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TODAY	TOMORROW	FRIDAY
12:00 Day of Silence	12:10 Bergren Forum	12:20 Geology Seminar
12:15 Math Club Birthday Celebration	5:30 Undergraduate Research Forum	1:00 MS Thesis Defense - Amanda Youchak
1:00 Mock interviews for educators	7:00 RHC meeting	4:00 Honors Convocation
3:30 Ph.D. thesis defense -- Fabienne Raszewski	8:00 ISSO movie night	6:00 Pickup Frisbee
6:00 Jeopardy: Hot Doggy style	· Summer School Registration	8:00 Jazz Ensemble Concert
· Employer-In-Residence		Nevins movie -- 'DreamGirls'
· Summer School Registration		· Last Day to Defend a Graduate Thesis/Project
		· Spring Family Weekend begins today!
		· Summer School Registration

Spring Family Weekend begins Friday

Spring Family Weekend will take place this Friday through Sunday, April 20-22, and we're looking forward to welcoming a large number of families to campus.

Please visit the Spring Family Weekend Web page for a complete schedule of events and other information.

Parents with questions concerning Spring Family Weekend are encouraged to contact the Office of Summer and Parents Programs at 607.871.2612 or via e-mail to mclaym@alfred.edu.

Link: [Spring Family Weekend Web Page](#)

Attachment: [Updated Weekend Schedule](#)

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Staff & faculty sought to help with Hot Dog Day

Haven't you always wanted to experience the magic behind Hot Dog Day? We can use help in many areas and these opportunities will allow you to interact with students in a new way and experience Hot Dog Day from a new perspective.

1) SEE THE DOGS BEFORE THE BUNS!

Tricia Debertolis is currently recruiting faculty and staff to work a Hot Dog grilling station. You can grill, sell, or bun (verb - bun: to put the hot dog in the bun) with familiar colleagues or meet new colleagues that you've never seen before! Sign up for an hour shift by e-mailing Tricia at debertpa@alfred.edu.

2) BECOME A ROADIE FOR A BIG CONCERT!

Dan Napolitano is seeking some extra hands for the "tech crew" for the big Saturday night concert. They'll be setting up a huge stage complete with sound system beginning from 7 a.m. until noon (Saturday morning) and then taking it down from 10:30 p.m. until approximately 2 a.m. (into Sunday morning).

Volunteers for either shift will receive an awesome baseball jersey shirt and free admission into the concert. You can pretend you're a roadie and you've been on the road for months (call your family and tell them how much you miss them, too). You'll also be working alongside students and seeing the true backstage experience. Contact Dan at napolitano@alfred.edu if you want in.

Hot Dog Day is a huge community-builder and fundraiser. We can't do it without your help!

Students still interested in joining us should also e-mail either Dan or Tricia.

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Hot Dog Day Charities

The co-chairs of Hot Dog Day would like to announce and recognize the following charities that will be benefiting from proceeds made on Hot Dog Day 2007:

AE Crandall Hook and Ladder
Alfred Box of Books Library
Alfred Montessori School
Alfred Station Fire Co.
Allegany ARC
Allegany County Mental Health Association
The SPCA Serving Allegany County

The proceeds that these charities receive are greatly appreciated and will help to improve the quality of life in Alfred.

Thank you all so much for your services, they are notably valued.

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Math Club Birthday Celebration

April 18, 2007, Myers Hall, Room 228, 12:15-1:10 p.m..

Celebrate the 300th anniversary of Leonhard Euler's birth. Members of the AU mathematics faculty will honor Euler's life and work. [It's the least they can do since Euler has made their own life and work much easier...] According to William Dunham, author of Euler, Master of Us All:

"Without question, Leonhard Euler (1707-1783) ranks among history's greatest mathematicians. Across six decades of unmatched productivity, and despite a visual impairment that grew ever worse, he charted the course of mathematics throughout the eighteenth century and beyond. His reputation is captured in Laplace's famous admonition,

'Read Euler, read Euler. He is the master of us all.'"

Pizza, drinks and birthday cake will be served.
All are welcome.

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New U.S. Postal Rates

New U.S. Postal rates go into effect May 14, 2007. See the attachment below for details of the new rates.

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Reminder to supervisors

Supervisors must notify Human Resources immediately when any of their staff is absent from work due to their own or a family member's health condition for five consecutive days, or when an on-going, intermittent absence is requested. This ensures that HR is able to notify the employee of their Family and Medical Leave Act rights, as well as ensure compliance with AU policies. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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Geology Seminar on reviving ancient microorganisms

The geology seminar on Friday, April 20 will be given by Dr. Tim Lowenstein of Binghamton University. The title of his presentation, WHICH HAS BEEN CHANGED SINCE THE SCHEDULE WAS PRINTED, is "Reviving ancient microorganisms in crystals: Jurassic Park or Fantastic Lark?".

Dr. Lowenstein will be speaking about extraction and revival of microorganisms from ancient mineral crystals. The talk will be held in room 228 of the Science Center and it is open to everyone.

Refreshments will be served.

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Health insurance panel discussion for students

Tuesday, April 24, 2007
Women's Leadership Center
6 p.m.

Health Insurance can be Confusing...please encourage students to attend.

What we will Discuss:

- * AU's Health Plan
- * How to choose a health plan that best fits you

Presenters include:

John Accattato -- Account Executive of Academic Health Plans

Rosetta Brown-Greaney -- Director of AU's Health Center

Grace Stewart - Alfred University Student

Organized by: Nichole Pierre, intern for the WLC

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

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Society of Women Engineers meeting

Society of Women Engineers meeting on Wed (4/18) at 7 p.m. in McMahon 118.

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'Fight the Cold' packages

Treat yourself or cheer up a friend with a "Fight the Cold" package :) APO will be selling three different packages on the first floor of Powell at lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Your package options...

~"Stress Reliever" includes a Mountain Dew, chocolate, snacks, and more

~"Keep Warm" includes hot cocoa, ramen noodle, popcorn, and more

~"Care Package" includes tea, chap-stick, hand sanitizer, and more

Please stop by our table to lighten the mood during this cold weather and make sure to keep warm!

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ISSO movie night

ISSO movie night "NANA 1"

Date: Thursday, April 19 2007

Time: 8.p.m.

Place: Bartlett Lounge

Language: Japanese with English subtitle

Director: Kentaro Otani

Duration: 113 minutes

This movie is an adaptation of Ai Yazawa's best-selling girls' comic "NANA". Nana Komatsu (Aoi Miyazaki) journeys to Tokyo to be with her boyfriend. A stroke of luck finds her sitting on the train next to NANA Osaki (Mika Nakashima), a budding rock vocalist. Although they part at Tokyo Station, their paths cross once more as they compete for the same apartment. They decide to move in together and despite their differences, introspective NANA and outgoing nana become firm friends. This is a movie about dreams, love, and reality.

Please come enjoy the movie with us!

Link: [NANA 1 movie trailer](#)

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Retirement party for Myers Hall faculty

Details: Please join us on Friday, May 4, for a retirement dinner party honoring the following Myers Hall faculty members who have served Alfred University for a combined 194.5 years. They are: George Ball (38.5 yrs.), Wesley Bentz (37 yrs.), Jim Curl (33 yrs.), Kathryn Curl (5 yrs.), Tom McDowell (23 yrs.), Robert Pipal (23 yrs.), and Robert Williams (35 yrs).

Upstairs Ade Hall - Reception 5:30-6:45 - Dinner 6:45-9 p.m.

The dinner menu will be a buffet featuring Chicken Cordon Bleu and Pasta Primavera. Wine will be served during dinner. There will be a cash bar at the reception prior to the dinner.

Cost will be \$20 per person. Payment must accompany reservation.

Send reservation with name(s), and check (made payable to Alfred University) to Cheryl Chaffee, Myers Hall, room 108, Alfred University, Alfred, NY 14802

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Graduate assistant position in Student Activities

Alfred University's Office of Student Activities is seeking candidates for a graduate assistantship.

The 20-hour/week position is created to provide weekend night supervision to the Powell Campus Center, the hub of campus life at Alfred University. The graduate student would supervise and/or support student managers, staff, and volunteers who are presenting numerous events in both the Nevins Theater (weekly film series) and our Knight Club (bands, comedians, novelty acts).

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Interested in Macs, but need Windows applications?

Well, now you can have both! If you are scheduled for a returning Gateway machine this summer and are interesting in switching to a Mac, then ITS can provide a solution.

For a one-time charge of \$58 to cover the Windows XP license, we can offer you a dual-booting Mac. This means that if you need a program that runs only in Windows most of the day, you can restart your computer and boot into Windows. This gives you full capability of a Windows machine while allowing you the freedom to learn the Mac platform.

Contact Mike Stone at stone@alfred.edu for more details.

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Summer hours/Friday excused hours

Summer Hours

University offices will be open during the summer months (May 14 - Aug. 17, 2007) from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The area Vice President may elect to allow staff to work from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, with a half hour lunch period. Some Vice Presidents may elect for certain offices to remain open or with a skeleton staff until 4:30 p.m. Information should be posted on the office door and voice mail for offices that close at 3:30 p.m.

Additional Time Off

During the summer months, it may be possible for staff in some areas to take additional time off without pay. Such a schedule would need approval of the Vice President involved. University participation in payment of fringe benefits for those employees who voluntarily take additional time off during the summer will be continued. Anyone interested should consult with Human Resource Services for further information on benefit payment. Requests and approval of additional time off would need to be submitted to Human Resources prior to May 1, 2007.

Friday Excused Hours

Once again this summer, President Edmondson has approved that the University will close most offices at noon on Fridays, beginning June 15 through Aug. 17, subject to Vice Presidential approval. In doing so, we ask that you remain aware of the need for a high level of service across the campus as summer school, summer programs, camps, conferences, etc. are in session. The needs of our students, colleagues, and visitors should continue to be a top priority at all times and therefore instruction should be provided as to how they can be assisted when an office is closed on Friday afternoons.

Your Vice President will pass along specific instructions as needed for individual departments that may need to stay open on a Friday afternoon (with a skeleton crew in the office) until 3:30 p.m. or later. If this is necessary, those individuals who stay will be able to take a comparable period of time off within the same pay week, in consultation with the supervisor.

Attached are "Guidelines for Friday Closings" that will specifically explain these details.

In those few cases where an office remains open on a Friday afternoon with a skeleton crew, it may be a good idea for phones to be forwarded to one line. Or, as in the case where an office will close at noon, the outgoing message on all phones should clearly and specifically state the University's summer hours, noting the shortened workday on Friday. As always, it should be noted that calls will be promptly returned the next business day.

Attachment: [Summer_Hours_Guidelines_for_Fridays.doc](#)

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Summer positions -- 48 Hour Challenge

The 48 Hour Challenge needs to hire 20 student liaisons to act as chaperones for the 20 high school teams competing in the 48 Hour Challenge at Alfred University.

You must be available to attend the 9 a.m. training session on Monday, June 25.

The competition takes place from 1 p.m. June 25 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 27.

Student liaisons will be paid \$7.15 per hour for 40 hours between June 25 and June 27. Liaisons are expected to simply chaperone their team of 5 high school students to the various labs on campus, to the dining halls, and to the residence halls.

Please fill out an application with Human Resources, Greene Hall, and contact Professor Eric Gaze, gazee@alfred.edu, if you are interested in this position.

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Public Safety Officer
Part-Time, Nights (20 hours per week)
10-Month Position
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