

## Alfred State College Centennial

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### Memories:

I have many fond memories of my 24 years at ASC. These include the countless students we educated, the good times we had outside the classroom, and the dedicated staff that provided us with support services. Rather than dwell on these topics, I would like to share one story with you.

I attended Utah State University under the auspices of a National Science Grant during the summer of 1968. The State of Utah has a large Mormon population and beards were rather common, so I grew a full beard and mustache.

As usual, the academic year commenced with the President's breakfast. President Huntington asked me stand up so that everyone could admire my growth. Needless to say, in 1968 beards were not exactly acceptable in our community.

After the breakfast, I returned to my office and received a call from the Dean's Secretary. At that time I believe they were called Division Chairman. She informed me that George Whitney wanted to see me.

I entered George's office, and noticed he was busy looking over some paper documents. He eventually looked up and said to me, "Sheehan, get rid of the beard" and he returned to the perusal of the material on his desk.

I left the office and that afternoon the barber removed my beard and mustache. I have always enjoyed this experience since George Whitney was straight forward and honest with you. If he didn't like something he would tell you exactly what his thoughts were. This is an admirable trait and I always appreciated his honesty.