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Bruce named to dean's list

ALTAMONT — Amy E. Bruce of Altamont has been named to the dean's list at Alfred University for earning higher than a 3.30 grade point average as a full-time student during the 1990 spring semester.

A senior in the NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bruce of Altamont.

Alfred University was founded in 1836 and today consists of colleges of Business and Administration, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Nursing, the NYS College of Ceramics and the School of Engineering. Degrees are offered on the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. Located in the Southern Tier of New York State, Alfred University is the oldest coeducational institution in the state.



The Enterprise — Eileen Leonard

John Prins, a summer faculty member of the Guilderland Ballet and former principal dancer with the NYC Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, instructs students from the final master class demonstration of the Ballet's Summer '90 program, held Saturday at the Ballet's studio.

Becker receives recognition from guide dog school

By Michele Liberti-Lansing
GUILDERLAND — Local veterinarian Dr. Edward Becker of The Animal Hospital on Veeder Road has been awarded a certificate of recognition and a letter of commendation by The Seeing Eye, Inc., the oldest guide dog institute in the country, based in Morristown, N.J.

According to Lori Scholz, The Seeing Eye's public relations coordinator, veterinarians are nominated by Seeing Eye graduates and Seeing Eye 4-H puppy raisers who have received outstanding service in the care of their Seeing Eye dog or puppy. Becker was nominated by graduate Susan Frazier of Saratoga Springs, she said.

Scholz explained, "The way the (veterinary recognition) program works is, we ask our graduates and also any children who are raising puppies for Seeing Eye to nominate their veterinarian. This program just started this past winter, and to date, we've already had over 50 nominations, with over 100 awards going out — the reason being, some people nominate the same vet." Scholz said Becker was nominated once and won the award for "providing exemplary service to a Seeing Eye graduate."

Frazier, in a telephone interview Monday, said of Becker, "He's treated my dog, Allie (a black labrador retriever), since I've had her, for the past nine years. For the past year, she was really sick, she kept getting infections." (It was discovered that Allie has a rare, immune-mediated disease, making her ultra-susceptible to infection — the dog is currently being treated with steroids).

Frazier continued, "Dr. Becker has gotten her almost totally back to normal — she seems like a different dog...I thought for awhile I'd have to retire her.

"Dr. Becker has always given generously of his time and talents...he's a good vet, very thorough in his work. He took the time to figure out what was wrong with Allie. I'm happy that he could help my dog, that he diagnosed her correctly. She's a lot better now."

When contacted Monday, Becker, who said he treats about 15 to 20 dogs of the visually or hearing handicapped, said of the award he received, "It was a surprise — I thought it was really nice — you know, it's always nice to be recognized."



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Back In Time . . .

100 Years Ago 1890

The Enterprise, Saturday, August 2, 1890

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Crispi, recently gave most extraordinary evidence in the Chamber of Deputies of his superstition regarding the evil eye. Signor Imbriani, having alluded to Signor Crispi's life as necessarily terminable, the latter fumbled in his pocket, drew out one of the horn shaped pieces of coral used in Naples as a counter spell against the "jettatura," and openly pointed it at the speaker.

"The liberation of the ring finger." This is an operation that consists of cutting the accessory slips of the ring finger, and the purpose is to give it greater flexibility and freedom of movement and additional strength for playing the piano. The operation was performed on a little girl. A portion of the hand is benumbed by a spray of ether, cocaine is injected and the slips are cut with a lancet.

From Thompson's Lake: A party of ten or more from this place went to Berne last Thursday evening to attend a festival, and on coming home ran off a bridge and came near upsetting. In the excitement one man jumped through the side curtain in the ditch and one young lady lost her hat. Johnnie, she said, "keep in the middle of the road."

From Voorheesville: Corn is growing finely but potatoes will be scarce.

50 Years Ago 1940

Altamont Enterprise, Friday, August 2

In the Guilderland Center Medowdale area the storm struck with the intensity of a miniature twister. High wind tore the roof from the home of George Chesebro, and leveled his barn and ripped up 14 pine trees averaging 60 feet tall. Chesebro braved the storm to carry his invalid mother to safety. Power and telephone lines throughout the section were damaged and crews of workmen were kept busy for hours repairing them. Orchards too suffered seriously, and many trees were uprooted.

Working too rapidly ever to have gathered any barnacles, the Four Sailors, fast tumbling acrobats who appear at the Altamont Fair on August 12 to 17, should account for more than their share of the fine entertainment that will be offered in the elaborate grandstand show.

Complaining that he is uncomfortable because he weighs 568 pounds, Tom Grisnick, 27, has asked a hospital in Kansas City to prescribe a reducing diet for him.

When Mrs. Augusta Basck of Bismark, N.D. was given a choice of paying \$10 a month alimony to her husband or going to jail, she chose the jail.

Arthur on dean's list at Wells College

VOORHEESVILLE — Margaret Arthur, Class of 1990, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Arthur of Voorheesville, has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 1990 semester at Wells College.

Established in 1868 by Henry Wells, founder of the Wells Fargo and American Express

Companies, Wells is a private, four year, liberal arts college for academically talented women. In its December, 1989 issue, *Changing Times* magazine calls Wells, "a college in upstate New York that matches the Seven Sisters in academic reputation." Wells College is dedicated to developing leadership in women.