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## Alfred State College Centennial

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### Memories:

I arrived in Alfred fresh out of college (RIT) at 23 years old to start a teaching career. Dave Conde, Jim Foreman and I all taught Graphical Calculus that first quarter. My first duty was registration in the old gym next to St. Jude's Chapel. I worked with Connor Stephens at the exit checking student paper work. There were no computers or even punched cards in 1959.

The biggest changes over the years were in technology both in the electrical/electronics field and in teaching tools. I did not have a course about transistors at RIT, but soon learned about them at Alfred. In the summer of 1960 I took my first computer programming course at a NSF Summer Institute at Bucknell University. I think the first computer at Alfred was an IBM 1620 under the care of George Morgenfeld. We must have gone through a million IBM punched cards in the 60's & 70's. In the 70's we had 3 or 4 terminals in Engr connected by telephone to SONY BING, on which we ran a mathematic language called APL. In 1976-77 we learned of something called a microprocessor. Rick Handman and I went through a short course in Chicago to learn about one of the early chip sets and these were used for years in the EET labs to teach machine language programming. This was the beginning of personal computers.

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Socially we were a close knit group a faculty gettogethers were much more do-it-ourselves affairs. A lot of administrative duties were also carried out by faculty. For example the fore runner of ACE's was run by Andy Hritz. I have forgotten what it was called. Also, a committee headed by Charlie Myron was in charge of building the Lake Lodge. Student activities and parties required (volunteer) faculty advisors and chaperones. I recall the sad day we had to raise the charge for the end of the year student (EET)-~~faculty~~ steak roast from \$1 to \$1.25. we could no longer afford to get a 1<sup>st</sup> rib eye steak, salad, chip, soda and beer for \$1 each.

The ski slope was an exciting development in the late 60's & 70's. Many students, faculty and community families learned to ski on the slopes. The year before skis started many people used to sled on the slope. One Sunday Vince Trotta and I decided to take our tob-sled for a run. On the walk up we stopped while Vince to John Goston's son, Mike home with a broken arm. Not to be discouraged, when he returned we tramped to the top. The sled was waxed and we were flying, ~~literally~~ when we hit a bump. I still have a scar from broken glasses. There were many broken limbs, including our daughter (9 in 4th grade) due to wooden skis and leather lace boots with poor bindings. But the hill with T-Bar lift, ski-jump and eventually snow making equipment served us well until Swain and other slopes developed better facilities.

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