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On Fraternity—!

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Guild Galleon  
Thursday Night.

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## CONFERENCE HELD AT HAPPY VALLEY FOR COLLEGE PROFS

Dean Norwood, Prof. Rusby, and Prof. Seidlin, returning from a recent consultation of intercollegiate faculty members regarding religious education, report a most constructive and interesting conference. The convention held under the auspices of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education at Happy Valley Inn, Lisle, N. Y., on November 18, 19, 20, was considered important both for its discussions and their resulting conclusions, and for the unusual aggregation of men noted for work in the educational field.

The meetings took the form of speeches by some of the authorities on different phases of the subject, followed by open discussions. Some of the subjects touched upon in the conference were:

The objectives and methods of religious instruction, the place of the teacher in the furtherance of student life, the laboratory aspects of religious education, the significance of the university in determining the mentality of the age. Stress was especially laid on environmental factors, fraternities, extra-curricular activities, and the need for every science and culture in making its contributions to the integration and enrichment of personality.

At the conclusion of the discussions it was agreed that:—

1. Instruction should be so attractive that it would naturally occupy first place in the students' attention.

2. Religion should be taught objectively and scientifically to insure the integration of the whole field of life.

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## Good Ship Guild Galleon To Dock At Alfred With Cargo of Valuable Goods

Yo Ho! On the afternoon of December the eighth at 3:30 o'clock sharp, the Guild Galleon, a treasure ship of no mean proportions, will dock in Alfred.

The ship, owned by the Ceramic Art Sophomores, will be "manned" by Captain Mills, First Mate Rogers, and Second Mate Hallock. Her cargo will be jugs, jars, vases, plates of fine form and colour, textiles—intricately patterned, unique hand-blocked gift cards, wrapping papers, birds of bright plumage, and sweet meats.

Ship's Cook Greene, in name only, assisted by ten slaves, will be prepared to serve you tea, coffee and pastries. All that is asked in return is your pieces of gold, silver, or baser metal.

## Traveler, Author, And Scholar Will Speak Thursday

Hornell will furnish the speaker for the first assembly in Alumni Hall. Professor Paul Rusby, chairman of the Program Committee, announces that Rev. Roy Allen of the West End Methodist Church is the lecturer for this Thursday.

Dr. Allen is known as a traveler, author, and scholar. He is famous for his interpretation of the Gospel of Mark which will be given at the assembly. In a way this Gospel will be literally taken apart and later will be interestingly put together again. This interpretation is regarded as one of the most logical known and is a widely accepted rendition.

Thursday's assembly marks Dr. Allen's first appearance here in several years, and those who have previously heard him anticipate his arrival with considerable eagerness.

Pi Gamma Mu

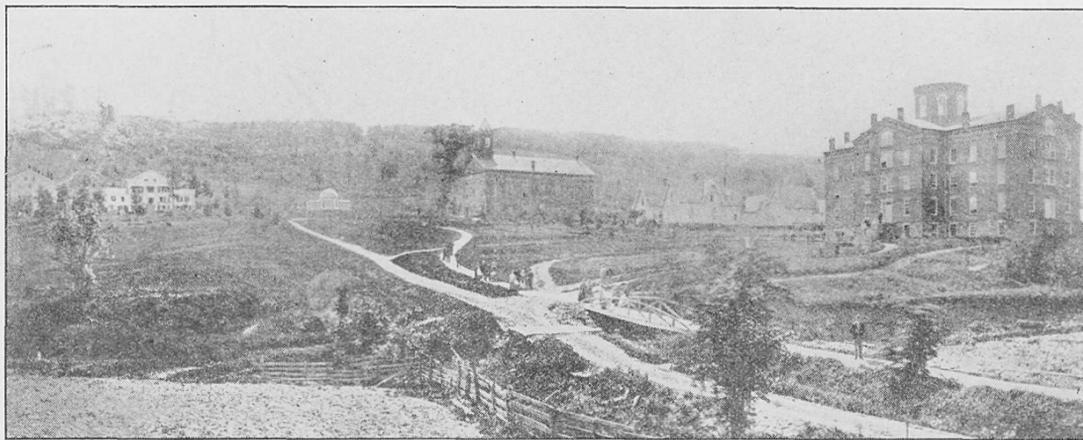
Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary society, will hold its first regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Kanakadea Hall. The meeting will take the form of a discussion to be led, probably, by Dean J. Nelson Norwood.

The Alfred Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu was organized last spring. Membership is based on scholastic ability in the social science subjects, an average of B. in those courses being required.

At a preliminary meeting of the chapter it was decided that regular meetings would henceforth be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

# REDEDICATION EXERCISES IMBUED WITH SPIRIT OF OLD ALFREDIANS

ALFRED UNIVERSITY CAMPUS 50 YEARS AGO



This old picture, recalling vividly the prominent position which Alumni Hall occupied a half century ago as Academy Hall, serves in a measure to show the progress of the institution since that time. From left to right the cut shows North Hall, now Burdick Hall; President Allen's mansion, later destroyed by fire; and the Observatory, built in 1866. The Gothic, then a faculty home; and Ladies Hall, the only brick structure then on the campus, completed Alfred's physical equipment.

## FRATERNITY BIDS WILL BE MAILED FRIDAY, DEC. NINE

An exciting and hectic week for Freshmen and fraternity members will end at noon on Monday, December 12, when rushees return the bids which will be mailed to them.

During the first four days of this week the four fraternities are conducting rushing parties for the prospective pledgees. The series of entertainments, began last night at Klan Alpine. Tonight, Kappa Psi Upsilon holds sway, while Delta Sigma Phi and Theta Kappa Nu are allotted Wednesday and Thursday evenings, respectively.

Bids to membership in the various fraternities will be sent out on Friday of this week. Two rules in the Handbook describe succeeding events as follows:

(a) "No bids shall be returned before the following Monday, and all bids shall be returned before Christmas vacation begins.

(b) "From the time the bids are sent out, and until 12:00 o'clock noon of the following Monday, no fraternity shall discuss fraternity matters with any prospective pledgee."

In previous years it has been felt that some misunderstanding has resulted from faulty interpretation of these rules. William G. Collins, President of the Interfraternity Council, has made the following explanation of the situation:

"The Council interprets the rules to mean that, under no circumstances whatsoever, shall a Freshman receive a pledge pin before noon on Monday, December 12. Such receipt of a pin shall be considered a distinct violation of the pledging rules.

## Clawson Infirmary Proves Useful To Disabled Students

The practical value of the Clawson Infirmary has been well proven since its opening, by the constant influx of the disabled and outgoing of the able, well repaired by efficient care and skill. The Infirmary now houses two students of the former class who hope soon to belong to the latter, namely Smith Wright, a patient of a week, and Seymour Snell, of three days. Both are convalescent, and are expected to leave the infirmary shortly if all goes well.

Dr. Clawson, donor of the infirmary named in his honor, returned to Alfred Wednesday morning and left again Friday night, making the visit in order to be present at the rededication Alumni Hall on Founder's Day. Dr. Clawson inspected the infirmary, and also made it his headquarters during his visit at Alfred.

## Junior Follies Committee Promises To Outdo Ziegfeld

It has been said that Belasco does not sleep during those tense weeks immediately preceding a new production. Judging from what the campus has seen this must be true of the Junior Follies Committee which is composed of Dorothy Hawley, Donald Whitcomb, Lester Quailly and Mary Rogers.

The Follies this year promises to be staged in a proportion and sumptuousness worthy of Ziegfeld himself. A picked chorus of eight has already been chosen; the Dancing Girls are rapidly approaching the perfection of the Gertrude Hoffman Troupe in the execution of their numbers; and although George White has Ann Pennington in his Scandals, and Ziegfeld has Gilda Gray, the Junior Follies has a whole bevy of dancing beauties which in rhythmic grace and nimbleness threatens to outdo even Ann and Gilda.

## DATING RULES FADE INTO OBLIVION AS ENTHUSIASM WANES

The suggested "dating rules," which for some time have been the focus of campus attention seem to have withdrawn to the oblivion from which they emerged. The rules were first submitted by their authors to the Student Life Committee, after which they were discussed by both the Women's Student Government Council and the Student Policy Committee. The two latter organizations refused to uphold any such regulations, affirming that "current problems" are not such as the suggestions aimed to solve, and that, were they such, the rules would be inefficient in solving them.

Thus far, these decisions have terminated the short-lived history of the "dating rules," and it is expected that any similar movement in the future will involve dissimilar means of legislation.

## SIXTY SINGERS ENROLL FOR THE MIKADO CHORUS

Work on the production of "The Mikado" has begun, and the chorus is making favorable progress under the direction of Professor Wingate.

Thus far about sixty persons have registered for the chorus, and Professor Wingate states that there is room for an additional fifty; that all types of voice are needed—altos, sopranos, tenors and basses.

Those who care to join the chorus should come to Kenyon Hall at 7:15 P. M., tonight.

## HUNTING MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

Faculty and Parents Fail in Wide Search to Locate Missing Senior

"Where is Leonard Hunting?" has been the question of Alfred students during the past two weeks. Other than a few meager facts and much rumor, nothing definite is known, concerning the missing Senior.

Leonard M. Hunting left Alfred Saturday morning Sept. 19, for a Y M C A meeting at Rochester according to his sister, Ruth Hunting. Thomas Herritt, who roomed with Hunting at the Theta Kappa Nu house, was awakened, at 5:30 in the morning of Sept. 19, when Hunting arose and moved about the room. Herritt, believing that his roommate was preparing to go to some weekend convention, did not question Hunting. Apparently, Hunting left the house shortly afterwards. Lute Emerson, a local expressman, picked Hunting up at Alfred Station and took him to Almond. Later in the day E. S. Bassett, a merchant, saw Hunting "bumming" near Bath. A traveling salesman reported to Dean J. Nelson Norwood that he had picked up a young man answering his description near Bath and had taken him to Painted Post. At that point all trace of the missing student has been lost. Many theories have been advanced, but little proof to back them.

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## PUBLICITY BUREAU GIVES THE PRESS NEWS OF ACTIVITY

Largely through the college Bureau of Publicity, Alfred University is now receiving recognition in the pages of the newspapers of the East. For several past years, Alfred has had a live department which could supply the press with authentic news of the University.

The Bureau of Publicity was organized at the beginning of the Fall term to inform the public through the press of Alfred and its activities. Professor E. A. Heers, who has had considerable experience in journalistic lines on the editorial staffs of newspapers of Syracuse, and as managing editor of the Orange, the daily newspapers of Syracuse University, is director of the bureau.

Weekly news letters are being sent out from the local bureau to 75 leading newspapers of the East, besides special letters concerning the activities of individual students to their respective home town papers. Since his recent disappearance of Leonard M. Hunting, the bureau has been working untiringly in an effort to serve the school and public in reporting the latest developments of the case.

## Alfred History Vividly Told

### FUTURE PLANS LAID

Realization of Part of Alfred's Centennial Program Comes With Rededication of Alumni Hall into Auditorium

Uniting to pay tribute to the fathers of Alfred University, approximately six hundred students, alumni, and townspeople assembled last Thursday for the Founders Day Program in a new "Old Chapel," rebaptized in a flood of memories and newly christened as "Alumni Hall."

The stately hall, unused during so many years except for the annual Commencement exercises and athletics resounded again to the music of the Alma Maters and the cheers of the various classes, the smallest of which is larger than was the entire student body when "Academy Hall" was erected seventy-six years ago.

### Many Old Alfredians Speak

The several speakers, who represented all stages in Alfred's history and development, not only paid tribute to the fathers of Alfred University, but, arousing the Alfredians of today, passed on to those of tomorrow an reinvigorated spirit and appreciation of what Alfred University really is.

At the conclusion of the academic procession, the student body joined in "The Song of the Classes," which has come to take such a prominent place in all of Alfred's traditional programs. An opening prayer was offered by Dean Arthur E. Main of the Divinity School.

### Alumni Hall Well Built

"Academy Hall was built in 1851, six years before the University was chartered," began President Boothe C. Davis by way of introduction. "Maxson Stillman, a former ship builder and resident of Alfred, superintended the construction of the building. His workmen hewed from trees, which stood on what is now the campus, twenty four roof and ceiling beams, each of which is fifty feet long and measure 10X16 inches." An old portrait of the venerable ship-builder, who later a member of the Board of Trustees, was exhibited during the description of his work.

Present on the platform was his son, Chester B. Stillman, a resident of Alfred for 88 years, who worked as errand boy during the construction of the venerable edifice.

### "Yo Heavo! It Can Be Done!"

Dean Alpheus B. Kenyon, who described some of Alfred's early faculties in recalling an incident of the building of the Hall narrated. "The huge beams were joined and the frame was ready for erection. All the available men were called to aid in the process, but after repeated attempts they declared that it could not be done. But Maxson Stillman cried, 'It can be done. All together boys, yo heavo!' And up it went. It is this spirit, ever in action, that has made Alfred what it is.

"The first 'faculty' was Bethuel C. Church who came to Alfred in 1836 as principal and teacher of the select school formed in that year." James R. Irish and James C. Kenyon, both graduates of Union College followed in close succession. The academy was chartered in 1843 and had a faculty of seven members in 1849. These men pledged themselves to devote all their time to the college for a period of five years, at annual salaries of \$400.

"The University was chartered in March, 1857," continued Dean Kenyon. "The first President was William C. Kenyon. He died in 1867 and was succeeded by Jonathan Allen, who held the chair until 1892." Dean Kenyon was a student at Alfred during the years 1868-1874.

### Old Alumna Speaks

Mrs. Isaac B. Brown, who came to (Continued on Page Four)

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### Not Just a Rededication—

To casual observers, the Founders Day exercises meant little more than the rededication of The Old Chapel to a new service as Alumni Hall. To others, it meant the reincarnation of the soul of Old Alfred whose days were made to live again last Thursday.

It was not less than inspiring to heed the note struck by the Founders Day speakers. To undergraduates who seldom even sense the feeling of love and veneration for their college, who pin most of their hopes on athletic victories and petty issues, the sight of something which has genuine and lasting worth was a revelation. With a sympathetic throb in our hearts, we saw the depth and sincerity of affection which Alfred claims from her true sons and daughters. Who was not moved to see an old face light up with the joy of college reminiscence, to hear a voice tremble and grow husky with the ache of real emotion, or watch an old frame become re-invigorated with the youth of living memories?

There is about the college student of today an elusive attitude of cynicism in regard to the benefits which a college confers. He regards the administration of his Alma Mater as the fruitful source of both evil and virtue, asking "Why don't they give this?" or "Why can't we have that?" With the superficiality of the age, he forgets that a loyal rank of alumni is the moral, financial, and stabilizing backbone of any venerable institution; that some day he as an alumnus may be called upon to face the same unreasonable and unthinking demands of a future Alfred generation.

In the presence of events such as the rededication of the spirit of the old and time-worn building again made new, our eyes can see with growing maturity. We can glimpse the fact that all that glimmers is not good; that there are others besides ourselves who are working heart and soul to sacrifice for Alfred; that the things which honestly endure are the things worth caring for.

Alfred Alumni have reconstructed a monument to their memories in Alumni Hall. They have given to the college a thing of beauty, and use, and value. We, who have contributed so humbly to the cause of education thus far, must try to express our unspoken appreciation in other ways. To President Boothe C. Davis, who has devoted his life and abilities to Alfred, and to the Hon. John J. Merrill, who has ever been a loyal friend to his Alma Mater, we especially devote our respect and admiration for their many years of planning and foresight toward the reincarnation of "The Old Chapel."

### "Which Way Parnassus?"

One of the high tides in the life of every Freshman will flood the time between next Friday and the following Monday noon. It has the possibilities of failure or fortune in a broader sense than the average yearling mind foresees.

Membership in a fraternity can either make or break a man. So be mindful that the acceptance of a fraternity bid means casting your lot with a group of college men who will be your most intimate companions for more than three years to come. Try to grasp the unit character of the various groups rather than that of a few individuals. Remember that fraternities, basically, are nothing more than "just fellows;" that the halo of ritual, mystery, and exaltation which figures so largely in the Freshman mind, really counts but little in actual fraternity life. It is the personality of the group which counts! Match up with the one which suits your own sincere preferences, and put surface considerations in their proper places when you do it.

Above all, don't be forced into a snap decision if you are doubtful. Fraternities want you as much as you want them. It is far better to wait awhile than to gaze wistfully backward at "the house you might have joined." Then, fraternity isn't everything. You may even find more happiness without than within.

If the fraternity you favor hasn't recognized you, wait—and prove your worth, for there is plenty of time. Next week-end will not be your only chance, for fraternities lean toward the leaders of the moment rather than toward the conjunctural men yet to develop. Don't be downhearted if you "get left." All college leaders aren't made in the first semester.

If you can look ahead intelligently, think clearly and unburiedly, and avoid emotional impulses, you stand the best chance of choosing wisely.

### The Neglected Pigskin

Much water has passed between the banks of the Kanakadea since Alfred unsuccessfully completed her football schedule; and now that we have passed the stage of more or less helpless thinking, we can look at the whole matter with a much calmer perspective.

Reluctant as we are to open the subject to investigation, we somehow feel that the thing should be faced squarely and treated honestly. Though we have little idea of how the matter will eventually end, we might suggest that it begin with the Student Policy Committee as the most representative group in Alfred adapted for the work.



She was only  
A Photographer's  
Daughter but  
She sure had  
A mean  
Exposure. Still  
She was not  
And is not  
My best girl—  
Neck's best  
Tho.' I was  
Thinking that  
If I went  
Out with her  
No one would  
Be the wiser,  
But I was!  
And How!  
But just the  
Same I am  
Not stuck on  
Her, just stuck  
With her. Still  
I am not a  
Drunkard just  
Because my  
Father was  
A hick.

*T. Jay*

### FIRST WRESTLING MEET ONLY MONTH AWAY; TEAM WORK

With the uncovering of an abundance of promising material, Coach Seidlin's wrestlers face the approaching season with growing hopes of success. The opening home meet with Rochester Mechanics Institute is now only about a month away and the grapplers are working hard to round into shape for a winning season.

Outstanding of last year's varsity men are Captain Cady, Pruden, Hamel, D'Elia, Spicer, and Adams although much competition is promised from a large number of new aspirants, among whom are Roger, Sadler, Crandall, C. Atwood, Kizer, Bryant, Fredericks, and Flint. The heavyweight division still remains woefully weak, while the 158 pound class became further depleted with the recent injury to Cohon, who is expected to be disabled for the remainder of the season.

Freshmen eliminations are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and much interest centers upon the probable strength of the yearling squad.

### Y W C A

The annual bazaar of the Y W C A will be held on the afternoon and evenings of Dec. 7, 8, and 9, in the "Brick" parlors.

There will be a large display of Japanese novelties from which one may choose, and the "Y W" calls attention to the excellent opportunity for securing novel Christmas gifts at small cost.

### Fiat Lux Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 6

University Chorus, Music Studio, 7:15 P. M.  
Ceramic Society Meeting, Lab. Hall, 7:30 P. M.  
Athletic Council Meeting, Directors Office, 8:00 P. M.  
Campus Court Meeting, Ceramic School, 9:00 P. M.  
Kappa Psi Upsilon Rush Party

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Student Senate Meeting, Kenyon Hall, 7:00 P. M.  
Y W C A Meeting, Kenyon Hall, 7:00 P. M.  
Union Church Choir, Music Studio, 7:15 P. M.  
Fat Staff Meeting, Kanakadea Hall, 7:15 P. M.  
Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Studio, 8:00 P. M.  
Delta Sigma Phi Rush Party

Thursday, Dec. 8

Assembly, Alumni Hall, 11:15 A. M.  
Yo Ho! Guild Gallon Docks at Ag Hall, 3:30 P. M.

Theta Kappa Nu Rush Party  
Saturday, Dec. 10  
Sigma Chi Nu Christmas Party  
Pi Alpha Pi Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 11

Student Policy Committee Meeting, Babcock Hall, 10:00 A. M.  
Band Rehearsal, Music Studio, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, Dec. 12

W. S. G. Council Meeting, Brick, 5:00 P. M.

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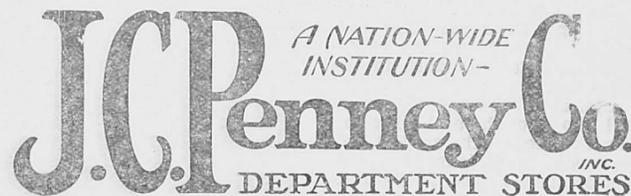
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**DELTA SIG ENTERTAINS WITH FORMAL PARTY**

The credit for the first formal party this year, goes to the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. It was held last Saturday, December the third. The occasion began auspiciously with dinner at Hills. And what they didn't do to that food was "just nobody's business."

From thence the party proceeded to the Delta Sigma Phi house, where they danced some, and then danced some more. And "Oh dear" what was done to those poor girls' feet was "just too bad!"

However, there seemed to be no serious casualties. For each bright and shineless feminine face was to be seen up and around, the morning after. Nevertheless, if you doubt that a good time was had by all, just quiz one of the fairer sex.

**POETIC TREATMENT OF THANKSGIVING JOY**

By Effie Ess '31

Gee now, wasn't it kind of them?  
Gee now, wasn't it fine of them?  
To give a party to the poor and homeless,  
To make vacation just a bit more tombless.  
Who then, deserve of our Thanksgiving?  
Who then, made for a better living  
For their poor unfortunate brethren here  
Who wondered—"what'll I do—oh dear?"  
Why now, it was the Klan, sir,  
Doing it as they can, sir,  
With dance and joy, a merry time  
Was had by all in this frosty clime.  
Do they deserve our thanks? We say—  
Yes they do. So its Ray Klan Ray!

**BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

"Animal Life in Hot Springs" was the title of a paper read by Samuel Horowitz at the regular meeting of the Biological Society last Wednesday evening.

"The life cycles of organisms living in water of high temperature and the ways in which they have adapted themselves to their torrid environment" were discussed in the course of the meeting.

**GREEK PERSONALS**

Delta Sigma Phi

Pledges Buckley, Ruden, Snell, Sherman, Milsop and Spencer were given the informal Monday nite. They report a warm evening.

"Bob" Sherwood '20 and wife, John Clark '20, "Fred" Coots '26, and "Eddie" Tate '27 took in the party, Saturday evening.

"Dutch" and "Wutz" seem to think Dansville has some nice fellows and .....

Ask Snell and see if he isn't a Protestant.

Theta Theta Chi

Kathryn Chamberlain, Katherine Bird, and Margaret Lyon were dinner guests at Morgan Hall this week.

Vacation was clear profit to the girls who stayed in town, as far as good times were concerned. "Lest we forget"—a little culinary practice wasn't exactly lost.

Friday night's serenades deserve particular mention. Assailed both within and without—what with Purgatory and Burdick Hall—ask either "Fran."

Eleven dead mice lent a certain funeral aspect to festivities over vacation—till "out the window they did go!"

An order of crutches is being shipped to meet the need for them resulting from chorus practice.

"Drifting and Dreaming"—and How!

Pi Alpha Pi

Pi Alpha Pi takes pleasure in announcing the initiation of Helen Dilks, Bernice Graves, and Margery Travis.

Personal

Anthony Galizio of the class of '31 was called to his home in Paterson, N. J. last week on account of the death of his mother.

Klan Alpine

Several of the boys who stayed over the Holidays gave an informal party at the house during the vacation.

So Charlie May ups and goes a hunting and he gets four big rabbits, and a big "thank you."

"Ted" Anderson, ex-29, was a welcome prodigal last week.

Ernie Clement wants it understood that it was through necessity and not malice aforethought that he did not shave his upper lip last week.

Sophomores in the house report a highly successful time at the Frosh-Soph party and wish to compliment the Frosh on the affair.

**INTRAMURAL TEAMS TO BEGIN SCHEDULES**

Coach Heers announces that the Intramural basketball competition will begin Wednesday, Dec. 7th according to posted schedule.

Howard Adams, Secretary of the Intramural League, wishes each team list of eligible players as soon as entered in the league to send in a possible.

**Champlin Receives Apology From St. Bona's Manager**

Father Capistran has sent to Graduate Manager A. E. Champlin, an apology on the behalf of the athletic management of St. Bonaventure College for the conditions that came to exist following the dual intercollegiate track meet last May. The following is a clipping from a local newspaper sent by Father Capistran:

"St. Bonaventure, Sept. 28—Last May a dual track meet was held at St. Bonaventure's College between Alfred University and St. Bonas. The local newspapers at that time carried the report that the meet was won by St. Bonaventure's, but Father Capistran, O. F. M., the newly-appointed graduate manager, in a letter today to A. E. Champlin, graduate manager of Alfred, explained how this report, which he believes to be without foundation, was started.

"In former years, when Alfred and St. Bonas met on the track, the meet closed with a mile relay race. Last year, however, the student manager of St. Bonas, without the sanction of the track coach, came to an agreement with Coach Erwin A. Heers, of Alfred, that the mile relay race would not be included in the list of events for the meet. On the day of the meet itself Alfred rightfully refused to compete in this event, thereby winning the meet by a margin of some three points.

"The student manager of St. Bonas, again without the sanction of the proper authorities, was accountable for the report in the papers that the meet was won by St. Bonas, and it was to deny this statement and to explain the origin of this report, that Father Capistran today wrote a letter of apology to A. E. Champlin of Alfred."

Editor's Note—The score of the Varsity meet without the relay was Alfred 59, St. Bonaventure 58.

Heard on Founder's Day.  
Alumnus: About what is the enrollment now?  
Other Souze: About the P. O.

**CAMPUS COURT**

The Campus Court resumed its prosecution of errant Freshmen last week, after a period of rest and relaxation. Only two "Frosh" were indicted.

The victims were William McHale, who neglected to tip his cap to upperclassmen, and Glenn Kinzie, who trespassed on the forbidden grass. Kinzie pleaded not guilty, but was convicted and sentenced to a fifty cent fine and duty for two weeks. McHale, who pleaded guilty, was released with a warning.

**HUNTING MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED**

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The first notice of Hunting's disappearance came the next Monday when he did not return to his fraternity house. In the afternoon the members reported the case to Dean Norwood who immediately took up the search. Inquires to his parents and friends at Plainfield, N. J., brought replies that the youth had not reached home. The condition became so grave that on the Friday following Hunting's disappearance, President Boothe C. Davis turned the matter over to Professor E. A. Heers, director of the Bureau of Publicity. Within one day, the newspapers of the East carried stories of the disappearance. Since then, the bureau has been sending out news letters concerning the latest developments, and pictures of the missing student. Last week, Irving Hunting, his father, visited Alfred but could shed no light on the case.

Many theories have been rumored abroad concerning the possible reasons for Hunting's leaving Alfred, but little fact seems to support them except the statement by President Boothe C. Davis to a Fiat reporter as follows:

"Various individuals recall incidents in his manner and conduct in the last few weeks which lead to the fear that he is suffering a nervous breakdown and mental disturbance, which account for his mysterious absence."

Hunting was a Senior in the scientific course at Alfred. He was energetic in religious and Y M C A work both on the campus and in town. He has served as student assistant in the departments of chemistry, education and mathematics. He was a member of Theta Kappa Nu fraternity.

**GETZ AND LADD ADD TROPHIES OF THEIR SUCCESS AS RUNNERS**

Bringing back with them numerous trophies of their prowess, Wilbur Getz and Edgerton Ladd took 2nd and 17th places respectively in a Buffalo Thanksgiving Day race. Both received low handicaps, but Getz did remarkably well in turning in the lowest time of the race.

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**ASSEMBLY NOTICE**

There will be posted next Monday morning on the bulletin board in Kanakadea Hall an official chart of seating for Assembly. Every student will be assigned a definite seat. Attendance will be marked by noting the empty seats.

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**On, Wisconsin!**

Jack McGrath gives a vivid picture of Wisconsin in the January College Humor. All about its students, fraternities, problems, its great and near-great.

Other special features include *Back to Mother* by Wallace Irwin, a complete novelette of two young people which shows all the tenderness and dismay of the first year of marriage.

Peter B. Kyne's first story for this magazine appears. Grantland Rice writes on *All-Americans of All Time*, and there are many others.

[\$2,000 art contest closes Jan. 15, 1928. Important announcement in College Humor following issue. Send drawings now!]

**College Humor**

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**REDEDICATION EXERCISES**

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Alfred as a student sixty years ago, described the college during the Civil War period. Her talk which was interspersed with frequent bits of humore, included many anecdotes of the students here and in the army.

**"Prex Sr." Gives Sidelights**

Reverend Theodore L. Gardiner, former President of Salem College, described Alfred at the time he was a student, from 1866 until 1874. There were six recitation rooms in the old hall. At that time the only library was in a small room below the bell tower. I was janitor of the building and among other things I had to build eight fires every morning during the winter. In the summer I worked on the college farm. That included about 200 acres. All of what is now the campus was a meadow, and there were no houses on the south side of the campus.

**Adds Humorous Touches**

"The wind used to blow up through the open valley so strongly that it almost blew the ladies off the board walks," continued the humorous old scholar. At President Allen's request, the boys went into the woods and dug up a great many small pine trees. They planted them on the campus to break the wind, and they are still there—the grove in front of the Gothic.

"The boys also gathered a great heap of stoves for a new building where Kenyon Hall now stands. The plans changed later and President Allen used the stones to build the Steinheim."

Mrs. W. L. Ames, who left Alfred in 1888 gave a short talk on "Alfred in Transition." At a meeting of the Board of Trustees last spring, Mrs. Ames was elected to the Board, the third woman to be so honored in the history of the school.

**Tells of Progress**

Hon. J. J. Merrill, a Trustee and member of the class of '84 described the circumstances of the remodelling of the "Old Chapel." "After the heating plant and Allen Hall were finished," said Mr. Merrill, "the trustees asked themselves, 'What next.' A gymnasium, an assembly hall, and a mens' dormitory were all urgently needed. Gradually the Trustees came to appreciate the possibilities lying dormant in the 'Old Chapel.' Eventually, despite much opposition, the plans were completed. Much credit for the present beauty and utility of the structure is due L. C. Whitford and his foreman Mr. Parmer....

"There is no other building on the campus," concluded Mr. Merrill, "which is so vital to Alfred as is this Alumni Hall."

**Shows Dramatic Possibilities**

Acknowledging Alfred's need for some activity to combine culture and popular entertainment, Director C. F. Binns of the Ceramic School described the dramatic possibilities of the new auditorium and stage. "Dramatics," Dr. Binns declared, "will do it. The new facilities will make possible a general development not only of the drama but of elocution and stage technique. They will give opportunity for artistic advancement stage setting and lighting arrangements." Dr. Binns expressed the hope that a large group of Alfredians may become seriously and objectively interested in dramatics.

**Looks Ahead Optimistically**

Reviewing Alfred's recent progress, and looking toward a far greater Alfred in the future, Orra S. Rogers, President of the Board of Trustees, spoke on the Centennial Program, which will be concluded in 1936. "The plan as formulated by the Board last spring includes eight items," Mr. Rogers stated. "They are: restoration of the 'Old Chapel,' completion of Davis gymnasium, erection of a new mens' dormitory, addition to the present Ladies Hall, addition to Kenyon Hall to provide more class rooms, erection of a liberal arts building, establishment of an infirmary, and an increase in the endowment to the extent of \$200,000.

"At that time no one knew where these features were coming from," said Mr. Rogers, but already we have a fully equipped infirmary, the 'Old Chapel' has been remodelled and reconditioned, and we expect to lay the cornerstone of the Davis Gymnasium facade next spring. So much has been done already, and with Alfred's ever-increasing clientele it is not unreasonable to expect that the entire Program will be completed within the next nine years.

"It can be done," concluded Mr. Rogers, "but we want your help to do it."

**Senior President Speaks**

The students' reaction to the Founder's Day Program was summarized by Desmond E. Devitt, President of the Senior Class, when he said, "Student respect for Alfred and Alfredians has greatly increased because of what we have heard today. We appreciate our debt to our Alma Mater, and pledge ourselves to carry on as Alfred's future alumni."

**CHAMPLIN COMPILES FINANCIAL REPORT OF A. U. ATHLETICS**

Graduate Manager A. E. Champlin has compiled the financial report of the athletics of the University for the past year and has presented the report to the Athletic Council. The statement includes the time from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927 and shows the amount of money that has been received and paid out for Alfred athletics.

All the sports have been a financial loss to the student body. Football ran the biggest loss with a deficit of \$3,698.51 while wrestling lost only \$206.33. The Athletic Assessment fees helped to make up for the deficits by \$5,890.07, but it was necessary to borrow \$2,550.00 to balance up the year.

The itemized report is as follows:

Cash on Hand July 1st, 1926 \$39.05

**Football Receipts Disbursements**

Preseason		\$ 399.97
Bus		1,045.61
Railroad Fare		790.14
Hotel		726.63
Officials		421.19
Scouting		70.78
Guarantees Paid		1,550.00
Equipment, Supplies		1,579.54
Guarantees Received	\$2,190.00	
Gate		695.35

**Cross Country**

Railroad Fare		231.95
Bus		122.00
Hotel		178.25
Equipment, Supplies		105.62
Guarantees Paid		155.00
Guarantees Received	105.00	

**Basketball**

Railroad Fare		1,043.82
Bus		307.59
Hotel		518.08
Officials		200.80
Equipment, Supplies		247.67
Guarantees Paid		555.00
Guarantees Received	1,520.00	
Gate		265.00

**Wrestling**

Railroad Fare		470.28
Bus		25.00
Hotel		71.30
Officials		45.00
Guarantees Paid		75.00
Guarantees Received	450.00	
Gate		30.25

**Track**

Bus		228.67
Hotel		270.85
Equipment, Supplies		247.98
Officials		12.00
Guarantees Paid		175.00
Guarantees Received	107.80	
Gate		11.40

**General**

Telephone, Telegraph		37.10
Repair Athletic Field		158.84
Medical Supplies		277.17
Express		4.17
Walter Camp Memorial		100.00
Interest		271.83
Expenses State Conference		49.29
Interscholastic Cross Country		158.59
Interscholastic Track		231.36
Conference Dues		15.00
Coach's Salary		600.00
Miscellaneous Supplies		49.29
Loans	2,550.00	
Tuition	5,890.07	
Walter Camp Memorial	123.86	
Cash on Hand	154.42	
Total	\$13,977.78	\$13,977.78

**Summary**

Cash on Hand, July 1st, 1926	\$39.05
Football Deficit	3,698.51
Cross Country Deficit	687.82
Basketball Deficit	1,087.96
Wrestling Deficit	206.33
Track Deficit	815.30
General Deficit	1,828.78
Tuition Fees	5,890.07
Loans	2,550.00
Cash on Hand June 30th, 1927	154.42
Total	\$ 8,479.12 \$ 8,479.12

Editor's Note: Figures on 1927 football and cross country are now available for publication, but due to present lack of space they will be printed in the next edition of the Flat Lux. In contrast to the deficit shown in the athletic statement of 1926-27, this year's computations show a gain well over \$3,000.

A college without examinations—a seeming impossibility—but our long-hoped-for dream. However, such is the university of the future proposed by President Max Mason, of Chicago. Hurrah for Max!

**OPINIONS**

ONLY THROUGH THE OPEN AND UNHAMPERED CLASH OF CONTRARY OPINIONS CAN TRUTH BE FOUND.—Glenn Frank

**A Few Reasons**

This Alfred student body lacks the "spirited gameness that will brook no opposition." Generally speaking, of course. There are a few of those rare exceptions who are game to the last breath in spite of hell. Why doesn't Alfred breed more like them? But I have seen three successive Frosh classes come, and witnessed two of them pass on up. I have seen many aggressive and spirited at the start, but how few retain that aggressiveness in the face of the prevalent attitude of "What's the use?" and "There's nothing in it." I am watching with interest the reaction of this Frosh class because along with the usual fighting spirit and aggressiveness of every Freshman class, there are wide and varied possibilities for building a "Better Alfred." I should hate to see those through the contagious action of some lethargic germ.

You hope for a renaissance in public speaking. Why not a renaissance in individual gameness, group aggressiveness, class loyalty, team support, college SPIRIT? Why not? If the Varsity football squad needs men, why in the name of that abstract something called loyalty—why doesn't an Alfred student body send out those MEN. When the Varsity football squad needs MEN, why does an Alfred student body permit four candidates for the team to quit the squad cold after the New York trip—the best trip of the schedule—without sending out four MEN to replace them?

I said four football candidates quit the squad at the third game of the season. Did they give a reason for their action—or at least an excuse? Was the student body interested enough in the event to inquire for that reason or excuse? If so, did that reason or excuse display a "spirited gameness" or a lapse to pillow-punishing tactics of a majority of their playmates? Did some of the quitters think that by laying off practice for the remainder of the year, they would be rested by next Fall so that they could win a place as a regular with less effort? But most important of all—what was the sentiment of the student body on the case, if any? Did it occur to anyone that this game of football demands greater numerical man-power than any other college game; that such depletion in number regardless of the probable small relative loss in aggressiveness would prove a handicap to the team's efforts; that perhaps I, an individual member of the student body could be of assistance and profit thereby; that even though I may realize no profit, I owe it to those fellows out there who are battling for the good name of my Alma Mater to give what assistance I can; that even though I do not owe it to them as individuals (for they are playing for the love of the game) I owe it directly to my Alma Mater. Why?

Because to me my Alma Mater represents the spirit of those who have gone before—those men and women who paid, not one-third, but full value and more, perhaps, for the education they received and called it cheap at thrice the price. And because they recognized the spirit of service of their Alma Mater, they today are making it possible that ten-fold shall receive the same or greater benefits at one-third the actual cost. Does the present Alfred student body owe anything to its Alma Mater, any support to the activities which are the life blood of the institution? No, with a small majority exception, apparently not. Let's take all we can get, while we are here, for as little as we must give, and kiss the place goodbye.

I believe it is high time for the Alfred undergraduates to rise en masse and SUPPORT the good things in their Alma Mater. And I don't mean discussions, I mean actions. If we are to forbid stagnation in an institution that has every right to the production of 100 per cent, fighting, red-blooded Americans, we must dust the cobwebs from our thinking apparatus, unravel the kinks from our physical mechanism—AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

**ACTORS ARE IN DEMAND—NOT CRITICS**

(Signed) One Who Cares a Lot and it Willing to Help.

P. S.—I hope I have put across what I was aiming at, namely, that of real 100 per cent college spirit at Alfred—I have seen none. We are a selfish, indolent student body, divided into groups and cliques, exalting the welfare of the individual and the fraternity or group to the detriment of the whole.

A ship is the only thing that we know of that, once having tasted of liquor, sticks to water the rest of its life.

**Dancing From 7-9 At Guild Festival**

Don't forget that the Guild Galleon loaded with treasure, docks at 3:30 Thursday, Dec. 8th, at the Ceramic Art Department on the third floor of Agricultural Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the festival celebrating the landing of this epoch-making ship, and it is hoped that a goodly crowd will be present. The program will begin promptly at 3:30, after which the sale of pottery, textiles, etc., will begin, and refreshments will be served—so be on time!

From seven to nine o'clock, the same place, the same evening every one is invited to the festival dance. The opportunity of having two hours dancing to the music of Ted Van-Order's orchestra for 25 cents a person, should insure a big attendance, and a good time for all.

**CONFERENCE HELD AT HAPPY VALLEY**

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3. The subject of religion should be approached thru three channels—the curricular courses of study, the extra curricular agencies of religious education, and free individual contacts of the student with the staff of the institution.

Notable personages in attendance were: Hon. Stitt Wilson, Dean H. E. Hawkes of Columbia; Dean Banton of New York University; Prof. Machlman of Rochester; Dean Graham of Oberlin, Dean Norwood and Professors Rusby and Seidlin of Alfred.

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