

Midnight breakfast tradition eases AU students during finals

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For almost two decades, Alfred University has kept up the tradition of a Midnight Breakfast at Ade Dining Hall. Former director of student activities Bob Miller is the man responsible for bringing the concept to AU. Miller got the idea from a school he attended before coming to Alfred. The idea is just to have fun with faculty and staff serving the students one night during finals week from 10 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. The midnight breakfast experience consists of scrambled eggs, French toast sticks, bacon, sausage, toast, fresh fruit and other breakfast foods along with a live DJ from WALF, the campus radio station. AU's own Dan Napolitano, former AU student and currently director of student activities usually asks trivia questions for prizes. As many as 600 students have been served in one night. "It has maintained a consistent feel of faculty friendliness breaking through the stress of finals," said Napolitano. Samantha Moore, senior gerontology major, said this about her experience: "I like the fact that faculty serve you, and the whole experience relieves a lot of stress." Nancy Furlong, professor of psychology, said, "I enjoy it and go as often as I can." Some 15-faculty members have signed up to take part in the fall semester 2007 Midnight Breakfast.