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TODAY	TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY
5:00 Visiting Artists/Speakers Series - Eve Andree Laramee	6:00 Women's Basketball Game (H)	12:20 Need to Write Recommendation Letters?
Eve Andre Laramee: Visiting Artist	8:00 Men's Basketball Game (H)	2:00 MS/MSE Thesis Defense - Joshua Michael Bartlett
	8:30 International Folk Dancing	7:00 Global Awareness Roundtable - Pottery Water Filter
		Active Minds

Important news from President Edmondson

I am writing to advise you that late week, I received a subpoena from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. The subpoena requires that Alfred University submit the bulk of our records for student healthcare insurance programs from 2003 to the present. We had received no prior communication from the Attorney General's office about this subject, and the subpoena cited neither a reason for the investigation nor specific acts or policies that may have precipitated an investigation. We will, of course, comply with the subpoena. Because subpoenas from the Attorney General are frequently the subject of press coverage, we thought that the community should be informed promptly.

Some of you may be aware that in November of 2008, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo issued

subpoenas to several prominent institutions (Cornell and Brown, among others) on this general topic. We do not yet know how many other institutions may also have been included in this round of subpoenas. In November, the items mentioned by Attorney General Cuomo as being problematic were (1) undisclosed relationships between employees of colleges and universities and insurance companies and (2) practices of requiring students to purchase college health insurance plans but not allowing waivers to students with private coverage.

It is important to make clear that Alfred University requires that students show proof of healthcare insurance. Like many institutions we bill our students for low cost insurance that we offer, but we permit any students who are covered by private insurance to opt out simply by completing a waiver request (available on online). To our knowledge, no University employee has a financial relationship with any insurance company. Since the subpoena identified no individuals, practices, programs or acts that are under scrutiny, there is little else for us to say at the moment.

Many of you will recall that about a year ago the Attorney General issued a similar subpoena requiring the submission of our records on international programs since 2005. We complied fully, at a significant cost and burden for our staff. To date, we have received no communication at all regarding the status of this matter . The current subpoena will also impose a real burden on us.

If we receive additional information, we will share it with you.

Charley Edmondson

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Visiting Artists/Speakers Series - Eve Andree Laramee

Laramee has been exploring the mutable, triadic relationship among art, science, and nature for over 20 years

Location: Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall

Event Date(s): 02/09/2009

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Off-Campus-Living Forum

For students who wish to move off campus next year and have met the 3-year residency requirement, there is a mandatory meeting.

The meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. in Olin 302.

Come find out the "ins and outs" of looking for off-campus housing, as well as tips on Citizenship and becoming a new member of the Alfred community.

A video will be shown featuring a panel of experts including a local realtor, residents, and community leaders. The Dean of Students will be on hand to answer questions.

Link: [Off Campus Living Information and Requirements](#)

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Environmental Studies House Applications Now Available

Fall 2009 applications for the Environmental Studies House are available in Room 319, Science Center. Contact Michele Hluchy with any questions.

Please fill out and return, by Wednesday, Feb. 25, to the Environmental Studies Secretary, Billie Kunsman, 219 Science Center.

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Valentine's Day - Roses - Pet Pals!

Next Thursday, 2/12, and Friday, 2/13, Pet Pals will be selling roses and gently loved stuffed animals to raise funds for a local animal shelter. We will be at a table on the 2nd floor of the Powell Campus Center from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Roses (many colors available) will be only \$2.50 per stem or \$2 per stem if you purchase three or more. Stuffed animals will be available starting at \$.50.

Isn't there someone you know that could use a Valentine's Day smile? You'll make someone else's day and the animals will thank you!

Want to know more about Pet Pals? Contact petpals@alfred.edu

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Pink & Red Sale 25% Off @ AU Bookstore

Happy Valentine's! Purchase any clothing item(s) PINK or RED and get 25% OFF. Remember Feb. 14 is not far away!
Sale now thru Feb. 14.

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Global Awareness Roundtable - Pottery Water Filter

Pottery Water Filter - Water and Air in the Third World Countries

Featuring Reid Harvey

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009

Night Club, Campus Center @ 7 p.m.

Pottery water filters and pottery cook stoves are seriously needed, in much of the so-called third world. A tiny amount of silver in a pottery filter prevents E coli and other pathogens, thus preventing the diarrheal illnesses.

Pottery stoves, which are insulating, seriously reduce the indoor air pollution of three-rock fires. The World Health Organization has found that pottery offers a synergistic approach to the management of the health projects, related to the water and the air.

The Global Awareness Roundtable is a monthly event designed to introduce the Alfred community to a variety of cultures from around the world. This informal gathering gives our international faculty, students and alumni the opportunity to introduce participants to countries as diverse as Japan, Guatemala and Tunisia. Students who have lived, studied or worked abroad also share their experiences and observations. Presentations cover a wide range of topics including history, traditions, art, music and food. If you are interested in participating or have any questions please contact Zakia Robana @ 871-2880.

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ITS Training Schedule Through 2/13/09

Turning Point Student Response System

Friday 2/6, 2:20 - 3:10 p.m.

Create interactive lessons with student "clickers" and Microsoft PowerPoint.

Turnitin.com Anti-Plagiarism Tool

Monday 2/9, 1:20 - 2:10 p.m.

This online tool allows instructors to monitor the originality of their students' work, and detect unoriginal material.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Thursday 2/12 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.

Create presentations and lessons using the new Power Point format.

Personal Web sites with MS Publisher and AU's U Drive

Friday 2/13, 1 - 3 p.m.

Learn how to publish your own Web site to AU's U Drive using Microsoft Publisher.

These sessions are open to faculty and staff. All trainings will be held in 306 Perlman Hall. To sign up please contact Meghanne Freivald at 871.2363 or via e-mail.

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Bergren Forum - 'Your Body, Your Time, Your Energy'

The Bergren Forum sponsored by the Division of Human Studies and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be meeting on Thursday, Feb 12 at 12:10 p.m. in the Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center.

Speaker: Tim Howell

Topic: "Your body, your time, your energy"

Tim Howell, Director of Athletic Training Education, will talk about issues related to health and fitness.

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Ceramics in China X 2

Renowned Jingdezhen ceramic artist Zhu Legeng and Chinese ceramic historian Fang Lili will offer two lectures next week.

Zhu Legeng on his career as painter, sculptor, and environmental ceramist

Monday, Feb. 9, 4 p.m., BMH #106

Fang Lili, with six books published, on the history of ceramics in China

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 4:30 p.m., BMH #106

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Need to Write a Letter of Recommendation?

The Writing Center is sponsoring a lunchtime discussion on writing letters of recommendation. Mark McFadden from CDC and Nancy Evangelista will bring samples of letters written for job and grad school applicants and we'll talk about expectations of employers and grad programs. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 12:20 p.m. in the Olin, 4th floor conference room. Pizza will be served. E-mail Vicky Westacott at fcobb@alfred.edu if you plan to attend.

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Alan Littell Booksigning at AU Bookstore Thursday

Local author and alum, Alan Littell, will be signing his book "Courage" on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the AU Bookstore. See the most recent Fiat article to learn more about Alan

and his book "Courage."

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Academic Support Workshop: How to Use your Textbook Efficiently

Almost every class has a required textbook. Let us help you learn how to use your textbook more efficiently! This workshop is available for all AU students, faculty, and staff.

When? Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 1-2 p.m.

Where? Scholes Library, Room G30 (downstairs)

How? Register by sending an e-mail with your name and the workshop you would like to attend to Academicssupport@alfred.edu

Questions? Contact Dr. Elmore at 607.871.2148.

Hope to see you there!

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Prescriptions at Wegmans

The University's representative from Wegmans has notified me that during the flu season any prescription for generic oral antibiotics from Jan. 7, 2009 through Tuesday, March 31, 2009, covering a 14 day supply will be free of charge including any refills. All you need to have is a Shoppers Club Card.

The following is a list of the free prescriptions: Amoxicillin, Cephalexin, Sulfarnethoxazole/trimethoprim, Ciprofloxacin, Penicillin VK, Tetracycline, Ampicillin, Erythromycin Stearate and Ethylsuccinate, and Doxycycline Hyclate (capsules).

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Student Senate Minutes for Feb. 4, 2009

Student Senate meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theatre.

Attached are the minutes for the Feb. 4 meeting.

Remember that the president and vice president applications are available on the senate door.

Any questions, comments, or concerns e-mail senate@alfred.edu

Attachment: [Senate_Minutes_from_February_4.doc](#)

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