

The Alfred University Rugby Club is back on the field after the tragic death of Dr. Jeff Hollier '88, a former standout player for Alfred.

Rugby was once a very popular sport on the Alfred University campus and after looking back into the archives, it is easy to see why. In its first four years the rugby team amassed a record of 79-38-5 and earned second place in the 30-member NYS Rugby Conference championships.

Alfred Rugby was considered an up-and-coming powerhouse. Four players on that squad were named to the state All-Star Team in the spring of 1990.

Alfred native and University graduate Bill Pulos '77 founded the team and until he retired after the fall season of 1990, the team never had a losing season.

One player who truly embraced the sport of rugby was Jeff Hollier. Hollier was a graduate of Angelica Central School, Angelica, NY (Allegany County) and attended Alfred University majoring in psychology. He was introduced to the sport of rugby in 1985 by Coach Pulos and was hooked from the start. Coming from a soccer background, Hollier made a smooth transition to rugby and instantly became a key member of the Alfred squad.

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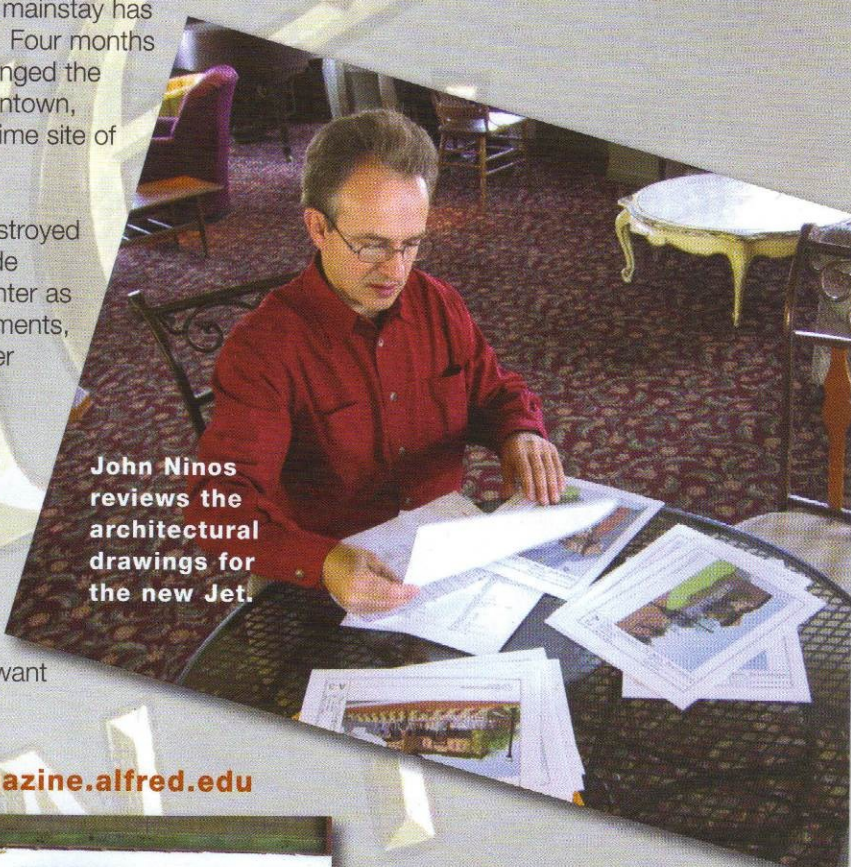
By Tyler Parke '10

John Ninos' excitement is palpable. He can't wait to once again open the doors of the family restaurant, The Collegiate. **The new "Jet," that is.**

It's been a while since this village mainstay has had much to be energized about. Four months ago a devastating fire forever changed the familiar line-up of storefronts downtown, including 7 North Main St., long-time site of The Collegiate.

While the Oct. 29, 2009 blaze destroyed the building that housed West Side Liquors and the Alfred Sports Center as well as off-campus student apartments, it also seriously damaged the diner where generations of locals and alumni from both Alfred University and Alfred State College found a sense of "home."

Ninos sees this area of Main Street becoming a hub of the village. He predicts "this spring and summer a lot of life on Main Street. We want to make people want to come" downtown.

A photograph of John Ninos, a man with glasses wearing a red jacket, sitting at a table in a restaurant. He is looking down at several architectural drawings spread out on the table. The background shows a dining area with a patterned carpet and a round table.

John Ninos reviews the architectural drawings for the new Jet.

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Photo by Darcy Beckman Pulos '89

Sign of the times - The Alfred Men's Rugby Club, coached by Bill Pulos '77 (far right), helped move the Collegiate Restaurant sign to its new location on Main Street. Read more about the club on the following page.