

## **Food, fun and football highlight AU Homecoming Weekend**

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ALFRED A fun-filled weekend is in store as Alfred University welcomes alumni and friends to campus for its annual Homecoming Weekend, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1 and 2. The University will present two screenings of "The Terminal," starring Tom Hanks, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. Saturday's events will kick off with "Tailgate 2004," a pre-game picnic on the lawn between Davis Gym and the McLane Center. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and \$4 for children under 10. Following the tailgate picnic, the AU football team will take on Norwich University at 1 p.m. at Merrill Field. It is the first-ever meeting between Alfred and Norwich, which is a new member of the Empire 8 Conference. Friends of Saxon Athletics (FSA) and the AU Alumni Council will host a reception at halftime of the football game. Food and refreshments will be served in a tent near the south endzone. The public is invited to attend, free of charge. At 2 p.m. Saturday, an encore presentation of "The Terminal" will be presented in Nevins Theater. Admission to the show is \$2 for students and \$3 for the public. A carillon recital, given by AU carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter (AU '89) will be presented at 4 p.m. Saturday at Davis Memorial Carillon. Members of the public are invited to try their hand at the bells. Four former standout Alfred University athletes will be honored Saturday evening with their induction into the AU Sports Hall of Fame. Tim Callahan '82, Annie Boucher '92, Mike Johnson '93 and Brian Johnson '94 will be inducted during banquet ceremonies at the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. The Hall of Fame Banquet begins Saturday at 5 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner and induction ceremonies at 6 p.m. Callahan was a linebacker on the football team from 1978-81. He was a member of the nationally-ranked Saxon defense that allowed a mere 8.2 points per game in 1981, when Alfred went 10-1 and played in the NCAA Division III championships. Callahan had 122 tackles that season and totaled more than 200 for his career. Boucher was a star on the women's tennis team in the early 1990s. Her accomplishments are remarkable in that she enrolled at Alfred in 1990 as a 49-year-old grandmother. She dominated her opponents the following year, logging a 9-1 record in first singles and leading AU to its first-ever unbeaten season. Mike Johnson is one of the best defenders ever to wear a Saxon men's lacrosse uniform. He transferred to AU prior to the 1992 season and played two years (1992-93), twice earning All-American honors: honorable mention in 1992 and Third Team in 1993. Brian Johnson (no relation to Mike) played two seasons on the men's lacrosse team (1992-93) after transferring to AU prior to the 1992 season. He was a two-time All-American attackman (honorable mention in 1992; Second Team in 1993) who ranks third at Alfred in career assists and career points. AU men's lacrosse teams from 1990-95, which participated in four NCAA tournaments and won one ECAC Upstate championship, will be honored during the banquet. The film "Troy," starring Brad Pitt, will be shown at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday at Nevins Theater. Admission is free. Homecoming weekend wraps up with live music by "Q and not U" at 10 p.m. Saturday in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center.