Student Life

Athletics

Athletics are an integral part of campus life. A wide-ranging program of intercollegiate competition, intramural sports, and recreational activities satisfies students’ individual athletic aspirations.

Indoor Facilities
McLane Physical Education Center is the hub of athletic activities. It has two regulation size basketball courts, a swimming pool, a complete fitness center (with over 40 pieces of equipment designed to promote cardiovascular fitness as well as strength training equipment, including bikes, stair-climbing and rowing machines, treadmills, ellipticals, an upper body exerciser, a Gauntlet Stairmaster, twenty Cybex Eagle strength training stations, free weights), two racquetball and squash courts, four badminton and volleyball courts, and a comprehensive athletic training room. Supplementing these facilities are an indoor track and a basketball court in the adjacent Davis Gym.

Outdoor Facilities
Outdoor facilities include Merrill Field (home of the Saxon football, lacrosse, and soccer teams); a multipurpose artificial surface accommodating intercollegiate sports, intramural activities and recreation; six tennis courts; several basketball courts; a portable volleyball and basketball court and a pavilion. All are located near the residence halls. Downhill and cross country skiing, and horseback riding areas are located a short distance from campus.

Recreation and Leisure Sports
The philosophy of the recreational program is to contribute to the physical, social and emotional well being of the University community by offering a diverse program of leisure time activities. All indoor and outdoor facilities are available for the intramural program and for general student use. With a focus on participation in competitive physical play, the program is open to the entire University community (undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff).

The Recreation and Leisure Sports department offers sports activities in sixteen areas, eight of which are co-educational. Offerings include tennis, flag football, indoor soccer, box lacrosse, basketball, bowling, badminton, racquetball, table tennis, volleyball, team handball, handball, inner-tube water polo, ultimate frisbee and softball. University community members take part in exercise and recreational activities. McLane Center is open daily for swimming, squash, racquetball, handball or fitness training.

Campus Center
The 60,000 sq. ft. Arthur and Lea Powell Campus Center was first occupied in the spring semester of 1994. One of the finest community-gathering facilities in the country, it features a cafeteria-dining room with panoramic hillside views, a forum/movie theatre, an “open air” food court, a night club, student organization offices, a multi-cultural center, different types of meeting rooms, a formal Alumni Lounge, the University bookstore, TV and radio station, and TV lounge.
Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center at the Allen Steinheim Museum

The CDC provides career education, development and skills to AU students and alumni. We encourage students to get involved as early as their freshman year by meeting with a career counselor or advisor to begin working on internship, job and/or graduate school preparation. The CDC offers the following services:

- Career counseling, exploration and advising including career assessments
- Saxon Joblink, our web-based system for job and internship posting, web resumes, and on-campus recruiting
- Computer lab with internet access and a laser printer for student use
- Internships, co-ops and summer jobs in your field of study
- An annual spring Career Fair and an annual autumn Graduate School Fair
- CHOICES, a computer guidance program designed to identify career opportunities, graduate schools and scholarship programs
- On-campus recruiting, interviewing and resume referral
- Frederick W. Gibbs Career Resource Library including career information, job and internship postings, and graduate school information

Counseling and Student Development Center

The Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC) is located in the north wing of the Crandall Center for Counseling and Health Services, near the Saxon Inn. The CSDC, a component of Student Affairs, provides a comprehensive range of counseling, consultation, and educational services to promote the personal development and success of University students. These services are provided by National Certified Counselors and are completely confidential in accordance with standards set by the American Counseling Association.

All assistance at the Counseling and Student Development Center is free and available to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students. Appointments can be arranged by calling (607) 871-2300 or by stopping by the office.

Cultural Facilities and Events

Art Galleries

The Robert Turner Student Gallery is operated by students for students. The Student Gallery Committee reviews proposals for exhibitions, controls a budget, produces publicity, and organizes receptions.

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery provides a vital opportunity for students to see art while attending school in Alfred. During the academic year the gallery mounts a series of solo and group exhibitions that include work by national and international artists representing a wide range of ideas, media and interest. Exhibitions in the recent past include solo installations by Fred Wilson, and Kiki Smith; large-scale works by and Ann Hamilton and Xu Bing were included in thematic exhibitions. Every spring, the Fosdick-Nelson hosts a series of graduate student, M.F.A. Thesis Exhibitions. Plans for renovating the gallery are currently underway. A renovation is scheduled to be completed by the Spring of 2003. All Fosdick-Nelson exhibitions, gallery lectures, and opening receptions are free and open to the public.
The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art
The museum was formally sanctioned in 1991, comprised of collections that had begun to be gathered as early as 1900 when the New York State College of Ceramics was established. The Museum collects, preserves, conserves, and exhibits significant ceramic and glass objects relating to both art and technology for aesthetic and educational purposes. While the permanent collection numbers in the many thousands of objects, temporary exhibits are also displayed in order to give the students and visiting researchers and tourists the opportunity to view a wide variety of ceramics made by diverse cultures worldwide. Outstanding collections that belong to the Museum of Ceramic Art include the Krevolin Collection of Pottery from the Ancient Americas, the Fox Collection of Korean ceramics, the Silverman Glass Collection, the "Gloryhole" Collection of M.F.A. graduate student work, the Visiting Artists Collection, the Chow Collection of Ancient Chinese Ceramics, and the Corsaw Collection of Functional American Ceramics, to name just a few. The Museum is open throughout the year as a valuable resource for the students and visitors to Alfred University.

Cultural Events and Films
Several campus organizations sponsor appearances by visiting artists, speakers and groups. The Student Activities Board (SAB), the Residence Hall Council (RHC), and individual academic divisions invite lecturers and performing and visual artists to campus for residencies and one-night appearances. Alfred University student groups sponsor a number of popular entertainers in the Coffeehouse and Comedy Club, as well as rock concerts by well-known performers.

Current movies run on weekends in our state of the art theater. During the week different academic courses screen films that are open to all students. The Student theater and dance productions, as well as performances by musical ensembles, occur at frequent intervals throughout the year.

Dining
The University operates four dining facilities on campus. Two of the four facilities, Ade Hall and the Powell Campus Center Dining Hall, serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. These two dining halls primarily serve Alfred University students on a University meal plan (see below), but may be used by others on a cash basis for single meals.

The other two dining facilities, the Li’l Alf CyberFresh Cafe, located in the Powell Campus Center, and MidKnight Express located on the ground floor of Ade Hall, feature fast-food, a la carte entrees and daily lunch specials. The Cafes are open for both early morning and late night customers and operate on a cash or dining dollars basis.

Meal Plans
Meal plan options permit students to choose from a variety of block-style plans. Each option contains a specified number of meals that can be used by the dining plan member in the dining halls throughout the entire semester, in addition to a dining dollars account that can be used in Dining Services cash operations including Li’l Alf Cafe, MidKnight Express snack bar, and vending machines. Information about meal plans is available at the Dining Service Office, Ade Hall (607) 871-2247.
Health Services

The Crandall Health Center (CHC) is located in the south wing of the Crandall Center. It is made up of a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, and administrative support personnel. CHC focuses on acute care, out-patient services and preventive health care for all currently enrolled students.

Facilities and services include examining/treatment rooms, laboratory services, gynecological exams and general health counseling. Emergency care is available during the hours that the center is closed through the on-campus rescue squad, the village ambulance service, or local hospitals.

There are no charges to see the health care providers at Crandall Health Center. Nominal charges are made for lab tests, injections, some equipment, and medications. Students who require a specialist are referred to the general hospitals in Hornell or Wellsville. Students maintain the right to choose a health care provider or place for hospitalization and must assume all financial obligations for off-campus health.

Health Education programs are available to students and the campus community on topics of health, sexuality, and lifestyle choices. Programming may be in the form of individual or group sessions, outside speakers, seminars, classroom presentations, conferences and an annual Health Fair.

Immunization Requirements
Students born after December 31, 1956 must provide written documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella, as required by New York State Public Health Law 2165. Students who do not comply will be withdrawn from the University and will not be able to attend classes. Questions regarding this requirement or any other aspects of student health services may be directed to the Crandall Health Center at (607) 871-2400.

Health Insurance
Alfred University requires students to show proof of health insurance. Students are billed for the University’s student accident and illness insurance plan that helps pay for hospital and specialist medical and/or surgical care. Any student (with the exception of most international students) may submit a waiver to remove that charge from their bill by providing proof of other coverage. Further information concerning student insurance through Alfred University is available by contacting the Student Affairs office or going online to www.academichealthplans.com/alfred.

Housing
Housing for graduate students is very limited, but graduate students who wish to explore options should contact the Residence Life office at 607-871-2186.

International Programs Office
The Alfred University International Programs Office assists international students with any issues or problems they may encounter while in the United States. They sponsor the International Student Orientation and advise the International Students Association.
International students are encouraged to share questions or concerns with fellow students, faculty members, their advisor, or any of the advisory staff that works with international students. The International Programs Office is located in Perlman Hall and can be reached at 607-871-2269.

Judicial System

The University has an established student judicial system. University men and women are expected to conform to high standards of adult behavior, both on and off campus. Judicial action will be taken against students whose conduct adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives. Violations of University policies and procedures are brought to the attention of the Judicial Coordinator. The judicial system deals with disruptive or nonproductive behavior with emphasis placed on education and personal development. (A detailed statement on the judicial system can be found in the Student Life – Policies and Procedures hand book available throughout the campus, or can be accessed through the Alfred University web page: www.alfred.edu/academics/html/policies.html.)

The University Ombudsman is available to students for consultation on matters of concern. Also, a seven-person Student Grievance Committee considers any specific grievances against or criticisms about members of the faculty and administration, and attempts to resolve them. The Student Senate selects one student from each division of the University and the faculty elects one faculty member. The Ombudsman is chair of the committee. (For further information refer to Student Life – Policies and Procedures)

Parking

Campus parking is restricted and student motor vehicles must be registered with the Safety Office at the time of registration for classes or as soon as the vehicle is brought to Alfred. Registration is for the academic year or remaining portion thereof. Commuters from outside the village and students living in University dormitories will be assigned certain parking areas and pay a fee. It is the obligation of students to acquaint themselves with the regulations, fee schedule and fine schedule available in the office of the Director of Safety. The regulations, fees and fines are subject to change from time to time.

Religious Life

The University is non-sectarian. In accordance with its century-and-a-half tradition, it extends a welcome to people of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. The Alfred community has ample opportunities for students to find a religious center. The Melvin H. Bernstein Hillel House and several Protestant campus fellowships offer on-campus programming and services. St. Jude’s Catholic Campus Center is located within walking distance of campus and provides a wide variety of activities for Catholic students. Protestant students will receive a warm welcome at any of the numerous churches and religious groups in the Alfred area, including within five minutes of the campus: Methodist, Pentecostal, Union University, Seventh Day Baptist, and Society of Friends. Muslim students can also arrange with Muslim faculty for prayer services during Holy seasons, or can attend regular services within an hour’s distance of Alfred.
Services for Students with Disabilities

Special Academic Services provides support services, consultation, and advocacy for students with learning, physical, and/or psychological disabilities. Services for persons with disabilities shall complement and support, but not duplicate, the University’s regular existing services and programs. The University strives to provide equitable and efficient services to all students.

Assurance of equal educational opportunities rests upon legal foundations established by federal law, specifically Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. By federal law, a person with a disability is a person who:

1) Has a physical or mental impairment;
2) Has a record of such impairment; or
3) Is regarded as having such an impairment that it substantially limits one or more major life activities such as self-care, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, or learning.

Alfred University is dedicated to providing full access to all of its facilities, student programs, activities, and services, and reasonable accommodations in the instructional process, in compliance with these guidelines. Services that the University provides are designed to maximize independence and encourage the integration of students with disabilities into all areas of college life.

Student Identification Cards

The University provides identification cards for all students. ID cards are required for charging books from the library, for participation in the dining centers’ board plans, for cashing checks on campus, for admission to campus events and facilities, and for security purposes and positive identification on campus and elsewhere.

All students may obtain their ID cards at the Dining Services Office, Ade Hall. There are designated ID hours at the start of each semester, or you can make an appointment by calling (607) 871-2247.

Transportation

Alfred is reached by east-west I-86/route 17 (Southern Tier Expressway-- Exit 33, Almond) and from the north and south by routes 390, 15, 16, 19, 21, 36 and 88.

Major airlines serve Rochester, Buffalo and Elmira. Hornell and Wellsville can accommodate private aircraft.

The Shortline Bus Company services Alfred three times a day from New York City, for the daily schedule call the Alfred ticket office at (607)587-8842 or (800)631-8405. The New York Trailways Bus Company also services the local area. To find out more about their daily schedule contact their Hornell office (607)324-0305 or (800)295-5555.
Campus Safety Report

The Campus Safety report is available to all members of the campus community and the public. The report contains University policies related to campus safety including: University Safety and Security Department policies and procedures, policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime awareness and prevention, the reporting of crimes, and sexual misconduct. The report also includes a three-year summary of statistics of crimes that are reported to have occurred on University property, in off-campus buildings owned or controlled by the University, and on public property within the Village of Alfred. A copy of this report can be obtained from the Student Affairs Office, the Admissions Office, or the Human Resources Office, or by accessing the University web site: [www.alfred.edu/academic/html/policies.html]

Consumer Complaint Procedure

In New York State, a complaint may be filed by any person with reason to believe that an institution has acted contrary to its published standards or that conditions at the institution appear to jeopardize the quality of the institution’s instructional programs.

I. Institutional Procedure

Complaints can be initiated for both academic and non-academic concerns related to a belief that the institution has acted contrary to its published standards, or that conditions at the institution appear to jeopardize the quality of the institution’s instructional programs. The process for filing these complaints follows the unit’s organizational hierarchy. The written complaint is filed with the head of the academic or administrative unit in which the complaint originated.

If the complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, it continues to be filed using the organizational hierarchy until a satisfactory resolution has been reached. If a satisfactory resolution cannot be reached using this Institutional Procedure, the complaint may be filed with the New York State Education Department, Office of Higher Education.

II. New York State Education Department Postsecondary Complaint Procedure

The Office of Higher Education handles only those complaints that concern educational programs or practices of degree-granting institutions subject to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The Complaint Form may be accessed at http://www.highered.nysed.gov or from the Student Affairs Office.

The Office of Higher Education does not intervene in matters concerning an individual’s grades or examination results, as these are the prerogative of the institution’s faculty.

The Office does not handle complaints concerning actions that occurred more than five years ago.

A complaint involving discrimination against enrolled students on the part of an institution or faculty, or involving sexual harassment, should be filed with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, 75 Park Place, New York, NY 20007.
A complaint involving consumer fraud on the part of the institution should be directed to the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223.

Hazing Policy
Alfred University believes that any group or organization composed of students, faculty, staff and/or visitors has the responsibility to create an environment within which all activities are pursued in a sound and productive manner. Any group or organization which includes hazing as part of its activities creates a risk of hazardous conditions.

Alfred University defines hazing as “any activity or action which subtly, flagrantly, recklessly, or deliberately demeans, embarrasses, threatens, invites ridicule or draws inappropriate or negative attention to a member, affiliate, or group, and/or an attitude which implies one memberaffiliate is superior to another or that membership in the group must be earned through personal services or meaningless activities. Furthermore, this definition includes any action which results in the impairment of academic performance or causes failure to properly fulfill obligations to University-sponsored groups and organizations.”

Alfred University unconditionally opposes any form of hazing. Any violation of this policy should be reported immediately to the Office of the Dean of Students. Any member or affiliate who is in violation of this policy is subject to suspension, expulsion, or other judicial proceeding, or, if the violator is a group or organization, recission of affiliation with Alfred University.

Furthermore, New York State defines hazing as follows: “A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person’s initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury.” (Penal Law S120.16) Hazing in the second degree (a violation) incorporates a nearly identical definition except that no actual injury to any person need to be proven. (Penal Law, S120.17)

Weapons Policy
Students are prohibited from keeping firearms, air guns, BB guns, bows and arrows, spear guns, and other dangerous and illegal weapons, explosives of all sorts including gunpowder, firecrackers and ammunition on University property. The University will provide accessible, safe storage for all personal legal weapons and ammunition brought to campus (in the case of pistols the appropriate permit must be exhibited) under the following conditions:

a) On arrival the student must register his/her weapons with the Security Office and will be advised of rules and regulations at that time. This registration is subject to the approval of the Security Office and the administrator in charge.

b) At any time during open hours the student may check out such weapons and ammunition as s/he wishes by substitution of his/her weapon card for the weapons.

c) The above weapon card constitutes the only authorization to possess a weapon on University property under New York State Law, for the purpose of participating in these activities. It is assumed that the student has only authorization to transport his/her weapons and ammunition directly to the storage area from either ranges or hunting fields.

d) Failure to register a weapon and/or follow regulations may result in judicial action by the University and/or referral to civil authorities.