

AU celebrates Fall Family Weekend

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Alfred University will hold its annual Fall Family Weekend beginning Friday, with parents invited to attend selected classes, eat in the dining halls with their children, and participate in a number of events. Parents who want to be a "student for a day" on Friday may choose from more than 25 courses, beginning with Organic Chemistry at 8:20 to The Art of China at 2:20 p.m. A full list of classes available may be found on the AU website at <http://www.alfred.edu/par...> may be made in advance to meet with individual faculty members. Also during the day, the Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art will be open for visitors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Financial Aid counselors will be available between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, and the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery in Harder Hall will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours of campus will begin at 4 p.m. That evening's entertainment includes two showings of the movie "Batman Begins" at 8 and 11 p.m. in Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and AU students with ID. "The Tune-In Game Show," based on the old television show, "Name That Tune," begins at 8 p.m. in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. The audience is invited to play along as contestants try to remember the names of popular songs, commercial jingles, TV theme songs and movie sound clips. Singer/songwriter Matt Arbrogast brings "The Gunshy" to the Terra Cotta Coffeehouse on Main Street at 9 p.m. Friday. According to Copper Press, Arbrogast's "narrative story-telling plays like the guilty pleasure of a long-departed pulp novel, a jukebox sympathy that one would picture unfolding from the speakers of a sparse and seedy Irish pub." Weather permitting, the Stull Observatory will be open to observe the autumn sky at 9 p.m. Events Saturday begin with a meeting of the AU Parents Advisory Board at 8:30 a.m. in the Powell Board Room, Powell Campus Center. The Parents Association will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m., with coffee available beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Kenyon-Allen Rooms at the Powell Campus Center. Also at 10 a.m. will be the induction for Alpha Lambda Delta, the national freshman honor society, at Howell Hall. A campus tour is scheduled for 11 a.m., and the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center at the Steinheim will hold an open house and tour from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residence Life offices in Bartlett Hall are also open during that time if parents have questions about their child's on-campus accommodations. The community of Alfred will hold its annual Terra Cotta Days, celebrating the village's red-tile-roof heritage, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Village Bandstand. There will be entertainment, food, and vendors, with families invited to join community residents for the celebration. The Alfred Lions Club will hold a chicken barbecue at noon at the fire hall. The Alfred University Saxons take on Springfield College in football at 1 p.m. at Merrill Field. The Saxons, who are 1-1 on the season, are hoping to capitalize on a 42-7 win over St. Lawrence at home last weekend. A showing of "Batman Begins" is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Nevins Theatre, and from 4-5 p.m., there will be a recital and hands-on open house at the Davis Memorial Carillon. Those interested are invited to climb the carillon stairs to watch Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter perform - and to try their own hand at playing the bells. University archivist Laurie McFadden will present "Kings, Castles, Knights and Not-So-Hapless Maidens: The Royal Tale of Alfred University," at 4:30 p.m. in Nevins Theatre. The women's soccer team will play Utica College beginning at 6 p.m. on Merrill Field. The AU Family Festival begins at 7 p.m. in the Powell Campus Center, with casino and carnival booths lining the second floor of Powell Campus Center. Student artists will try their hand at caricatures. The Cambridge University American Stage Tour will present its version of the Shakespearean comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. Admission is \$5 per person, \$3 for children under 18 and free to AU students with ID. A showing of "Vernon, Florida," sponsored by Alternative Cinema, will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday in Nevins Theatre. At 10 p.m. Saturday in the Knight Club, comedian Amy Anderson comes to the stage. Considered "one of the most-sought-after young talents in comedy," she has a background in improvisation, sketch comedy, theater and music. "Late Night McLane" begins at 10 p.m. with pick-up games and food. Admission is free.