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BOX SCARE SHAKES CAMPUS

Logan Gee
Editor-in-Chief



Alfred University (AU) students spent most of Friday, February 3 inside while campus and state police investigated a possible bomb threat at Powell Campus Center.

"It was a really bad ending to an already really bad week," first-year Katherine

Schibler said.

At approximately 11:15AM Powell Campus Center was evacuated due to the report of a suspicious package that was set in front of the outside doors across from Kanakadea Hall. The package was described by a source as a plain, unopened cardboard box with the words "Ice Packs" printed on the side and no return label on top.

At first, officials only secured off the lower entrance of Powell, but as concern grew, the exclusionary zone was expanded across Academic Alley and both Seidlin and Kanakadea hall were evacuated.

Due to oversight by Public Safety, however, a class in each building was not made aware of the evacuation and remained in session. When both classes were released at approximately 12:10, students walked out to officers yelling at them and questioning how they were able to get into the buildings.

"Their reaction seemed like a bit of an overreaction but that may have been me trying to rationalize a possible bomb in Alfred," second-year English major Dan Coyne said.

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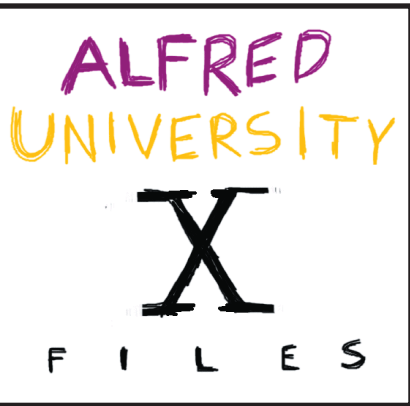


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AU Fresh Gets Fresher

Lydia Galarneau
Staff Writer

For those who understand relatively mellow winters to be symptoms of climate change, seeing grass on the Alfred University campus in January is worrying. On-campus sustainability efforts have attempted to lessen AU’s carbon footprint, but complications in getting policies enacted make certain efforts ineffective.

Take the composting program at Ade Dining Hall. Ryan Miller, the manager, says that kitchen staffers have composted vegetable scraps since he arrived in the job three years ago. According to Miller, these scraps are sent to a local farm to be reused there, in addition to the refuse students throw into the composting bin by the dish belt in Ade.

However, according to multiple kitchen staffers, composting only began at the beginning of the Spring 2017 semester. One reported that in previous semesters, materials that could be composted simply “went into the same dumpster as the garbage.” As for recycling, this staffer said that Ade “does separate cardboard from the garbage.”

A tour guide confirmed the belated start of the com-

posting program. They recalled being told by AU Fresh management during training in the Fall 2016 semester that composting would begin in Spring 2017.

Emma Percy, a representative of Green Alfred, indicated that this difficulty with establishing an effective composting program is plausibly not a failure on AU Fresh’s part, as “[the compost] is often unusable because students treat it as a trash can.” Because only specific materials can be composted, tossing unwanted food items such as meat or dairy products can render an entire batch useless, unless an unfortunate AU Fresh employee was made to sort through every bin of compost to hunt for meat and dairy products.

However, students are still disappointed in this disconnect between policy and de facto practices. Sage Gonzalez, a junior in the School of Art and Design, said that he had been told by other students that food thrown into compost bins was not actually composted. “I’m a vegetarian,” he said, “so I got my hopes up.”

He remains disappointed in AU Fresh’s sustainability measures despite the new composting practices, specifically mentioning the garden in front



of Ade. “I’ve never seen them working on it,” he said.

Of course, sustainability measures extend beyond what is done with kitchen refuse. Percy and Green Alfred are pushing to have more extensive policies put into place to make AU an earth-friendly campus. “I would love to see a consistent recycling system across campus, as well as more native wild plants in the gardens,” they said. Other policy proposals included making the campus more reliant on renewable energy such as solar or wind, and the installment of a full-time sustainability officer, whose sole focus would be enacting sustainable policies

on-campus. As for AU Fresh, Percy sees the move towards composting as a first good step, which needs to be followed up by further policy changes. Ade manager Ryan Miller wants to reach out more to students who may be concerned about sustainability in their food. Beginning on February 1st, AU Fresh will host a focus group for developing vegetarian and vegan options every Wednesday in the Ade Hall lounge area at 6:30 PM. The discussion will include taste-testing possible meals as well as giving feedback to those already on the menu.

What About Wednesdays

February 1st - Sanctuary Cities/Campuses

Matt Barnhart
Staff Writer



Every Wednesday for the Spring semester of 2016-17 school year, the Institute for Cultural Unity (ICU) holds a discussion forum to talk in a group setting about difficult topics. On February 1 at 12pm, the ICU held a discussion about Sanctuary Cities and how Alfred University (AU) is

affected. “I’m not an expert on this topic,” said Kathy Woughter who is vice president of Student Affairs and interim vice president on new student enrollment, “but because of this election I had to be educated.” This is only the sec-

ond forum in the ICU’s “What About...Wednesday” series, but there was not an empty seat or engaged person to be found in the audience. That is a surefire sign of the momentum this discussion series is gaining. This week’s topic was on “Sanctuary Cities/Campuses.” AU has a long history of being a sanctuary campus, for more information on that just ask Woughter or Laurie McFadden, AU’s archivist.

Woughter brought up many amazing facts and statistics, most important of which is that AU is not considered a “Sanctuary Campus,” and that one of the main concerns is because of Title IV. Title IV is what awards cities and campuses federal financial aid and that is why many college campuses are hesitant on declaring their sanctuary status.

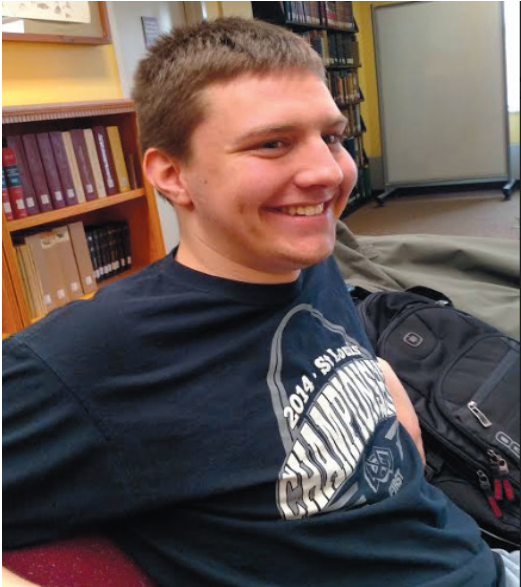
Sanctuary cities/campus-

es have a history in religious temples declaring themselves a sanctuary. Being a sanctuary city/campus means that without a subpoena the legal status of students will not be relinquished. Woughter mentioned that Boise State University teamed up with Boise, ID to declare themselves a “Welcoming City,” a city that will accept and help undocumented immigrants and refugees but will required to work with federal officers. Woughter stated repeatedly that AU administration on all fronts are having the conversation on what they should or need to do to show their solidarity.

“Some of what has happened this week, I could never have guessed,” a sentiment said by many, and felt by all.

“What Are Your Thoughts on the Immigration Ban?”

Cheyenne Rainford
Managing Editor



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“It is really weird that it is even a thing that has happened... I do not agree with it, but people did it for a reason, so part of me wants to understand why. I think it is messed up... if there are enough people who feel that [the ban is justified] maybe we need to ask some different questions.



Nermin Moustafa

“I am very angry. I fell like all of my rights are being taken away from me... I am afraid for my mom; I am afraid for my brother... As a Communications major, to see a news network like Fox News get [reporting of the mosque shooting in Canada] wrong, it makes me want to get into the field more.”

Chinanna Calabrese -

“It is counter intuitive -- racist. It seems incredibly uneducated too. Something from a science fiction dystopian novel. If out goal is to have international relations, it is counter productive. It seems unlike the spirit of America. We should be this big cultural mash-up.

Susan Mayberry -

“Like underestimating a Nasty Woman born in Novemeber, the Muslim ban is neither principled nor practical.

Quintin Reed -

“It’s an arbitrary pill to swallow because on one hand the literature is saying it is banning people based on nationality but the author is saying he is banning people based on religion. Personally I don’t think people should be banned based on religion.”

FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Alfred University students,



Kathy Woughter
VP for Student Affairs and Interim
VP Enrollment Management
Photo Credit: Alfred.edu

On January 27, the President signed an Executive Order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Entry into the United States by Foreign Nationals.” Section 3 of that Executive Order will “suspend entry into the United States” of both nonimmigrants and immigrants from at least 7 countries, for 90 days from the date the Executive Order was signed, except for those traveling on diplomatic visas, NATO visas, and C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations. For now, these countries are Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

There are many questions related to this order. Some include (1) exactly which individuals are included in the entry ban (passport holders, citizens, nationals, dual nationals, etc.); (2) which agencies have started immediate enforcement (currently, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is processing people based on how they present themselves at primary inspection); and (3) if additional countries could also be included.

This weekend at airports across the country, U.S. authorities began enforcing this ban. Many who had just arrived in the U.S. with valid entry documentation were stopped and held in secondary inspections. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol denied their entry to the U.S. and in many cases, threatened deportation back to their country of passport. On Saturday, a U.S. federal judge issued a ruling against removing (deporting) any of the individuals with valid visas who arrive at our ports of entry. However, the ruling does not say that they must be admitted to the U.S.

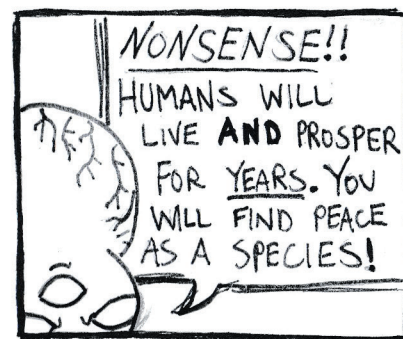
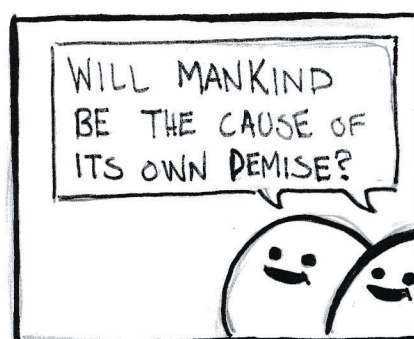
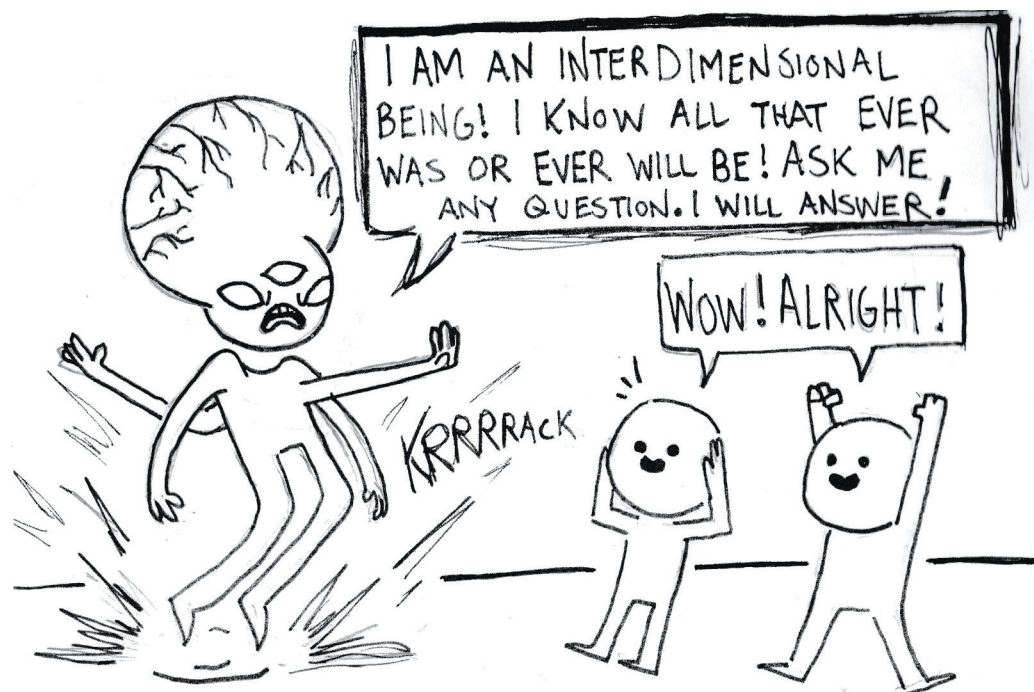
Please note that the situation is fluid, and may change at any time. Our international students have already been contacted by Jeanne Marion, international programs coordinator, with some advice and support. If you are not an international student but have questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne at marion@alfred.edu.

Please know that the Alfred University community is here to support you. To this end, take care of one another, and stay tuned for upcoming announcements from campus offices.

*Sincerely,
Kathy*



THE CALL OF THE ALFRED ART FRESHMEN



Comics: Noah Mitchell



Abe Parker performing in the Knight Club on Saturday, February 3, 2017



Bryan Bautista and Nick Hagelin from The Voice performing in the Knight Club on Saturday, February 4, 2017

Looking for something new to listen to? Check these out!

1. Castle on the Hill - Ed Sheeran
2. Sleep on the Floor - The Lumineers
3. Ophelia - The Lumineers
4. Complicated - Fitz and the Tantrums
5. The Greatest - Sia

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FEATURES

Alfred University X- Files

An Investigation into Alfred's Paranormal Activity

Noah Michell
Staff Writer



There's a reasonable explanation for everything. For those of us who watched the "Scooby Doo" television series as children, you may recognize this common catchphrase by one Velma Dinkley, the under appreciated and overlooked voice of reason among the bumbling idiots that are Mystery Inc. I agree with her, in that people will believe what they want to believe, but at the end of the night, there's always a person behind the rubber mask.

I've personally never considered the supernatural to be true, but nevertheless, I find it fun to believe. This past week, in search of adventure, I chose to do some paranormal investigating of my own.

Rod Serling, creator of "The Twilight Zone" spent a good portion of his life in western New York. I had full confidence that if this area served as inspiration for some of his work, I would have no problem finding some peculiar information. After throwing on my detective coat, I made a trek to the Herrick Archives to uncover any strange occurrences or otherworldly incidents that had been reported on Alfred University's campus. With the help of specialist Laurie McFadden, I was able to find just what I needed.

I present to you, the contents of Alfred's very own X-Files.

As the first installment of what I hope will become an ongoing series, I'd like to begin by unveiling a story that has something a lot of other campfire legends lack: an origin. On January 16, 1940, a student by the name of

Betsy Obrig published an article in the school paper, The Fiat Lux. According to her story, two students reported seeing a ghost at the site of John's Pond, a small hole in the ground with water in it, located behind the former A.U. fraternity, Kappa Psi Upsilon.

At the time this article was published, as far as this unpaid journalist knows, the frat had only existed for roughly 20 years. It was established in 1922, and while that seems

early, it pails in comparison to the pond's origins which occurred almost two centuries earlier.

Obrig researched the incident herself, and interviewed an unnamed citizen who she refers to only as "Alfred's Oldest Inhabitant." According to her source, the pond was formed sometime after the Revolutionary War. A man by the name of Tyler built a small cabin for himself and his newly wed wife, Jane. One evening, while digging out a cellar, he hit water, and it began flooding their lower house. This leak later grew to become what is referred to now as John's Pond. Where its name is derived, I couldn't say.

A few days later, a former lover of Jane's visited their homestead. His name was Desmond, and he claimed to be Jane's real husband. The

two men began fighting over her and soon their altercation became physical. Tyler hit Desmond, who fell down the stairs, became unconscious, and landed face down in the flooded basement, drowning to death. The story goes that Jane later disappeared and Tyler was strung up by an angry mob, vengeful after Desmond's murder. The cabin eventually collapsed after a fire, and the remains were washed away as the flooding basement expanded into the body of water we see today.

Since then, people claim to have seen a figure occasionally walking the grounds of the pond. Many believe it's the spirit of Desmond, angry and unable to rest. The two boys in 1940 were some of the first to go on record, but since then, there have been countless reported sightings. Whether or not Obrig's explanation fueled students' imaginations, or if it served as an answer to a pre-existing phenomenon, is left for us to determine. Nevertheless, it represents one of the many oddities found among Alfred's archives.

Other mysteries include the only woman executed in Allegany County, the mysterious specters of Brick Residence Hall and even stories involving a ghost cow. Stay tuned for more Alfred X-Files!



Have a go-to family meal you would love to share? Want to brag about great-grandma's secret recipe for a timeless dish? Hungry for some hot home cooking? Want to give back to the community? The Cultural Bowl wants you!

The Cultural Bowl is a community-based charity event that will combine the talents of Alleghany County and Alfred craftspeople with the rest of the community to help support New Hope Animal Shelter and the Alfred Housing Committee. If you're interested in donating handmade ceramic bowls, food, money, or your valuable time, please contact aia@alfred.edu and come to our event in Powell's Knight Club on February 24th from 12-4pm. Choose a bowls for a suggested \$10 donation and decide from a variety of foods to fill it.

SPORTS

IN IT TO WIN IT

Sarah Thomann
Guest Writer

2017 may be the year of the Rooster, but for the AU Women's Lacrosse team it is the year of change.

"Our seniors have a huge impact on this team and the only way to give them a season to remember, the one they deserve, is to put our hearts out on the field each game to have an impactful season," said sophomore, midfielder Molly Kindschuh.

For the past few years the program has gone under some reconstruction to make it the diamond in the rough for AU athletics. With difficult seasons sprinkled here and there just like any other sports team at the school, the women's lacrosse program has made its mark as the program to look out for in the future. With this year being one to remember for a team boasting out six seniors; the largest group the program has seen in quite a few years. The team has designated this year as the year



that will go down in history for this program.

The 2017 roster is full of returning players and they are ready to come at their spring season full force and beat previous year's records. After kicking off the start of pre-season on January 31, the team is looking the best they have in a while and the women's lacrosse team is saying six more weeks of hard work to show

the conference they have arrived. By starting off a 16 game season down in Port Charlotte, FL this year the team is ready to take wins left and right as they prepare to take on the challenging Empire 8 games.

This year, the team has their sights set on winning a coveted conference game to send their senior players off in style and give them a season that will go down in the record

books.

"So far pre-season has been going well and I expect it to stay on the rise... we will surprise many people," says junior captain, and starting goalie Shannon Gray.

With 2017 in full swing the team plans to power through their pre-season as they prepare to face off with two new teams down in Florida come March.

Now more than ever is the time to come out and show your Saxon support for the players. In hopes of offsetting the travel costs for their spring trip they will be holding a bake sale in Powell Campus Center on February 13th, and 14th. Not only will this bake sale come with out of this world cookies and brownies, but the team will also be raffling off a few Valentine's Day goodies for you and your sweetheart to enjoy.



Spicer breaks school record and earns #5 national ranking at Ithaca Invite

Credit: gosaxon.com

ITHACA, NY – Junior Seth Spicer (Corning, NY/Corning-Painted Post) broke the school record in the heptathlon on Sunday during the final day of the Ithaca College Invitational. Spicer bested the previous school record of 4,425 points set by Shane Stadtmueller in 2003 and his own personal best of 4,342 points set at Ithaca on February 6,

2016 with his new score of 4,787. Sunday's final score also puts him at #5 in the nation for NCAA Division III. Spicer finished fourth overall with two non-Division III opponents and the current #1 nationally-ranked Jack Flood of SUNY Cortland who had 5,155 points.

Between both days of competition, Spicer had personal bests

in the long jump (6.44 meters), shot put (12.68 meters), high jump (1.77 meters), pole vault (3.80 meters) and the 1,000-meter run (2:45.74).

Junior Sean Howarth (Howells, NY/Minisink Valley) also had multiple personal bests during his two-day stay. He PR'd in the 60-meter dash (7.96), the shot put (10.36 meters), the 60-meter hurdles (11.13), the pole vault (3.10

meters) and the 1,000 meter run (3:13.38) as he finished 22nd out of the 29 athletes.

Spicer and Howarth will next join their fellow Saxons as they head to Utica College on Saturday, February 11 for the Empire 8 Indoor Track and Field Championships.

ALL ABOUT ALFRED

Communication's Newest Film Buff

Logan Gee
Editor-in-Chief



Credit: doctornick.net

Film enthusiast, world traveler, and relaxed hobbyist are just a few terms that describe Alfred University's (AU) newest communications studies professor, Nicholas Schlegel.

"To quote Joe Walsh, I'm basically an analogue man in a digital world... I am

an extremely nostalgic person," Schlegel said.

The new assistant professor of communication studies calls himself a Michigan transplant, only just leaving the area to move to Western NY. He spent his childhood oscillating from a house in Detroit to an apartment in the Canary Islands

of Spain. His bicultural background sparked a love of travel and an interest in international film – passions Schlegel infuses into his classes.

"My identity is really wrapped in cinema culture," Schlegel said and referred to his office already plastered in film memorabilia.

Before AU, Schlegel worked at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. He taught classes in communication studies with a focus on film, which is a field of study that AU hasn't touched on as much as other aspects of communication studies like public relations

and journalism.

When asked, 'Why Alfred?' Schlegel said part of it was was the small-town culture. The beautiful rural setting and close student-faculty relationships were exactly what he craved after working in a large urban university.

Schlegel said that, already, Alfred has already allowed him to do so much and he is optimistic about the future of his career at AU.

"I've never been made to feel more welcomed anywhere in my life than I have at AU," Schlegel concluded.

BOX SCARE

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With buildings now closed and classes canceled, several students, staff and faculty went to Herrick to escape the cold and watch as more police cars flooded onto campus; many of them still unaware of the details of the situation taking place.

Later, at 12:50PM when the bomb squad, which had been dispatched from Batavia, NY came onto campus, students took to social media to ask questions that Public Safety and police offi-

cers were not answering.

Ashley Wilmier, fourth-year materials science and engineering major, posted, "Do you know what it is other than a suspicious package?"

Several students responded saying that the package was a bomb, which only led to alarm and more unconfirmed suspicions circulating on Facebook and other platforms.

Then, around 1:00PM, after examining and x-raying the package, officials reported the box empty and the area secure.



Quickly, the bomb squad truck exited campus, the security tape was taken down and all buildings were reopened, allowing members of campus to resume with their regular schedule.

After buildings were reopened and classes resumed,

students agreed that though they were glad that the issue was resolved, they wished Public Safety and other officers had kept students up to date at the situation was taking place rather than after the situation was resolved.

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February close-up

more details on
weekend highlights!

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2/10</p> 	<p>2/11</p> 
<p>2/17</p> 	<p>2/18</p> 
<p>2/24</p> 	<p>2/25</p> 

Date Auction
8pm Nevins Theater
Twenty students auctioned for a Saturday dinner date. E-mail spectrum@alfred.edu to be up for auction.

Alfred Birds
8pm in Wellness Annex
AU's Boffer Club coordinates a slingshot competition using rubber birds and building blocks. Come check it out and win prizes!

Sex on Stage
9pm Nevins Theater
Alfred Dramatists get kinky with scenes about sex.

Comedian Kevin Yee
9:30pm Knight Club
Kevin Yee is a pop-comedy singer who performs a unique collection of sassy songs about random stuff.

Pac-man Live
8pm in Wellness Annex
Still not sure how we'll recreate this one - but we are looking for clubs or groups of friends to get paid to make it happen. E-mail csi@alfred.edu

The Culture Bowl
11am-2pm Friday in Knight Club
For \$10 buy a ceramic bowl and fill it with delicious cultural food.


BINGO FOR FOOD
7PM Friday
Nevins Theater
This popular free food event returns!

Black Culture Showcase
7PM Holmes Auditorium
Contact Umoja@alfred.edu to perform on stage. Look for details on an after-party.

Alfred University Career Development Center's 2017 Spring Career Expo

Friday, February 17, 11:00a.m. - 2 p.m.
Joyce and Walton Family Center (Annex)

Bring the post card you received at home or in your PCC mailbox with you to the Spring Job Fair and become eligible to win one of our door prizes!



6 Reasons You Should Attend!

- 1.) Start your summer job/internship search
- 2.) Get "face-time" with company representatives who are hiring
- 3.) Establish connections for future jobs/ internships
- 4.) Develop your communication and Networking skills
- 5.) Learn about potential career paths
- 6.) Find out what skills/majors employers are looking for

Please bring a copy of your resume for resume collections.
No Resume? No problem! Come in to the CDC February 14, 15, 16th and make one!
Complete list of participating employers - www.alfred.edu/cdc/isjf-participants.cfm

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