

## **Alfred University Pep Band makes return**

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ALFRED This fall, a sound once familiar to Alfred University sports fans makes its return with the revival of the AU Pep Band. The band, a newly-formed club organization at AU, will play music and lead cheers during Alfred men's and women's sporting events beginning this fall. The Pep Band is under the direction of Ed Wadin, music instructor at AU, and David Snyder of the Herrick Memorial Library staff. "The purpose of the AU Pep Band is to provide music and cheers to boost the Saxon effort, stir the crowd, promote school spirit and facilitate fun at AU athletic events," Snyder commented. The pep band represents a revival of an old tradition at Alfred, in which the University's ROTC band played from the stands at home football games. The band was dissolved in the 1960s. According to Snyder, the band will reprise the old Saxon Fight Song, last performed by the ROTC band. He said he has altered the lyrics a bit so the song can be used at all sporting events. The original lyrics made reference only to the football team. While the pep band is a student organization, members of the public are welcome to participate. Anyone interested in joining may contact Wadin at 607-871-2570 or Snyder at 607-871-2823.