CONVENTION OF CERAMISTS ENJOYED BY A. U. ENGINEERS

Students Report Instructive Program

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Monday was spent mostly in introductions and organization of details. On Tuesday and Wednesday, papers were read on the various problems, the cause of the increase in the number presents being attributed to the nature of the abstracts. Among these was one by Robert M. Campbell on the subject of Heavy Clay Products, an interesting account of some of his experiences which he discussed, the discussion already begun on a foregone paper.

Thursday was spent in inspections of local ceramic plants, the company being divided into sections according to the class of product in which they are located.

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PRES. DAVIS BOSTS THEOLOGY EDUCATION

Assembly Speaker Suggests Honor Courses

"The time is not distant," concluded Prof. Davis in an assembly address before the student body of the College last Wednesday morning, "when Alfred will be in a position to offer honor courses of an elective and constructive nature to the Junior and Seniors of the University."

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CLARENCE MAKES BIG HIT

Tarkington Comedy Staged for Appreciative Audience

Mrs. Mix again put on another of her successful plays at Firemen's Hall, last Thursday night, the much heralded and awaited "Clarence" by Booth Tarkington. It was an evening for several reasons. This is the first time that a play by Booth Tarkington has been played here; it is also a time when his plays are popular in many of our city theatres. Practically every seat in the house was sold. The audience was unusually responsive and ready to be amused.

The primary purpose of "Clarence" is to entertain. To an American audience, it is a particular diverting and laughable because it reveals the absurd situations, the ridiculous mixed up with the serious, and the humorous side of the characters in a modern American family. There is a keen observation of human nature which Tarkington portrays in a sympathetic manner. In such cases as Bobby, "Mr. Mix" and "Mr. Whitehead," the laugh comes out of the combination of many salient and various traits.

Tarkington's characters are ideal; that is, there is nothing bad about them. His idea of the American family is sane and clear; a sense of humor and tolerance is his panacea for all ills. Everything will come out all right in the end.

In the Wheeler family Mr. Wheeler is the distracted father of a married, household. He is flustered and distressed, surrounded by a houseful of two little girls, the wife, as stepmother, is jealous of the governess, Miss Pepin. She is sure she and Mr. Wheeler have too many consultations. The daughter Cora, has an affair with an 'ole grass widower and her wails are heard in every act. The Wheeler family is the one that occupies our stage and Miss Pepin is a most 'spiritual and high-minded woman.'

There is continual warfare between brother and sister—as usual. Bobby is disdainful of feminine behavior. Cora derides the "child's manly dignity and courage" and is immediately tout l'homme by his injured majesty, the wife. He calls Miss Pepin "a spiritual" woman she is, he remarks, "It was only the third or fourth time I ever saw you, a kind of a somepin' came over me and I wanted to live a higher life,"

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GLEE CLUB TO BROADCAST PROGRAM

Start on Twelve Day's Tour Soon

CLASICAL COMPOSITIONS FAVORED

A great honor has recently come to Prof. Wingate and the Alfred Glee Club in the form of a request, from the manager of the W. E. F. A. F. broadcasting station, of the American Telephone and Telegraph company to broadcast their entire concert program for this year. This program will take place on eleven hours and will be broadcasted from W. E. A. F. wireless station at 7:30 to 9 o'clock, Wednesday, March 24.

Prof. Wingate has been working hard for many weeks trying out new songs and voices for this year's club. An entirely new program has been prepared and the next few weeks will be given over in putting the finishing touches to the best program Alfred Glee Club has ever presented.

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BRICK FROM GREAT SOCIAL EVENT OF SEASON

Many Out-of-town Guests

EXTRA-VAGANT DECORATIONS

The first annual dance given by the girls of the Brick was held Saturday night, February 17, in the dining room of the Student's dormitory. A total of more than ninety couples, gathered at seven-thirty and began dancing at eight, under the chairperson- age of President and Mrs. B. C. Davis and Doctor and Mrs. J. L. Nason.

Though the occasion was the first of its kind in the history of the Brick, it is needless to say that the festivities will be repeated annually, so successful was every phase of the dance carried out.

The lower hall where appetizing refreshments consisting of chicken salad, wafer, ice cream, coffee and cake were served at ten o'clock, was artistically decorated as befitted the event. Long red streamers were hung in the center of the hall and clusters about the rectangular tables, adding a tone of softness and richness to the "hominess" of the dormitory. Since the spirit of the party represented the spirit of Saint Francis, the decorations of the whole tower of the building were artfully arranged in streamers at the end of which fluttered hearts of all sizes and flattened. There were big hearts for the strong-hearted, medium for the less courageous, and smaller hearts for the timid.

The spacious dining room was decorat- ed in the same manner. Too much praise is due Prof. Wingate for his efforts in the direction of the decorations.

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ALFRED QUINT PRE- PARES FOR THREE GAME TRIP

Mechanics Opens Trio

This week the Varsity basketball squad invaded foreign territory, playing three games in Buffalo and Rochester.

The Purple quint opens the trip by a clash with the School of Mechanics at Rochester. Alfred easily defeated this team, 37-17, about three weeks ago.

That the game was played Wednesday night on the Mechanics court will be more closely fought, in nearly certain.

On the following evening, the Varg- erty again play in the flower city, this time meeting the School of Optometry of that city. Little is known of these opponents, in this vicinity. Last year, the two teams clashed twice, the Rochester team taking both games.

In the final game, played on the Rochester Court, the Optics badly swamped the Alfred quint. Here, an easy game and fought battle can safely be predicted.

Closing trip, Westtchek's squad jumps to the University of Buffalo for Friday night. After that meet their strongest foe of the trip, as Coach Powell has again turned out his "Bison" squad for a clash with the School of Mechanics.

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**TAL SIGMA ALPHA HOUSE PARTY**

On Monday night the 12th, the Tal Sigma Alpha held its second house party. About twenty couples enjoyed the affair. Lunch was served at six o'clock at the Morton House and from there the party advanced to Agricultural Hall where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Music for the dance was furnished by an orchestra composed of Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Prof. Cambage and Charles Clarke.

DELTA POLYTECHNIC

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**TALL SUGAR ALMOND MINORITY**

While the race, here, is not over it is fast approaching an end. The race has settled down to the Juniors and Seniors as mathematical possibilities. However, the Juniors have a decided edge, and all indications are that they will keep it. The Seniors, however, refuse to concede the race and predict one more good battle with the Juniors before doing so. This clash which will take place between the two upper classes this week should be fraught with interest.

The Seniors with a rejuvenated line up defeated the Frosh 24-15. Hall time showed the Seniors leading by a margin of one point. In the second half, however, the lower class could not keep the pace. The Frosh made an even break of the week by winning from the Sophomores 23-12.

**VICTROLAS AND NEEDLES**

Ray W. Wingate

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While the Varsity did not play as hard and effective game as she exhibited in the Westminster game, the roughness of the contest tended to slow up the pace to a great extent. For the Purple, Gardner, at guard, played a fast, hard game and put up a fight for the ball, throughout. Babcock, with six field baskets and Peterson with four, were the biggest point getters for the Purple, as well as being prominent in the floor work. Hinky, the diminutive forward, took considerable punishment but played a hard and effective game. Welsh, the other feather-weight of the squad, took the same punishment, when substituted. His long shot from mid-count was one of the features.

The line up:

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At a recent meeting of the Athletic Council, the question of the formation of a Varsity "A" Club came up for informal discussion. No action of any kind was taken as the idea was merely thrown out to be allowed to formulate in the minds of the members. It was recognized, however, that the Council did appear unanimous in the belief that an organization of this kind would be of benefit to the University.

Practically all colleges have a club of similar nature, that is one composed solely of men earning a Varsity letter in any branch of athletics recognized by the Athletic Board of the University. Athletics, in Alfred, due in a great measure to the unceasing efforts of Coach Wesbecher, are now on an even basis, and the formation of a block/letter club is only a natural step. That Alfred will form one of these in the next few years is certain, but why not now?

The organization of this Club would serve several definite purposes.

Foremost, perhaps, would be to encourage athletes to come to Alfred. This University never has had any definite system of this nature. Other colleges have had, however, and Alfred must do likewise, if she is to maintain her place in the athletic circles of Class B.

Legitimate advertising of your college and proper encouragement to promising athletes to come to to are recognized throughout the country as fair sportsmanship. It is impossible for the graduate manager to handle this matter with its consequent multiplicity of details. An "A" Club would serve as such a medium. By getting in touch with the alumni, keeping an eye on athletic material in the vicinity and working in common with the graduate manager, a firm system of being in touch with the alumni, keeping an eye on athletic material in the vicinity and working in common with the graduate manager, a firm system of being in athletes would soon be formed.

The function of keeping posted with the alumni would be innumerable ways is certain. Nothing is better for a college than to have alumni talking about it and working for it. Not only would this result in financing, but any benefit of a mercenary nature would be obtained. Let them, then, take the lead in creating an Alfred alumni spirit.

There is, of course, a social side. Alfred prides itself on the treatment of its students, and therefore the different schools have different standards in common. They have played against the same teams, they have met the same men, and in many cases they know each other personally from contact on the field. Everyone likes the chance to see the other fellow again, and this function of the "A" Club, the term of which is twenty-five years, will by no means be confined to alumni, but will be open to those students who are at present on the team. The 

"A" Club cannot but help but raise the efficiency of a varsity letter to an individual and the college as a whole. Such a thing is always to be aimed at. For anything raising the value of a letter increases the efficiency of each man on the field, and unquestionably raises the morale of the entire team. For any Coach can tell you that wars are not the only thing lost because of poor morale. It would help them, in making an "A" something to fight for.

Can you see a quiet, modest, yet ample brick building on the campus? Can you see a great football team eating suppers at the training table? And then, afterward, the same number gathered around the fire-place? Alfred will do this, and the warm affection of a heart will be expressed to every man.

And then at 10 o'clock this same group going upstairs and climbing between clean linen. You can see, surely, a young Freshman looking in awe at break training would be an object of contempt to his brothers. Picture, next, the mysterious club of the Block letter men, and taking the prentice sang a duet.

The first, was a wrestling match between "Big Bill" Whiteheart, weighing 172 pounds, 5 feet, 3 inches, and "Battling" Keefe, weighing 90 pounds, height 5 feet. Despite the superior width of his opponent, Keefe fought to a finish and won the decision.

The second was a dialogue by Messrs. O'Kean and Paley. Mr. O'Kean intended to give this recitation alone, but due to an injury to his hand, had to have someone to gesture for him, gestures being neces- sarily from the nature of the recitation. It was given by the "Starving Mosquitoes of New Jersey."

Third, Max Moses gave a charming recitation which should gain for him a reputation.

Lastly, not least, the Alfred College legions under the direction of Benja- min Volck, played several selections, raising the curtain to a conclusion to such a delightful program.

Refreshments followed the music, after which the company entertained themselves until twelve o'clock, with various card games.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All of those intending to enter the Dr. Thomas Peace Prize contest should confer with Dean Titsworth before February 26.

To a Friend

Though pain and sorrow filled thy day,
Though broken is thy life's sweet lay,
We wish to join the pent esthetic, silent cry,
And bravely shouldered every care,
Thou didst fulfill thy mission fair,
Though shortened was thy life's sweet day.
Thus didst to every impar
The warm affection of a heart
That harbored no discord.

The memory shall a beacon be
Of the good old days that are gone,
When thy name was like a rose
A flower of the fairest done.
We'll meet on yonder glorious shore,
Till the eternal day.

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assembled and seated, a process that usually takes place quickly. Many of the students appeared to be calm and focused, ready to begin the day's activities.

At the start of the meeting, the president addressed the assembly. He emphasized the importance of the day and the significance of the events that were about to take place. The students, staff, and faculty members were seated and attentive, anticipating the proceedings.

The main item on the agenda was the announcement of various awards and recognitions. The president presented several awards to students who had achieved high standards of excellence in their studies, extracurricular activities, and community service. These awards were recognized with applause and expressions of pride from the recipients and their peers.

After the awards ceremony, there was an opportunity for students to express their thoughts and feelings. Several students took the floor to share their experiences and to thank the faculty and staff for their support. The audience listened intently, moved by the sincerity of the students' words.

The meeting concluded with the president's closing remarks. He thanked everyone for their participation and reminded them of the importance of the day. The students filed out of the room, carrying with them the knowledge and inspiration they had gained from the assembly.

As the day came to a close, there was a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie among the students, faculty, and staff. The assembly had been a successful event, uniting the community and highlighting the achievements of its members.