

Which Horse When It Rained In Ronkonkoma?

By Robert V. Acheson
ACT I

(The scene is a large dingy room in a fraternity house. There are four students standing in the middle of the room, a small animal runs from the center of the group; it is a mongoose. One of the students hits it with a beer mug and it crawls out of the room leaving a trail of blood.)

First student: "Which horse when it rained in Ronkonkoma?"

Second student: "I don't know." (He goes over to a file cabinet and opens the drawer marked "Unfinished Business," takes out a whiskey bottle, sees that it is empty, shrugs, and jumps out the window.)

Third student: "I don't have a date tonight."

Fourth student: "Neither do I. I'm a member of the Bachelors Club. I never date." He dies and turns green. The remaining two students cover him with a piece of brown paper and leave, singing, "I saw a wreck on the highway, but nobody knelt down to pray."

ACT II

(The scene is in a classroom. There is a torn shade on the window. The professor enters. He is a tall, thin, partly bald man.)

Professor: "Which horse when it rained in Ronkonkoma?"

First student: "Who cares?"

Professor: "Spell horse in four different directions."

Second student: "Which horse?"

There is a bumping on the door, and the two dead students of Act I enter bearing an off center sewer pipe. All those present scream and run from the room, followed by the sewer pipe which has turned into a mongoose.

ACT III

(The scene is the same as scene I. The first student enters and sits in the middle of the floor. The other student rides in on a large white horse.)

First student: "Gadzooks!"

Second student: "This is the horse when it rained in Ronkonkoma."

First student: "Where'd you get it?"

Second student: "I traded seven thousand pounds of dental floss for him."

First student: " (He cannot locate his mouth and is speechless.)

(Sixty eight people enter; half of them with mongooses, the other half with mongeese. They see the horse and all die. Half of the mongeese turn into off center sewer pipes, half of the mongooses turn into on center sewer pipes.)

Students Evenly Divided On Test Type Preference

Lake Forest, Ill.—(I.P.)—A recent campus poll, conducted at Lake Forest College, as to which type of examination—essay or objective—is better, reveals that Lake Forest students are almost equally divided as to their choice.

Objective exams were avored by 51 percent of the students, while 48.5 percent lean toward essay type—0.5 percent had no preference.

A majority of the students listed economics, history, literature and philosophy as courses adaptable to essay-type exams; languages, mathematics, the physical sciences and psychology to objective exams. They believed that social science should be a combination objective-essay type.

Business Students Visit Five Rochester Concerns

Eighteen Ag-Tech senior business students visited several Rochester concerns in the course of their field trip Thursday and Friday.

The accounting group, accompanied by Mr. E. J. Brown, business department chairman, visited the Todd Company on Thursday, where they were given a demonstration of the payroll accounting system which the company manufactures.

The salesman group, accompanied by Mr. Glenn Leathersich of the business department, were the luncheon guests of the Rochester Sales Executives' Club, Thursday and visited the Stecher-Traung Lithograph Corporation in the afternoon. Friday morning this group was addressed by members of the Hardware Sales Division of the Taylor Instrument Companies and made a tour of Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Company in the afternoon.

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Many Alumni Write For Alfred Album Of Recorded Songs

Letters from alumni who wish to purchase the proposed album of Alfred University songs are being received daily, Frank Lobaugh '50, chairman of the Blue Key album committee, reported Sunday.

He said more than 60 requests had been received to date, following a letter published in the last issue of the Alumni News. He said the tenor of the requests seems to be that alumni would like to have the popular University songs recorded and that the album should include recordings of the carillon and probably one of the choruses.

Blue Key will nominate new members to replace outgoing seniors Sunday and initiate them Wednesday, April 20. Joseph Holmstrom '50 and William Bezell '49 were appointed to a committee to arrange for the ceremony.

Rabbi J. R. Malino



Rabbi Jerome R. Malino will return to campus this week to speak in both assemblies, Thursday. The subject of his address was not known at press time.

In addition, Rabbi Malino will conduct Jewish services at 7 p.m., Friday, in Kenyon Hall and University Church services at 11 a.m., Sunday. He may speak at the RFA Forum, Sunday afternoon.

Ag-Tech Teacher Attends Soil Conservation Meeting

Mr. E. E. Foster, Ag-Tech agronomy chairman, is attending the director's meeting of the Soil Conservation Districts of New York State in Syracuse today.

R. E. ELLIS Pharmacist

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Sigh!



Which one will be crowned? Reading counter clockwise from the bottom left we have Joe Reilly AT, Theta Gamma; Willie Clark '51, Kappa Psi; Pete Rossi AT, Kappa Delta; Jus Pierce '49, Klan Alpine; Al Baxter '52, Lambda Chi and Bartlett; Fred Myers '50, Pre-Fabs; Hank Greenberg '51, Beta Sig; Tim Timko '51, Delta Sig and Lew Steinman '49, Kappa Nu.

Track Schedule Changes Announced By McLane

A change in the track schedule has been announced by Coach James A. McLane. The dual meet with Ithaca College has been moved forward to April 23, and Alfred will participate in the Penn Relays, April 29 and 30, instead of a week earlier.

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Senate Elects Six New NSA Representatives

The final plans of the constitution committee will be presented tonight according to Daniel Foster '50, new president of the Student Senate. The proposed constitution will represent a compromise between the original idea of a two house Senate and a one house body.

Six students were elected to serve on the NSA committee. Originally the Senate had planned to have five members on the committee, but an extra member was permitted rather than break a three-way tie. The new members of the NSA committee are William Bayuk '50, Elwood Eastman AT, Barbara LeVan '51, Ray Meek '50, David Pixley '52 and Donald Wilder AT.

Litchard Dickinson '50, reported that the clock committee would begin soliciting funds to pay for the clock soon after the spring vacation.

Some 75 students, most of them from men's residences are in favor of starting a dancing school in Alfred, according to reports from the Senators. The Senate will merge with the Ag-Tech student council in organizing the plan with instructor John Oxx of Hornell.

Business was brought to a halt when William Gallow '51 began to filibuster to prevent Daniel Kane '49 from making a motion to tear more holes in the drapes so that the girls in the Senate could make more money sewing them up. "The drapes must be saved," he cried. "Neither these drapes nor any drapes can long endure half cloth and half stitches!" Then he proceeded to read from Webster's unabridged dictionary. As the Fiat went to press yesterday, he had reached only the D's and he was still going strong.

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Admissions Director Announces Rise 5 Percent

Applications for admission to Alfred next September are running 5 percent ahead of what they were a year ago, announced Mary Ross Flowers, director of admissions.

As the Fiat went to press, 412 entrance applications had been received from 19 states and seven foreign countries. Of this number 222 are from boys and 190 from girls.

To date 88 applicants have been accepted for the class of '53. Fifty three of these are in the College of Liberal Arts, 20 in ceramic engineering, 13 in ceramic design and two in the craft school. The total number of new students to be admitted has not yet been determined.

Gilbert and Sullivan

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can group was finally forced on the road.

"The Mikado" has been a success whenever it has been produced, and has been charming audiences everywhere since 1884. Within just a few years it had played in America, Australia, Amsterdam and Berlin, and since then has been seen all over the world. Until recently, Japan could not be included on this list, for the Mikado was banned there as soon as it was written. However, it has been produced by American Occupation troops for the U. S. forces there, and rumor has it that the few Japanese who did see the production enjoyed the comedy as much as the rest of the world has.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1949

Assemblies

As we understand it, the new system of having assemblies once a month next year will serve more than one purpose. The assembly committee will have more money to spend on each program, and this should result in the improvement of the programs.

But besides expecting better programs, students should be prepared to make good use of the free time they will have during non-assembly weeks. This will be a good chance for the commuters to take part in campus activities—at least in the affairs of their own classes. Also, some clubs may change their meeting times to an assembly hour, and perhaps more people will be able to attend.

Getting back to the original point, however, it seems that the main excuse past assembly committees have had is that there has never been enough money to provide good programs throughout the year. Next year, this problem should no longer exist.

Setting up ideals and then being unable to realize them is undoubtedly frustrating, but we feel that next year's assembly committee will not have as difficult a time as this year's.

THE RAVING REPORTER

By Douglas Grewer

This week your Raving Reporter has changed his procedure a little to get in the spirit of the April Follies issue. The students have asked the questions and we have endeavored to answer them. Most of the questions received were standard but others were of more general students interest and seemed to need immediate answer.

Q. Bill Persick '52—Why isn't some of the mud cleaned up from the sidewalk by the Bartlett parking lot?
A. After rue investigation of this condition, we have discovered that the mean seepage from the aquifer at this point is equal to .009265 of the output of Niagara Falls and considerably faster than the sweeping ability of a man. (Who said there was never a practical use for geology?)
Q. Dick Phelps and Jim Ridgeway '52 asked how many Pine trees there are on Pine Hill? Our answer—Not enough.
Q. Bob Stevens '51—Why couldn't they end the big dances of the year on time so those girls that have to be in at a certain hour don't have to leave before the dance is over?
A. They could.
Q. Aldona Mockus '51—Are there any new buildings on campus?
A. The only manner in which I could answer this question would be to suggest that the interrogator use her powers of observation.
Q. Evelyn Dobson '51—What percentage of the male students on campus are married?
A. We didn't have time to conduct a conclusive poll on this subject, but upon looking through some of our old courtship and marriage textbooks, we found the following bit of mathematical genius (derived from Bourne's fourth law on theory of multiplicity) which might be of some assistance to Miss Dobson:
No. of Trailers in Trailer Town—Baby Carriages / Coefficient of husbands per wife equals the Married Students on Campus.
Q. Jane Marshall '51—Of that percent not married, how many are willing?
A. 'Tis Spring, need we say more?
Q. John Hawkes '52—When are they going to vote Alfred wet?
A. When Death Valley freezes over. (Courtesy of The Dude Goes West)
Q. Joe Fiat Reader—What happened to John Barnes?
A. I really don't know the answer to that question, but I do feel safe in saying that, like MacArthur, he will return.
Q. Clarence Seely '52—Should olives be eaten with the fingers?
A. It has been my experience that the best manner in which to tackle this problem is to eat the olives first and then the fingers.

WSG Holds Compulsory Meeting For All Women

A compulsory meeting of all women on campus will be held at 7 p.m., tomorrow in Kenyon Chapel, announced Emily Nicholl '49, WSG president.

The election of the new WSG president will be held at this time. Candidates for the position are Lucille Losch, Louemma Reed and Phyllis Wetherby.

Lost and Found

A man's gray topcoat bearing the label "Kaufmann's Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh," was found in front of Kanakadea Hall during the St. Pat's weekend. It may be claimed at the Lost and Found department of the Registrar's Office.

Lost: A pair of glasses with plastic frames. Were lost either in mineralogy lab or the Union. Return to the Fiat Office or to the Fiat Office.

Lost: By same party same night: mineralogy book. Was all about minerals. Both items were lost the evening of St. Pat's.

Wanted: An "M" for a mallo cup collection. If owners of collection can get this letter they can win 12 free mallo cups. They have plenty of "A's" and "L's" for exchange purposes.

Found: Cigarette case made of brown leather. Initials LG or maybe LC on the outside.

Found: A key with a red ribbon on it and a key in a small leather case. The latter has been knocking around the Fiat Office for quite a long time.

FRIDAY
Jewish Services—7:15 p.m., Kenyon Hall
Kappa Nu Guest Evening
Junior Class Dance—8:30 p.m., South Hall
Theta Chi Pledge Dance
Spanish Bull throwing club—11 p.m., Bartlett

SATURDAY
Mikado—8:15 p.m., Alumni Hall
J. Stalin Speech—11:46 p.m., Steinheim

SUNDAY
A.A.U. Swimming meet—3:00 p.m., Prexy's pool.
Catholic Mass—9 a.m., Social Hall
Union University Services—11 a.m., Village Church
Music Hour—4 p.m., Social Hall
Mikado—8:15 p.m., Alumni Hall

MONDAY
Lecture by Dean Burdick—8 p.m., Allen Lab
Coffee Cup Club—7:39-7:41, Fiat Office

Demonstrate To Faculty
Seven Ag-Tech floriculture students gave a demonstration in floral design at a faculty meeting in Social Hall March 21.
Designers were Carol A. Babcock, Robert Kinsman, Frank Lewis, Daniel J. O'Neill and Arthur Patterson. Beverly Drain and Mildred Snelder were models.

NIGHT and DAY

By Barbara LaVan

Ah, spring is in the air... oh, yes it is! I can tell 'cause already campus females are worrying about sunbaths and toasty tans. It's a good sign—even better than the first robin.

Problem of The Week

Someone got married Saturday in the Gothic Chapel, and we'll be darned if we can find out who it was. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Stork Stuff
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins became the proud parents of a son, James Edward, last Thursday at St. James Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cottrell were blessed with a daughter Barbara Ann, last Tuesday at the Bethesda Hospital.

In The Limelight
Beverly Button '49 had as her guests over the weekend Peggy Burmeister '49 and Lucille Scheerscheidt '49 of Geneseo.

Still Eatin'
Omicron entertained Mayor and Mrs. William Harrison and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer at Sunday dinner.

Theta Chi had Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butler as dinner guests Thursday evening.

Pi Alpha entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turnbull, Wednesday evening. Prof. and Mrs. Gordon Ogden and children John and Allie were Sunday dinner guests.

A coffee hour for honoraries and pledges was held by Theta Chi, Tuesday evening.

During the past week Lambda Chi was host to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lewis on Tuesday and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. John Jacox, Thursday.

Spring Fever
Announcement is made of the engagement of Esther Schultz AT and Pete Finkel '51.

Initiation
Sunday Sigma Chi initiated the following honorary members: Mrs. Salvatore Bella, Mrs. Kenneth Burdick, Mrs. William Crandall and Mrs. Mike Greene.

Jean Hardenberg is engaged—in writing a term paper.

Tryouts For Footlight Club Play Continue This Week

Tryouts for "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," final Footlight Club production of the year, will run through this week. The afternoon schedule is: Tuesday and Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 in Alumni Hall and Friday from 3:30-5:30 at Greene Hall. Evening tryouts will also be held from 7 to 9 in Greene Hall.

All students from the University and Ag-Tech are eligible to try out for parts in this drama, which will contain about 50 actors and actresses. Faculty members and townspeople are also eligible.

The play, by Bertolt Brecht, tells the story of a young peasant girl who mothers a deserted baby prince. Brecht, classed as "possibly the greatest living European playwright," returned to Europe last summer after a long period of exile from Germany. Famous throughout the continent for his "Three Penny Opera," he is also the author of "The Private Life of the Master Race," and "Galileo."

Student designers are reading the script in preparation for conferences early this week with Prof. C. Duryea Smith III, who will direct the production.

Culture Comes In Cubby Holes In Unique Steinheim Museum

Dear Mom,
Thought I'd get some culture for a change so I meandered over to the local museum, which is simply dripping with culture. The Steinheim is a big pile of rocks standing far enough up on Pine Hill to raise your pulse beat a good twenty a minute. It's a forbidding old place, the kind that you'd rather spend the night someplace other than.

The first thing you see as you enter is Moses. He's up on the wall looking down on you and he has a pair of horns. This may be sacreligious, but with horns and whiskers, he looks just like a goat. Also looking down at you are Homer, Jupiter and Juno. The builder of the Steinheim, Jonathan Allen, also has his picture on the wall. He's an old gentleman with a long white beard. In fact everyone has a long white beard except Juno. I guess beards must have been invented before the St. Pat's board thought of the idea.

On the first floor there are all kinds of knick knacks including a sperm whale's tooth, a bunch of sea shells and an exhibit of the three B's. (Butterflies, bugs and buttons.) Then there's an old chair, but I think that's just for people to sit on. Also there is a collection of turtle shells, some of them with turtles in them, birds of selected colors and varieties, walking sticks, china and confederate money. The most unusual exhibit is the spider webs, replete with live spiders. These are all over the place.

On one side of the room there are a bunch of refugees from the biology lab. Porcupines, muskrats and weasels among other things. All these things must be either dirty, cracked, broken or moth-eaten or they don't look like real museum pieces. Anything that is shiny and new appears out of place.

Then there is a marble bust of the daughter of Santa Anna, the wheel in the Mexican War. This bust was done by the great somebody or other, and therefore it was worth quite a bit. Anyway, whoever owned it must have gotten tired of it because he traded it in for a case of scotch. A Bill Van Vecken found it in a saloon where it was being used as a hat rack no doubt. He bought it and gave it to President Allen. Thus we have scotch to thank for the presence of this chick in the

Letters To The Editor

Student Criticizes Fiat Policy in Covering Sport Activities

Dear Editor,
At the expense of prolonging an argument, I wish to make a comment about the article by Jerry Smith.

Last week, he jumped to the defense of Jim Quackenbush and his reporting. Jerry gave some good arguments but in so doing he exposed what is wrong with the Fiat as a whole.

Our Fiat, and it is ours, is an instrument to be used for the good of the school and the students. It is not an "area paper" and should cover the sports contests in which the school teams take part—not 50% or 75% but every time. When it doesn't we have a right to complain. When the reporters do not find a win to report, they should at least report as favorably for the school team as possible. If a team can't get publicity in its own paper, it can't expect it elsewhere. Publicity is the thing that makes sports pay for a school.

Let us hope that in the future, the reporters for the Fiat will treat our sports as school sports and not as professional contests. Let us hope that they will have sense enough and school spirit enough not to try for personal glory by a smart crack about some team man who really tries.

John Quirk

College Town

A smattering Of Opinion In Several Diversified Subjects

by Jerry Smith
We learned with pleasure this week that the cast of "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," to be produced by the Footlight Club, will be open to townspeople as well as students.

Prof. C. D. Smith, who will direct the play, was careful to point out that this "would not be to the exclusion of students." He also expressed the opinion that it would be an opportunity for village thespians inasmuch as Wee Playhouse productions are not entirely satisfactory for those who would like to follow a play through production. "The play calls for a cast of 50 and we will retain most of that number," he said.

The idea of opening student productions to townspeople is not entirely new. "The Mikado" has a number of faculty and townspeople on its list of performers and, of course, Union University Church choir has blended the talents of students and townspeople for years. The Latin Club has done this also in seeking the aid of Miss Humphreys with its productions.

However, we hope student and villager both will agree with us that a greater participation in each other's activities can only be for the best. It will serve not so much to keep Alfred University a family college as it will serve to extend to townspeople a greater chance to enjoy the arts and give student productions the benefit of townspeople's experience.

From the unconfirmed spindle on our desk, we should like to pass along something a salesman-friend told us recently. "I read in the paper the other day that everything still was top secret about a deal that a leading cigarette company had made for the services of Bing Crosby at a weekly salary of \$27,500. Nobody was supposed to know who would sponsor the show, but the rumor was that the same company also sponsors Perry Como and Arthur Godfrey."

Now, who could that be?

One more item about bands: Having built up his popularity at AU's St. Pat's Festival, our old friend J. Dorsey is now playing for money at the Cafe Rouge in New York's Hotel Statler, the former Pennsylvania.

We have been known to feud with the telephone operators, but we are strictly on their side in an instance we heard about Wednesday evening.

Telephone operators are not supposed to talk with the customer, of course, but one of them seemed pretty riled up that night. This is a friendly town, anyway. First she asked:

"Jerry, do you have a car?" We said "No," not knowing how friendly we should be even in Alfred.

"Well," she said, "I'm mad. We've been trying to get a fellow on Saxon Heights for two days to tell him to call a number in New York. We called all Tuesday night, all day Wednesday and tonight we finally got a fellow and asked him to tell this other fellow about his call."

"Do you know what he said?" We did not have time to answer, she just continued boiling over. "Sorry, I haven't got time. Don't you know there are a lot of men down here?"

"I sure wanted to tell him a thing or two. You know the world is a big place and you have to live with somebody besides yourself."

No doubt great men have expressed the same sentiments more eloquently, but we never thought the comment applied to Alfred.

We were reading a portion of "Roosevelt and Hopkins" by Robert E. Sherwood for our history requirement the other night and came across a quotation which might well be printed in the light of current events.

(Incidentally, whether you are a Democrat or Republican, Mr. Sherwood's book is excellent for the student of government who wonders about the workings of politics in public administration, for the history student or for the ex-GI who wondered about some VIP decisions. It is beautifully written by one who was in close contact with the administration during that period.)

However, the following quotation, from FDR's speech to some members of the American Youth Congress in February 1940, may help some. Particularly this is for those who are wondering about the justice of the Communist trials in New York or—particularly—those wondering about the college faculty who were kicked out because of avowed Communist sentiments or because they stood upon some inane interpretation of the principles of academic freedom and refused to declare their loyalty for the Constitution.

The quotation:
"As Americans you have a legal and constitutional right to call yourself Communists, those of you who do. You have a right peacefully and openly to advocate certain ideals of theoretical Communism; but as Americans you have not only a right but a sacred duty to confine your advocacy of changes in the laws to the methods prescribed by the Constitution of the United States—and you have no American right, by act or deed of any kind, to subvert the Government and the Constitution of this Nation."

Movie Time Table

Wednesday—John Steinbeck's "The Pearl." Also Academy Award Documentary, "Design for Death," "Mississippi Hare," and Warner News. Shows at 7 and 9:29. Feature at 8:12 and 10:41.

Friday only—"Fighter Squadron" with Edmond O'Brien and "Crisis Cross" with Burt Lancaster. Also "Kit for Cat." Show starts at 7; last complete show at 8:49. "Crisis" 8:49 only; "Fighter" at 7:13 and 10:29.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
Quartet from Bartlett to Serenade Brick—3:00 a.m.
Chorus—7:15 p.m., Social Hall
Senate—7:30 p.m., Social Hall

WEDNESDAY
Chapel—12 noon, Kenyon Hall
French Club—8 p.m., Social Hall
Fine Arts Club Alumni Banquet—7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Junior Class Meeting—11 a.m., Union Soph Class Meeting—1 p.m., Physics Hall
Men's Intramural Association—7 p.m. Men's Gym
Chorus—8:15 p.m., Social Hall
Freshman Class Meeting—2:30 a.m., Telephone Booth in Collegiate (See column 2)

Amateur Builders Find House Construction No Bed Of Roses

If you are thinking of building a house, take Bill Crandall's advice and use the "buddy system" so you'll have a sympathetic ear for your troubles.

Bill, who goes Mr. Blanding one better in almost everything, is a research assistant at the College of Ceramics. He and a fellow researcher, Howard Sephton, started their co-operative home building project last March. They purchased two lots on Alfred's proposed Elm Street extension and then sweated it out while the village ran afoul of some road-building difficulties.

"Having established, an avenue to your home," Bill said, "you may then worry about (1) ditch digging (2) learning the art of masonry (3) finding a carpenter (4) recalling your college physics for adaption to house wiring (5) still hunting a carpenter and (6) sewer, water and power."

"But my house is nearly finished," Bill pointed out and mentioned aid by college students, government pamphlets, an occasional carpenter and lots of old-fashioned determination. "Howard's house is on a solid foundation."

Starting negotiations for a road in the Fall of 1947, the two men finally conquered mud, high water and red tape by March 1948, when they began building frames, pouring footing and foundations and lining up a contractor for work on July 15.

"By September the carpenter finally arrived," Bill said pathetically. "By November he had left—not because he had finished either. This month another carpenter arrived after three false starts."

At this point, the Crandall-Sephton combination has completed erecting joists and studding, laying flooring, and helping with insulation board. Bill's house has passed two temporary service inspections.

The two have spent nearly every spare moment for a year working on their homes and estimate at least 25 per cent saving in total cost.

But the Alfred amateur contractors offer some hard-learned tips for would-be home-owners:

1. Build a house with a "buddy" for it gives you a chance to buy some materials cheaper.
2. Don't overlook "forced to move" sales.
3. Among other government pamphlets available is one on "Growing Annual Flowering Plants." There WILL be a time when you can use this.

Brush Found

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student affairs last week when he wrote a highly controversial letter to the editor attacking the womanhood of Alfred.

Asked to comment on the incident, Chief of Police William Shampine said that he suspected foul play. "We suspect every woman on the campus," Shampine said, "and we shall call them all in for questioning. In all my years on the police force I can never remember George Brush having been murdered so completely."

When told that they were under suspicion, most of the girls were hurt and indignant. "This is an outrage," cried Cary Levy '50. "Here we are being accused of murder when we are in the act of placing a wreath of black lilies upon poor George's brow." At this point she broke down and sobbed bitterly. "And to think," she continued, "that we sent all the way to New York for these flowers." Upon questioning she admitted that she had ordered the flowers last Friday.

Even Specialer bulletin: Tuesday 7:53 a.m. the Student Senate Investigating Committee offered several other lines of thought in the famed Brush murder case. "Why," asked chairman David Pixley '52, "did John Barnes suddenly return to Alfred last night after he had supposedly left for Wyoming? How did the body get from the Steinheim to the Kanakadea? Which way did the horse when it rains in Ronkonkoma? These are the questions we are endeavoring to answer." Pixley said that there were no clues at the scene of the crime except several muddy foot prints and fingerprints. He said that the killer or killers had also remembered to sign the Steinheim guest book. "This," he pointed out, "could be an aid to the investigation."

Out of town newspapermen have been poking around Alfred all day. They are having a wonderful time naming the murder. The Toronto Bulletin called it "The Case of the Museum Manger" and the New York Daily News correspondent referred to it as "The Purple Claw Strangling." Local correspondent Jerry Smith, arriving on the scene while the knife was still quivering in the victim's chest, called the murder "The Brush Cut."

Among the suspects already questioned was George's roommate, Edwin Finney '51. When informed of the murder, Finney exclaimed, "I'm glad, I tell you! He snored too loud and even worse than that, he always (Continued on p. 5)

Top Team Triumphs In Intramural League Championship Tilt

Sports Sidelights

By Jim Quackenbush
"Our Fiat"

It may be that we are writing this column as an apology for a writing career which has largely been devoted to sports writing. Whether it is an attempt at self-justification or not, we are writing it to show that this branch of newspaper work is constructive and valuable; also that it requires some journalistic skills which have been largely dispensed with in other departments of the newspaper.

Sports writing is deadline writing week after week. Its best practitioners may do less grubby work than their confreres of the news staff, but when they do a job it is often at top speed with little time to waste. They write leads with press time 15 minutes away.

They write in football press boxes with "Old Grads" packed around them shouting exhilarated advice. By habit they write in the tempo of the action around them.

It is the type of work that requires mental conditioning and the complete elimination from the mind everything that does not bear on the subject on hand. Frequently it is bad work; occasionally it is inaccurate; but sports writers, knowing the circumstances under which each job is carried out, are more lenient in criticism of each other than is the general public.

The fast work does not stop with the writer. In the office other people are working at the same speed. The story is quickly taken to a linotype (Hello Mom, Hello Pop.—SHRDLU) operator. A copy reader is devising a head. A make-up editor is standing by the forms, supervising insertion of the type, piece by piece, into the page, hurrying so that the edition may go.

Pressmen, mailers, truck drivers and circulation men and women are all concentrating on getting the page and the edition of the Fiat onto the streets and to the train which will carry it to points out of town.

The whole business depends on the skill of the man on the scene. When he gives the word from the press box the clatter begins.

Newspapers issue occasional extra editions for various reasons. Such extras, in the sports department, are routine.

Reporters, especially in the sports department, where freedom of expression is permissible, frequently go to extremes of word-painting that take years off the life of the copy reader. Though the reporter and the copy reader may be fast friends and drinking companions, there is a constant conflict between them.

The reporter goes beyond the limits of good taste in his writing, the copy reader cuts him to dullness, spoils his effects and deletes his picturesque words. Anyway, that is the way it appears to one or to the other. It is a system of checks and balances, a pendulum too far one way or the other frequently, but which tends to keep writing within sensible limits.

A sports editor is apt to be a person who does not approve of dreary if adequate English. He likes verbs of action in his leads and he likes exact adjectives which reproduce the scene for those who were not present. He doesn't like such things as "ding-dong battles;" he hates such a thing as "pile-driving rights."

For those students who want to see an example of a good sports page, take a look at "our Fiat."

Happy April fools day.

Sammy Fame, Runner, Makes Good In Boxing

Sammy Fame AT, fought at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night and won his match by a knockout.

The ultimate goal of all boxers is to perform at the Garden. To Sammy, who has been boxing amateur since he entered the service, the fight came as a complete surprise.

Sammy, a little fellow weighing 146, was sitting quietly in the balcony watching the Knights of Columbus track meet when a man in the row ahead of him turned around and asked, "Do you go to Alfred or have you decided to work for a living?"

A perfect gentleman at all times, Sammy spit in his eye.

This enraged the assassin: he cursed Sam and swung at his jaw.

Sammy ducked, sunk a left to the stomach, stepped back, and connected with a one-two to the head. His antagonist went down.

The bully rose to one knee, shook his head, and came up swinging. Sammy sidestepped, left jabbing him as he lunged by.

Goggy, his huge opponent rushed at him but Sammy met this with a straight right to the chin, knocking him, out in one minute and ten seconds of the mile relay.

Moravian College Gives Unusual Literature Exam

One of the most unusual final examinations ever given at Moravian College was presented recently to a class in English literature by instructor Walter Beaupre. Students were told to write letters of recommendation for various characters from literature who were applying for present day jobs.

To top off the examination, students were given a cross word puzzle with words made up from books used in the course. For instance, Ceopatra applied for a job with a well-known orchestra; Grendel, whoever he was, wanted a position posing for a horror comic magazine and Morgan le Fay desired a place on the House of Un-American Activities Committee.

Forty Will Compete In Interclass Indoor Track Meet Tonight

About 40 prospective track stars will compete in the annual Interclass Indoor Track Meet at 7:30 p.m. this evening at the Men's Gym.

Traditional forerunner of Spring's intercollegiate cinder schedule, the meet will pit seniors and juniors against sophomores against freshmen.

Performances by Alfred athletes in the IC4A Indoor Championships and the 91st Highlander meet in Canada recently indicate the possibility of some long standing Interclass records going by the boards.

The record most likely to be broken is the mark for the mile, 4:46.4. Wilbur Getz, who now coaches Saxon cross country, established this standard in 1929. Per Andresen in his latest time trial was clocked in 4:47.6 and he will be out for the record tonight.

In most events the frosh will at least outnumber the upperclassmen. In the two mile, John Morgan, Donald Boulton and Marty Riemer of the frosh will be opposed only by Bob Wightman. In the quarter, Nick Berg and Bill Cordes will race Don Rosser and Larry Bonhotal. Bob White, Louis Mendez, John Eldred and Bob Norton will face Dick O'Neil and George Pixley in the half mile. Pixley will be the lone varsity man in the mile against Andresen and Riemer. Morgan, Berg, Cordes, and Sam Fame are three frosh entered in the 35 yard dash. Varsity entries include Stanco, Dickenson, Argenti, and Rosser.

The climax of the evening will be the one relay event of the meet. The first leg of this contest will be nine laps, the second five, the third two, and the anchor fifteen. Morgan, Berg, Cordes and Andresen will comprise the freshman team, running in that order. O'Neil, Rosser, Argenti, and Wightman will represent the varsity.

Dick Robinson and Bob Wightman will captain the upperclassmen while John Morgan and Paul Flurscutz will lead the freshmen and sophomores. An individual may compete in not more than four events and then only when distributed between track and field events so that he competes in no more than three track events and three field events. Running on the relay shall count as one track event.

Three places will count in the scoring as follows: first, five; second, three and third, one. Individual count for the members of the relay will be the same as the team score for this event.

Students Invited To Attend Cortland Drama Festival

Interested students are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Drama Festival, April 8-9 at Cortland State Teachers College at which plays and workshops will be presented on the theme, Folk and Historical Drama of New York State.

Admission is free for the two-day program which begins at 2 p.m., Friday. Highlights of the festival will be "Our Town," presented by a Binghamton Central High School cast; "The Supernatural in NYS Folk Lore" by Dr. Louis Jones, president of the NYS Historical Association; and "Folk Plays" presented by high schools from the vicinity.

Men's Badminton Tourney Entries Due On Thursday

Entries in the men's intramural badminton tournament to be held April 4 and 5 must be in the intramural office by Thursday announced Mearl Greene, intramural activities director.

He also announced a meeting of the Men's Intramural Association at 7 p.m., Thursday, to discuss plans for the coming intramural softball season.

The badminton tournament will be played off between teams of four men each and a match will consist of two singles games and one doubles game. A meeting of all team representatives will be held in the intramural office at 7 p.m., Thursday.

Ceramic Men To Address Niagara Engineers' Group

Dean John F. McMahon and Prof. Robert M. Campbell will speak to the Upstate New York Section of the Niagara Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, March 29 in Niagara Falls. Their topic will be "The Ceramic Engineer."

If you are reading this at 12:41 p.m., there are 8.5014 x 10.5 seconds till spring vacation.

Whether records fall or not, the meet will give Coach James A. McLane his best indication of the material on hand for this season's slate of two dual and four championship meets. In addition to the distance events, the meet will include the 35-yard dash, 40-yard high hurdles, 440, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, relay and shot put.

Klan Alpine, Hickories Clash Climaxed Intramural Tourney

Klan Alpine met the Hickories last night in the play-off game climaxing this year's intramural basketball tournament. The results could not be had in time to make this issue, but this department feels confident that the best team has won, though there are five men who are sure to disagree.

Klan, at first glance, might have seemed the better bet, for the competition in the American League is thought to be stiffer than in the National.

Three men on the Klan roster, John Barnes, Steve Saunders, and John Tournaud, played on the varsity last year. Bill O'Connor, Wes Cox, Jack Utter, and Bill Stetson played steadily and aggressively this season to round out the five. Barnes and Saunders were voted to play on the intramural all star team which met the freshman quintet in an exhibition game in February.

Klan has ten clean cut victories to its credit, having met and defeated ten of the twelve other teams in the league. Their most important win was the 48-44 beating they handed Maple City, last year's tournament winner. Other close scores were: 32-31 over Theta Gamma; 30-27 against Delta Sig; 33-30 with Burdick Hall.

But the Hickories have a strong lineup too, and they have beaten eleven good teams in their league. The starting five, Jim Bouie, Ed Finney, Bob Donovan, Clarence O'Neil, and Steve Barton, played on last year's freshman team. Danny Tevelowitz and Neil Rodden are the other two members of the squad. Bouie was chosen for the all-star team, and Donovan played on the varsity this fall until he hurt his hand. This was before he had participated in any intercollegiate contest, so he was still eligible to compete in the intramural tournament.

The Hickories started the season off with a smashing 49-6 victory at the expense of the rural engineers. They drubbed the ASRE club 45-19, and the Crosses 33-9. The two teams tied for second place in the National League, each suffered their only defeat at the hands of the Hickories;

Don Miller Timed At 1:46 For Mile; Time Verified

Last week Don Miller was timed for the mile in one minute and 46 seconds. The clocking was verified by three officials.

The race was close. Don Miller was in third place at the half, closed to second at the three quarter mark, and finished with a burst to win.

This was the first victory for this 7 year old relic in his last 34 starts. His time for the distance was the slowest winning time recorded on the Gulfstream track in the last seven years.

Scholarship Applications Now Under Consideration

Scholarship applications which were due March 15 will be considered by the committee on financial aid within the next few weeks.

"The people to whom scholarships will be awarded will receive letters after Spring Vacation," said Miss Mary Ross Flowers, chairman of the committee on aid.

the Red Alfs lost to them 36-30, and the Cast Offs 31-29.

At the time the paper went to press, local bookie Pierre Heasley had established no favorite. He was giving 6-5, take your choice, but leaned 2 to 1 that the best team would win.

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Cornell Plans Sports Playday For April 9

Cornell University has invited Alfred to participate in a sports playday to be held on Saturday, April 9. Sign-up sheets have been collected but there are still some openings on the teams. The sports day includes riflery, basketball, badminton and fencing. Any women interested in participating are asked to call Miss Creighton at the South Hall gym.

The W.A.A. of Alfred was a playday hostess to 20 representatives from Elmira and Keuka Colleges on Saturday. The women worked up appetites with basketball, volleyball and table tennis and were rewarded with a delicious dinner served in the Union.

Eight men and women of the Canisteo Club were guests of the Alfred Badminton Club in the Men's Gym on Sunday afternoon.

Theta Chi defeated Brick III in the first game of the basketball intramural playoffs on Thursday.

Jane Bette '51, volleyball manager, announces the following house team managers: Jean Hunt, Omicron; Irene Johnston, Pi Alpha; Flora Regenbrecht, Sigma Chi; Marian Chudyk, Theta Chi; Isabel Ellis, Brick and Beverly Brown, Castle.

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