

Today's China to be featured in Bergren Forum

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Dr. J. Robert Pipal, chairman of the Chemistry Division at Alfred University, will present "It is No Longer the Chairman's China" as this Thursday's (Oct. 6) Bergren Forum, at 12:10 p.m. in the Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The presentation will be a travelogue about a 27-day trip to China Pipal made under the auspices of Elderhostel, which arranges educationally oriented travel throughout the world. China is developing rapidly as an economic giant, said Pipal, and there are many changes occurring as a result. In addition to those changes, his presentation and slides will emphasize people, especially the Bei, Naxi, and Tibetan minorities, and everyday street scenes, rather than the images and places that everyone has seen. The trip started in Beijing but most of the time was spent further south and west including four days in Lhasa, a place often referred to as the "top of the world." The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during the academic semester. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.