

## **AU students to sleep out to emphasize plight of homeless**

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The Alfred University Volunteer Center will be focusing on the plight of the homeless on Monday, Oct. 7, when Lisa Lavally, director of Development and Public Relations for Western New York's Veterans Housing Coalition, will speak at 7 p.m. at the Village Bandstand. After her presentation there will be a 'sleep-out' in which participants will be sleeping outside for an evening to gain perspective on the hardships of the homeless, explained Tricia Debertolis, director of Powell Campus Center. Students and members of the Alfred University community are being asked to support the community service project by making a donation, attending the presentation and/or participating in the sleep-out itself. Donations will go to Western New York's Veterans Housing Coalition. The organization provides service to all counties of western New York, including Allegany County. According to their statistics, one in three of all homeless are veterans. This program is one in a series entitled "Service on the Sevens" which creates service opportunities for all members of the AU campus community on the seventh of every month. For additional information, please call Debertolis at the Powell Campus Center (607) 871-2175.