

Dreaded 'Lunch Interview' to be Demystified at Etiquette Luncheon

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Alfred, NY -- "I eat my peas with honey. I've done it all my life. They do taste kind of funny, but it keeps them on the knife." If only the rules of the business luncheon were as simple as 'Use traditional table manners and don't eat peas with a knife,' there might be no need for Alfred University's annual Etiquette Luncheon. But business-meal etiquette covers more than how to attack the food on your plate. The Etiquette Luncheon, scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Knight Club in Powell Campus Center, will answer questions such as: When do you put your napkin on your lap? Who orders first? Who pays for the meal? What foods are easiest to manage when your mind is on business? -- and "much, much more," says Kathy Woughter, director of the Career Development Center at the University. She said some seats are still available. Cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for faculty, staff, and the general public. Tickets may be bought at the door, but reservations are required and should be made as soon as possible. To reserve a seat, call 607 871-2164, visit the Career Development Center in the Steinheim castle, or e-mail woughter@alfred.edu. A vegetarian entree is available with advance notice, but peas -- with or without honey -- should probably be avoided.