



BROOKLYN POLYTECH MEN SHOW ABILITY

Alfred Loses By 17-5 Score

In the first home wrestling match of the season, held at Davis Gymnasium last Saturday night, the Brooklyn Polytech wrestlers ran up a winning score with one fall and four time decisions against one fall to Alfred's credit. The fact that footwork featured in a number of the bouts, caused the tourney to be shorn of some excitement.

As both 115-lb. men were the captains of their respective teams, their bout was wrestled last. Capt. Nardi of Poly, although extremely light for his class, had the reputation of never having been legitimately thrown, while Capt. Caruso, of Alfred, also bore a record of clever and consistent work on the mat. After wary preliminary skirmishing, both lightweights went down, with Nardi holding Caruso. In the swift interchange of holds that followed, Caruso lost a momentary advantage in going to center, and Nardi held him for a time-advantage decision of two minutes and eleven seconds. The bout was one of the prettiest exhibitions of its kind ever seen at Alfred.

Moffat, 125-lb. class, stayed with Gross of Poly for eight minutes, and was thrown only after making an extremely dogged fight.

Pruden, 135-lb. class, stayed nine minutes with Hassan of Poly, but lost on a time-advantage decision of four minutes and two seconds.

Kelly, 145-lb. class, and Drake of Poly, staged one of the most exciting bouts of the evening. Both men were about evenly matched in physique and ability. With Kelly on the aggressive they bandied the advantage back and forth in fast and clever action. After weathering several dangerous holds, Kelly broke loose, and seven seconds before time was called, threw his man. The '45 pounders were on the mat for eight minutes and fifty-three seconds.

The 158-lb. bout, between Grantier of Alfred, and Honge of Poly, featured a good deal of footwork. After wrestling to a draw at the end of nine minutes, several additional periods gave the time decision to the Brooklyn man on only thirty seconds.

Mighells, 175-lb. man for Alfred, stayed his time with Weyer of Poly in a somewhat slow bout, but lost on a time-advantage decision of one minute and nineteen seconds.

Stearns, unlimited, although outweighed by about fifteen pounds, put up a plucky and successful fight against Arnell of Poly. After several additional periods after the nine minutes, the referee pronounced the bout a draw.

Sam Coe, with assistants, capably officiated as manager, in the absence of Jimmy Cosman.

Johnson, referee.

ALFRED QUINTET AT BONAVENTURE

As Alfred students read their Fiats to-night, the Purple and Gold court men will in all probability be piling up a winning score against St. Bonaventure at Allegany.

Although Bonna has a strong team this year, the Alfred tossers have been showing good form in practice, and the consensus of opinion points to a hard-fought but decisive victory for Alfred.

SENATE PROPOSES STUDENT COURT

At the student-body meeting held at Firemens Hall on February 4, President Lyon of the Student Senate proposed the following tentative constitution for a Student Campus Court, having for its jurisdiction most cases involving Alfred traditions and campus rules. He urged that without cooperation on the part of students in reporting violations, no justice could be administered under any system.

ARTICLE 1—NAME

Section 1. The name of this body shall be the Student Campus Court.

ARTICLE 2—PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this court shall be to aid the Student Senate in upholding Alfred traditions and campus rules.

Section 2. To bring male offenders against such traditions and rules up for trial.

Section 3. To provide suitable punishment for infringements of such traditions or rules.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This court shall consist of eight members.

The presiding officer shall be a Senior member of the Student Senate.

Section 3. The other judges shall be appointed by the Student Senate as follows: three seniors, three juniors (one to be elected by the Freshmen as their representative) and one sophomore.

Section 4. A secretary shall be elected by the court to keep a record of all proceedings.

ARTICLE 4

Section 1. No physical punishment, or suspension, or expulsion from college, shall be administered except after reference to the Student Senate.

Section 2. Cases involving violations by women shall be tried by the Student Senate.

Section 3. A two-thirds vote shall be necessary for conviction.

Section 4. Six judges, including the Student Senator, shall constitute a quorum.

FROSH-SOPH PLAY TRYOUTS

Since the underclass plays have ceased to be designated as an inter-class contest, the Footlight Club has decided to try the experiment of combining members of both Sophomore and Freshman classes in the various casts if expedient. This year, a departure from previous custom will occur, in that the Footlight Club will undertake the coaching of all the Frosh-Soph plays, by providing chosen members as coaches.

Try-outs for the plays will be held at Kenyon Hall Friday at 2:00 P. M., and all those interested are urged by the Footlight Club to know the part and the play for which they intend to try out, as final selections may be made at this meeting. The books containing the various plays have been placed on the reserve shelf in the library, and are available during open hours.

"A Night at an Inn" has been stricken from the list of underclass plays, and "The Sisters' Tragedy" substituted in its stead. The complete list of plays is as follows:

- Helena's Husband
- The Sister's Tragedy
- Mis' Mercy
- The Crow's Nest

WHERE SHALL WE STAND IN RELATION TO WOMEN ON THE CAMPUS?

This is the next topic to be considered by the discussion group, which will meet at the Community House Friday at 7:30 P. M.

The University of Oklahoma spellers defeated the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanics spellers recently. The final A. and M. representative finally mis-spelled the word "debauchee." The Ag boys are not downhearted as they defeated the university last year in the cross-word puzzle contest.

Fiat Lux Calender

Feb. 10—S. D. B. Choir, 7:15 P. M. at Studio.

Feb. 10—St. Bonaventure at Allegany

Feb. 10—Inter-Fraternity Council sends out fraternity bids.

Feb. 10—Fiat meeting, 7:30 P. M. at Kenyon

Feb. 11—Assembly, 11:15 A. M. at Fireman's Hall

Feb. 11—Glee Club, 5:00 P. M. at Kenyon

Feb. 12—Frosh-Soph play try-outs, 2:00 P. M. at Kenyon

Feb. 12—Y. M. C. A., 7:30 at Community House

Feb. 15—Answers to fraternity bids may be made

Feb. 16—English Club, 8:00 P. M. at the Brick

OBITUARY

Raymond Rex Austin '29, a scientific student, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at the home of LeRoy Crandall, Alfred Station, on Feb. 1., after a two-weeks' illness.

Taken suddenly in the very beginning of his college career, with all possibilities for success and happiness, Rex Austin's death is a sad one. As he was well-known and liked by classmates and friends, his passing will leave a loss of college chums who will cherish memories of a quiet, straight-living chap who could have served his fellowmen and Alma Mater with honor and distinction.

The Fiat Lux joins with the student body in extending sincere sympathy and condolence to the members of Rex Austin's family and the many friends he has left at Alfred.

The funeral ceremonies took place at the home of Merton R. Austin, Hackensack, N. J.

ELMIRA COLLEGE DRAMATISTS TO APPEAR AT ALFRED Will Present "Pygmalion"

Under the auspices of the Senior Class at Alfred, Elmira College Seniors will present Bernard Shaw's five-act comedy "Pygmalion" at Fireman's Hall on Feb. 13, at 8:15 P. M.

The play centers about a diction fanatic who makes a bet with a friend that he can take a girl from the gutters of London, and inside of three months, so change her English that she can be passed off as a Dutchess at a garden party. What happens as a result, is typical of Shaw.

Although "Pygmalion" is an exceptionally hard play to produce, the Elmira players have successfully staged it as the Senior play. As a professional production, the play has attained popularity commensurate with other works by Bernard Shaw, and is considered one of his 'cleverest. It is typically English, and the final act leaves the audience wondering.

"Pygmalion" is unique in that feminine actors take the parts of male as well as female characters.

The cast of characters:

Clara Doris Allen
Mrs. Eynsford Hill Eugenia Gallagher

First Bystander Charlotte Williams
Freddy Dorothy Townley
Eliza Doolittle Emma Hartenstein
Colonel Pickering Ruth Nye
Second Bystander Helen Bentley
Cab Driver Gertrude Carmody
Mrs. Pearce Rebeckah Fanning
Mrs. Higgins Frances Postance
The Parlor Maid Katherine Persell

Organization:
Director Miss Morrow
Stage Manager Lucie McKibbin
Business Mgr. Gertrude Carmody
Make-up Edith Sclerath
Harry Rogers '27, will assist in staging and production.

CONFERENCE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1926-27 PLANNED

ALFRED COURT MEN WORSTED BY NIAGARA

Visitors Run Up 34-19 Score

A somewhat disappointed line of spectators filed from Davis Gymnasium on the evening of Jan. 27, after the Niagara quintet scored 34 points against Alfred's 19 in a mediocre game.

The contest began auspiciously for Alfred with the first field goal, which was followed by hard and fast playing on the part of both teams. For awhile neither team could gain advantage, and a period of nip and tuck playing featured a number of close shots, none of which drew points. As Niagara tightened up, Alfred men lost possession of the ball a good deal of the time, and seemed to lack control due to anxiety to please a home audience. At this juncture Niagara ran three baskets in rapid succession, and Nichols broke the Alfred jinx with a clean goal. Niagara continued to pile up points despite resistance, until Nellis closed the first half with a basket for Alfred.

After short preliminary sparring in the beginning of the second half, Capt. Babcock resumed activities with a field goal. Here the playing lost pep, and both teams held even in unexciting shifting and passing. Niagara again tightened up and assumed an aggressive lead, until Dunn came in for Geer at center with Chamberlain going out. Alfred began to get tips from center, but Niagara's fast and shifty attack still brought points in excess of Alfred's scoring.

The Alfred tossers played a hard game, but somehow seemed "off" when it came to scoring. An explanation of their quality of playing might be found in the poor condition brought on by practicing under disadvantages in the new gym. Nicholas and Geer, both old standbys, were not in the running with their usual style, but Babcock, Nellis and Chamberlain played consistently.

Boland and Cadzoni collected most of Niagara's points, and aided a fast and efficient team in running up a winning score.

Alfred 19

	Fg	Tp
R. F. Babcock, Capt.	2	4
L. F. Nichols	3	6
C. Geer	1	3
R. G. Nellis	2	5
L. G. Chamberlain		
L. G. Dunn		1
	8	19

Niagara

R. F. Dever, Capt.	2	5
L. F. Mullin	4	9
C. Boland	4	8
R. G. Cadzoni	4	11
L. G. Gorman		1
	14	34
Referee, Chamberlain, Rochester		

TEN NEW STUDENTS REGISTER

The opening of the second semester term increased registration with ten new students who are taking prescribed courses.

Roy Cummings Pre-Med.
Milo Lamphere Special
Silvio Sabatini Pre-Med.
William Wansor Science
Edward Ball Science
Alexander Smith Pre-Dent.
Clark Sherman Ceramics
Eva VanaSchaack Classical
Marie Danglewicz Classical
Irja E. Widenius Pre-Med.

Two Semester's Study Required For Eligibility

At a meeting of the New York State Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference recently held at the Syracuse Hotel, the 1926-27 basketball schedule was drawn up, and it was voted that the one-year rule be strictly observed. Eight of the nine colleges in the conference were represented at the meeting.

The Conference met primarily to draw up the 1926-27 basketball schedule, and to discuss conference rules and by-laws, but the one-year ruling occupied the center of discussion. This was the first meeting of its kind in the history of the conference of the smaller colleges of the state, and it will probably become an annual custom to hold similar sessions.

According to the conference interpretation of the one-year ruling, an athlete entering college must complete two semesters' study before becoming eligible for athletic competition. Completion of a summer school course will not be considered the equivalent of a semester's study.

Although no dates have been given out, the 1926-27 basketball schedule has been drawn up and approved by the representatives. Each college will announce its schedule when finally ratified by its governing board.

The conference has made some promising steps. In accord with a suggestion, Dr. Farver of the University of Rochester appointed Doc. Ferguson and T. T. Odell of Hobart a committee of two to draw up and present plans for a conference cross-country meet to be held at Geneva next fall. A committee of three was also appointed to consider plans for determining a conference champion in each sport. Heretofore, a pennant has never been awarded. It was also voted that each college submit a list of eligible men to an eligibility committee before each season.

In view of what the conference has already accomplished and is now considering, athletics under the new regime will bring a measure of equality in competition and objective never before attained. Graduate Manager Champlin represented Alfred in this last conference meeting, and it has been largely due to his efforts that Alfred has become a participating member.

THE KANAKADEA PROGRESSES

Between semesters, ambitious members of the Kanakadea staff have been industriously laboring to produce the best year book ever foisted upon an Alfred student body. With each succeeding year's staff voicing the same contention in a slightly louder note, the quality and quantity of the Kanakadea has slowly but surely been approaching perfection, and the Alfred student body still awaits the timely advent of the '27 book with keen expectation.

Harold E. Alsworth, Editor-in-Chief, urges that those Juniors who to date have neglected to send in either activities or pictures to Miss Diemann, have still chance for a showing if responses are made before Saturday. As this work on the yearbook is being done alphabetically, those whose names occur in the beginning, must attend to the matter at once.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL NOTES

At the student body meeting on Feb. 4, the following revisions to the constitution of the Athletic Association were voted to take immediate effect. In addition, it was proposed that the Cheer Leader's insignia be a five-inch block "A" within a circle proportional to the letter.

Article VI. By-Laws of Board Governing Insignia and Honors.

Sec. 3. The insignia for major sports are as follows: football insignia 9-inch block A, basketball and track insignia 8-inch block A, cross country to be awarded the same as track. The insignia for minor sports is a 6-inch block A.

Any athlete to win his major A in football and basketball must play two-thirds of the playing time in all intercollegiate games, except upon recommendation by the coach and the approval of the Athletic Council.

The managers of the different departments shall receive the major insignia of that department with an "M" attached.

Any person breaking a track record shall receive a track A.

Any man winning a first place or its equivalent in points in an intercollegiate track meet shall receive a track A.

Any man who has regularly practiced with the Varsity squad in a given sport during three seasons, but who has not been awarded the Varsity letter in that sport, may be recommended by the coach for such an award.

Any athlete winning his match in any intercollegiate tennis tournament shall receive a minor A.

A student trainer, duly appointed, and satisfactorily completing one year's work, shall receive a 9-inch block A with a "T" attached.

Sec. 4. Class numerals shall be three-inch numerals awarded: To women, for participation in at least three inter-class sports, with the exception of track. The person must win at least one point in track to have it count toward her numerals.

To men, for participation in half the playing time on one of the Freshman Varsity teams, or on recommendation by the coach after the same manner as the Varsity letter awards.

Sec. 6. As an additional award by the Athletic Association, any person awarded his first major A shall receive a Varsity sweater selected and approved by the Athletic Council. Other awards may be made to championship teams by a majority vote of the Athletic Association.

Article VII. Managers.

Sec. 1. Managers, assistant managers, trainers, and cheer leaders shall be awarded on the following competitive basis:

Any number of sophomores are permitted to try out as managers, trainers and cheer leaders, after informing the Athletic Council of their intention, and upon reporting to the manager of the sport, the trainer, or the head cheer leader.

Sec. 2. At the close of each sport, the board shall choose three assistants, naming one as Freshman manager for the following year.

Sec. 3. From the assistant managers, trainers, and cheer leaders, the Varsity manager, trainer and cheer leader are chosen for the following year.

ANNOYING?

Great stuff, isn't it? Just as effective as the Roman trumpets or American siren; 'tis the page of the college-bred.

We all know how it goes. We just get settled down to work at a spacious library table, having conquered the master of concentration, our books and paper arranged energetically, our eyes bent to a more or less impenetrable lesson, when a tumultuous clatter courses down the aisle from the general location of the door. Our ears are pained; our face twists itself in exasperation; we curiously raise our eyes. Abominable creation! With innocent black buckles, a convenient way to fasten shoes, which are never fastened. Girls are the worst offenders; they revel in this heraldry of clanging galosh buckles. They beat a whistle or bell forty ways. Swish! swish! swish! ah, sweet music of Hades' harps; probably what Satan's fork rattles out as he searches around the kettle. What say we buckle galoshes before promenading around the library?

Happiness came into the lives of hundreds of butter-and-egg men of the Mid-west with the announcement that the next Army-Navy game will be played in Chicago. Contrary to all previous agreements, midshipmen and cadets will be shipped 1,000 miles inland to provide a brilliantly spectacular holiday for the Hog Butcher of the World. The rumor has not yet been verified that three realtors in Miami, Florida, and the president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce committed suicide for disappointment.

NOW I ASK YOU

Ain't it queer, and funny too, how our mortals can arise, and mount upon our horses high, and carp and criticize? We moralize right solemnly, and dolefully do preach, and wander into problems grave away beyond our reach. We sagely nod and do observe, with wisdom deep and rare, and wail or weep, and cuss and carp, or rave and rend our hair. We seize upon some luckless lads, and rake them o'er the coals, to rectify their erring ways, and save their sinful souls. Upon the naive co-eds chaste, we clamp the cynic's ban, as wild and woolly damsels fair who ruin the soul of man. The morals and the dancing! the evil that holds sway, does dominate our very lives and hastes the judgment day. The sinful ways of modern days do lead our young folks wrong; they never peek within a book, or sing a classic song. In by-gone years, we say with tears, our pleasures were not thus—a self-respecting college youth would not so much as cuss. We warn ye well, it is not meet, to court the devil's ways, perdition will reward the one who follows up this craze.

Now I ask you. How can we jays of winsome ways, enjoy ourselves forsooth, when critics step upon our necks with total lack of ruth? Yet we criticize the critics, and they answer back in kind, with every petty libel such master minds can find. And we call before the judgment seat each ancient thought and rule, and wonder how the heck such means can run a school. We seldom stop to scratch our heads, to stir the wheels within, and wonder what the deuce is meant by all this critic's din. But some sweet day, when age holds sway, we'll raise a glad some shout, to find the very thing—this trouble's been about. For all these years, we've been in tears, and racked our brains in vain, and now the growing younger set, will do the same again. It's all so simple now we see, by all that's good and true, we criticized each other's acts—because it was—the natural thing to do.

CARUSO AND KELLY PLACE IN MAT TOURNEY

Each Wins Second Place

Capt. Daniel Caruso and Paul Kelly, representing Alfred University's wrestling team at the United States-Canada Championship Meet at the Central Y. M. C. A., Buffalo, on Jan. 30, took second places in their respective classes, and brought home the bacon, so to speak, in the form of a pair of silver medals.

Leonard Carey, 1925 Intercollegiate Champion in the 115-lb. class, and a former Penn State man, was unable to throw Caruso, who averted a fall by bridging for six minutes. Cary won on a referee's time decision.

Kelly, after putting up a plucky fight against his adversary, Mike Di-Addario, 1925 Niagara District Champion, was thrown by a body hold in four minutes and fifty seconds.

Alfred, with only two entrants, equalled the score of the entire Jamestown team, and tied for fifth place. The first place was taken by the Buffalo Athletic Club. Toronto took second, having been squeezed out of first when Kelly threw their 145-lb. man.

It is interesting to note that Jack Humphrey, captain of our last year's wrestling team, was entered in the tourney.

Here's to ye stude who ye maidens wooed
Before ye Steinheim door,
When finals came, he left amaine,—
Or he'd loved ye ladies more.
But here's to ye bold and arrant knave
Who sports and has his flinge,
Such a life holds memories deare,—
But olde age soone does bringe.
And here's to ye swaine who would faine remaine
Of custom's minde and morals,
But fainting harte ne'er wonne faire maide,
Nor tooke ye golden laurels.

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WOMANS' STUDENT GOVERNMENT

That august and venerable body, the Womans' Student Government, feared by the male of the species as well as the co-ed, met in solemn conclave on Jan. 26 to consider affairs of moment.

Among the numerous weighty issues concerning moral decadence in Alfred brought before the arbiters of morals, Dean D. K. Degen made a statement concerning that heinous practice of bumming to Hornell and elsewhere. Since all members present were duly impressed by the obvious gravity and moral depravity of such practices, "there was no possible leeway for objection," and the abolition of the stigma was achieved in an efficient and dignified manner.

A minor topic was next considered. It was voted that Dean Degen take up the question of 12:15 o'clock permission for all calendar and permission parties, with the Student Life Committee. This means, of course, that all women must be at their places of residence by 12:15 o'clock.

THE ENGLISH CLUB

The initial meeting of the English Club was held in the Underclass Parlors of the Brick under the leadership of Professor B. Ellis, on the evening of Jan. 26. Professor Conroe gave a paper concerning the biography of Eugene O'Neill, and read one of his plays, "The Emperor Jones".

Professor Conroe's paper was as thorough as time permitted, and the reading of the play was effectively done. At the conclusion of the program it was decided that attendance was not large enough to warrant the disposal of official business.

At the next meeting of the English Club, which will be held on Feb. 16, Professor Ellis will present something "of interest" to the club.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

"Student Opinion and the World Court" is the title of a bulletin, dated January 2, containing the report of the national director of the committee of the Council of Christian Associations. Its contents are a comprehensive survey and review of the activities and attainments of said committee, and an appraisal of its work as an influence on future student thought.

Everyone can recall the committee's noteworthy activity last fall in persuading college students to the World Court, and in arousing in them an interest in international affairs. As a result about 85 per cent of the voters from 333 colleges voted in favor of America's entrance into the protocol. About 53 student conferences were held, besides the national one at Princeton, and, at each meeting, topics outside the Court were discussed.

Some very interesting statistics have been collected concerning the forces by which student opinion was formed. Personal conviction led by a score of 72 per cent. The department in the college curriculum which was the most influential on the student vote, was that of History. Student gatherings were the most potent extra-curricular forces, followed closely by the general press. Regional differences were plainly shown in the scepticism of the Pacific Coast and the almost rude frankness of New England in giving reasons for their opinions.

Many other topics of international importance were mentioned at the student conferences. Chief among these was the League of Nations, followed in the amount of attention given, by the idea of the Outlawry of War.

The immediate results of the campaign are most gratifying. Interest and education on the Court itself was brought about; student thought was focused on a single political issue; and a national student consciousness was developed. It was the first attempt of students to wield their influence as a class on a national affair. It produces an awakening in them of America's responsibilities.

The most important by-product is a live student-faculty co-operation. Student and faculty worked together intimately, and hence, learned to cooperate better than ever before. It is clearly evident that more campaigns of this type would not be at all detrimental.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: "Handsome is as handsome does," but often the acts that most count are least seen.

Not that we care—but the S. D. B. student contingent totters upon its very foundations, and another sect of seventh-day observers threatens to take over the Gothic.

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Let's be sports! Not in the sense of race track or devil-may-care parlance, but in all ways which concern honor, justice, and square dealing. We speak of the true Alfredian with pride. Then let him be one who can fight for truth and honesty, uphold principles despite sneers, take his beating with a grin, and face the problems of life with the squareness and the steadiness which distinguish a true sportsman.

In college, the institution of higher learning and higher-mindedness; the place of ideals, and hopes, and aspirations—we find a measure of sordidness, dishonesty, and petty jealousy. Whenever a weak-minded individual succumbs to temptation and cribs during an exam, and a still weaker one allows him to do so, there can be no sportsmanship. When a college audience will permit a certain few to ridicule a chosen referee at a losing game, or "razz" their own team, or worse yet, the visitors, there can also be no sportsmanship. Or when a professor gives an exam so long that mental fatigue makes intelligent work impossible, is he a sport? And can we look upon our individual selves, our relations with our friends, acquaintances, and strangers, and say, "I've been a sport"?

All the world loves a sport. Even a mucker has a grudging admiration for him. He stands for all that is fair and square and open, and challenges all comers on common ground. His minor faults are obscured by a greater-mindedness and understanding—and he looks out upon life with an unconquerable optimism. So let's subvert our little baser instincts which cloud the clearness of true sportsmanship and harmony. Let's all say together in everything that comes along, "Win if we can, lose if we must, but good sports always." Let's be sports!

Fraternity now is foremost. The bids which culminate a semester's rushing under this year's pledging system have been released by the Men's Inter-fraternity Council. Glamour and excitement, wavering and resolution, mingle in a mental chaos which will eventually result in one of the most important decisions an undergraduate can make. One question is on every tongue: "Where are you going?"

"Where are you going?" Do you really know? Have you overlooked some of the deeper things in choosing the fraternity which will become your college home? Have you allowed your judgment to be swayed by some personal friendship, or some minor phase? Upon the decision which you make sometimes depends the success or failure of a college career. In joining a fraternity, you become an integral part of the organization, molded by its policies, educated by its thought, and developed or obscured by its influences. Your classmate-friends will be the enduring college chums of after years. Watch which way they go. Stay with them if you can. And do not hurry yourself. These bids are not the only ones which will be sent out. If you have mentally chosen a certain fraternity, and have not received a bid from it, stand pat and wait, rather than plunge into an uncongenial relationship.

Go with the fraternity which can offer you, as an individual, the most in brotherhood, development, and understanding. Whether national or local, large or small, go with the house that represents "your gang". Ultimately, you will share your life with your fraternity brothers, as they shall share theirs with you. It is for better or for worse. If your choice is wise and fair to yourself, friendship, association, and brotherhood, such as only a fraternity can bring, await your decision. If, in choosing, your judgment is based upon superficial things, and biased by passing whims, your lot may be cast among strangers, and regret and dissatisfaction will mar the happiest part of a college man's life.

"Be sure you're right—then go ahead!"

Two proposed instruments of progress are now before the student body. They are both tentative, in that they have no precedent. But they are intended to fulfill long-felt wants. The Student Campus Court, and the office of Campus Administrator, aim at a systematization of practices which have heretofore been subject to all the chaos and injustice which lack of organization can bring.

These measures typify a comparatively new tendency of progressiveness at Alfred. It is a spirit which we must foster to attain any sort of improvement, or bring in any innovation. It makes for direct and indirect progress in student harmony, activity, and outlook. We can ill afford to carelessly treat a thing which is so important in student life and government. Therefore, let us criticize the proposed projects—but make our criticisms kindly and constructive.

H. L. Dennison, who until the beginning of the second semester, has been Humor Editor of the Fiat Lux, is now leaving. Readers and staff alike will miss the familiar column of "Tittle Tattle," with the delicately satirical humor which either aroused indignant ire or inspired delighted appreciation. It was a type of humor imbued with the spirit of thoughtful, honest, criticism and friendly raillery—the kind which did not end with a passing chuckle, but served to encourage an absorbing interest in everyday happenings and thought.

The Fiat Lux Staff wishes to express its appreciation of the service which the author of "Tittle Tattle" has rendered the paper, extending sincere and friendly wishes for success, and pleasurably anticipating his future return to Alfred.

RANDOM

Now that the telephone poles have been planted, the finals graded, and the forlorn procession headed sadly homeward, we lucky ones can lapse once more into placid college existence.

Progress consists of swapping old troubles for new.

'Tis rumored that a publicity campaign is afoot to make Alfred a real cosmopolitan college. Oh Ye Powers that be, have mercy upon us true Alfredians!

There is a current breath of scandal that Prof. MacArdle slipped out of the village shortly after the chemistry exams.

They say the ways of modern youth will yet bring the world toppling about our ears. If the Charleston were danced (?) at Alfred, we know some campus buildings which would fall like ancient customs.

The Cosmopolitan Club found the going rough Friday night, so postponed its weekly visit to the fair Belmont.

DOES THE CAMPUS GIVE A FAIR CHANCE TO ALL?

Topic of Y. M. C. A. Discussion

Group Causes Lively Session

Points brought out in the "bull session" held by the Y. M. C. A. in the Community House on Thursday, January 29, are worth summarizing. "Does the Campus Give a Fair Chance to All?" was a topic which showed that there are some definite opinions on the subject.

When a person becomes known on the campus, his position is assured, favorably or unfavorably—was the leading statement. If a man with a "ski" on the end of his name comes to Alfred, it seems that he is handicapped because of the feeling of race prejudice which is working deeper unto our consciousness.

Fraternal organizations could bring relief in a judicious manner. To be broad minded enough at least to be decent to a man who is unattractive is a mark of real character, and to develop this faculty, is excellent training for the individual. Every man has his contribution regardless of nationality.

Does the campus think?—No. Reference was made to the use of mob psychology to sway popular vote in executing business. When it comes to proposing a man for an office, it is practically impossible for the student body as a whole to make an intelligent vote, especially if the man "up" does not readily make acquaintances. Thus many times the non-fraternity man does not receive fair consideration.

Unfairness, as regards office filling, is outstanding in three ways: To burden a man with offices until he can no longer keep up with his studies is an injustice to him. It is also an injustice to the man who is underloaded, in that he is not given a chance for training and self-development. The worst injustice is to the campus itself. By placing much responsibility upon the shoulders of a few who are willing to do the work, efficiency is lost, and the whole campus suffers.

There is indeed something lacking in the man who is unable to put himself forward; nevertheless, there are undoubtedly many unrecognized men on the campus at present who are able bodied, and fully capable of shouldering their share of the campus responsibility.

JAPANESE BROTHERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDED

Last year, the Japanese students of New York, conceived the idea of staging several Japanese dramas at International House and giving the proceeds to found a scholarship to send an American student to Japan. Through their untiring efforts, \$1,500 is now available. Applications will be received from native born Americans, men and women, between 25 and 35 years of age. The award will be made to the candidate who is judged by the committee to be the best investment. Inquiries should be addressed before April first to the Japanese Brotherhood Scholarship Committee, International House, 500 Riverside Drive, New York.

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ECHOES FROM THE PAST
(Hitherto Unpublished)

Tradition, it seems, is not merely a vague and elusive tangle of conventions and improprieties; nor was the Alfred University of by-gone years the staid and peaceful seat of classic learning commonly supposed.

Ah no. Old Father Time, mayhap, has shrouded the thundering tales of Alfred's hectic past in dusty silence, but ancient annals and mellow minds recall the deeds of days long past. There was a time, the ancients say, when stood erect the few remaining hairs on learned pates, and student glee ran free.

In the old days, as now, much activity centered about the Brick. And mere man, as he reverently passes by the ancient edifice, often wonders just what kind of a life his ancestors by college generations had lived within those crumbling walls. And rumor breathes that at one time in the not too distant past the old red structure housed both men and women! Imagine the trials and tribulations of the prematurely aged chaperones, who slept beneath the soil long before their rightful time.

In the days of yore, Alfred had a certain scholarly president who watched o'er his flock of students with a strictly moral eye, so the story goes. Things ran with seeming smoothness, and his wards trod daintily along the straight and narrow path to glory and to graduation.

But one night, at a dark and unseemly hour, as the president made his way across the campus, he paused to hold his breath and watch. A large black object scraped slowly down a wall of the Brick and came to rest upon the ground. A crouching figure scurried from cover and clambered into the basket. As the president held his breath, the swaying conveyance slowly ascended, and finally came to rest before a second-story window.

The president stood no longer. Swayed by one purpose bold, he advanced under cover to the basket, climbed within, and gave the mystic signals for ascent. Thrilling, as the basket proceeded upward, the president experienced a sudden qualm. The basket had stopped. A goodly distance lay between the basket and the ground, so the victim dared not jump. A whispered consultation denoted excitement up above.

Here authorities differ vociferously. The story has two endings, but which is the more probable is left for the gentle reader to imagine.

Hanging in mid-air in a basket suspended by ropes attached to an unreliable anchor is far from being a pleasant out-door sport for any man—especially when the one in question was peculiarly averse to so doing. Above, the council of war continued. To pull the basket up was to invite ruin; to let him down would also bring death and destruction. What should be done?

Finally, a shrewd member of the escapade leaned from the window to parley with the culprit. The terms, as stated, were harsh.

"President," he might have said, "you're in our power. If you do not promise to peaceably forget this incident, which is unpleasant to us all, we have but one alternative. I have spoken."

After deliberating in the cooling air of a somewhat chilly morning at a darksome time, the president arrived at a wise decision. Figuratively speaking, the matter was dropped. Or, it might better be said that the matter was let down "easy" on both sides.

Here is the other, and more probable version.

Upon the discovery that a member of the faculty occupied the ascending basket, those in control of the situation suppressed all humane instincts, forgot about the milk of human kindness, and allowed the improvised "elevator" to descend from the second floor level precipitately. It is said that the speed attained by a falling body enclosed by wicker, equals that of the apple which descended upon the head of Sir Isaac Newton and thereby turned to cider.

Whether anybody else has since been suspended, is shrouded in mystery. But imagine, dear readers, of all the hair-raising and basket-raising tales which could be told, and those old red oblongs in the Brick walls are fairly aching to relate.

Among the host of rare old tales, another still outstands. 'Tis graven deep upon the minds of all who witnessed, and lives, despite suppression.

When the Alfred student body coincided in size to the capacity of Kenyon Hall, 'twas there that spellbound audiences listened enraptured to an assembly oration of a Thursday morning. One of the dear old faculty members of contemporary times, was truly silver-tongued, and charmed his hearers fast asleep, by the magic of his voice.

This mellow old fellow, of whom we speak, had a distinguishing habit, they say. When reaching dazzling heights of stirring eloquence, his very soul was uplifted—yea, as were the souls of his hearers depressed. But this is aside the issue. It was a common belief that this eminent person required an anchor to prevent his soul from soaring aloft—above the ken of college folk. So he grasped the sides of the pulpit (?) with a firm and manly clasp. Thus he made himself earthly. ('Tis whispered that the marks remain, where the dear old orator clutched amain.)

But here the plot thickens. There was a college cut-up. Yes.

He observed, pondered, and conceived.

The subject of this tepid tale was to speak at the next assembly. It came. He spoke.

For awhile, during the introduction to his inspirational address, our hero employed decorous gestures and figures of speech to express his surging thoughts. Then he struck his stride. He thundered forth his message even as do assembly speakers now-a-days. He was uplifted, but lo!—he grasped the sides of the pulpit firmly.

The exaltation died from his face, the tenseness from his frame. He gazed with unutterable disgust upon his hands. Thereon was a certain disagreeable substance.

Suspicion!

His glaring eyes darted about the spacious auditorium. They rested upon our college cut-up. Pointing an accusing finger upon him, the irascible patriarch thundered in no uncertain tones:

"Blank! You've had a hand in this!"

The subject of his ire glanced up shyly, and in pained surprise, spoke, saying: "But, sir, I beg your pardon. You've had TWO hands in it."

What is so hard to grin and bear, As when a ravishing co-ed fair Returns from a date to go and study, And forthwith appears—with another buddy?

—The Idler.

DOES THE CAMPUS GIVE EVERY ONE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY?

The consensus of student opinion seems to indicate that the Campus does not give everyone a fair opportunity. Why is this so?—As a matter of fact it should not be—but due to a limited capacity for thinking on the part of the campus, it is.

Since a majority of the officers on this campus are elective, and not selective, the tendency for a lazy mentality is to flutter toward some person already made prominent by the large number of offices he holds. What is the result? It is evident that a man is only efficient up to a certain capacity—overburden him and his efficiency is bound to decrease in proportion to the extra load imposed upon him. Not only is this unfair to the individual but also to the rest of the campus. There are any number of persons in this college who can fulfill the requirements for any vacancy on this campus. A little thought is all that is necessary.

One of the greatest drawbacks on this campus is an air of ultra-conservatism. Afraid to break into new material, afraid lest the faculty will censor progress. The faith we have in the ability of our fellow students is so small that it is negligible. Have faith in those about you—if a man fails in his accomplishments on this campus, nine times out of ten the cause of failure can be traced back to lack of cooperation on the part of the students.

It is remarkable how easily a few are able to throw a wet blanket over one who shows enthusiasm and is willing to expend time and energy toward a new project. What is more remarkable and irritating is to note the lack of animation in those same few who are always prepared with the cold spray.

Perhaps a few remarks "a la Aesop's Fables" will serve to conclude this expression of opinion.

"Think! shake yourself away from a lazy mentality."

"Do not overburden any one man—distribute campus responsibility."

"Have faith in the ability of those about you—give them an opportunity."

"Do not dampen a man's ardor unless you have something better to substitute."

Little green capper, sitting so dapper

Thinking "dear Alfred's my pie."

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