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TODAY	TOMORROW	FRIDAY
10:00 Reservation Deadline: Bus Trip to Darien Lake Theme Park	11:20 School of Engineering Graduate and Undergraduate Seminar	12:20 Environmental Studies Seminar -- Development & Urban Environment
4:00 Men's Soccer Game	12:10 Bergren Forum - Fire Services	7:00 Swing Dance
Women's Tennis Match	1:00 Football Game	8:00 Film: 'Get Smart'
	7:00 Volleyball Game	11:00 Film: 'Get Smart'

Is the Internet Slow?

We have heard from faculty, staff, and particularly students that the internet has been relatively slow since the start of fall classes several weeks ago. ITS has been monitoring and measuring the utilization of our Internet connection. Through careful analysis, ITS has discovered (perhaps not unexpectedly) that streaming media such as YouTube and others are significantly contributing to the saturation of the Internet connection.

Streaming video is inherently bandwidth-intensive and is increasingly being used by both faculty and students for recreational and educational purposes.

ITS understands the importance of streaming media to the quality of student life and the overall academic mission of the university. As a result, ITS staff are looking for ways to further utilize our existing bandwidth, while considering options for increasing bandwidth to accommodate the popularity

and importance of streaming media.

We appreciate your patience and input as we look for solutions.

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Is Your Campus Information Correct?

The AU Directory and Phone List are populated from information pulled directly from Banner. To check your business phone and office location, use the Outlook Global Address list since that information is also pulling the current information in Banner.

Corrections can be requested by using the Personnel Data Form below and forwarding it to Human Resources.

The numbers for emergencies, department phones, and fax are not housed in Banner. Please review the attachments to make sure the numbers are correct for your area. Changes to department information can be e-mailed to costello@alfred.edu.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT SO THAT OUR DIRECTORY IS ACCURATE!
Attachment: [Personal Data Form](#)

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Attention Engineers!

If you are interested in obtaining a Co-Op position for the spring 2009 semester, please attend the Introduction to Cooperative Education (Co-op) seminar Tuesday, Sept. 9 OR Thursday, Sept. 11 from 5-6 p.m. in the Career Development Center.

Please contact Jill Crandall by phone: 871-2164 or e-mail: crandallj@alfred.edu if you have any questions.

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Ramadan

We would like to inform the Alfred community that the Islamic holy month of Ramadan is upon us. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Ramadan, here is a synopsis of its significance:

"During the blessed month of Ramadan, Muslims all over the world abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs during the daylight hours. As a time to purify the soul, refocus attention on God, and practice self-sacrifice, Ramadan is much more than just not eating and drinking.

Muslims are called upon to use this month to re-evaluate their lives in light of Islamic guidance. We are to make peace with those who have wronged us, strengthen ties with family and friends, do away with bad habits -- essentially to clean up our lives, our thoughts, and our feelings. The Arabic word for "fasting" (sawm) literally means "to refrain" - and it means not only refraining from food and drink, but from evil actions, thoughts, and words.

During Ramadan, every part of the body must be restrained. The tongue must be restrained from backbiting and gossip. The eyes must restrain themselves from looking at unlawful things. The hand must not touch or take anything that does not belong to it. The ears must refrain from listening to idle talk or obscene words. The feet must refrain from going to sinful places. In such a way, every part of the body observes the fast.

Therefore, fasting is not merely physical, but is rather the total commitment of the person's body and soul to the spirit of the fast. Ramadan is a time to practice self-restraint; a time to cleanse the body and soul from impurities and re-focus one's self on the worship of God."

<http://islam.about.com/od...>

We ask you to please be courteous and respectful of those observing Ramadan as you would ask for their respect during important occasions for yourself.

Resources:

Attached is a Ramadan Time Table taken from the Islamic Center of Rochester, available at:
<http://www.theicr.org/>

Zakia Robana (frobanaz@alfred.edu), a professor in the Modern Languages division, is a part of the Alfred community and a practicing Muslim. She is willing to happily answer questions or concerns by the Muslim community here on campus.

Laurie DeMott (demotlj@alfred.edu) is our interfaith adviser on campus to whom any questions or concerns could also be directed.

Attachment: [Ramadan Time Table \(Prayer Schedule\)](#)

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Visiting Artists/Speakers Series - Lenka Clayton

Clayton is an artist/documentary maker who has joined Alfred University's School of Art & Design as the Randall International Chair for the 2008-09 academic year. Most recently, Clayton was the lead tutor in video and photography in the foundation course at Central Saint Martins Art College, London.
Location: Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall
Event Date(s): 09/18/2008
Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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You Can Prevent Suicide

Sept. 8-12 is National Suicide Prevention Week. Studies have shown that the most effective way to help someone who may be thinking about suicide is just to ask, "Are you thinking about hurting yourself?" If the answer is Yes, get help. Call the Counseling and Wellness Center at 607-871-2300; we have on-call counselors available.

Stay with the person until help arrives. If you need more assistance, call AU Public Safety at 607-871-2108 or dial 911. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273 TALK (8255).

If you'd like more information please call the Counseling and Wellness Center at 607-871-2300 or cwc@alfred.edu

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Free Women's Leadership Conference. Register Now!

Free for students -- Attend Canisius College Women's Leadership Conference in Buffalo on Tuesday, Oct. 7! Held at the Buffalo Convention Center, this conference features keynote speakers Julie Cordua, Vice President of Marketing for (RED), and Kay Koplovitz, the first female network president in television history. Fantastic workshops and networking opportunities as well.

Find out more at <http://www.canisius.edu/i...> The WLC will pay the registration fee and provide transportation for the first 6 students to respond.

We will depart Alfred at 6:30 a.m. and return by 6 p.m.

To reserve, e-mail wlc@alfred.edu. RSVP deadline - Friday, Sept. 12 by 3 p.m.

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Fall Family Weekend: Mother-Daughter Reception

Join us for a reading of original poetry and fiction by women on the Alfred University faculty. All are welcome.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m. at the Women's Leadership Center. In collaboration with the Alfred University English Division. Light refreshments provided.

For more information contact us at wlc@alfred.edu or call 607.871.2971

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Class of 2007 Graduate Survey Results

The First Destinations Report for the class of 2007 is available online.

If you would like a hard copy of the report sent to you, please contact Mark McFadden at the Career Development Center by phone, 871.2164 or by e-mail, mcfaddenm@alfred.edu.

Link: [2007 First Destination Report](#)

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Last Day for Intramural Teams - Sign up Now

AU Intramural Sports and Recreation

TEAMS AND LEAGUES FORMING --- SIGN UP NOW

TEAM ROSTERS/SIGNUPS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL Wednesday, Sept. 10
GAMES WILL BEGIN WEEK OF 9/15/08

In attempt to make things easier for scheduling, I have listed the days of participation. Please note that there are several different sports on each evening, so you can only plan to do one each evening. The times listed below are tentative and are subject to change according to Varsity Sports' practice times.

Fall Events:

6 v 6 soccer (men's) Monday Nights 7 :30 - 10 PM
Tennis (Doubles and Singles) Monday Nights 7:30 - 10 PM
Coed Slow Pitch Softball (10 Players) Tuesday Nights 6 - 8:30 PM
Coed Dodgeball (6 v 6) Tuesday Nights 6 - 8:00 PM
Flag Football (Open) 6 v 6 Wednesday Nights 9:30 - 11PM
Kickball (coed) (10 Players) Wednesday Nights 6 - 9 PM
Basketball 3 v 3 Tournament (Open) Wednesday Nights 7:30 - 10 PM
6 v 6 soccer (coed) Thursday Nights 7:30 - 10 PM
Volleyball 6 v 6 (coed) Thursday Nights 7:30 - 10 PM

You may register your team by dropping off your completed roster to the drop off box at the Intramural Bulletin board in the lower level of the McLane Center. Blank roster forms are available at the bulletin board as well. You may also e-mail your roster to millerst@alfred.edu

All rosters must be submitted by the "due date."

FAQ's

How do I join a team to sign up?

AU Intramurals Sports and Recreation invites all AU students, faculty and staff to participate. You are encouraged to create your own teams with friends, classmates and neighbors. If you are unable to

connect with a group you may contact the director of IM Sports and Recreation for assistance in joining another team.

Who can I have on my team?

Current Varsity/ JV Athletes. No more than 2 varsity/junior varsity athletes may participate on IM Sports teams in the sport, or associated sport, in which they competed at the intercollegiate level. An athlete that appeared on an intercollegiate roster at any time during the current academic year is considered a varsity/junior varsity athlete.

Former Varsity/ JV Athletes. Former varsity/junior varsity athletes may participate on IM Sports teams without restriction provided they have not appeared on varsity/junior varsity rosters at any time during the current academic year.

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Saxophone and Trombone Players!

The AU Jazz Band is seeking out MORE sax and trombone players! We have a great band that could use a couple of extra players on these instruments.

We're currently working on Latin and swing music for a workshop on Saturday, Sept. 20 with the Dave Rivello Ensemble - a modern jazz band from Eastman!

NO AUDITION REQUIRED! The Jazz Band meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., in room 302 of the Miller Performing Arts Building.

If interested, contact Dr. Chris Foster for questions and details. foster@alfred.edu, 871-2571. Hope to see you there!

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SDA Jobs Still Available - Start Earning Today!

The demand is HOT.... You asked and we deliver-SDA JOB SIGN UPS will be going on this week at Powell Campus Center -2nd Floor from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The position is for both Work Study & Non Work Study Students.

So what are you waiting for? Our students are already earning\$\$\$.. why not you!

For more information contact Susan Gorman, Univ. Relations Assoc. Director @ 871-2144/gorman@alfred.edu.

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Jazz Workshop!

Jazz Workshop with Dave Rivello and his 12-member jazz ensemble on Saturday, Sept. 20, noon to 5 p.m. Sessions on jazz interpretation, composition, improvisation and master classes.

OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. Holmes Auditorium.

No admission charge. Contact Chris Foster for more information, foster@alfred.edu, 871-2571.

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Grad School Fair - Tues, Oct. 28 -- Over 75 schools!

Tuesday, Oct 28, 2008
Noon - 2 p.m.
Powell Campus Center (Knight Club and Kenyon-Allen-Davis)

An unprecedented number of graduate and professional school programs have registered for this year's event.

Please contact Mark McFadden if you have any questions - mcfaddenm@alfred.edu.
Link: [Complete list of attending graduate schools](#)

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Farmer Jason - Music Concert For Kids!

Wellsville Creative Arts Center
Saturday, Sept. 13
Doors 1 p.m./Show 2 p.m.
Tickets: \$5 advance / \$6 door
*one Free ice cream with each ticket

Songs about Tadpoles, Tractors, Jumping Kittens and Punk-Rock Skunks

After drawing sell-out crowds from Oshkosh to Oslo with his energetic and interactive children's concerts, Nashville-based FARMER JASON, the identical twin brother (wink, wink) of Jason Ringenberg of Jason and the Scorchers fame, brings his hootenanny to The Wellsville Creative Arts Center.

He'll be doing songs from his two albums, A Day At The Farm and Rockin' In The Forest With Farmer Jason. And he'll be singing about everything kids love - toads, chickens, squirrels, tractors, and opossums to name a few. In between songs, there will be cheerful eco-friendly chats and plenty of audience interaction.

For more information go to: www.wellsvillecreativeart...

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