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TODAY	TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY
1:00 Women's Swimming & Diving Meet	8:30 International Folk Dancing	
4:30 Dreams to Reality: Live and in Person!		

Registration for Spring Semester Starts Today

For Graduate Students and Undergraduates with 90+ credit hours (including current registration) access to BannerWeb registration begins Monday, Nov. 3 at 8 a.m.

Students with 60 to 89 credit hours can begin registering at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Those with 30 to 59, can begin on Friday, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m.

Students with 0-29 can register starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Undergraduates need a 6-digit "alternate PIN" to access registration. The Alt IN is obtained from the faculty adviser after academic planning for Spring Semester is completed.

Questions about registration should be directed to the Student Service Center in Seidlin Hall. Stop in, call 871.2123, or e-mail registrar@alfred.edu.

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Open Enrollment - All Employees: Monday, Nov. 3-Thursday, Nov. 20,

The Open Enrollment period allows employees to make changes to or enroll in benefits effective Jan. 1, 2009. Unless the employee experiences a "change of family status," this is the only time of year to change these benefits.

The following benefits you may enroll in, drop coverage, or make changes to current level of coverage:

Health Insurance

Life Insurance - The guaranteed issue amount has been increased to \$350,000.

Accident Insurance

Dental Insurance

Vision Plan

Flexible Spending Accounts - You must enroll for the 2009 year to participate in Medical or Dependent Flex Spending.

Assurant Dental has enhanced the maximum amount paid on Family and two person contracts. Family Share Max allows a family to combine a portion of annual maximums and removes the limitation of individual maximums. For family members who do not reach their annual maximum, a portion of the dollar amount remaining may be used by another enrolled family member for dental treatment.

The Assurant dental plans, and non-statutory medical plans all have rate increases effective January 1, 2009.

New per pay period rates:

VSP Vision:

Single \$3.20, 2-Person \$4.64, Family \$8.32.

Assurant Dental Basic -

Single \$11.36, Two Person \$21.30,

Family \$38.53

Assurant Dental Preferred -

Single \$18.92, Two Person \$35.35,

Family \$58.55

Blue Cross/Blue Shield POS203/POS203+ - Single \$51.84, Family \$139.45

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Traditional 901 -

Single \$118.18, Family \$209.49

Please remember that effective January 1, 2009, the two-employee medical premium rate ends.

The statutory rates for medical insurance have not been released, but should be soon. However, statutory employees wishing to change their coverage may do so now.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 11, in the Human Resources Conference Room, Greene Hall with Vicki Pollock of Veracity Benefit Designs. She will be presenting information on the new enhanced coverage offered by Assurant Dental. There will also be information and comparisons of the Non-Statutory Traditional Blue 901 and the Traditional POS 203/ 203+ plans. There will be two meetings, at 10:10 ending at 11:00 and at 2:10 ending at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Gail Johnson at 871-2389 or johnsong@alfred.edu if you would like to sign up for a meeting. If you are unable to attend one of the group meetings, please contact Gail to arrange another time that day to meet with Vicki.

If you have any questions or would like to make changes to your coverage, please contact the Human Resources Office.

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Please Contact Summer Programs Office if Planning a Summer Event

Summertime here on campus has become a very busy season filled with many different programs

including summer school classes, high school institutes, sports camps, conferences, retreats, reunions, wedding receptions, and other special meetings and events. In fact, the schedule for next summer is already filling up.

If you are planning to hold a summer program or activity on campus and have not already notified the Office of Summer Programs, please do so as soon as possible. It is important that you contact us to check on space availability prior to confirming any events that will take place from May 18-Aug. 9, 2009. We maintain a master summer calendar and will work with everyone involved to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Your understanding and cooperation are much appreciated. We look forward to another busy and successful summer!

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Sign up for 'flu shots at Crandall Health Center

Crandall Health Center announces that the flu vaccine is here and available for students. Please call 871-2400 to make your appointment.

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Festifall Concert with AU Chorus and Jazz Band

Remember "Cherish" by the Association? The Coca-Cola song? "Proud Mary"? If these songs bring back great memories, you won't want to miss Festifall 2008 presented by the University Chorus and Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Nov. 7.

AU Chorus, under the direction of Luanne Crosby, will start out the evening with choral arrangements of popular favorites of the '70s and '80s. The AU Jazz Band, under the direction of Chris Foster, will perform a wide variety of selections and jazz styles.

Holmes Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free admission. Sponsored by the Division of Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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Good Sense Gourmet - Reserve Your Seat Now!

Monday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. in the Knight Club.

Eat great food in an elegant atmosphere, learn the truth & myths about healthy eating on a budget, and go home with some great recipes. Bring a healthy, low-cost recipe to share.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! E-mail wlc@alfred.edu or call x2971 and provide your student ID #. The dinner is covered by your meal plan. No meal plan? Contact us for more details.

Sponsored by the Women's Leadership Center, AU Dining Services, and the Counseling and Wellness Center.

Seats are limited.

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Tips for Speedy Voting on Tuesday, Nov. 4

Voting site for students living on the campus or in the village of Alfred is the Alfred Village Hall, 7 West University St.

- * Voting hours -- 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- * Vote early in the day if possible.
- * Be sure you are registered in Allegany County for this voting precinct. If uncertain, check with the County Board of Elections (585.268.9294).
- * If you are a first-time registrant here, bring some ID with you.
- * Do you need a ride? Call 587.9145. We'll send a driver to your address.

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"Show the Logo" (and your Saxon pride!)

November 8 is "Show the Logo" day! Show your support of Alfred University's student athletes by wearing apparel with the NEW Saxons athletic logo, available soon.

Attend the home football game that day and receive a free window decal.

Coming soon... a new Saxon athletics web site!

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ITS Faculty & Staff Training Schedule 11/3 - 11/14

MS Outlook 2007

Tuesday 11/4, 12:20 - 1:10 p.m.

Thursday, 11/13 9:00 - 10 a.m.

Multipoint Interactive Video Conferencing

Thursday 11/6, 1:20 - 2:10 p.m.

Friday 11/14, 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.

Advertise with Alfred Today

Tuesday 11/4, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.

Turnitin.com Plagiarism Prevention

Thursday 11/6, 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.

Friday 11/14, 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Microsoft Office 2007

Friday 11/7, 10:20 - 11:10 a.m.

Thursday 11/13, 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Blackboard

Friday 11/7, 2:20 - 3:10 p.m.

All trainings will be held in Perlman Hall, room 306. To sign up for one of these sessions, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 871.2363 or via e-mail.

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'The Contrast' - Nov. 12-15

"The Contrast," a comedy of manners by Royall Tyler, compares the American ideals of patriotism, liberty, sacrifice, and equality with the frivolity, materialism, and greed of snobby British pretenders.

Through a roll of droll events and a good deal of witty banter, the power of the American values supplant the shallow and more European outlooks. First written and performed in 1787, just before the writing of the U.S. Constitution, this play is anything but jingoistic. Instead, there is a wonderful

emphasis on the power of ideal democracy where common interest promotes the common good and signal a healthy and productive society.

Rakes, fops, ingnués, tricky servants, and very smart hicks clash in the drawing rooms and parks of the New York City of early independence.

"The Contrast" is directed by Becky Prophet.

Please e-mail (performs@alfred.edu), visit the Web site ('order tickets here') or call the Box Office 871.2828 for reservations. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each evening.

Link: [Order tickets here](#)

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Women's Excellence in Leadership Award (WELA)

Now accepting applications! Deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 3, 2008.

This award recognizes the achievement of one graduating female student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership while attending Alfred and who has made a meaningful impact on the Alfred campus or in the Alfred community. The WELA award-winner will receive financial assistance with a post-college expense, up to a value of \$750.

Please print the attached application, or for more details about the award please contact: The Women's Leadership Center at 607.871.2971 or wlc@alfred.edu.

Attachment: [WELA_APPLICATION_FALL_081.pdf](#)

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November Women's Studies Roundtable

The Women's Studies Roundtable for this month will take place on Friday, Nov. 7, 2008, from 12:20-1:10 p.m., in the Women's Leadership Center. The presenter will be Sandra Singer, Professor of German. The topic will be: "Crazy for Peace: From Clara Immerwahr and Bertha von Suttner to Cindy Sheehan."

Pacifists and other critics of war have been condemned as traitors, bums, hoodlums and naive fools. Yet it takes remarkable courage for individuals to stand up against entire governments and other institutions that derive power and resources from the use of military force. Although both men and women in the peace movement have been the target of violence, persecution and harassment, this talk focuses on a particular type of abuse directed at women working for peace.

This talk examines the case of two women, the Austrian peace activist, Bertha von Suttner, the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1905, and the German chemist Clara Immerwahr, who protested against her husband's involvement in chemical warfare research. A comparison is made between the ridicule faced by these women and the treatment endured by one of the best known American peace activists of recent years, Cindy Sheehan.

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New AU Athletics Logo on Clothing

The AU Athletic Training Club is selling shorts, sweatshirts, and flex-fit hats with the new AU Athletics Logo. Prepare yourself for 'Logo Day', Saturday, Nov. 8 and buy apparel with the new logo. See attachments for order sheet and samples.

Attachment: [Order Sheet!](#)

Attachment: [Pictures of clothing](#)

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New Performing Arts Web Pages

One of the best kept secrets on campus is the Performing Arts Archives pages. Not only are there pictures from productions, you can listen to concerts and download mp3's, including the recent 'Organ Spectacular' concert!

The other 'secret' is pictures of the Miller Phase II construction. <http://people.alfred.edu/...>

Explore and enjoy! Please send any comments to performs@alfred.edu.

Link: [Performing Arts Archives](#)

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November Silent Art Auction

Art Union will be having a Silent Art Auction during the first week of November to benefit underprivileged children of India.

Throughout the month of October, the Art Office on the second floor of Harder Hall will be accepting donations for the auction.

The Auction will be held in the Harder Hall lobby Nov. 5-7. There will be a reception with food at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. The auction bidding will end promptly at 4:30 p.m.

Directly after, at 5 p.m. in Holmes, there will be a Bollywood dance performance by the Middle Eastern Dance Team in honor of the charity; the admission fee of \$2 will also go to the Maya Free School charity.

Link: [Art Union blogger](#)

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Student Senate Minutes for Oct. 29, 2008

Hey everyone,

Senate meets every Wednesdays at 8pm in Nevins theatre and the committee meetings are at 7:30 p.m. right before the meeting.

This week there was a revision in wording of what Mr. Earl Pierce spoke about and there was a trustee report.

The announcements Section is important too-so you should check that out too ;-)

Fabulously PINK went well and we hope you all will continue to support our campus events on awareness and issues within our community on campus and off.

Have a GREAT Halloween and a Fabulous weekend from the Senate Executive Board.

PS Don't forget:

*Challah Ween is in the Hillel House on 18 South Main Street starting at 5:30pm (RSVP hillel@alfred.edu)

*The Haunted house in Davis Gym is on Friday 7-9pm

*The Halloween Costume Party is on Friday in the Knight Club 10pm-4am We present you DJ Kloud

*Glam Slam is on Saturday at 9:30pm in the Knight Club

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