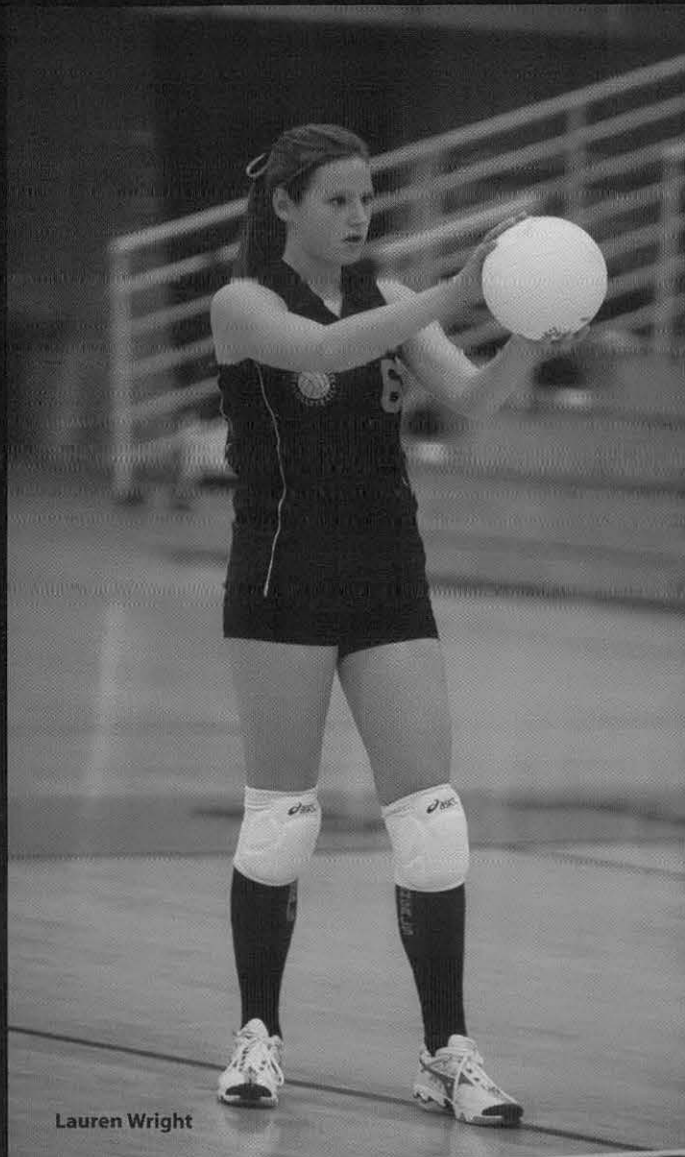
The Bengals opened on the road at the Cortland Classic, where they picked up their first win of the season over Husson. Soon after, the team traveled to Brockport for the first round of SUNYAC Pool Play. The Bengals defeated Oswego to pick up their first conference win. Unable to carry the momentum of that win, the Bengals dropped their next four matches, before bouncing back and picking up three-straight wins over Mt. Aloysius, Pitt-Bradford, and D'Youville. Nearing the end of the season, the Bengals headed to Fredonia for the second round of conference pool play.



Again, the team came out victorious against Oswego, but failed to win their other three conference matches. In the final stretch, Buffalo State was unable to notch a win, going winless in its last six matches.

Junior Jen Breier led the offense for the Bengals. Breier notched 335 kills and 58 service aces over the season. She also led the team in solo blocks with 22. Junior Sam Damstetter and sophomore Keri Bumgardner had strong offensive seasons as well. Damstetter recorded 292 kills while Bumgardner registered 222 kills. Damstetter also led the defense for the Bengals with 436 digs. Freshman setter Lauren Wright finished up the season with 939 assists and 153 digs.

Two Buffalo State players were recognized by the SUNYAC with All-Conference honors. Breier and Damstetter were named to the Second Team for the first time in their Buffalo State careers.

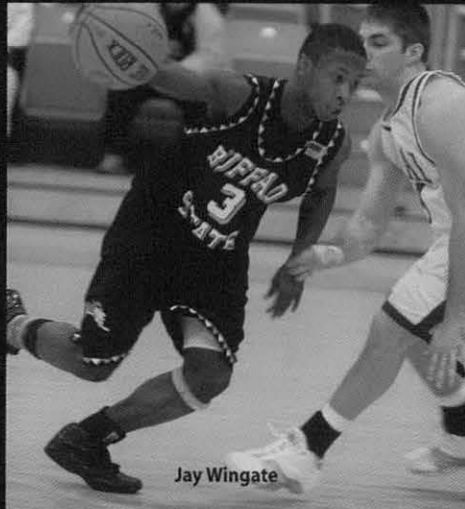


MEN'S BASKETBALL

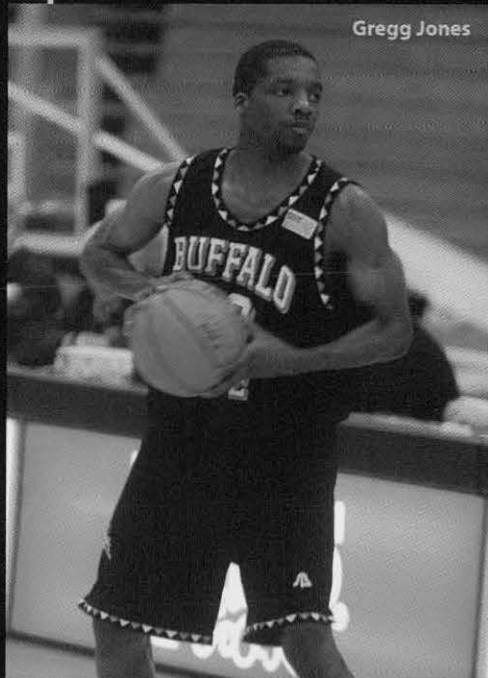


The end of the 2004-05 season brought a close to the "Dick Bihr Era" with the popular coach retiring after 25 years and 449 wins. The Bengals finished 10-15 overall and 5-11 in the SUNYAC in Bihr's final season.

Buffalo State hosted the annual Coles Classic to open the season. After defeating Clark (MA), the Bengals fell to Capital (OH) in the title game. Buffalo State won six of its next seven games, including SUNYAC wins over Oneonta and New Paltz and a championship as the host of the Holiday Inn Invitational.



Jay Wingate



Gregg Jones

After returning home from trips to Chicago and Phoenix, the Bengals fell on hard times, dropping eight-consecutive games. Buffalo State regrouped to win three of its next five, topping SUNY-IT, Fredonia and New Paltz, but backed into the conference playoffs as the No. 8 seed. The Bengals season came to a close in the quarterfinals with an 89-73 loss to

eventual champion Potsdam.

Junior Gregg Jones led the Bengals offense, averaging 14.5 points-per-game, and was recognized on the All-SUNYAC Second Team. Junior Jay Wingate averaged 9.9 points-per-game, and sophomore John Lawal scored 8.6 points-per-contest. Freshman Dion Mozelle also made an instant impact, averaging 7.6 points and 4.8 rebounds-per-game after coming into his own during the second half of the season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Buffalo State struggled to translate potential into wins this season as it posted a 9-17 overall record and a 6-10 mark in SUNY-AC play.

The Bengals opened the season on a high note with victories over D'Youville and Elmira to claim the title in the Buffalo State Betty Abgott Invitational. Buffalo State would win just twice in its next 12 games, however, defeating SUNYIT and Centre (KY). The Bengals appeared to right the ship, winning four conference games in five tries, topping Potsdam, Geneseo, Plattsburgh and SUNYIT.

Buffalo State could not establish consistent play, however, as they added just one more win at New Paltz and clung to the eighth and

final SUNYAC playoff position. The Bengals' season came to a close with an 80-61 loss at top-seeded Oswego in the conference quarterfinals.

Junior Jacey Brooks finished the season as the SUNYAC's leading scorer, averaging 16.1 points-per-game and ranked among the conference leaders with 6.7 rebounds-per-contest.

Brooks was recognized as a member of the All-SUNYAC Second Team. Tawan Slaughter averaged 12.3 points and



Jacey Brooks

led the team with 52 assists in her final season as a Bengal. Sophomore Darnika Moseley completed the Bengals' "Big 3," averaging 11.1 points and 7.3 rebounds.



Darnika Moseley

HOCKEY MEN

A young team that included eight freshmen, seven sophomores and seven juniors, the Buffalo State Men's Hockey Team finished the 2004-05 campaign with an overall record of 5-17-3 and a 1-10-3 mark in SUNAYC play. Despite their final record, the Bengals showed glimpses of greatness and poured a solid foundation for the future.



Greg Prybylski

The Bengals opened SUNYAC play at home with a pair of games against Brockport and Geneseo. Buffalo State skated to a 4-4 tie against Brockport, before defeating Geneseo, 6-3, to pick up its first SUNYAC win of the season. The Bengals, unable to carry the momentum of their conference win, dropped the next seven games before heading into the holiday break.

The Bengals opened the second semester with a pair road-victories at Lebanon Valley. They returned home the following weekend to play host to Neumann College and earned a split. Buffalo State was unable to taste victory again, dropping six of its final eight games and tying in road games at Fredonia and Cortland.

Junior Sean Burke led the Bengals in the offensive zone. The junior-transfer finished his first campaign as a Bengal with 15 goals and 33 points. Sophomore Mike DeMarco registered 13 goals, and junior co-captain Greg Prybylski scored 11. Anchoring the blue line for Buffalo State was junior Sean Castagna and sophomore Sean O'Connell. Castagna was named to the First Team All-Conference. Goaltender Sean Sheehan was also recognized by the SUNYAC, receiving honorable mention status for his performance between the pipes for the Bengals. Sheehan finished the season with a 4.22 goals-against-average and a .896 save percentage.

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HOCKEY WOMEN

The Women's Hockey Team finished the season at 4-13-1 overall with a 2-10 mark in ECAC West play. They stormed out of the gates with a pair of non-conference road victories at

Chatham, defeating the Cougars, 13-3 and 12-1, then opened the home schedule with an exhibition loss against the Buffalo Bisons. Unable to rebound from the loss, the Bengals dropped two home games to Cortland the next weekend. Buffalo State picked up a 1-1 tie at RIT before losing its first two conference games of the season at Plattsburgh. The Bengals returned for a six-game home stand, playing host to the club teams of Michigan State and UMASS and ECAC West-opponent Elmira. Buffalo State took a win and a tie from each club team in exhibition play, but dropped two conference games to Elmira before the holiday break.

Returning from the break, the Bengals were defeated at St. Anselm but picked up a victory at Castleton. They dropped two games at Neumann before returning home to post an exhibition victory over the club team of Brockport. The Bengals dropped their next four-consecutive conference games against Utica and Cortland, but would rebound to take their first two ECAC West victories against Chatham in the final weekend of the season.

Sophomore Jamie Overbeck led the Bengals in points, tallying 10 goals and nine assists. Freshmen Jessica Thieme and Mary Cohen combined for 31 points. Cohen solidified her name in the Bengals' single season record book in a number of categories, highlighted by earning the top spot in points by a defenseman with 16. Junior Amanda Uschold was the team's playmaker with 13 assists. Freshman goaltender Shannon Aneseti moved up the ranks among all-time goaltending leaders in Buffalo State history.



Jamie Overbeck



Sean Sheehan



Jen Trees

SWIMMING & DIVING



The Swimming and Diving Team ended the 2004-05 season on a strong note, setting the tone for the future. The Bengals made significant improvements throughout the course of their season, highlighted by their performance in their final competition at the SUNYAC Championships.

The women's team placed sixth of nine teams, registering 239 points, giving them their best finish in three years. The team was led in the water by freshman Sara Weinert, who swam to a new school record in the 1650 free (18:42.66). Weinert also set a new school standard in the 1000 free (11:15.30) at the final home meet against Brockport. Senior Marie Ryer finished her four-year campaign as a Bengal, setting a season best time in the 100 free (57.71) in her final weekend of competition.

After having no divers last season, the women's team enjoyed record-breaking success on the boards, fronted by freshman Nicole Rutkowski. In her first year, Rutkowski set new school records on the one-meter (275.50) and three-meter (255.20) boards, while posting several NCAA Provisional qualifying scores. The freshman captured SUNYAC Championships on both boards, becoming the first Buffalo State woman diver to win a conference title. Along with the conference titles, Rutkowski was named the SUNYAC's "Outstanding Female Diver" and to the All-SUNY-

AC First Team. Freshman Amanda Dory placed second on the one-meter (344.30) and three-meter (368.05) boards, earning her All-SUNYAC Second Team status. Freshman Nicole Gennari finished fifth on the three-meter board (340.35).

The men's team also placed sixth of nine teams with 275 points, swimming to 14 of the 21 season's "best times" at the conference championships. The 200 free relay team consisting of freshman Vince Wasneechak, juniors Dave Papke, Mike Luther and sophomore Derek Stoklosa swam to a fifth place finish (1:31.15). Junior Rich Gaczewski touched fourth in the 1650 free (17:34.09), while sophomore Eric Hastings placed fifth (17:40.74) in the same event. Senior Bret Stodolka ended his Bengal career with a strong performance on the boards. Stodolka finished seventh on the one-meter (349.30) and fourth on the three-meter (400.95).



Nicole Rutkowski

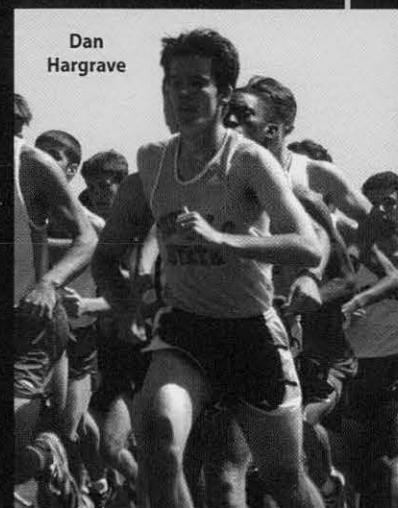


Vince Wasneechak

CROSS COUNTRY

Buffalo State's Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams were unable to capture any top-team finishes at the championship meets, but were still able to mark individual accomplishments. The men's team fell to ninth at the SUNYAC meet and the women registered incomplete. At the NYSCTC meet, the men posted a 13th place finish while the women again recorded an incomplete finish.

Despite fielding an incomplete team, the women's team was highlighted with several personal accomplishments. Sophomore Jenny Vacanti was the Bengals' top finisher in all nine meets. Vacanti had three top-10 finishes, including a second place finish at the Hobart and William Smith Tournament. She was the only Bengal to win post-season honors, being named to the All-SUNYAC First Team, making her the first woman to be awarded All-SUNYAC honors since 1996. She also received accolades as All-New York State and All-NCAA Atlantic. Vacanti just



Dan Hargrave

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missed qualifying for nationals by two runners, finishing two seconds behind the last qualifier at the NCAA Regionals.

Juniors Shane Reynolds and Dan Hargrave were top performers on the men's team. The men's best finish came at the Hobart and William Smith Tournament when they placed second out of eight teams. Reynolds and Hargrave alternated as No.1 and 2 for most of the meets this year. Reynold's best time this

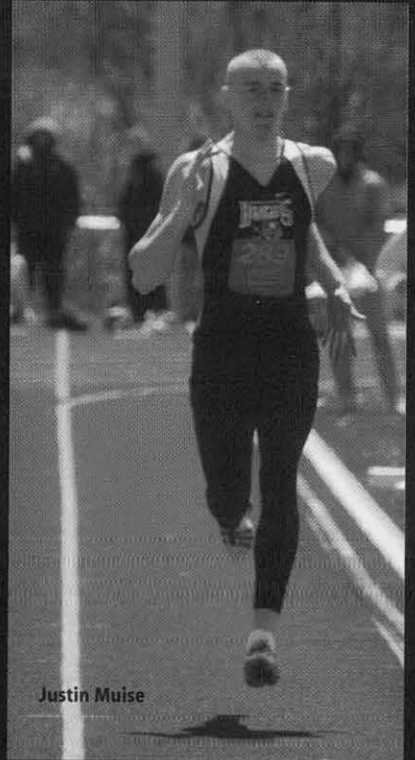
season came at the Geneseo Invitational when the junior ran 27:12 on the 8k course. Hargrave posted his season best of 27:20 at the same meet. Junior Dave Hartzell and sophomore Neil Hanson were also consistent runners for the Bengals' squad this season.

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TRACK & FIELD

Buffalo State's track and field programs boasted several outstanding individual accomplishments during the 2004 seasons. The men's team placed third in the SUNYAC during both the indoor and outdoor seasons, and the women placed ninth during indoor and eighth on the outdoor track.

Justin Muise was the most decorated athlete on the men's side, winning three SUNYAC championships and three New York State titles. Muise was also an All-American as he placed fourth in the 400m dash in the outdoor national meet. His additional honors included being named New York State Runner of the Year. Ken Ciolek also earned multiple honors on the men's side, winning the SUNYAC Outdoor Championships in the javelin and triple jump, and won a State title in the javelin. He was also named New York State Rookie of the Year. Tim Giagios also won an indoor SUNYAC title and was part of a State championship relay.



On the women's side, Mercedes Roper led the way, winning the Indoor SUNYAC title and two outdoor conference titles. She also competed at the indoor NCAA meet. Linda Williams also won a State and SUNYAC championship in indoor and outdoor respectively.



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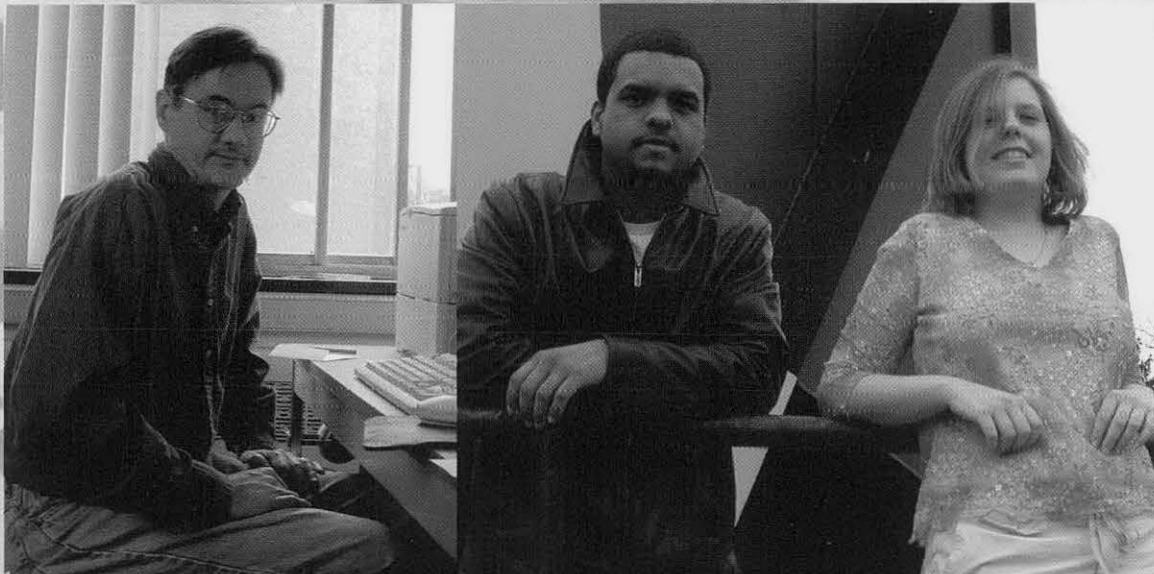
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My journey as an *Elms* staff member has come to an end. I have been involved in some way with the *Elms* since 1998. There have been many ups and downs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who stayed on board with this yearbook. I hope that the person who takes on the position of Editor-in-Chief in the future has as much fun as I have the past few years. This year we had a good staff to start out with, but as always it had dwindled down to a few dedicated members. Ignacio, thank you for your hard work and creativity in the cover design and design decisions in the book. Mindy, thank you for taking on the position of Business Manager. Chris thank you for everything you helped with. Kenny, thank you for all the great pictures of our campus. Thanks to Communication prof Michael Niman for the encouragement and the ideas for getting the *Elms* off to a good start. Lastly, thank you to Dave Meinzer of Press Services for being the mentor of this publication and all the students who worked on it. Without you I could have not come so far as the Editor.

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