

## **Bergren Forum speaker to discuss 'The New Solar System'**

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Dr. David R. De Graff, associate professor of astronomy, will present the first Bergren Forum of 2007 at 12:10 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University. His topic will be "The New Solar System: Pluto or Goofy?" "Pluto is no longer a citizen of the solar empire," noted De Graff. "O the shame! Oh the humiliation! Why, oh why did astronomers mess up the happy place we grew up with?" Come and hear De Graff's thoughts on the subject. De Graff earned a doctoral degree in asteroid studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His current research involves astrometry and photometry of asteroids as well as the science in science fiction. The Bergren Forum, open to the public free of charge, is sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies. The Forum meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.