



THETA THETA CHI HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

Morgan Hall Girls Stage Party

SORORITY PLEDGES PRESENT

One of the biggest social events the season occurred when Theta Theta Chi Sorority gave its second annual banquet in Firemens Hall, Saturday evening.

At six o'clock the guests assembled in the auditorium which was elaborately decorated in lavender and gold, the sorority colors.

Dancing commenced at 6:30 and continued until 9 o'clock when the following supper was served:

- Fruit Compote
- Cream Chicken
- Potato halls
- Cottage cheese
- Peas
- Buttered Rolls
- Angel Food Delight
- Coffee
- Mints

The favors were presented in the form of photograph frames with the sorority initials engraved upon them. Afterwards the remainder of the evening was given over to the dance.

The guests invited from the mem-

bers of the faculty included: President and Mrs. Davis, Director and Mrs. Binns, Coach and Mrs. Wesbecher and Miss Landwehr. Out-of-town guests were Lewis Burdick of Syracuse University, Leon Coffin of Syracuse and Henry N. Kenwell of Buffalo University.

Besides the afore mentioned decorations was the attractive drop ceiling design in the form of series of large circles. The stage was partly hidden by a lattice work and ferns. Stalls or booths were placed along the walls for the supper tables. These were latticed as the stage screen. On each table were vases of daffodils. The hallway and dance hall were provided with easy chairs and davenports, floor lamps furnished a mellow glow and rugs added to the attractiveness of the decorations.

Benjamin Volk's College Five furnished an exceptional program of dance music.

VARSIITY "A" CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

D. McConnell Chosen First President of Club

The long-talked of block letter club was made an active organization last Wednesday, when the letter men of the University selected officials heading the list with Douglas MacConnell as first president of the club.

Although MacConnell is this year a new-comer at Alfred, having transferred from Cornell here last fall, he has taken an unusual interest in Alfred and Alfred's athletics. He won his letter in football, was one of the most promising of the wrestling squad, and will undoubtedly be a high point winner in track this spring. With "Mac" as president the Block Letter Club cannot help but be a thriving organization. In addition the following officers were elected, all of whom are prominent in athletics and well qualified to be the first officers of the club.

- Vice President—Orrey Frazer '25
- Secretary—Wm. Navin '25
- Treasurer—L. Sheerar '24
- Historian—Borden '26.

POETRY CONTEST TO CLOSE

Results To Be Published in Commencement Issue

This year's poetry contest will close next week Monday, April 30. There are probably several students who still wish to submit verse for the contest that have not done so. These poems should reach the Fiat as soon as possible or not later than April 30; this to allow an opportunity for printing in the Fiat and submission to the judges in order that the prize winner may be selected and announced in the Commencement issue.

PROF. RADASCH SPEAKS AT ASSEMBLY

Talks on Recent Developments in Chemistry

"Recent Development in the Field of Chemistry" was the subject chosen by Prof. Radasch in his assembly address last Wednesday morning.

Although the talk comprised a vast amount of facts and knowledge it was so presented as to appeal to the audience and was especially interesting and surprising to those who commonly believe chemistry to be but a series of intricate and incomprehensible formulas and equations.

Prof. Radasch gave a short outline of changes and advances brought about in chemistry by the war. He then told how after the war these new discoveries had been made use of in every day life as well as to develop new channels of industry.

Prof. Radasch will speak at the regular ceramic meeting to be held at Babcock Hall tonight at 7 o'clock on "Selecting a Factory Site."

This meeting at which Prof. Radasch will speak, has been long-looked forward to and should prove of vital interest to all of those who expect to go into the Ceramic industry.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NOTES

Robert Witter '24 has been elected Interscholastic Track manager, to fill the vacancy left by Edward Campbell. It was voted that Alfred college should join the New York Inter-collegiate Lawn Tennis Association.

Chester Lyon '26 has been elected basketball manager for the year 1923-24.

Herman Tuckman '25 was elected to fill the position of assistant manager for the year 1923-24.

TRACK SCHEDULE

- April 20—Inter-Class.
- April 28—University of Rochester at Rochester.
- May 5—Allegheny at Meadville.
- May 11—St. Bona at Alfred.
- May 25—St. Lawrence at Alfred.

TENNIS SQUAD GETTING UNDER WAY

Schedule Being Completed

OPENS HERE WITH THIEL

Indications now point to the biggest year in tennis ever seen in Alfred. Not only are the prospects good for a strong team this year but also for one of the best and most interesting series of matches so far scheduled. On May 24th the Thiel tennis team will play a match here and on the next day, May 25th, there is a match scheduled with St. Lawrence also on the home court.

Among the matches pending are: Rochester University, Hobart and several minor non-collegiate teams nearer home which will probably be played abroad.

It is expected that the courts will be all repaired and in readiness for use by the end of next week. This will include: tapes for all three courts, grading and repairing the upper court, grading and leveling grass back of the lines. The addition of the third court should afford opportunity for all who desire to play this season.

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CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE COMPLETED

Harriers Face Heavy Schedule

The 1923 cross-country schedule is now complete, there being four meets, two at home and two abroad.

- The schedule is as follows:
- Syracuse at Syracuse—Oct. 13
- Colgate at Hamilton—Oct. 28.
- Carnegie Tech. at home—Nov. 2
- Allegheny at home—Nov. 9

With practically the same cross-country team as that of last fall and with a schedule unparalleled in her history, Alfred should make a name for herself in collegiate athletics next fall.

COACH WESBECHER SPEAKS AT MEETING

Addresses Y. M. and Y. W. on "My Philosophy of Life"

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. met in joint meeting, lead by Edward Teal, at the Brick, Sunday evening, April 22. Benjamin Volk, accompanied by Professor Wingate, gave a special violin solo. Coach Wesbecher spoke on "My Philosophy of Life." His philosophy advocates a "full life," that is, one in which one forgets himself and transplants himself into the lives of others and shoulders his own responsibilities. He closed with a quotation from Mrs. Aldea, "Hold on all you can, then just a little longer;" or "Help all you can, and then just a little more."

VARSIITY TRACK LOOKS GOOD IN TRIALS

Five College Records Smashed

F. McCONNELL BREAKS THREE

At the time and distance trials held last Friday afternoon at the athletic field, five old college records were smashed. These records, however, will not go on file as official, as the rule of the athletic councils provides that all records made shall be done only in competitive meets. This does, however, forecast many events in which the old records will go by the board in the Inter-class meet Friday afternoon if weather conditions are at all favorable.

In addition to the events in which new records were set, excellent time and distance resulted in practically all of the events.

Definite proof that Alfred has greatly strengthened itself in the sprints was not wanting when F. McConnell and Scudder stepped off the 100 yard and the 220 yard dashes in exceedingly fast time. Quailey, Ford and Yanick also look good in the short distances. F. McConnell repeated his performance in the high and low hurdles and with his brother D. McConnell, as his running mate, demonstrated that here also the Varsity could depend on some points in each meet.

Cole, running the 440 yard dash for the first time, surprised the coaches and led Miller up the straightaway by a scant margin.

In the middle distance Witter and Navin kept a fast pace all the way and had a fine sprint up the straightaway in a close finish.

In the distances Lyons led the way showing the best running form he has shown at any time. Smith was up to standard in both distance runs and gave the winners a hard fight for first. Travis, Herrick, Button and

Borden, all take a fast pace and are runners up in the distances.

While the coaches are not as plentifully supplied with material in the field events as in the track, the quality is none the less high.

C. Lyons and D. McConnell are performing the best in the pole vault and getting good height.

Babcock is showing up the best in the high jump. With Rogers getting into shape after an attack of the flu, the high jump is fairly well provided for.

The McConnell brothers look like sure point winners in the broad jump with F. McConnell getting the best distance. Babcock, while not doing much of the broad jumping at present, is depended upon by the coaches for strength in this department.

In the weights, F. McConnell, again is the main source of strength. Gardner in the discus, Stryker in the javelin throw and Holley in the shot put, have been getting distance in their events.

Commenting on the trials Dr. Ferguson expressed himself as well satisfied in nearly all of the events. The squad could easily be strengthened in several departments, he believes, by three or four men of known ability reporting for practice and getting into shape. This would greatly relieve the responsibility and terrific strain which now rests on two or three men to a great degree.

Nevertheless, he believes that the work of the squad thus far warrants a large turnout of the students at the Inter-class meet, Friday afternoon. That this meet will be more hotly contested than any previous meet is nearly certain.

SCHOLARSHIP INDICES SHOW MARKED JUMP

Sororities Higher Than Fraternities

FIRES DISASTROUS TO ETA PHI

The college index shows a pleasing increase over that of last term and is better than that of last year but is not yet up to the standard set in 1920-21. The office is pleased to note the general tendency exhibited by the classes to raise their indices in the second term. The fact that the sororities both have higher indices than any of the fraternities is in part due to the

fact that the sororities have no members from the Freshman class. It is an interesting side-light that the Eta Phi Gammas who have suffered from two fires during the term, have dropped to the lowest place among the fraternities, which is a strong argument in favor of the good accruing from the regularity and discipline incident to living in a fraternity house.

Organization	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1922-28
Whole College	1.76	1.57	1.53	1.65
Seniors	2.12	1.91	1.90	2.11
Juniors	1.68	1.74	1.68	1.72
Sophomores	1.68	1.58	1.56	1.69
Freshmen	1.66	1.42	1.27	1.38
Delta Sigma Phi	1.37	1.06	1.25	1.47
Eta Phi Gamma	1.38	1.51	1.54	1.32
Klan Alpine	1.60	1.64	1.37	1.60
Kappa Psi Upsilon			1.66	1.49
Pi Alpha Pi			2.11	2.10
Theta Theta Chi		1.64	1.83	1.96



Miss Elizabeth Latimer '20, who is teaching in Andover, spent her Easter vacation with her parents in Arkport.

Leon Coffin '22 of Syracuse was a guest at F. H. Ellis' home over the week-end and attended the Theta Theta Chi banquet.

Chester Peig '23, principal of the Canaseraga high school, has been engaged as principal of the Alfred high school for the next year.

Lewis Burdick ex-'22 of Syracuse University was a guest in town over the week-end. He was in attendance at the Theta Chi banquet.

Dr. Stanton H. Davis A. U. '17 of New York City is spending a few weeks' vacation in Alfred with his parents, Pres. and Mrs. B. C. Davis.

Pres. Davis visited his son, B. Colwell Davis, Jr., '20 recently at Detroit. Colwell is working for the Packard Motor Car Co. and enjoys his work very much.

WORK OF GLEE CLUB HIGHLY PRAISED

Prof. Wingate Receives Many Compliments

Since the annual spring trip of the Glee Club to New York and vicinity Prof. Wingate has been showered with letters complimenting him upon the work of the Club. Among some of the most gratifying of these is a letter from the manager of the WEAF broadcasting station to Mr. Win. C. Hubbard through whom the Glee Club was engaged to broadcast its program. It is as follows:

"I wish to send our sincere thanks to you and the members of the Alfred University Glee Club for having sung on one of our recent programs broadcast from this station. Their work was enthusiastically received by a large radio audience and we feel they have made many new friends.

Very favorable comments have been received from nearby and distant points. One listener in New York said 'Please extend our thanks to the Alfred University Glee Club for their excellent concert and to their President for his instructive talk.'

Another listener in Long Island said 'May I express my appreciation of the concert by the Alfred University Club rendered through your station Saturday evening. All the numbers were enjoyable. Hope we will have the pleasure of enjoying their highly profitable entertainment again.'

Another listener in Connecticut said 'Derived great pleasure in listening to the Alfred University concert. Everyone who took part deserves praise. They were fine.'

I wish you and the members of the Alfred University Clubs to know that we deeply appreciate the co-operation extended in presenting a high grade program to the radio audience."

Mr. Hubbard says,

"I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter received from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of the same date, which is very complimentary in its character, and I am therefore sending the original to you.

Personally, I too, am very gratified to hear these expressions of commendation, and I would like to add my word of appreciation for the hard work which you and the Club did in preparing for this concert.

Miss Iola Lanphere '20 of Billicottville was a guest of her parents recently at Little Genesee.

Alfred alumni of Western New York held their annual banquet Saturday evening, April 21st, at "the Hotel Iroquois in Buffalo. We'll hear more of it later.

Alfred Whitford '22 was home last week. The special car of the Bureau of Mines, with whom he is working, is now located at a plant in Womelsdoz, Pa.

A daughter, Jean, was born on April 16th, to Prof. ('15) and Mrs. ('17) Pinla G. Crawford of Syracuse. Mrs. Crawford will be remembered as Marian Elliott.

The Alfred alumni living in the vicinity of Rochester are to hold their first annual "get-to-gether" on Saturday evening, May 5th. All alumni and friends are urged to attend and help make plans for this meeting to be an annual affair.

I confess to a feeling of trepidation in offering your services to WEAP at first, but you made good so splendidly that the comments received since must be pleasant to you indeed.

Present my compliments and very best wishes to every member of the Club.

I am enclosing a few letters received from individuals which came for my attention.

In addition to, these letters there were many highly pleasing News comments among which is found the following, taken from the Styre, Pa., Times:

One of the best musical programs given in Athens in sometime, was given at the regular Rotary Club luncheon at Trinity Guild rooms at noon yesterday, by the Alfred College Glee Club. Every number was roundly applauded and they were obliged to respond to many encores. Their group singing was wonderful, and all their work speaks volumes for the ability of their leader, Prof. Ray W. Wingate.

One particular number that the Rotarians enjoyed was the violin solo by Benjamin Volk, his work stamped him as an artist and he was given applause until he responded to an encore, and had time allowed, he would have been obliged to respond to another.

I. A. Conroe gave two readings that were original, well rendered, and clever, to say the least. Every man in the club deserves great credit for his work, for it is safe to say that it was one of the best musical organizations heard here in a long time, and the Rotarians are to be congratulated on having an opportunity of hearing them, and having them with them at their luncheon.—Sayre Times.

OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE April 28-29

Work is under way to welcome the Allegany county boys to Alfred, and it is expected that the coming conference will be a parallel to a sub-freshman day. Students of Alfred must remember that these lads are their guests and as such deserve recognition.

The college men will be the first to reap the fruits of the conference by having the opportunity of hearing Dr. P. U. Seerley, M. D., Dean of Springfield College, at the Library, 12 noon on Saturday, April 28. On Sunday at 10:30 at the village church, all townspeople and students will have

TENNIS SQUAD GETTING UNDER WAY

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Alfred University is making a big advance this year in affiliating with the New York state inter-collegiate tennis association. Two representatives will be sent from here to take part in a tournament held by this organization in New York City in June, immediately preceding the National inter-collegiate tournament at Philadelphia.

It may be of interest to know the personnel of the New York State Association Colleges, to which invitations have been sent, are as follows:

- Columbia University
- New York University
- Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn
- College of City of New York
- Fordham University
- St. Stephens College
- United States Military Academy
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Union College
- Hamilton College
- Colgate University
- Syracuse University
- Alfred University
- Hobart College
- Cornell University
- St. Lawrence
- Clarkson College of Tech.
- Rochester University
- University of Buffalo
- Niagara University
- Canisius College
- St. Johns College
- New York State College for Teachers
- Manhattan College

SPRING

Spring is here!
Budding tries
Gentle breezes
Awakening
Like Dawn from a night of sleep
The brown hillsides
And spreading over them
Her misty greenish veil.
The trees
Warmly brown in the sunshine are
sending forth
Shoots of tender green
Shrubs, thickets, bushes
Are tinged with color.
All are swaying in a rhythmic dance
To the chant
Of tiny invisible elfins
Hidden in the sweet-scented grass.
A robin
Dashes from limb to limb
An oriole
Sings in a nearby thicket
Above the quiet tumult
Of the Springtime
Which ebbs and flows like a mighty
ocean
Rustles faintly across
The valley
The first silver notes of the
Pipes of Pan.
Spring has come!

the opportunity of hearing John H. Warner, Nat. Sec. of Y. M. C. A. of Brazil, S. A.

The song service of the conference is under the direction of two capable Cornell men, who will, in part, have charge of the Sunday church singing. The local choir will render special music.

The Conference office will be at the Y. M. rooms, Burdick Hall.

The Conference program is as follows:

- Saturday, April 28
- 3:30 Registration of Delegates
- 4:30 Introduction of Officers
- Appointment of Committees
- 4:45 Song Service led by Mr. Harvard
- 5:15 Message by Dr. Seerley
- 6:30 Conference Banquet given by Y. W. girls at the Brick
- Sunday, April 29
- 10:30 Morning Church service
- 12:00 Group Conferences
- 2:30 Conference Photograph
- 3:00 Song Service led by Mr. Harvard
- 3:20 Message by Dr. Seerley
- 4:15 Closing Session

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Although track is occupying most
of the limelight just at present, deserv-
edly too, it has been the custom for
some years past to have an inter-
fraternity league at Alfred.

Baseball has never held an import-
ant place in athletics here due to the
difficulty of supporting both a track
and ball team. It should go big, how-
ever, for this is essentially a baseball
country. Ten boys have played base-
ball to one who has played football.
Every village has its baseball team.
It would not be near the problem to
form a strong baseball club as it is
to turn out a football team which can
compete successfully. Sometime Al-
fred will be in a position to have a
baseball team. With this idea in view
we should not allow interest in the
game to die out. There is no better
way to keep it alive than the arrang-
ing of a schedule of games between
the fraternities and dormitories. This
will keep a large number of persons
busy and also give the coaches a
chance to see just what material is
on hand.

The games are interesting, too, and
the track meets are few and far be-
tween. We need action to keep pep
in the spirit of the school and the
athletic field is the place to show it.

TENNIS COURT RULES

1. No one except students or per-
sons holding tennis tickets are allow-
ed to use the courts.
2. Tennis ticket entitles bearer to
play only when courts are not wanted
by college students.
3. Tennis shoes must be worn when
playing.
4. Play is restricted to one con-
secutive set only.
5. XJpperclassmen have preference
to courts.
6. One court is reserved for tennis
team candidates when desired.
7. Persons violating these rules are
subject to suspension from the courts
for remainder of season.

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PLANS FOR ANNUAL INTEE- SCHOLASTIC UNDER WAY

Co-operation of All Students Necessary

Perhaps what is to Alfred the most
important event of the year is the an-
nual Interscholastic Track Meet com-
ing on May 16, 1923.

The meet this year will be "bigger
and better than ever." Already there
are 250 contestants entered, and many
more are expected. Kidder Witter,
manager of the meet, has the plans
well under way for this event, and is
fully confident that the meet will be
more than a success.

The track is being fixed so that by
the middle of May will be in the best
condition possible. "Doc" Ferguson
deserves credit for his untiring efforts
in getting the material for this work.

The importance of the Interscho-
lastic to Alfred is easily seen. The
number of prospective students to Al-
fred is greatly increased by this an-
nual affair. Many seniors in the high
schools of this state do not fully de-
cide to which college to go until their
attention is attracted to Alfred in this
manner. Thus it is a great event for
Alfred and one which should have the
co-operation of every student.

EVIDENTLY DOESN'T LIKE TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC

The following is an article con-
tributed by one of Alfred's athletes.
Perhaps someone can present the
other side of the question:

It has been the custom at mass
meetings, if it can be called a custom,
of calling on the members of teams
for speeches. Needless to say it is
not popular among the athletes. When
the team goes on the field or on the
court it is not what it will say for
itself but the encouragement it re-
ceives from the students that in-
spires its best efforts. It shows
thoughtlessness on the part of the stu-
dents to ask the members to speak.
They are not all extemporaneous
speakers. There are several notable
examples of the opposite. It is a fact
that many stay away rather than to
come and be asked to talk. When
they do this the mass meeting has not
served its full purpose. It should help
both the team and students to obtain
the proper spirit. Let's remember
this in the future, and show appreci-
ation to those who give their time and
service to Alfred rather than dis-
courage their efforts.

THE PIPE OF PEACE

What song is this that I would sing
When days are filled with toil's in-
crease?

A simple lay, my worthy friend,
For poetry is my pipe of peace.

You sit and smoke away your time,
With other pipes whose pleasures
cease;

But let me smoke the hearts of men,
For poetry is my pipe of peace.

O come, dear friend, and smoke with
me,

Why burn your soul with health's
decrease?

O, let your smoke be thoughts of men,
And poetry be your pipe of peace.

To smoke with me will make you best,
'Twill win for you the "Golden
Fleece,"

And all that's pure in hearts of yore,
For poetry is my pipe of peace.

Today we need some greater thoughts,
Some greater bliss, when toils re-
lease;

Where hearts can beat with love's re-
frain,

So poetry is our pipe of peace.

FOOTLIGHT CLUB PLAY SATURDAY NIGHT

Don't forget the Footlight Club play
"The Age of Romance" to be given
next Saturday night, at 8:30, at Fire-
mens Hall. One hundred seats have
been reserved for the Y. M. C. A. men
and a perfect performance is hoped for
their amusement. Due to the amount
of time and drilling which has been
put on this play it ought to be one
of the most successful events of the
season. Interest will be taken in
seeing some of the old members of
the Footlight Club again acting as
Miss Edith Teal with her vivacity and
John MacMahon with his dramatic in-
tensity are to take the leading roles.
It is also interesting to note the new
members in the Club who are to have
their first appearance: Miss Elizabeth
Babcock, Miss Louise Gratz, and Miss
Alma Wise. Miss Wise appeared last
year successfully in one of the Sopho-
more class plays. The caste follows:
Mrs. Knowle Elizabeth Babcock

Jane Bagat, her niece Alma Wise
Melisande, Mrs. Knowle's daughter
Edith Teal

Mr. Knowle Ernest Eaton
Bobby Cootie Irwin Conroe

Jervis Mallory John MacMahon
Gentleman Susan George Stearns

Little Ern Louise Gratz
The Maid

Director—Miss Bleiman
Stage manager—F. Hamilton Whip-
pie

The play itself, as stated in a former
issue of the Fiat, is a comedy of amus-
ing situations and excellent dialogue
similar to Booth Tarkington's plays.
Melisande, the romantic daughter play-
ed by Miss Teal, proves there is plenty
of romance in the world if we only
look for it.

After four months the Eta Phi Gam-
ma is again back in its own home,
having been without a house since the
fire which badly gutted the house
bought by this fraternity last fall.

Although there still remain a few
minor repairs, yet to be done on the
property, new furniture is on the way
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first of the month the Eta Phis
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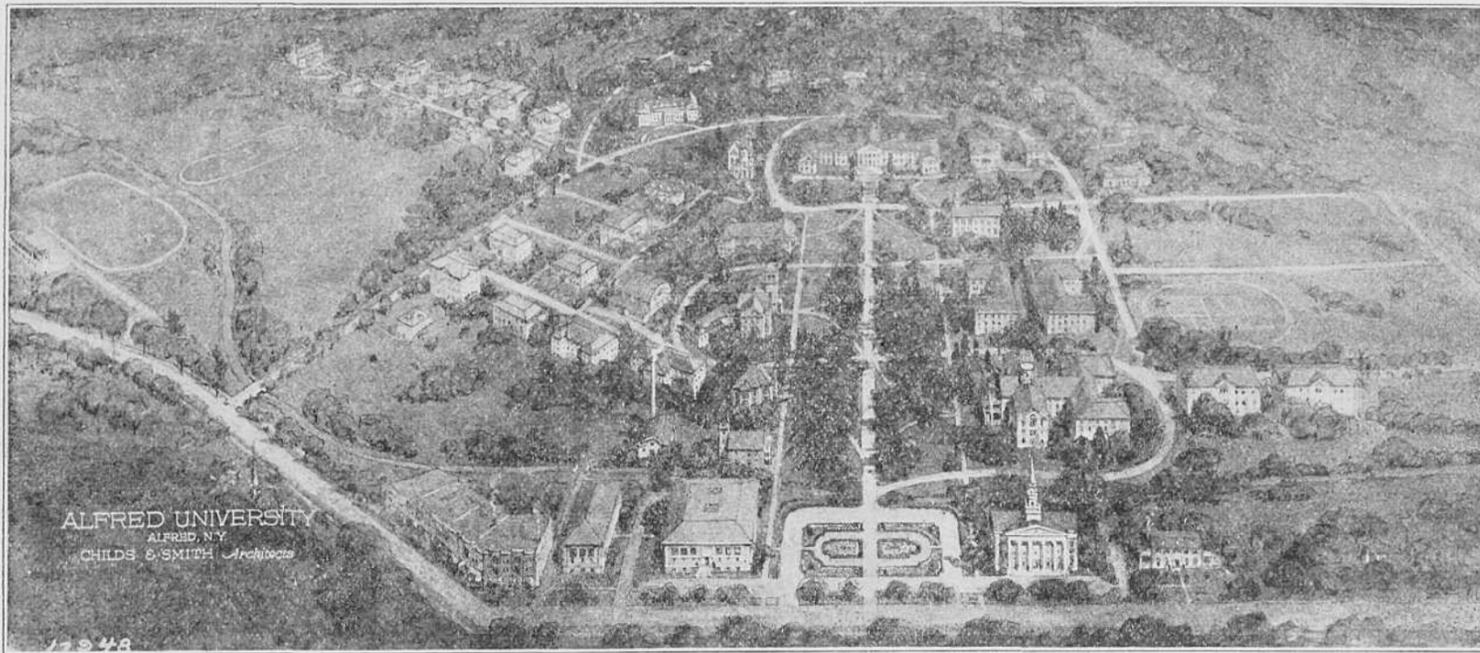
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