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## Operation Christmas Child: Make a child's day

You know how happy you were as a kid when someone handed you a present? Well, there are children all over the world who have never known that happiness, because no one has ever given them a gift. This Christmas, you have the chance to change that.

Operation Christmas Child is a project (run by Samaritan's Purse, a nonprofit org.) where people throughout the United States fill shoeboxes with small gifts and send them to needy children around the world. Please, be one of those people, and make a child's day.

If you decide to make a shoebox, here are some guidelines: toys and candy are fine, but these kids also need items like toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shoes, and clothes. There should be nothing that will remind them of war; many of these kids have seen enough of that already. It is nice if the boxes are wrapped, but they do not have to be. If you do wrap it, please make sure that the lid can be taken off without damaging the wrap job. Please put a slip of paper inside the box indicating whether your box is for a boy or a girl and a general age range (gifts are sent to kids from 3-14 yrs old).

There is a shipping cost of \$7, which the organization asks you to put in the box as well. If you cannot afford to pay for both the box and the shipping fee, you could split the cost with some friends, or you could donate some money to help send someone else's box over.

There will be a collection box in front of the information desk, on the second floor of Powell from Monday, Nov. 6 until Thursday, Nov. 19.

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## Caribbean Identity Talk

**Event Date:** 11/06/2006

**Event Time:** 12:10 p.m.

**Location:** Nevins-Powell Campus Center

Come explore the changing nature of the American "melting pot" -- seen particularly from a Caribbean perspective -- with Cary Fraser, a political historian from Georgetown, Guyana. Dr. Fraser's talk, "Forging a New World Sensibility: Being Caribbean and Living in America," will examine issues of race, ethnic identity, and cultural dissonance

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## Washington Semester program

Dr. Heineman of the Social Sciences Division is now taking applications for the Washington Semester Program for spring 2007.

The Washington Semester Program is sponsored by The American University and allows students to spend a semester in Washington, D.C., studying the national government. In addition to taking course work, the students will meet with government officials and political leaders in seminar sessions, will undertake individual research projects that utilize the availability of governmental agencies and documents, and will participate in a fieldwork experience. The program has added options utilizing non-governmental resources in the Washington area. These include a Journalism Semester, a Justice Semester, a Public Law Semester, a Law Enforcement Semester, an Economics Semester, International Business Semester, Women and Politics and other specialized semesters. Course credits and grades are fully transferable to the student's Alfred transcript. Students can obtain additional information on the program at [www.washingtonsemester.com](http://www.washingtonsemester.com).

In the past few semesters, Brandon Gustafson, Racheal Teall, and Timothy Hulley have participated in the program. The Alfred students selected will attend during the spring semester 2007. Juniors or seniors are eligible to participate. Scholarships are available. Those interested should contact Dr. Heineman in room 209 of the Olin Building. Applications should be completed by Monday, Nov. 6, 2006.

Link for more information: <http://www.washingtonsemester.com>

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## Watch the 2006 Election Results

**Event Date:** 11/07/2006

**Event Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Nevins Theater

All are invited to join the Political Science Club this coming Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Nevins Theater, as we watch coverage of the 2006 mid-term elections. We will turn the coverage on at 7:30 in the evening and follow events until midnight or so. Around 8, Dr. Stein will give an informal talk about what is at stake in this election and what issues have been important around the country. The Political Science Club will provide snacks as well!

If you can join us at any point in the evening, please drop in.

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## Armed Services Health Professions Scholarship Info

**Event Date:** 11/08/2006

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

**Location:** Science Center 303

Nestor Soto, MAJ, MS Army Medical Dept. Recruiter, Buffalo Healthcare Recruiting Station, will give an illustrated presentation on the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program for medical, dental, veterinary, optometry and clinical or counseling psychology doctoral programs. If you are planning a career in health care, or are currently enrolled in a graduate health care program, attend this program to learn about these scholarship opportunities. Pizza, cookies and beverage provided.

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