AOD Education Program Again Garners National Acclaim 1/26/98

Alfred, N.Y.--The University's Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education program has again earned national acclaim. The program, which utilizes peer educators to warn students about the dangers of substance abuse, is featured in the Sourcebook, published by the Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies project. "We are pleased to be included in this publication," said Ian Neuhard, director of the Office of AOD Education. "It is one more indication that AU has one of the best collegiate substance abuse prevention programs in the country."The Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies project is designed to identify and share exemplary campus-based strategies that address alcohol-related problems. David Anderson, a faculty member at George Mason University and Gail Gleason Milgram, a member of the Rutgers University faculty, are directors of the project. Alfred's AOD Education program was among 35 comprehensive programs from around the country selected for the Sourcebook. Key to AU's program are the peer educators. Collectively known as Students Advocating Intelligent Lifestyles (SAIL), they deliver presentations in residence halls, fraternity houses, clubs, and other locales. Another key component of the program is a resource center, which features books, pamphlets, posters, reports, and videotapes. The Judicial Community Service Contracts program, another part of Alfred's substance abuse prevention efforts, is also featured in the Sourcebook. Through that program, violators of the University's substance abuse policy devote their time and talents to community service projects. Last year, Alfred's AOD Education program was named as one of the top 10 collegiate substance abuse prevention programs in the country by the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Issues. The program also received a \$10,000 grant from the F.T. and Anna C. Manley Memorial Trust.