

# Alfred Today

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## New Alfred Today on Tuesday, Feb. 6

The Alfred Today Improvement Committee, convened by Provost Buckley in fall 2006, finished its work in November with a set of recommendations to improve the functionality of Alfred Today. Since November, the ITS Web Team has worked to incorporate these changes into a redesigned Alfred Today. The new Alfred Today will launch on Tuesday, Feb. 6 with the following new features:

- \* Separate editions for students and faculty/staff. Items will automatically appear in both versions, and you may opt out of having the item appear in either one.
- \* A listing of both announcements and items from the campus events calendar
- \* A Web application that will allow you to better manage announcements and events that you have posted to Alfred Today
- \* A link/button in Alfred Today that will allow you to send individual items to your e-mail inboxes

ITS and the Office of Communications will offer several informational demonstrations to help you use the new Web submission forms on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 5,6,7 at 12:20 p.m. in the Banner Training Center.

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## If at first you don't succeed...

With the switch-over to the new Alfred Today, the submission form for Alfred Today may be temporarily unavailable Monday morning. If you try to submit an item and cannot gain access to the form, please try again later in the day.

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## CSA general meeting

**Event Date:** 2007-02-01 00:00:00.0

**Event Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** Multicultural Suite

Come join us for our weekly meeting! We will be watching a modern-day African film.

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## Taste Buds general meeting

**Event Date:** 2007-02-01 00:00:00.0

**Event Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Multicultural Suite

Who's your favorite TV chef? Come down and tell us. Maybe in the future we can bring him/her to Alfred. So come down to have some fun and eat candy! At 7 p.m. in the Multicultural Suite. See there!

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## RHC meeting

**Event Date:** 2007-02-01 00:00:00.0

**Event Time:** 7 p.m.

**Location:** Kenyon-Allen Room

Want free money for your club or residence hall? Come to RHC this Thursday night and find out how you can get money to improve your residence hall or to have a party!

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## Undergraduate research grants info session

**Event Date:** 2007-02-02 00:00:00.0

**Event Time:** 12:20 p.m.

**Location:** Kenyon Allen Room, PCC

Alfred offers grants to undergraduates for research projects. Meet with Michael McDonough, chair of the Alfred Research Grants for Undergraduate Students (ARGUS) Committee, to learn more about ARGUS grants and how to write a successful proposal. Sponsored by the Writing Center.

Refreshments will be served. Please e-mail [fcobb@alfred.edu](mailto:fcobb@alfred.edu) if you would like to attend.

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## Geology Seminar on glacial history of Western New York

**Event Date:** 2006-02-02 00:00:00.0

**Event Time:** 12:20-1:10 p.m.

**Location:** 228 Science Center

Dr. Otto Muller, professor of Geology at AU, will present this week's geology seminar on "Glacial and Post-Glacial History of Western New York." Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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## Classical guitar recital

**Event Date:** 2007-02-04 00:00:00.0

**Event Time:** 3 p.m.

**Location:** Howell Hall

Matthew Slotkin, one of America's prominent young guitarists, will perform a program that includes works by De Falla, Mertz, Albeniz, and Towner. Slotkin currently is director of guitar studies at Mansfield University, in addition to teaching at Bloomsburg University and Buffalo State College.

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## 1: Read Alfred Today. 2: ??? 3: Profit!

Read Alfred Today in the coming weeks for a chance to win prizes.

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## Non-statutory leave accrual notice

Non-statutory employees received an e-mail Tuesday afternoon with their vacation/personal/floating holiday balances. Support Staff notices will also include merit days.

Viewing leaves on Banner Web is still a work in progress, but ITS has been able to assist us in pulling the information out of Banner in a report that they can direct to each employee's individual e-mail.

You will need to use your Banner Web password to access the information in the e-mail. If you need assistance with your Banner Web password please follow this link

[http://www.alfred.edu/banner/documents/Banner\\_PINS\\_and\\_ID\\_Numbers.doc](http://www.alfred.edu/banner/documents/Banner_PINS_and_ID_Numbers.doc) to information provided by ITS.

The balances shown on your report will be for time used through Dec. 31, 2006, but accrued through Jan. 26, 2007. Each time a payroll is processed, hours are accrued, making the accrual ahead of the timesheets since they are submitted after the fact on either a monthly or bi-weekly schedule.

Please remember when viewing your balances that all non-statutory employees receive their Personal and Floating Holiday on Jan. 1.

Should you have any questions regarding your balances, please e-mail Karen Dyring with your questions. She will then research your question and respond back to you.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this new process.

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## Still time for RA applications

You still have time to pick up an RA application if you are interested in being considered for a position next year! Applications are available in the Office of Residence Life and may be picked up anytime the office is open.

Don't forget, all applications are due on Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 by 4 p.m. in the Office of Residence Life!

Please contact Claire Gonyo at [gonyoc@alfred.edu](mailto:gonyoc@alfred.edu), or x2263 if you have any questions.

**Attachment:** [RA Selection Timeline Spring 20073.doc](#)

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## Support group for students on academic probation

A support group for students on academic probation is being formed at the Counseling and Student Development Center. All students on academic probation have been personally invited to join.

This group does not replace the required academic services and meetings students on probation are mandated to complete. Instead, the group will address the many other social, emotional, and self-management issues that also impede academic success.

Pat Rusinek, M.S., CASAC, will lead the group on Thursday afternoons, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., starting on Feb. 8.

If you meet with advisees on probation, please encourage them to reply to Pat and get more information about the group. Students can call Pat or Kim, our receptionist, at x2300, or may e-mail

us at the [csdc@alfred.edu](mailto:csdc@alfred.edu). Thank you for your efforts to help students succeed.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at x2300. Thank you.

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## CPR/AED training

**Event Date:** 2007-02-09 00:00:00.0  
**Event Time:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. or Noon-3 p.m.  
**Location:** Knight's Club Powell Campus Center

It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to attend the SUNY Lifesaver Program. This program is designed to comply with enactment of the state's AED legislation and to train University faculty, staff, and students in the skills of CPR and use of an AED.

This CPR/AED certification program has been approved by the NYS Department of Health. It is the equivalent to the American Red Cross and American Heart Association CPR/ AED programs. Upon completion you will receive a certificate that authorizes you to perform CPR on adults and children.

EH&S is actively seeking volunteers for this program. At this time, anyone who wishes to participate and become certified is welcome to attend the training sessions. In particular, we need to have at least 3 volunteers from each floor in Binns Merrill Hall, Harder Hall and McMahon Engineering Building.

If you are interested in attending a training session please contact Cherise Haase, EH&S Coordinator, Myers Hall Room 117 or at X 2190. For a schedule of training sessions please view the EH&S Web site at

**Link for more information:** <http://our.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/ehs.first.cfm>

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## Common Ground group

The Counseling and Student Development Center is offering a series of group experiences to explore participants' self-awareness and increase emotional well-being. Meetings will be held at the CSDC on Wednesdays from 3:1 -4:15 p.m., starting 2/7 Please contact Pat Rusinek at x2300 for details on joining the group.

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## Neo-Nazi 'Turns Away from Hate'

**Event Date:** 2007-02-08 00:00:00.0  
**Event Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Orvis Activities Center, Alfred State College

After 15 years as a neo-Nazi activist and recruiter, Tom "TJ" Leyden experienced a profound change of heart, turned away from hate, and began teaching tolerance. How can a man who covered his body in Nazi symbols, advocated for the death of Jews, and recruited teenagers into the hate movement become one of the nation's most compelling advocates for the importance of diversity and cultural appreciation?

Visit the link below for a sample clip of TJ's message.

This program is sponsored by the Cultural Life Committee and co-sponsored by the Residential Life ISM Team, Student Life, Alfred Programming Board (APB), Rainbow Union (RU), Black Student Union (BSU), the Residence Action Council (tRAC), and Student Senate.

For additional information, contact the Alfred State College Office of the Dean of Student Life at 587-4371.

**Link for more information:**  
<http://www.campuspeak.com/misc/video.php/speakers/leyden/TJ-Leyden.mov>

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## ASC offers tickets for 'Madama Butterfly' bus trip

The Alfred State College Cultural Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Madama Butterfly" in New York City. Alfred University faculty, staff and students are invited to participate as well.

The bus will leave ASC at 4 a.m. Sunday, March 25. Cost is \$65 per person and includes admission to the musical. The bus will depart from New York City at 9 that evening after the performance. To purchase a ticket, contact Kandie Carlson in the Alfred State College Student Activities Office in the Orvis Activities Center by Feb. 3, 2007. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

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