



Saxon Courtmen Topple Lincoln University Five 57-41 In Initial Game

Derzanovich And McNamara Cop High Scoring Honors With 16 Points Each; A.U. Misses Many Foul Line Tosses

The Alfred University eagles tripped Lincoln University 57-41 in the season's opening basketball contest for both teams Saturday night at the Men's Gym.

Don Garrison '50 scored on a lay-up a minutet after the opening whistle to put the Saxons ahead. Not until over eight minutes later did Lincoln's John Jackson net his team's first goal.

Dick McNamara and Paul Derzanovich led the Saxons with 16 points each, while an equal number of tallies were scored by Jim Cook, lanky Lincoln center.

Although the Saxons got off to an early 13-1 lead, they bogged down midway through the first period and were held scoreless for six minutes while Lincoln closed the gap to 19-16. A final spurt just before the half ended gave Alfred a 25-16 lead at half time.

Coach Jay McWilliams emptied the bench trying out several combinations to test the relative smoothness of different units. The Saxons looked ragged in ball handling and floor work, but balanced deficiencies in these areas by accurate shooting except from the free-throw line. Derzanovich was the only Saxon to find the hoop on a charity toss in the first half.

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AT Student Council Appoints Committee To Improve Rules

The Ag-Tech Student Council is undertaking the revision of its constitution. A committee consisting of Ruth Johnson, vice-president, who will act as chairman, and Robert A. Parsons and Eleanor Pettit has been appointed to submit suggestions.

Several problems that have arisen from the parking lot between Bartlett and Lambda Chi and their solutions were discussed. It was suggested that tickets be given out to any students as warnings for parking in the center of the lot thus blocking other drivers. Another suggestion was that overflow be permitted to park in the faculty plot behind the Ceramics building. Action was taken on the suggestion of filling the bad holes in the parking lot surface.

Special emphasis was placed on the fact that students are required to enter the lot at the Bartlett side and leave by the Lambda Chi exit.

Language Clubs Plan Christmas Festival

The annual Christmas party of the language clubs will be held at Social Hall at 8, Tuesday. Each of the four language clubs will present a short program.

The French club will present a tableau adapted from a traditional French Christmas story by members of the club. It tells the story of Christ's birth from the viewpoint of the animals. The members will sing French carols.

An adaptation from a medieval mystery play will be given by the German club. The scenes included are the annunciation, Mary and Joseph at the inn, the appearance of the three kings and the three shepherds. Principal characters are Mary, Mary Elizabeth VanNorman '49; Joseph, Chris Braunschweiger '50; Gabriel, Milton Greene '50; Innkeeper, Carl Buessow '49; and the Innkeeper's wife, Mary Eagle '49.

The Latin Club's program will include a sextet singing carols in Latin and two songs by the Roman poet Horace. The story of the Saturnalia, a Roman festival from which many of our Christmas customs are derived, will be told. The Christmas story will be read in Latin from the Vulgate.

Trio To Attend Cornell Union Board Meeting

Three members of the Union Board, Paul Baker, chairman, John Boyle '49 and Stanton Garr '50 will attend the annual Board of Directors meeting of Willard Strait Hall at Cornell tomorrow.

As guests of Edgar Whiting, assistant director of Willard Strait Hall which corresponds to our Union, the Alfred students will observe the operation of the Cornell board and get a first-hand view of the administration and operation of their "Union."

The question of the shelves in the Union has been turned over to a committee, consisting of John Boyle and Thomas McShane '50, for investigation. The possibility of displays will be investigated.

Shirley Champlin '50, McShane and E. K. Lechner, treasurer, will see about turning the Union lounge into a faculty room. It was decided that the Senate share the Kanakadea office temporarily until the office situation is settled. The Board also is preparing to move new furniture into the two presently unoccupied offices in the Annex.

Stanton Garr '50 was appointed chairman of a Christmas party sponsored by the Board to be held Tuesday in the Union.

Ceramic Professor To Lead Discussion

Dr. Van Derck Frechette, ceramic technology professor, will lead a panel discussion on "Ceramic Industries in Europe," at a meeting of the American Ceramic Society, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, in Physics Hall.

Dr. Frechette will tell about ceramic plants visited during his recent trip to Europe and will compare European ceramic technology and research to that of the United States.

Other faculty members also will give short talks. If any students wish to participate in the discussion they may do so.

Notice

A collection of photographs from the Museum of Modern Art is now on display in the Ceramics building. The display deals with the development of the room interior from the 19th century to present day.

University To Conduct Isotope Research In Ceramic College

Radio-active isotopes now will be used in ceramic research at Alfred University, it was announced this week by John F. McMahon, acting dean of the New York State College of Ceramics.

The planned program of fundamental research is believed to be the first in this country to involve isotopes for the study of reactions in ceramic materials.

Established under a contract with the Office of Naval Research, Washington, the project will run to April 30, 1950. A special laboratory, much of the equipment for which has been especially modified or designed by Alfred engineers, will be placed in use this month.

Marion Voss, assistant professor of ceramic chemistry, has been named project engineer, working under Dr. Charles R. Amberg, head of the Department of Ceramic Research.

Alfred was the first university to receive a Navy contract for fundamental research in ceramics. The new isotopes project will increase consider-

Voting Date For Carnival Queen Contestants Set

A campus-wide vote will be held Monday from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Union to select finalists in the Snow Queen Contest for the second annual Winter Carnival. Each student will vote for five candidates.

Each women's residence house on campus has selected one candidate for queen with the exception of the Brick, which was allowed two candidates because of the large number of girls living there.

The girls chosen are: Jean Bennett '52 and Jaelyn Kieley '49, Brick; Rosemary Raymond Spec, Castle; Mildred Spneider AT, Henderson House; Carla Dohm '49; Pi Alpha; Leola Snyder AT, Rosebush; Madge Evans '49, Sigma Chi; Renee Rothemund '51, Theta Chi and Shirley Wixom AT, Wheaton House.

Voting will narrow these ten candidates down to five. The final method of selecting the Queen has not yet been announced.

Theme Announced For Snow Contest

The theme of the snow sculpture contest, a part of the annual Winter Carnival, is "Winter Fantasy," announced Curtis Fahner '51, chairman of the Sculpture committee.

Any organization on campus is eligible to enter and all entry blanks must be submitted to Jerome Lyons '49, Winter Carnival chairman, by Jan. 12. The entry blank must include the name of the group entering, a brief description of the planned sculpture and the name of the person in charge of the sculpture.

Rules state that props will be permissible but must be covered with snow. The minimum height of the sculpture is 5 feet and the maximum, 20 feet. Lights and coloring materials may be used and consultation with professors or instructors will be allowed.

All entries will be judged on the basis of originality and workmanship by a board of judges selected by the sculpture committee. First prize will be a cup.

Winner Of Contest To Get Movie Pass

First prize for the winning entry in the all-campus cheer contest will be a season ticket to the Campus Theater and the second prize will be tickets for 5 movies. Carolyn Thomas, '49, cheerleading manager, has announced that some new cheers have been turned in but she hopes for "more competition and a better response from the whole campus."

"We have received some comment on the lack of quantity of cheers and lack of variety. That is why we are holding the contest. I hope that everyone who has any suggestions for new cheers will send in an entry to me, P.O. Box 71."

Delegates To Oppose Racial Restriction At Blue Key Convention

The local chapter of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity will press for removal of the race restriction on membership at the national convention to be Dec. 28 and 29 at Chicago. Jerry Smith '50, president, announced Sunday following a dinner-initiation meeting at the Brick.

In making the statement, Smith said the chapter had contacted the National Executive Secretary a month ago concerning a dispensation and was advised of the constitutional convention at which time a committee is to report on the matter. He said Joseph H. Holmstrom '50 will represent the chapter at the convention and Russell Langworthy '49 will go as alternate.

"It has been proved on our campus that students not of Caucasian descent can be leaders in scholarship, in activities and in service," he said. "These are the principles of Blue Key and it seems incongruous that the restriction remain any longer."

He said Holmstrom probably would be instructed to urge that the decision concerning the restriction be left up to the 75 individual chapters, but that the Alfred chapter felt no blanket restriction should be in the national constitution.

Initiated at the meeting were: Don-

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Twenty-Three New Members Join Fiat

Twenty-three students were elected to the Fiat staff at a meeting of the editorial board last Tuesday afternoon. At the same time, the positions of photography editor and cartoonist were created.

New members have completed six weeks of trial newspaper work and their work has been found satisfactory. The editorial staff members are receiving instruction in news writing from Miss Mary Forrest, assistant to the publicity director.

New members include Jerome Deutscher '49 and James Heasley '49, who have been appointed photography co-editors, and Philip Hessinger '51, who has been appointed cartoonist.

Other new editorial staff members are Frank Bredell '52, Beverly Callahan '52, Lillian Falcone '52, Helen Gardner '51, Douglas Grever '51, Doris Jane Ogden '52, Joseph Pfeiffer '52, Donald Rosser '52, Barbara Shackson '52, Donald Summerhayes AT, Ruth Vail '52, Barbara Weissner '52 and John Wilson '52.

New business staff members are Virginia Chase AT, Janis Formont '52, Julia Militello '52, Barbara Schroeder '52, Barbara Selko '51, Georgia Smith '52 and Karsten Styhr '52.

Dormitories House Less Than Half Of University Students

More Alfred University students are living in residences that are not controlled by the University than in University residences, according to figures released from the Dean of Men's office. Only 405 students live in the dorms, prefabs and trailers owned by the University while 514 live in fraternity houses or private residences.

A breakdown of the figures by colleges among male students shows that 115 liberal arts students live in University residences and 200 do not, 147 do and 170 do not in the College of Ceramics, and 19 do and 9 do not in the Craft School.

In individual residences, the breakdown is as follows:

	L.A.	Cer.	CS
Dorms			
Bartlett	35	58	6
Burdick	13	15	0
Heights Dorms	37	28	5
Prefabs	11	16	1
Married students:			
Heights Prefabs	12	18	1
Trailer Town	7	12	6
Fraternities (university only):	38	73	2

Private houses: Alfred 141 Commuters 119

The breakdown of the women's residences show: Women's Dorms—Brick, 109 (48 upperclassmen), Merriam House 15, and Castle, 19; Sororities—Omicron 19; Pi Alpha 26, Sigma Chi 33 and Theta Chi 16; and private homes—village 33 and commuting 7.

Abbey Simon, Prominent Young Keyboard Artist, To Play Here Dec. 8-9

Second Of Forum Series To Feature Noted Piano Virtuoso Who Has Played With Many Top American Orchestras

Abbey Simon, noted young American pianist, will present the second in the Forum series in Alumni Hall tomorrow and Thursday, Prof. C. D. Smith III, chairman of the Forum committee announced recently.



Forum Artist

Abbey Simon

Mr. Simon comes to Alfred well-recommended by Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin, professor of music, as "one of the finest of the group of young pianists. He is extremely talented," says Mrs. Seidlin, "and has a fine mastery of improvisation. In a few minutes he will develop a theme from notes suggested by the audience."

During the summer of 1946, Mr. Simon appeared as soloist under Dimitri Mitropoulos at the Philadelphia Dell and under Efreim Kurtz with the New York Philharmonic Symphony in Lewisohn Stadium. During the current season he has engagements with the Buffalo and Minneapolis symphony orchestras.

Union Decorations Now Complete For Christmas Parties

A group of student volunteers under the direction of Union Board member Stanton Garr '50 put the finishing touches on Union decorations, Saturday, in preparation for the Christmas parties to be held there Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6, all the town children and their parents will have their party with games and refreshments, climaxed by a visit from Santa Claus who will come down the "chimney" with gifts for all.

"We will need several students to help organize games for the different age groups. So anyone interested is urged to come in and help," Gar said.

An all-campus Christmas party will be held the same evening from 9 to 12. There will be dancing, refreshments and some form of entertainment.

University To Select Eight For Tournery

Alfred University undergraduates will participate in the 1949 National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament.

The University will choose eight players to compete in the mail round. Under this system, all competing colleges play a set of 18 prepared hands, and return results by mail to the Tournament Committee. The 16 highest ranking partners in the United States are then invited to a face to face final round, to be played in 1949 at Chicago. The expenses for the trip to Chicago will be paid by the committee.

Tournament director for Alfred will be Prof. George Kirkendale. Mr. Kirkendale has been conducting Alfred's weekly duplicate bridge tournaments.

All those wishing to participate should enter their names with the house president or other officers elected. Those that commute or live in private houses may sign their names to the list on the Union bulletin board.

Kenyon Hall Featured In '49 Calendar Book

Kenyon Hall is being featured in the New York State 1949 Calendar and Engagement Book, published annually by the New York State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The calendar, which is available at many book and department stores, is in its third year of publication. The proceeds from its sale are used to further statewide projects which carry out the Jaycee objective of "learning civic consciousness through constructive action."

Choir Of 65 To Present Xmas Service

A 65-voice choir will take part in the 28th annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, at the Village Church. Mrs. Samuel Ray Scholes, president of the National Association of Choir Directors, will direct.

Assisting Mrs. Scholes will be: Mrs. Benjamin F. Crump at the organ, Mrs. Howard U. Taylor of Alfred Station on the violin and John Eustis of the University of Wisconsin at the piano.

Two carols, which have been sung every year since Dr. Charles F. Binns organized the service in 1921, will be on the program. They are: "O Come All Ye Faithful" and the French carol, "Shepherds Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep."

Also on the program will be an anthem written this year by Julia Perry of the Westminster Choir School at Princeton University, "Carillon, Heigh-Ho."

The Rev. Myron K. Sibley, Alfred University chaplain and pastor of Union University Church, will read the Christmas story. Special lighting effects are being designed by Prof. Kurt Ekdahl, of the College of Ceramics, assisted by technicians of the Footlight Club.

"We intend to carry out the tradition established by Dr. Binns of telling the Christmas story in carols of joy," said Mrs. Scholes who also is president of the Southern Tier Chapter of the NACD.

Dr. Binns, former dean of the college of Ceramics, served as Episcopal clergyman on campus. He directed the choir until relieved by Mrs. Ramon Reynolds who preceded Mrs. Scholes.

Ag-Tech Lounge, Library To Open Evenings As Trial

The Ag-Tech library and lounge are being held open at night for a two-week trial period to see if student patronage will warrant their being left open.

The lounge will be open from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and the library from 7 to 9 from Monday to Thursday. The trial period will end Thursday when the decision will be made as to continuation of this practice.

St. Pat's Festival To Have Glass-Blowing Exhibition

The demonstration of glass-blowing will again be a part of the ceramic open-house held during the St. Pat's Festival. This and several other matters were decided at the meeting of the St. Pat's Board, Tuesday.

The favors for the Festival were decided upon and work will begin on them this week. Estimates are being received for the name band to play at the St. Pat's Ball.

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A Recommendation

The second Alfred Community Chest drive ended Sunday, and the results are not good. The results of last year's drive were not good, either. Perhaps a conclusion should not be drawn from these two instances, but we cannot help comparing these two drives to the success of the individual drives held in previous years.

Often just one of the individual drives netted more than the entire Community Chest drive does. It seems that people would rather give to each drive separately than pay one lump sum at one time, even though the former may be a greater amount in the long run.

Another difficulty in the Community Chest plan is to get enough efficient people to act as solicitors—the success of such a drive depends upon all people being contacted.

Everyone thought the combined drive was a good one, but its failure two years in a row disproves this. We suggest that the Senate learn from the experiences of this year and last, and not sponsor any more Community Chest drives.

A Commendation

It was heartening, at the game Saturday night, to see that good plays and players of both teams were applauded by the spectators. When it is not possible for a visiting team to bring its own rooters, the home fans do well to acknowledge substitutions and good plays of both teams.

In the case of the Alfred-Lincoln game, our opponents made some fast and tricky plays, which pepped up the game considerably. The fans appreciated the plays and showed their enthusiasm by cheering.

We hope Alfred spectators will keep this up. It is encouraging to the visiting team to know they are welcome and will be judged on their sportsmanship and not because they are our opponents.

Chorus And Orchestra Lauded For 'Oratorio' Performance

By Donald Summerhayes

Under the competent direction of William Fiedler, the Alfred University Chorus and Orchestra presented Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" to a receptive audience which jammed itself into every nook and corner of Social Hall Sunday night. It is a pity that a larger hall with better acoustics was not available as the quality of the performance was deserving of the acoustic stability of a first-rate concert hall.

With the exception of Ethel Armeling, contralto and Robert Diehl, bass who were from the Eastman School of Music, the group was made up of Alfred students and faculty. The entire performance left very little to be desired by even the most critical of Bach followers, either chorally or instrumentally.

The success of this presentation was due in no small part to Director Fiedler's ability as choirmaster, conductor and accompanist. While top solo honors undoubtedly go to Miss Armeling and Mr. Diehl, concertmaster Adelbert Purga bowed his way through one of the most difficult of Bach's violin scores with amazing ease. Erving Mix '51, oboe soloist, turned out a truly professional accompaniment to the soprano aria, "Say, My Savior, Tell Me Rightly." The tone and feeling developed by Mr. Mix on this aria was reminiscent of Leon Goossens, oboist with the London Philharmonic.

Incidentally, while tributes are being handed out, let's not forget the beautiful renditions done by two other soloists. Namely, Hermine Deutsch '49 and Aldona Mockus '52, contralto and soprano, respectively.

While a reviewer often criticizes rather than commends, Sunday night's performance of the "Oratorio" left

E. K. Lebohner Attends Meeting In Washington

Edward K. Lebohner, University Treasurer and business manager, attended the 29th annual meeting of the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers last week in Washington, D. C. A total of 165 members from colleges and universities from all parts of the country met at the Mayflower Hotel in order to discuss common problems.

During the three-day conference Mr. Lebohner had occasion to attend a round table discussion of the smaller colleges, which included discussion of school insurance, liability of the college for injury of students and dining halls and food operations. Many other reports and talks were given at the convention.

On his return from Washington, Wednesday, Mr. Lebohner stopped in New York to attend a conference with the Investment Committee on Student Affairs.

very little to rebuke except the occasional talking in the audience. It would be interesting to hear this talented chorus and orchestra try Beethoven's Ninth. However, the orchestra would have to be expanded to symphony proportions before this could be done. Let's hope for many more musical performances of this calibre from campus groups.

NIGHT and DAY

By Barbara LaVan

The faculty and staff of the Ag-Tech held a party Thursday evening in Wellsville. Dinner was served at the Country Club and bridge and other card games were played during the evening.

Dances

Sigma Chi held a formal birthday banquet Monday night in Social Hall. Phyllis Costello '49, Elaine Gardiner '49, and Barbara Phelps '49 were initiated before the dinner.

An Oriental Waterfront was the theme of the Open House at Klan Alpine, Saturday. An Opium Den and a gambling room were among the high lights of this affair. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. John Tournaud and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dahoda.

Kappa Nu held its pledge dance Saturday evening at Social Hall. The chairman was Frank Pasternak '50, and the chaperones were Prof. and Mrs. Nathan Platt and Dr. and Mrs. Roland Warren. The pledges were entertained by skits and records supplied music for dancing.

Delta Sig had a pledge dance Friday night which featured a buffet supper from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Lydia Orcutt.

Food

Mr. and Mrs. Mearle Green, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. William Crandall were Sunday dinner guests of Sigma Chi.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dahoda were dinner guests at Pi Alpha, Sunday afternoon.

Sergio Dello Strologo '51, had dinner at the Castle, Sunday.

Adelade Humme AT spent Thanksgiving at Dartmouth as a guest of W. M. Onway of Montauk Pt., Long Island.

Dr. Ernst van Raalte, Dutch official who spoke at Alfred, was a guest of Kappa Nu, Tuesday afternoon.

Sanford S. Cole, a founder of Kappa Psi, visited his old fraternity two days before Thanksgiving.

Prof. and Mrs. Ogden and family were the guests of Mr. Marshall Gravette, Thursday night.

Miss Marianna Spink ex-'50, visited Omicron last weekend.

Barbara Gottschall AT, of Rosebush, attended this year's Army-Navy game at Philadelphia with West Point Cadet John Donnelly.

Rain

A shower and birthday party were held by Sigma Chi, for Mary Lou Fox '51, last Thursday.

Coming Attractions

Omicron will have its annual birthday banquet Saturday at 11 p.m. in Social Hall.

Omicron is also planning a Hayride, Saturday night.

Special To Fiat

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wightman and daughter Patsy visited a Church bazaar in Bath and bought a pound of home made fudge.

Delegate To Oppose

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ald Alverson, John Gilkes, Jesse Shapiro and William Schmidt, all seniors Membership of the organization now stands at 34, one short of maximum.

Smith also announced that progress had been made on both of the chapter's projects, Alfred University directional signs and an album of University songs. He said the postbasketball game dance after the Lincoln-Alfred game had been a financial success and added that Blue Key will continue to sponsor the dances after Friday or Saturday night games.

Concerning the convention, Smith said that a letter was being sent out to all chapters of the national fraternity this week asking that they give consideration to the race restriction clause before the convention.

"We see no reason to prohibit men not of Caucasian descent from contributing to our work," Smith went on. "The University always has stood for non-discrimination and, moreover, both President Truman and Governor Dewey have taken steps to eliminate it. We want to aid the movement if we can."

Dr. Seth Johnson Speaks To Horn And Hoof Club

Dr. Seth D. Johnson, head of the New York State mastitis control, spoke to the Horn and Hoof Club Thursday on the topic of "Mastitis." Movies and slides supplemented his talk.

Following the speaker, at a business meeting, conducted by Jesse B. Hannan, Jr., president, committees for the club's activities were chosen. The committee chairmen include: Raymond M. Miller, dance; Helen Wedgewood, alumni news sheet; Jesse B. Hannan, Jr., show prizes and awards and Karl E. Kell, publicity.

Letters To The Editor—

Student Bridge Club
Possibility Discussed
Dear Editor,

Judging by the great number of bridge games I see in progress daily in the Campus Union, not to mention the ever present trio searching for a fourth, I am sure there are enough advocates of the game to justify the forming of a bridge club among the students of Alfred. Such an organization could provide not only many evenings of social play, but also sponsor tournaments, and teach the fundamentals of the game to those who are anxious to learn.

The weekly evening of duplicate bridge does not seem to attract many student players, quite possibly because a fee is charged of one dollar per couple. Within a student group this charge would certainly be greatly reduced if not entirely eliminated, and any money collected could be returned in the form of prizes, a policy not now practiced in the duplicate bridge setup. Aside from the fact that no college should be without one, I think that such a club would find many eager members here and could provide the competition in play and the initiative to play not found in the Campus Union.

Donald S. Rosser

Saxon Courtmen

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Bob Kassell and Jesse Hannan sparked the Alfred attack as the second half got under way. Both contributed two foul markers to open and then Hannan broke the ice at 3:40 with a field goal. Derzanovich and McNamara helped as the Saxons drew steadily away from their opponents.

ALFRED	G	F	T
Derzanovich	7	2	16
McNamara	7	2	16
Hannan	3	2	8
Kassel	2	2	6
LeFeber	2	1	5
Garrison	2	0	4
O'Donnell	1	0	2
Angertieri	0	0	0
Kernan	0	0	0
Schane	0	0	0
Totals	24	9	57
LINCOLN	G	F	T
Cooke	6	4	16
Parker	3	4	10
Edelin	2	2	6
Jackson	2	0	4
Woodard	1	1	3
Brown	0	2	2
Hughes	0	0	0
Gaskins	0	0	0
Williams	0	0	0
Totals	14	13	41

Referee, Thomas Rich; Umpire, Howard Hill; Timer, Floyd English '50.

THE RAVING REPORTER

By Douglas Grever

One hears a lot of griping around campus from time to time, so this week we thought we would let the students let off some steam. The question is: What is your pet peeve?

- Juan Jova '50—Lack of chaperones on Pine Hill.
- Ruth Vail '52—People who come to basketball games and do not cheer.
- Robert Fowler AT—Move the campus to Saxon Heights.
- John Alexander '51—I don't think people should be peeved by petting.
- Phillip Abbot AT—Lack of liquor and women in Alfred. A modern saloon with swinging doors, a modern bar, and a woman for every man would set this town on fire.
- James E. Quackenbush '51—Norm Schoenfeld.
- Norman Schoenfeld '51—Jim Quackenbush.
- Roger Woodward '51—I guess I ain't got none.
- Alice Foss '52—The meals at the Brick.
- John Smith '52—The meals at Bartlett.
- Tom Horten '52—Weekends aren't long enough.
- Lynn Byers '52—More free time to sit in the Union without having a guilty conscience about the homework I haven't done.
- Charles Elstein '49—As a worker in the Union—Cigarettes that don't go in the ashtrays, spit that doesn't go in the spittoons, salt in the pepper shakers and vice versa, putting salt in the sugar and gum in the saucers.
- Clare Richeson '49—People getting up and leaving before the end of the basketball games.
- George Pixley '50—Guys on campus that steal other guys' girls.
- Bill Spangenberg '51—Guys on campus that won't let a fella steal another guy's girl.

Travelling Play Groups Prove Worth To Mothers At Heights

The latest wrinkle in keeping pre-school children busy—and happy—is travelling play groups.

Tested for six weeks at Saxon Heights, the groups have become mother's answer to her child's question: "What can I do now?"

Comprised of three- and four-year-olds, the two groups meet daily for such activities as dancing, stringing beads, drawing, and molding with clay. They even help with such household tasks as polishing silver.

"No single mother could give her child all of these creative experiences day after day in her own home," Mrs. Charles A. Bryner explained. "So our children travel from house to house, and mothers cooperate in keeping them happily occupied."

Mrs. Bryner started the plan. She was seeking a solution to the problem of keeping Mike, aged four, busy do-

Memo

FROM: JERRYSMITH

We have a Christmas story this week that is out of the ordinary. Chief Bill Shampine told the story and we think the rest of the campus would like to hear about the University Employee who will have a mighty slim Christmas this year.

A sneak-thief stole her car from in front of Physics Hall recently, returning it about an hour later. Missing, however, was a purse containing about \$30.

The Chief was reluctant to tell us much about the victim because as he said, "She probably has a lot of pride." However, he did say that the Mrs. was the head of a family in which the other member is indefinitely hospitalized.

"The \$30 is equal to approximately a week's wages, and the University job is the only means of support," Chief Shampine went on. "It is not likely that the sneak-thief will return the money even if he knows the circumstances," he added.

That is the story as much as we know of it. We would like to think that the Mrs.'s Christmas will not be affected by the loss, but the facts indicate otherwise. She had little extra money for Christmas extras before the loss, and will have even less now.

Christmas dinner will be just another slim noontime meal. Did you ever have a Christmas with a "special" dinner? Will you this year?

We have a proposition for you students and faculty. Any one who wishes to contribute a quarter or a dollar toward making up a \$30 purse for our Mrs. may give the money to Fiat staffers, myself or mail it to Box 921. Whatever amount is collected will be turned over to Chief Shampine for delivery to one who will be as grateful for our kindness as we will be pleased with making the gift.

We have had recently a tremendous successful "Operation Santa Claus" in which 110 boxes of food and clothing were packed for shipment to Berlin children. Let us have an "Operation Alfred" to relieve the difficulty of a member of our own community.

We are pleased to announce this week that we have a reader. The evidence, clearcut and undisputable, is a letter from Dr. S. R. Scholes who enclosed a clipping from the Memo of Nov. 23 with the following sentence (we quote): "We suspect the magnanimity of the task is beyond the average student's sphere of interest."

Penned below the clipping was the following:

"That's quite a word Who did it, you, or the printer?"

"By way of variety, you might try 'magnormality,' 'magnosity,' 'magnificity,' or 'magnoliousness.' M'gosh!"

"At least, you were true to journalistic in leaving out 'that' after 'suspect.'"

We hastened for the dictionary, knowing the word was misspelled, and found it also was misused. We accept full responsibility and make no excuses. In fact, we are glad that sharp-eyed Dr. Scholes caught the error, for this, we hope, will prove that when one doesn't watch where he is walking and trips over a stone, he will be more careful to watch where he walks in the future.

A friend of ours made a plea this week for Christmas trees. "Ask the students to be careful where they cut them," she said. "In years past, students have cut trees indiscriminately without regard for the owner. In most cases, if you ask the owner, he would be glad to donate the tree for a party. Just ask."

hunk of clay, scissors, a clip clothespin, shoe strings, pine cones, daddy's one-time shirt, crayons. These are the basic materials each child must have. The hostess-mother provides such additional play materials as dough, books, records, piano tunes, and popcorn for stringing beads.

Just about the only rule for the ten parents is: "Let the child play in his own way. He gets joy and valuable development from play regardless of how well his results measure up to an adult's standard of perfection."

The importance of such creative play was voiced by Mrs. George W. Ince, a former nursery school teacher. "At the pre-school level," she said, "it is important for children to learn how to take turns and how to be tolerant of another child's work. They need challenging projects which will stimulate their imagination."

At least one little boy has approved of the play group for four-year-olds. His parting remark, as he left one house recently, was: "It was nice."

Editors Of 'Who's Who' Approve Eleven Seniors Selected By SAC

Eleven Alfred seniors have been accepted for recognition in the 1948-49 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," it was announced this week. The group was chosen by the Student Affairs Committee on the basis of leadership, character and scholastic ability.

Seniors receiving the honor include: D. Juel Andersen, Charles H. Clark, Allen F. Cordts, Arling C. Hazlett, Daniel F. Kane, Russell L. Langworthy, Katherine Lecakes, Emily J. Nicholl, Ingram Paperny, George W. Reuning and Sidney Schweitzer.

Miss Andersen, a Wellsville High School graduate, is completing her course in industrial ceramic design with a 2.67 index. She has a state scholarship. During her University career, she has participated in orchestra, choir, university chorus, string ensemble, Footlight club, Fiat Lux and executive board of the Union University Church.

Clark of Whitesville, served three years in the Navy during the war in the South Pacific and China theaters. He is an athlete who has played football in both high school and college and has represented Delta Sigma Phi on the Interfraternity Council for two years, serving as president of the Council this year. He is a mathematics major.

Cordts of Jamaica, attended Norwich University at Northfield, Vt., before transferring to Alfred to major in sociology-psychology. He has a 2.36 index. Cordts served three years with the U. S. Marine Corps in the Pacific theater and China during the war. At Alfred he has been a member of the chorus, the church board, Students for Wallace and was elected to Pi Gamma Mu, honorary social science fraternity.

Hazlett of Whitesville, will complete his business administration course in three and one-half years with a 1.82 index. He has served as president of Pi Delta Epsilon, member of Blue Key, manager of track, chairman of the National Student Association committee, secretary of Varsity "A," a freshman advisor and represented Lambda Chi Alpha in Student Senate until elected vice-president this year.

Kane of Dunkirk, is a ceramic engineering major with a 2.25 index. Serving 32 months in the Army during the War, he represented Klan Alpine in Student Senate before being elected treasurer this year and has served as chairman of the Student Affairs Committee.

Langworthy of Alfred, served 32 months in the Army in the European Theater of Operations before returning to Alfred where he has majored in sociology with a current index of 2.62. He has participated actively in chorus, French and German clubs, Footlight Club, Student Senate and was chairman of the Union Board.

Miss Lecakes of Long Island City, is majoring in English. In addition to earning a 2.06 index, she has served as Editor-in-Chief of the Fiat Lux, president of Intersorority Council, associate editor of the Kanakadea, and a member of Pi Delta Epsilon, Phi Sigma Gamma and Pi Alpha Pi. She has a University scholarship.

Council Plans To Aid Sorority At Cortland

Intersorority Council is sponsoring a campus-wide campaign to raise money for the members of Arethusia at Cortland State Teachers College, whose sorority house burned down recently, according to Katherine Lecakes '49, president.

"The girls lost practically all their belongings in the fire, and I am sure they will use all we could possibly spare," Miss Lecakes said. Boxes have been placed in the four sorority houses, the Brick and the Fiat Office. The money will be collected tomorrow.

The council is going ahead with plans to adopt two European war orphans through the Foster Parents Plan for War Children, Inc.

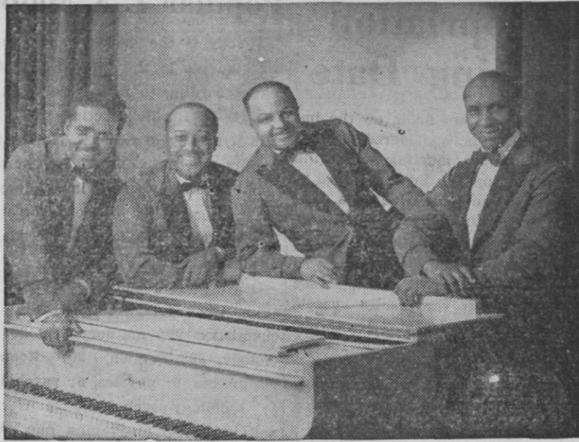
Miss Nicholl of Carthage, is a biology major who has earned a 2.54 index. She has a University scholarship. Her activities include president of Women's Student Government, organization editor of the Kanakadea, and a member of the Fiat Lux and German Club.

Paperny of New York City, is a political science major who has earned a 2.53 index despite plans to complete his undergraduate work in three years. He has been active in chorus, a member of the Fiat staff, directed Footlight Club plays and was regional vice-president of the NSA. In addition, he has been active in student United Nations activities, serving as an officer of the Model UN assembly at Cornell last Spring and as an interne of the UN last Summer.

Reuning of Wellsville, has been active in athletics, winning his letter in varsity football here after serving three years in the Army Air Corps. A ceramic engineering major, he also has been a member of Keramos and president of the Alfred Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society. He is president of Delta Sigma Phi.

Schweitzer of New York, has earned a 2.19 index while majoring in biology for medical school. Attending New York University before coming to Alfred, Schweitzer has since earned his letter in varsity football, served on Phi Psi Omega and Blue Key, and acted as president of Varsity "A," Bartlett counselor and laboratory assistant. He is a member of Klan Alpine and served two and one-half years in the Army in the European Theater of Operations.

Quartet To Sing Here Thursday



THE EBONAIRES

'Ebonaires,' Famous Air Force Research Vocal Group, Return To Alfred Thursday

Spirituals, semi-classics, popular songs and blues will be sung by the "Ebonaires", nationally known negro quartet, at assembly this week. Formerly known as the "Deep River Singers," the quartet is making its second visit to the Alfred campus.

The Ebonaires have been featured on the radio and stage as well as in concerts. "Porgy and Bess" and "Swing Mikado" are among the more famous stage productions in which they have appeared. They are most famous for their renditions of "Old Man River" and "Wagon Wheels."

Selections by Ebonaires have not been announced but their previous appearance here has featured "music to suit all tastes."

Ceramic Students Visit Gypsum Plants

A group of twenty-five members of the cements class of the College of Ceramics accompanied Dr. VanDerck Frechette and Mr. Alexander Sheheen visited several cement and gypsum plants in the Buffalo area, Friday.

Included in the trip were visits to the underground gypsum mines of the U. S. Gypsum Company of Oakfield, the Louisville Cement Company, Akron, and the Federal Portland Cement Company of Buffalo.

Following the tour, the class will attend the meeting of the Upstate New York Section of the American Ceramic Society in Buffalo.

It's Time To See MATTY when hair's in your eye

Craft School Plans Dec. 11 Xmas Party

A Christmas party for students and faculty of the Craft School will be held from 8 to 12 p.m., Dec. 11, at Firemen's Hall.

There will be dancing, as well as a representation of slides of last year's Winter Carnival and the Craft School Halloween party.

James Pattison is chairman of the Christmas party. The committees include: entertainment, Edward Dykstra and William Greeley; decorations, Ruth Currey, Virginia Dunn, Carol Feldman, James Gemmel, Robert Johnson, Bruce Moore and Virginia Wolf; and refreshment, Charlotte Parker, James Pattison and June Svahn.

Dr. Nease Attends Classic Convention In Atlantic City

Dr. Stewart Nease, professor of classical languages, attended the fall meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States, Nov. 26 and 27 at Atlantic City, N. J. The association met in conjunction with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

A program of speeches concerning classical languages in history was arranged by Dr. Nease, co-chairman of arrangements, who has been a vice-president of the association for four years.

Dr. Nease, recently interviewed senior ceramic students at Alfred in connection with prospective jobs with the Bureau.

Interfraternity Council Plans Largest Formal

More than 500 couples will be entertained at the annual Interfraternity Ball, Dec. 16. Charles Elstein '50 is chairman of the affair which will be the largest in the history of the campus.

Late permission will be granted to all fraternity men's dates for the 9-2 ball, Dean of Women Elizabeth Geen announced last week-end.

Other committee heads include: decorations, Jerome Lyons '49 and H. Clark Hinds '51; invitations, Alfred Bagnall '50; refreshments, John Peretz '50, Charles Deignan '49, Lawrence Griffith '50 and Paul Meissner '47.

Invitations to the dance will be extended to all fraternity men, pledges and honoraries as well as a list of honored guests including: Dr. and Mrs. M. Ellis Drake, Director and Mrs. Walter C. Hinkle, Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick, Dean and Mrs. John F. McMahon, Dean and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond, Dean Elizabeth Geen, Dean Shirley Wurz, Dean and Mrs. Edward L. Hawthorne, Dean and Mrs. T. A. Parish and Chaplain and Mrs. M. K. Sibley.

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Dr. Saunders Uses Allen Lab. 'Hootch' For Testing Purposes

It is night. The scene is the office of Dr. Paul Saunders in Allen Lab. Lined up on the wall shelves are some 30 bottles containing various forms of alcohol. Not unusual, you say? It is when you consider that this alcohol is in the form of beer, bourbon, scotch and wine along with other choice beverages. Some of it real good stuff too, according to Dr. Saunders.

If you are thinking of breaking in, you are about 14 years too late. This was just one of the many interesting and amusing situations Dr. Saunders has found himself in while working for the various police departments and hospitals throughout this area. In this case, he was testing alcohol content. Some of the beverages which were being sold to the public turned out to be 95% alcohol!

Dr. Saunders, aided by Prof. Leon Basset and some of his students, has been doing this type of work for some 15 years. He has appeared frequently in court cases in Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, Wyoming and Cattaraugus counties. He does everything from cloak and dagger work such as grinding up somebody's liver in order to see if the owner had been fed a dose of arsenic, to the unsensational but important work of analyzing water for typhoid germs or for mineral content.

The most important case he ever had was of the latter type. He tested nearly 50 samples of drinking water in the towns of Shongo and Willing. Using the evidence he presented, the people of these towns were able to sue three gas companies for contaminating their water with salt.

"Arson cases are the most exciting," Dr. Saunders says. "A few years ago we had a whole slew of arson cases. Several firebugs are still in penitentiaries because they set fire to large buildings in this area. There was one case in which a fire was caused by the vapors of an inflammable fly spray.

Poison cases are also an important part of Dr. Saunders' work. These and arson cases usually are brought to him by Police Chief Howard M. Travis of Hornell. "We do not always find poison in these suspicious cases," Dr. Saunders pointed out, "but we do in about 50% of them. When there is poison, though, we find it because we can't afford to make mistakes. In fact, in poisoned candy cases, of which there have been several, if I find that the candy does not contain poison I eat it myself. No sense wasting it."

Students Play Santa To Berlin Children With 110 Packages

Through the cooperation of the Interfraternity and Intersorority Councils, the week-long "Operation: Santa Claus" sent 110 packages of Christmas cheer to the children of Berlin.

These gifts, wool caps, socks, toys and food-stuffs, will be flown into Berlin by an Alfred alumnus, Lt. Edwin A. Gere, now in Germany with the 1420 Air Transport Group.

Approximately three-fourths of the packages now on their way to Germany are for boys between six and fourteen. The remainder are for girls, infants or whole families.

The "Operation" was started when Lt. Gere sent a letter to the University requesting help in providing Berlin children with a "Merry Christmas, 1948."

According to Miss Mary Forrest, assistant to the director of publicity, who aided Katherine Lecakes '49 and Charles Clark '49 of the Intersorority and Interfraternity Councils, respectively, "The mission was accomplished successfully."

Dr. Saunders has detailed records of his cases, the total of which fill several notebooks. In one, some cows ate several cans of paint containing a lead base which, of course, is one good way to commit suicide, even for cows. The owner of the cows was able to sue successfully the paint company who had left the paint lying around.

Two other cases came as a result of a bit of family trouble. In one, a wife tried to poison her husband's oatmeal and in another, three sisters poisoned their brother to get his insurance.

The most famous case in which Dr. Saunders figured was the "Wanda Drake Case" in 1943. Helping sheriff B. H. Balcom, he found traces of phosphorus in the stomach of the illustrious victim. However, Steuben county was never able to get a conviction.

Dr. Saunders has done some work that doesn't fit into any category. His ink analysis test takes into consideration the age of inks to test whether wills and other documents are forged or not. He tested the water of the Hornell river for the contractors who built the Almond Dam.

Note to married men on campus: Had a fight with the little woman? Better have Doc Saunders take a look at the oatmeal she serves you.

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Senate Extends Appropriation Applying Date

Financial matters made up the important business considered at the last two Senate meetings. At the Nov. 23 meeting, the Senate moved to grant clubs two more weeks to turn in their constitutions in order to receive Senate appropriations.

At Tuesday's meeting, which was cut to 15 minutes to allow attendance at the Dr. Ernst van Raalte speech, Daniel Kane '49, treasurer, warned that most of the clubs would receive cuts in appropriations this year.

"We do not feel that the Senate should be responsible for supplying clubs with refreshments," Kane pointed out. "This is one item that will have to be cut this year."

Expenditures of \$92.94 for freshman identification buttons and \$202.62 for the freshman handbook were announced by Daniel Kane '49, treasurer, at the Nov. 23 meeting. These expenditures brought the Senate treasury balance to \$948.25.

Reports were heard from the clock and post office committees at the Nov. 23 meeting. Litchard Dickinson '50, urged the acceptance of a football clock which will cost \$205 without including installment costs. The method for raising this money was not decided. The post office committee reported that the plan for relieving noon time congestion had been referred to the administration.

Biology Named Most Popular L A Major

Biology is the most popular major for students in the Liberal Arts College according to figures released by Dr. H. O. Burdick, acting dean.

In a survey of the 227 juniors and seniors in the College, Dr. Burdick found 41 students studying biology as their major field of concentration. History and political science majors total 36.

Other majors and the number pursuing them include: business, 30; chemistry, 27; mathematics, 26; sociology, 22; English, 20; Romance Languages, 9; physics, 5; psychology, 5; sociology-psychology, 4; German and industrial mechanics, one each.

C S Instructor Wins Textile Show Prizes

Miss Joy Lind, Craft School textile instructor, received second and third place awards and an honorable mention at the International Textile Exhibition held at the University of North Carolina, Nov. 1-30.

A black and brown wool and white spun glass upholstery material won second award in the woven synthetics division. Her white rayon drapery took third place in the same division. The honorable mention was in the woven drapery division.

Audio-visual Education Proves Helpful To German Beginners

Audio-visual education advocates have nothing on Dr. Charles D. Buchanan, record-making German prof. The kind of records made by Dr. Buchanan are 10-inch plastic discs which correspond to the text used in beginning German. They provide plenty of vocabulary

Standardized first-year German tests have indicated already that students learning by this method tend to have a norm generally one-third to one-half above the college-level norm for that test. "We can't prove that the recordings are responsible, but we are sure that memory retention is longer from seeing and hearing the word at the same time," Dr. Buchanan said.

The idea grew out of war-devised courses in foreign languages for the armed forces. Dr. Buchanan modified the methods he'd seen put in use at the University of Michigan's Linguistic Institute. Then he persuaded Prof. William Fiedler, a native Ger-

man and head of the music department, to read for the cuttings. Prof. Fiedler has recited beginning German for more than 80 records.

Cut by Fred Palmer, superintendent of buildings and grounds, the records correspond to parts of the text which Dr. Buchanan thinks require the most concentrated drill.

"It's good for the student to hear a native German speak the words which he sees before him in the book," said Dr. Buchanan, who is convinced of the value of the recordings. "In vocabulary drill work," he said, "we have left blanks after the words so that students may repeat in German and then translate. They can't hesitate long. The record just keeps going 'round.'"

Interfraternity Council

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Charles H. Clark '50, president of Interfraternity Council, announced following the meeting Wednesday evening that the two amendments dealing with craft school men and the increase of the quota limit to 21 were passed by all houses.

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Dean Siedlin Elected Vice-President At Meeting

Dr. Joseph Siedlin, Graduate School Dean, was elected vice-president of the National Institutional Teacher Placement Association which held its annual meeting in Chicago last week.

The other officers named for 1949 were: president, T. Luther Purdom, University of Michigan; secretary, M. Helen Carpenter, University of Colorado; treasurer, Dorothy Weller, National College of Education.

Infirmiry Notes

The only two students confined to the infirmiry last week were Jack Goss '51, and Leslie Arthurton AT.

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Pestiferous Petitioners Peddle Persuasive Pledges Perpetually

Dear Mom:

The other night when I was home studying, (honest I was) a character barged into the room carrying a sheet of paper a yard long. "Hey," sez he, "you want to sign this petition?" He went on to explain that 163 people had already signed it and, of course, I ought to sign it. Well, as a matter of fact, I did sign the darn thing, seeing I'm for progress, but I still don't know what it was about. For all I know he may have just wanted my autograph and was too shy to ask for it.

Speaker Urges That U S Back Treaty Signers

The United States should defend signatories of the North Atlantic Security Pact in the event of attack by an aggressor, Dr. Ernst van Raalte, former Dutch journalist of The Hague, Netherlands, urged Tuesday.

"It is a bit disappointing," he said, "that the State Department is not preparing to accept the arms obligation."

Speaking before students and faculty in a special assembly, Dr. van Raalte said the question "How far will the United States go in accepting obligations?" will be the major problem facing Under-secretary Robert A. Lovett when he starts discussing the pact with ambassadors of the Brussels Treaty powers early this week.

Dr. van Raalte, who is making his first visit to the United States to tour foreign service and journalism schools, stopped at Alfred en route from the University of Chicago to Harvard University.

The international organization specialist urged that the North Atlantic Pact follow closely the design of the Brussels Treaty signed last March. "We merely would like to include the United States and Canada," he said.

He admitted that there was "a dubious problem" in the constitutional guarantee that the Senate alone ratifies treaties, while Congress must declare war. But he suggested that Congress had found a method of dealing with the problem in the United Nations negotiations which might furnish a clue for solving the problem.

Dr. van Raalte said he thought that ten years might be long enough for the pact to run and noted that support of Denmark, Iceland and Portugal, which are not in the Brussels pact, would be "natural."

Concerning the establishment of a permanent consultative council of foreign secretaries of all nations signing the pact, Dr. van Raalte said such a council merely would be following the pattern set by the Brussels Treaty.

Openings With Civil Service Announced

Several state and national civil service jobs open to college graduates were announced today by Dean Harold O. Burdick. Dr. Burdick urged seniors who are interested in any of the various positions to obtain information and application blanks from him immediately. Applications would be on file in his office as soon as possible before the start of Christmas vacation.

Federal positions with starting salaries of \$2,974 a year are available in the fields of agriculture, astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, social sciences and related fields.

The New York State Civil Service Commission has also announced openings in the fields of business, law, science, social service and public administration. Starting salary for these positions is \$2,760.

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But since petitions are here to stay, why don't their authors go to work on something practical? In fact, if I was a member of the Alfred Petition Club, (maybe there isn't such a club, but if there isn't nobody ever told me about it) there would be a whole list of petitions I'd want pushed through. Here are a few of them:

1. The town of Alfred should see to it that a sufficient amount of snow falls on the ski hill to insure all year skiing. Naturally, the student body does not want any snow on side walks, Terra Cotta Field and the skating pond.

2. There ought to be a petition presented to have an escalator installed running from the town to Saxon Heights. Might have an express and a local; the latter stopping at Delta Sig, Kappa Psi and Nate Tucker's.

3. A petition ought to be presented to the Treasurer's office to move Pine Hill around to the south so that the sun can rise when the almanac says it will.

4. To be submitted to Dr. Drake and Mr. Hinkle: The school should not allow any student to participate in school work if he is failing in any of his or her extra curricular activities.

5. While doing this type of petitioning let's get one out that will advocate unlimited cuts for faculty members.

6. In order to end this constant succession of "Let's have lower prices for meals" petitions we ought to have a petition drawn up which will ask that restaurants serve meals for nothing. This would be satisfactory to everyone but the restaurant and cafeteria owners but after all they constitute only a small minority.

Last and most important: Let's get out a petition asking the Congress of the United States to revoke one of our unalienable rights, namely, the right to petition.

I'm telling you Mom, if these petitions aren't stopped soon, something drastic will happen. Some day some joker is going to come around and get everybody to sign a petition, and before we know it we'll find we have all signed up for six years in the Army! With that happy thought I leave for a class which I'll have to make five minutes ago. 'bye now. Hut, two, three, four; hut, two three...

Love,
Junior
P. S. Don't worry, Siberia can't get as cold as Alfred.

Magazine Sponsors Short Story Contest For Students

A short story contest for college writers will be conducted this semester by the Literary magazine, "Tomorrow," with first prize of \$500. All entries will be considered for publication at the magazine's regular rate of \$125.

Manuscripts should not exceed 5000 words and the phrase "College Contest" and the writer's name, college and mailing address must appear on both manuscript and envelope. Entries must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope and be postmarked on or before Dec. 31 in order to be considered.

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Saxon Cagers Slated To Meet Brockport Teachers Saturday

With an opening game victory under their belts, the Saxon quint will play its second opponent of the young season when it meets the Brockport State Teacher's College five in the Men's Gym this Saturday night. This will be the last court appearance of the Saxons at home before the Christmas vacation. The Frosh team will meet its first opponent of the season when it plays the Brockport Frosh as a preliminary to the varsity game.

Brockport has always been a tough and scrappy opponent for the Saxons and this year the Teachers are reported to have a stronger five than in many years. Last year the Saxons tripped the Staters in both games of a home and home series by scores of 41-36 and 44-38. This will be the first of two with Brockport this season, the second coming Jan. 22 at Brockport.

'48-'49 Intramural Basketball Schedule Includes 26 Teams

The annual intramural basketball tournament began last week, the first game on the schedule between the Barnstormers and Varsity Cross Country having been played at 9 a. m., Saturday.

Twenty-six teams are entered, an increase of four teams over last year. These teams have been divided into two leagues of 13 teams each, the American and the National.

The American League is made up of teams representing fraternities and dormitories, while the National is composed of clubs and groups as well as the Cross Country basketball team.

A plaque which will rotate from year to year will be presented to the winning basketball intramural team.

The tournament is a round robin, each team playing every other team in its league at least once. At the end of the season the leaders of each league will compete in a play-off game to determine which is to be awarded the plaque.

Points acquired from rank in the final standing will count toward the rotating trophy which is given every year to the team best all round in intramural sports.

Schedules for the first week of play have been posted at three spots around the campus: Men's Gym, Burdick Hall bulletin board and Ag-Tech.

The teams in the American League are: Kappa Psi, Delta Sig, Beta Sigma Psi, Theta Gamma, Lambda Chi, Klan Alpine, Kappa Nu, Kappa Delta, Maple City Club, Saxon Jets, Burdick Hall Dobson House and Trailer Town.

Those in the National League are: the Hickories, Barnstormers, Rural Engineers, Cross Country, Cast Offs, Red Alfs, Frozen Foods Club, Gisalted Jrs., A.S.R.E., Crosses, Crescents, Horn and Hoof, and the Dairy Science Club.

There will be a meeting of the Intramural Athletic Association in the Gym tonight at 7:15, to discuss the procedure for the season and to draw up a constitution.

Freshman Quintet To Open Schedule With Brockport Cagers

The freshman basketball team will meet Brockport yearlings at Alfred Saturday in their first court contest on a 12-game schedule. The schools' varsity teams will clash after the preliminary.

Coach Mike Greene's 23-man squad is considerably taller than the Purple and Gold varsity, with four of the leading contenders for the first team at least six feet, two inches tall.

"We'll have a starting five better than last year's," Green said after working with the frosh for two weeks. "But our reserves are considerably weaker than the top five or six players." The freshmen failed to win a game last year.

Greene named several of the top candidates for the starting five. They include, at center, Einard Erickson and Robert Mangels, both over six feet, three.

Fighting for regular berths at forward are William McLaughlin, James Gassman, Robert Light and Sala Halm. Guard candidates include Warren DeLong, Leon Riker, Gordon Shippy, and Frank Leistman.

The freshmen face Brockport, Rochester and Buffalo twice this year. Other opponents will include Hobart, Genesee Junior College, Cortland, Genesee State Teachers, Ithaca, and the Jamestown Extension of Alfred.

AT Retailing Class Visits Hornell Department Store

Twenty members of the retailing class with their instructor, Glen Leathersich, went on a field trip to J. C. Penny's store in Hornell last Thursday, December 2.

Cross-Country Courtmen Top Barnstormers

The first six intramural basketball games were played Saturday in the Men's Gym. In the initial contest, the cross country team showed themselves to be capable in more than one sport. Taking command of the scoring in the first quarter, they coasted to an easy 39-22 victory over the Barnstormers.

The Klan Alpine-Lambda Chi game attracted the largest crowd. Close all the way, Klan was the stronger in the last quarter and the game ended with Klan ahead by nine points, 33-24.

Delta Sig romped over Beta Sig 37-17, and the Gisalted Jrs. Delta Sig spelled backwards, reversed the procedure by losing to the Crosses 20-31.

Burdick Hall showed a well-rounded team with every man who played scoring at least four points. They held Trailertown to 14 points, low score for the day, and chalked up 30 points for themselves.

The Red Alfs outscored the Cast Offs by 15 points to win easily the one other Saturday contest, 32-17.

As of Saturday, in the National League, the Cross Country Team looked the strongest, scoring the highest and outscoring its opponent by the most points. Delta Sig, in the American League, put on the strongest display, scoring 37 points, highest in the league, and maintaining a 20 point advantage over Beta Sig.

The standings to date are:

National League		
	Won	Lost
Cross Country	1	0
Red Alfs	1	0
Crosses	1	0
Barnstormers	0	1
Cast Offs	0	1
Gisalted Jrs.	0	1
American League		
	Won	Lost
Delta Sig	1	0
Klan Alpine	1	0
Burdick Hall	1	0
Lambda Chi	0	1
Beta Sig	0	1
Trailertown	0	1

Guest Minister To Speak

The Rev. "Chuck" Boddie of Rochester will be a guest of the University during the week-end of Jan. 8 and 9. He will preach in the Village Church at 11 a. m., Jan. 9, and will be the speaker at the R.F.A. meeting that night.

Coach McWilliams Plans Court Strategy



Coach Jay McWilliams discusses plans for the Alfred-Brockport game Saturday night with Don Garrison, Jesse Hannan, Paul Derzanovich, Bucky O'Donnell and Dick McNamara.

Two Frosh Women Elected To WABG

by Barbara Theurer

Eunice English AT and Marilyn Fleming have been elected to the Women's Athletic Governing Board as freshman representatives. Marcia Davis '49, assistant to Miss Lavinia Creighton, has been invited to attend meetings of the WABG.

Carolyn Thomas '49 and Joyce Sherwood '49 have been elected unanimously by the cheerleaders to receive blazers for outstanding leadership during two years of cheering.

There will be a meeting of the Fencing Club on Monday, December 13, at 8:30 p. m., at room 7, South Hall.

Sign-up sheets for a basketball co-manager have been posted in all women's residences. Women interested are asked to sign up by Friday.

Chemists To Present Film

The student affiliate of the American Chemical Society will present the color film, "Portrait of an Industry," the story of the pioneering and development of synthetic dyes.

The film, to be shown at 7:30 p. m., tonight, in room 1 of Allen Lab, is open to faculty and students.

Davis, LaVan Represent WABG At Syracuse Meet

Marcia Davis '49 and Barbara LaVan '51 represented the WABG at the annual N. Y. State Women's Athletic Association convention, Dec. 4-5, at Syracuse University.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the state constitution of the WAA. Problems of individual athletic association were discussed by the delegates.

The two-day affair included talks and demonstrations by several noted state physical education instructors, social get-togethers and, in conclusion, a banquet in honor of the delegates.

Heights Residents To Meet

A meeting of the married people at Saxon Heights will be held at 7:30 p. m., Monday in Physics Hall to ratify the Heights charter. This second meeting is being called because a quorum was not present at the last ratification meeting.

DILLON'S DRIBBLES

The Saxons were impressive in their opening game Saturday evening. Such a margin of victory against a college opponent augurs well for a successful season. McWilliams definitely has a squad which might surpass the record of last year's, which amassed the second best record of an Alfred five in 40 years.

Paul Derzanovich's performance at the center post was sparking. Derzanovich who played only part of last season was deadly accurate with his shots and did yeoman service under the boards. The filling of the center spot has always been a problem for Alfred coaches; and Derzanovich seems the answer this year.

The play of Bob Kassel, a newcomer to the squad, impressed everyone, and on the basis of Saturday night's performance Kassel seems earmarked for a starting berth in the future. Dick McNamara, although not up to his usual self, still was a standout. Bill LeFeber, Jess Hannan, Carl Kernan, Don Garrison and Bucky O'Donnell played nice ball. Bill Argenti has not rounded into top basketball condition, it seems, and is still in the process of conversion after three months of football.

Perhaps, some readers wondered about the coach talking to the team during time outs. This is sanctioned by a new rule which went into effect this season. The practice was inaugurated in professional ball and has now spread to collegiate circles.

Notice

The slight error of adding nothing to a number caused a huge mistake to slip into the story on the Union board meeting in the Nov. 23 Fiat. Actually the treasurer's office reported gross receipts for the period from Sept. 1 to Nov. 1 of \$6,800 and expenditures of \$7,100. (Not \$68,000 and \$71,000 as previously reported.)

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Three Veteran Matmen Bolster Varsity Squad

The Varsity wrestling squad, under the supervision of Coach Alex Yunevich, has been mauling at each other for the past two weeks in preparation for the first match against the University of Buffalo, Jan. 8.

The Saxon lettermen returning to lead this year's squad are Dale Thompson, Stan Kozloski, and John Alexander. Thompson was one of the outstanding wrestlers on Coach Yunevich's squad last year, and placed in the Interstate Invitational Meet at Cleveland. Kozloski and Alexander also showed up well last year. Alexander will wrestle in the 175 lb. class this year, which will improve his chances of victory. Last year, due to a shortage of heavyweights, Alexander often had to oppose men weighing up to 225 lbs.

The tentative starter on this year's squad are as follows: 121-Jack Wilson, 128-Don Halford, 136-Stan Kozloski, 145-Harry Ottaway, 155-Pete Pace, 165-Dale Thompson, 175-John Alexander. The heavyweight position is still open for anyone interested.

The record this year should be an improvement over the '47-'48 season, even though the Saxons will have an even tougher schedule.

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Footlight Club Presents Bill Of Three One-Act Plays Last Night

By Donald Cashman

A varied bill of three one-act plays were presented to an enthusiastic audience Monday evening in Alumni Hall. They were "The Forced Marriage" by Moliere, "Mooney's Kid Don't Cry" by Tennessee Williams and "The Mourner," by James Mahoney.

Particularly noteworthy was the student direction of the three by Jerome Dean Root '50. In the tradition of the fall one-act plays, the casts were made up of freshmen and sophomores who for the most part are taking the first step into campus dramatic circles. Under the three directors, all experienced Thespians, the members of the three casts seemed to have learned much. Displaying traces of natural nervousness at first, the young actors soon caught the spirit of the stage and turned in performances that would have done credit to the older members of the club.

Much can be said for the careful selection of the three plays, and the method of handling the transition of mood from one play to another. It might be recalled that last year Wilders' "The Long Christmas dinner" was marred somewhat because the audience, having just witnessed a tense emotional performance in Houston's "According To Law," sought to relieve tension by tittering at situations that were not intended to be funny. This year the arrangement was such that the audience was hardly aware of the transition in mood from difficult and subtle "Mourners" to the lighter Williams play to the classic farce-comedy by Moliere.

Credit must be given to the designers and crew of the club for the work they did on the sets. The work of Richard Tracy '49, who handled the makeup, and Francis Pixley '51, who handled the lights, is also to be commended.

Outstanding performances in the Mourners were turned in by Byron Whiting '51, (who also helped in the directing), Nancy Schnurle '52, and in a supporting role, Ferdinand Schaa '51. In "Mooney's Kid Don't Cry," Nadine Fitzpatrick '51, and Charles Hall '50, were well received by their audience. Terry Duro '50 as Sganarelle and Gordon Thrall as Geronimo in "The Forced Marriage" interpreted their parts very well and in a supporting roll Richard Tracy '49 proved himself to be a well-poised and experienced actor.

If the Footlight Club can keep its performances up to last night's calibre, there is no doubt but that stu-

Best Snow Sculpture Will Receive Trophy

A trophy has been donated by Mayor William B. Harrison for the best snow sculpture entered in the Winter Carnival competition, announced Peter Dahoda '51, chairman of the awards committee.

This trophy, to be awarded on a rotating basis, will be left in the permanent possession of the group winning it three times in succession.

Awards for skiing and skating competitions in both the men's and women's divisions also will be awarded. Cups will be presented to those taking first place and medals or keys to those placing second and third.

Subjects For Chapel Talk And Sermon Announced

Chaplain Myron K. Sibley will call his talk in chapel service at noon tomorrow, "17 Days Before Christmas." The talk will be supplemented by the chapel choir which will be singing Christmas Carols at the next two services.

Members of the Choir are Betty Jane Amberg '52, Iona Lee Bohl '49, Dorothy Brion '51, Hermine Deutsch '49, Eli Fass '49, Anne Fuller '52, Margaret Knight Newton, Mary Van-Norman '49, Marie Sica '49, and Carolyn Thomas '49. They are accompanied by John Behrenberg.

On Sunday, the Chaplain will discuss "Unity of Spirit," at the University service. Special music will be rendered at this service by the University Choir.

Child Study Group To Meet

The next regular meeting of the Child Study Group will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. John F. McMahon, 13 Sayles Street.

Mrs. C. D. Smith will be the guest speaker for this Christmas meeting. Parents, faculty and townspeople will be making a mistake if they do not turn out to see them.

Men's Dean Among New Group Initiated To Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, held formal initiation ceremonies for 14 pledges and one honorary pledge at 2 p.m., Sunday, at Social Hall.

Dean Edward L. Hawthorne was the honorary member initiated. The new members were: Archie M. Bowser Jr., '51; Frank Bredell, Jr., '52; Douglas Haverly AT; George W. Herrick '52; Bradley Kinsman '52; Allan Knapp AT; Clifford Lamoreaux AT; Dale Loope AT; James H. Moyer AT; William McClure '52; Edward Poggioli AT; Donald Summerhayes AT; Ralph Tasman '51; and Jose Wong-Valle AT.

The initiating team consisted of Nicholas Muzyka AT; Daniel DiFrancesco AT; Robert Resmussen AT; Kenneth Spring '50; Donald Watkins '49; Chaplain Myron K. Sibley and Dr. S. R. Scholes, Jr.

Carl Buessow '49 and Lyle Trowbridge '50, were elected to represent Epsilon Gamma Chapter at Alpha Phi Omega's tenth annual convention at the Hotel Lafayette in Chicago, Dec. 28-30.

Treasurer, Kenneth Spring, '50, announced that the Turkey Trot held last Nov. 23 was a success.

N. Y. Electrification Group Meets In Ag-Tech Lounge

A meeting of the New York State Farm Electrification Council was held in the Ag-Tech Lounge Thursday, with representatives of electric and gas companies, Cornell instructors and students and Alfred electrical instructors from all parts of New York State.

Following the meeting, a tour was made of the various departments and shops of Ag-Tech.

Freshmen Observe Meats

The Frozen Foods freshmen of Ag-Tech went to the Arpeako Meat Packing Company and the Brighton Locker Plant in and near Rochester to observe slaughtering of various animals and the preparations of different meats.

Prof. K. Ekdahl To Speak On 'Discovery Of Design'

"Discovery of Design" will be the subject of a talk by Prof. Kurt Ekdahl at the faculty meeting, 8 p.m., Monday.

In his talk, Mr. Ekdahl will explain the relationship of the designer to contemporary society. He will stress the fact that the nature of teaching in the design course emphasizes the theoretical and not the practical side of designing in the preliminary phases of the course, and later uses this foundation in practical application.

Events Announced For Newman Club

Rev. Paul J. Cuddy, chaplain of Sampson College will be guest speaker of the Newman Club at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in Kenyon Hall. Father Cuddy will speak on Theresa Neumann, a Bavarian woman who bears the stigmata of the wounds of Christ's Passion.

The following evening, the Newman Club will hold its annual Christmas party at 8 p.m., in Social Hall. Movies of Abbott and Costello, the Louis-Wolcott fight and Mickey Mouse will be shown, followed by dancing and refreshments.

A corporate communion followed

Teknicon Club To Type Blood Of Its Members

The Ag-Tech Teknicon Club held a meeting Thursday evening and a program was instituted to type blood of all the students in the club. Later students of other departments and people outside of school will be typed.

More definite plans were made concerning a paper to be published by the club for Lab Tech alumni.

by a communion breakfast in Social Hall will be held Sunday. The only mass will be at 9 a.m. in Alumni Hall. The communion breakfast will be held in honor of Rev. Gerald McMinn, O.F.M., the catholic chaplain at Alfred.

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