

A Different kind of M*A*S*H is Coming to Alfred University

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Alfred, NY -- M*A*S*H -- Making Alfred Safe and Healthy -- is the theme of this year's health fair at Alfred University, scheduled for March 22. The free fair runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Powell Campus Center Knight Club. "We were very pleased with last year's fair," said Rosetta Brown-Greaney, Director of Health Services at AU. "We invited most exhibitors back because they were so popular." The M*A*S*H theme will impart a military look to the fair, which is open to all. "A lot of students told us they liked last year's fair because you don't just go around and pick up pamphlets. You actually do things," Brown-Greaney said. "We made this message explicit to the exhibitors. Exhibits must be interactive and participatory." For instance, the Wellness Council of the Southern Tier will have a milk-taste-test booth, where fair-goers can try to distinguish between whole milk, 2 percent milk, and skim. The New York State Department of Transportation will bring back an exhibit featuring goggles that simulate the effects of alcohol. "So many people say 'Yes, I had a few drinks, but I can still function,'" Brown-Greaney said. "I tried the goggles last year. You have to walk a straight line that's taped on the floor. I would have sworn I was walking straight down the tape, but it turned out I was three feet over to the right. The exhibit sends a useful message." Other returning exhibits will include massage and aromatherapy by LaGra of Wellsville and vision testing by Wal-Mart, both very popular in 1999. The fair combines the efforts of community groups, on-campus groups, and AU offices such as the career center and the counseling office. Other display topics include acupuncture, AIDS and HIV, breast and ovarian cancer, and sexual assault. Anyone who has questions may call Crandall Health Center, 607 871-2400, or send e-mail to healthcenter@alfred.edu.