

## **AU students know how to 'party'**

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Two Alfred University students, Shannon Walter and Sara Yager, will be presenting a program, "Party Like It's 1999" at this year's National Assembly of the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Conference in St. Louis Nov. 16-19. Both are members of Alfred University's BACCHUS and AWARE Peer Education Groups. "It is a great honor for our students to be chosen to present at this conference," said Jennifer George, coordinator of AU's Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program, part of the Division of Student Affairs. "Party Like It's 1999" is a program that is frequently requested to be done in Alfred University's residents halls. The program is a simulated party scene with some students as designated "drinkers" and some as "abstainers," George explained. "Each person is given a role to play and the students interact with each other in those roles. After a given time, the group is called back to discuss the possibility of what could happen at a party. Sexual assault, date rape drugs, drinking problems, how people are viewed, and dealing with severely intoxicated peers are all topics that are covered in this interactive program." Walter, a senior chemistry major, is a graduate of Iroquois Central High School. She is a daughter of Guy and Cynthia Walter of 90 Cemetery Road, Elma. Yager, a junior majoring in elementary education, is a graduate of North Tonawanda High School. She is a daughter of Donald and Virginia Yager of Walck Road, North Tonawanda.