



## 1800 Feet to Dance in Blue And Silver Gym

### Woody Herman's New Band Will Play at Interfraternity Ball

Winter wonderland will be the theme of this year's interfraternity ball which will take place from 9 to 2 p. m. tonight in the Men's Gym.

George Egan and Sam Marsala, who are in charge of the lighting and decorations, inform us that the color scheme this year will be blue, white, and silver with die-cut snowflakes on the blue canopied ceiling.

Surprise favors are being given out for the first time since 1947 when the girls' received white gardenias. The programs for the 450 couples expected, will have red suede covers with gilt lettering.

Refreshments will consist of the customary canapes, cookies, and punch. Music will be provided by Woody Herman's new 15-piece band, "The Third Head," which was rated as one of the best bands in the country by Downbeat Magazine. Dolly Huston and Woody himself will do the vocalizing. "The Third Head" has just finished some engagements at the Cafe Rouge in the Hotel Statler and Cornell's Fall Weekend. Music will be continuous except for a one-hour intermission between 11 and 12 p. m.

Co-chairman Hank Heterbring and Bob Wertz have given forth the unqualified opinion that the dance will be "the biggest and best ever."

## Chanuka Story Explained To Hillel Guests

In a feeling of true inter-faith solidarity, the Newman Club, Canterbury Club and the Protestant Council assisted the local Hillel foundation in its annual observance of the Jewish festival of Chanuka, the Feast of Lights, last Saturday night in Social Hall.

The story behind the Feast of Lights, celebrating the liberation of Palestine from the Greco-Syrians by the Maccabees, was told to those present by Rabbi Simeon Kabrinetz from Hornell. The Rabbi then lit the candles on the menorah and chanted the traditional Hebrew prayers.

Although the main theme of the evening was the understanding of the Jewish festival, the 125 faculty members, students, and guests who attended were treated also to some of the lighter aspects of American Judaism. Rabbi Kabrinetz explained the history and gave a practical demonstration of the uses of the dreidel — a four sided top of ancient origin sometimes used as a gambling device in a game very similar to dice. This was followed by mass dreidel spinning, in which chocolate pennies were supplied as the stakes.

The cultural aspect of the evening took over at this point with the help of Leon Ablon. Leon assisted by Jerry Davis and his accordion demonstrated the proper way to do the Hora (an Israeli dance), after which everyone joined in.

Probably the most entertaining part of the program was the presentation of a series of charades acting out expressions common to Jewish life in America. These were done unrehearsed by volunteers from the floor. Some of the expressions acted out were "Bagels and Lox," "Strudle," "Borrsht," and "Loch im Kopf" (translated: a hole in the head). This last charade was acted out by Professor Bernstein, Chaplain Myron Sibley, and Rabbi Kabrinetz.

Since this occasion was in celebration of a feast, every one was treated to traditional potato latkas, a type of pancake that is served hot and smothered in apple sauce.

## Newly Formed Dance Class To Shuffle Off Dec. 11

A dance class has been formed recently to include both Ag-Tech and University students. Its purpose is to teach or improve the fox trot, waltz, lindy, rumba, tango, samba, and mambo. The lessons will extend over a ten week period and will cost 50 cents an hour.

The first lesson, at Firemens Hall on the first Sunday after Christmas vacation, will start at 2:00 p. m. and last for an hour. The enrollment is expected to be large and it might have to be limited to those who are most interested.

Dick Story, the instructor, has had two years of experience teaching at Fred Astaire Studios and has done dance exhibitions at many of the Long Islands night clubs.

On Sunday, December 7, Dick had a meeting of all who were interested in his class. At this get-together Jim Reed and his band played for the approximately 40 people who were there.

## Man With Band



Woody Herman

## Senators File Away Filing Cabinet Idea

The Senate cosed business for this year with a short meeting. Details about the song books were given. They will be sold at all times, first to the houses and then to individuals. A committee, Paul Goodrich, and Lola Sutton, was appointed to speak to Mr. Wingate about the words and music of the songs.

The Dean of Men suggested that the Senate participate in frosh orientation week. The senators are now thinking of ways to help the February frosh in preparation for the larger program for the September freshmen.

File cabinets drifted briefly into the discussion, but the question was put aside for a future agenda.

Dr. Reuben Frodin, Executive Dean of Four-Year Colleges for the State University of New York, visited the College of Ceramics Thursday, December 4, and during the course of his visit had discussions with Pres. Drake, Dean McMahon, and heads of the departments. He visited the various laboratories, and in general brought himself up-to-date regarding developments taking place in the College.

## AOC Announce Candidates For Sno Queen

The American legend has been chosen as the theme for the sixth annual winter carnival of the AOC. Since there were several other good suggestions for themes, such as abstract design, comic strip characters, and the spacemen of the future, it was not an easy choice. Over Christmas vacation, perhaps you will be able to collect information about American legend for the snow sculpturing contest to be held. Folklore is another aspect of American legend which has possibilities for this contest. Remember, all houses are enrolled in the competition, and rivalry will be keen!

At the Sno Ball, the semi-formal dance of the carnival, last year's snow queen, Lois Vanderloef, will crown this year's choice. Nominations for snow-queen have been made by several of the residences already. Those who still have not chosen their candidate for this beauty plus personality contest please do so immediately. The nominees who have been entered thus far are Cornelia Phall from Henderson House, Alberta Hall from Rosebush, Michelina Modica from the Castle, Marcianne Maple from Theta Theta Chi, Joan Jacobs from Alpha Kappa Omicron, Ardith Kuehn from Pi Alpha Pi, Joyce Trevor from Sigma Chi Nu, and last but not least, Anne Winslow and Kathleen Burwell from the Brick.

## Piano Music and Good Neighbor Policy to be Ingredients of Forum

### Forum Soloist



Philippe Entremont

## French Pianist to Visit A.U. While Touring U.S.

Philippe Entremont, an 18-year old French pianist who is touring America for the first time through the interchange-of-artist program, will be soloist at the forum at 8:15 on January 7 and 8 in Alumni Hall.

## Blue Key Is Seeking AU Extroverts

The second annual Blue Key Talent Show featuring both Students and faculty, is planned for February 23, in Alumni Hall. This show, which Blue Key hopes to make an annual affair, is presented for the purpose of raising money for the Alfred University Building Fund.

Anyone, with any kind of talent, is invited to participate. Auditions are being held at some time in the future. They have not as yet been scheduled, but anyone interested in taking part in the show is urged to call Ralph Swanson or Ed Sailor at Delta Sig, 8721.

Last year's talent show netted close to \$500 which went toward the new Chemistry building. The money came from the entrance fee paid by students who wanted to see President Drake as "Charlie, the janitor," and from bids made by sororities and fraternities when faculty members were auctioned off.

## Rodies Raiders Stricken From Santa's List

This past weekend, the Saxon Heights dorms were the scene of a bit of merrymaking which was followed by president-setting repercussions Monday nite.

The affair began about 4 p. m. Sunday when an aggregation of Rodies men met a group of Dobson girls with snowballs at about twenty paces. It must be stated here that the boys had an unfair advantage due to the fact that they had baseball gloves to catch snowballs and a lacrosse stick to throw them.

Due to the sun and the heat of the battle, the snow quickly disappeared, and about ten Rodies men were enticed to engage in the pursuit of feminine underclothes.

The lacrosse stick again came into play, this time with a wire hanger on the end. It was brought into action because Hank Yost had difficulty holding on the window sill and fell into a room damaging a clothes rack of unmentionables and a window shade.

Joe Janowitch then borrowed a lacrosse stick to aid his cause, and was immediately aided by Steve Bender when it was thought that he could not use the weapon properly. Joe then proceeded to show his worth by hooking a pair of yellow panties. The total haul among the raiding group came to three pairs of colored undies and two small bras.

After the Rodies house meet Monday night, Joe Janowitch, Steve Bender, and Hank Yost conferred with Dean Gertz, Mrs. Dean, housemother at Dobson, and Howie Daly, and Don Edwards, two of the Rodies counsellors. It was decided that as a penalty, they would be confined to their dorms at 7:30 p. m. six nights a week, Sunday excluded, until the end of the semester. It might also be noted that there were two windows broken, and a great many snowballs thrown through open windows by a group of about 20 other boys, which went by "unnoticed" by the authorities.

## Five Cent Tour of Great Books Is Given At Library

A 12-volume set of the Diccionario Enciclopedico Salvat, second edition, has just been added to the reference shelves in the library. The German and French encyclopedias in the library are Der Grosse Brockhaus in 22 volumes and the Larousse Grand Dictionnaire Universel in 17 volumes. These were acquired a year ago.

Since the addition of the Spanish encyclopedia, the library has a standard encyclopedia for each of the major

The first part of the program will consist of the Bach-Mozart Fantasie and Fugue in G minor; Sonata opus 109, by Beethoven; Ballade No. 1 in G minor, by Chopin; Impromptu No. 3 in D flat, by Chopin; and Scherzo No. 3 in C sharp minor, by Chopin.

Following the intermission, Mr. Entremont will play the Impromptu No. 3, opus 34 and Valse Caprice by Faure, Saudades do Brazil by Milhaud; Prelude No. 8 by Messiaen; and Alborado del Gracioso by Ravel.

Mr. Entremont will make his initial appearance in this country at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., on January 4, to be followed by a performance at Carnegie Hall with the National Symphony Orchestral Association under the baton of Leon Barzin.

It was Mr. Barzin who, while touring Europe last summer as conductor for the New York City Ballet, heard Mr. Entremont play and was so impressed with his artistry that he invited him to be soloist with the National Orchestral Association.

Mr. Entremont's visit to this country is a result of the cultural exchange plan inaugurated last season by the Jeunesses Musicales de France and the Nation Music League, America's only non-profit concert management. While Mr. Entremont displays his talents to American audiences, an American pianist, Lilian Kallir, will be on the other side of the Atlantic giving concerts throughout France and North Africa. Philippe Entremont gave his first recital in Paris when he was 10 years old and since then has been recognized throughout Europe for his "easy virtuosity and brilliance."

His career abroad includes tours in France, Spain, Portugal, Austria and Germany as well as major awards at the National Conservatory, the Long-Thibaud International Competition in Paris and the Brussels International Competition sponsored by Queen Elizabeth of Belgium in Brussels last spring. Last February he was soloist at the anniversary concert in tribute to Darius Milhaud and Arthur Honneggen where he played "Pastoral Fantasy," a new work by Darius Milhaud under the composer's direction.

## TB Fund Drive Celebrates 45th Anniversary

On November 17 the Christmas Seal Drive, sponsored by the State Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health, began its fund raising campaign which will continue until Christmas. Mrs. E. O. Reynolds, president of the tuberculosis fund committee in Allegany county announced that this marks the second year that Christmas seals have been sent out to students, and expressed the hope that this year's response will be as good or better than last year's.

Forty-five years ago, the State Charities Aid Association established an organization for the prevention and reduction of tuberculosis, and the education of those who have already contracted the disease. This committee became the first voluntary organization of its kind in America. It is non-partisan and non-sectarian and relies on state-wide citizens' organization for public administration.

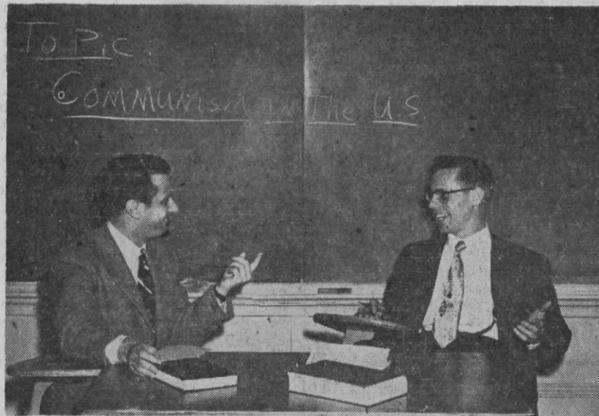
When the organization is finished with its Christmas Seal campaign, it devotes its time to training people with tuberculosis to live normal lives. It also sponsors the chest X-ray units which provide free X-rays to aid in tuberculosis prevention.

foreign languages taught on campus, French, Spanish, and German.

A reference guide to the great classical books of the world is on sale for 5c at the library desk. The booklet, which was compiled by Wilber L. Buchanan of Chicago, lists the books under the following topics: biography, history, government, philosophy, religion, art, music, travel, and literature. The literature section is further divided into fiction, poetry, drama, stories, essays, and criticism.

The library will be open during the vacation on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. Reserved books may be withdrawn on December 17, and kept until 10 o'clock on January 5.

## Political Science Duet



These two jovial gentlemen, Prof. Fred Engelmann and Prof. David Leach, are of the Political Science Department. Both gentlemen have opinions which they enjoy threshing out with each other. They are shown here, shortly before a discussion on Communism, which gave them a chance to express their views and enlighten their audience of Political Science clubbers.

## Engelman And Leach Discuss Communism

At the last meeting of the Political Science Club the topic "Communism in the United States." Preliminary remarks were made by Professors Leach and Engelman, after which the meeting was open for questions from the floor.

No conclusion was reached on the question of the legality of loyalty oaths, but it was felt the system could work if personal pride could be suspended for the group welfare. It was felt that fair trials for American com-

Mr. Charles Shoemaker (B.F.A. Alfred 1940 and M.F.A. Alfred 1947) has been accepted by the United Nations to help with small potteries in Ecuador. He expects to be in Ecuador soon after the first of the year. Appointment is for six months, and in all likelihood, will be extended for one year.

Dean of Men, Fred H. Gertz, wishes to repeat his request that all students who are staying at Alfred over the XMAS vacation see him. In this way he will be able to make arrangements for their entertainment during that time.

Communists were nearly an impossibility as both judge and jury were prejudiced.

The group also felt that there should be definite restrictions of Communist meetings and mailing of subversive material.

## Wayward Trio --- Caught in the Act!



The three people shown playing THAT game represent (from left to right as usual) western civilization, the Jewish religion, the religious activities on the Alfred campus. Dr. Melvin Bernstein, Rabbi Simeon Kabrinetz, and Chaplain Myron K. Sibley are revealed collectively succumbing to the gambling urge. This devilry took place Saturday night at the Hillel Chanuka Party.

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Bastille Week

The word "campus" has undergone some semantic changes in the past week. It no longer brings to mind the charm of ivy-covered walls. Instead, it has a connotation of walls in conjunction with claustrophobia.

The women on campus are so at home with campuses by now that they regard them as inevitably a part of college life as tea with crumpets. On the night of a campus a girl can curl up at the gas heater with a good textbook and spend the evening enriching her intellectual life.

In the meantime, the men students, those gay adventurous spirits unhampered by social restrictions, have been wallowing in their freedom. Little did they know that the axe was to fall, as it did.

Campuses have been flowing like union coffee this past week. If a campus can be considered a suitable punishment for anti-social offenses, we say it's about time that the boom was lowered on the bearded sex. Reports from unreliable but basically honest sources indicated that the crimes for which women are punished, (ie. coming in three minutes late or raising the voice to aslight coloratura) and easily eclipsed by the goings on in the men's residences.

Lest we get carried away in this feminist outcry, let us hasten to the "if" clause two paragraphs back. We have been basing our criticism on the assumption that campuses are a suitable form of chastisement—an assumption which we do not assume.

If someone exhibits anti-social tendencies it should be his responsibility to make amends somehow. If he does not do so he should be "reminded" of this responsibility and a plan for atonement should be presented to him. By this we mean that transgressors of the law should be made to do something constructive for the benefit of the people they have inconvenienced by their actions. This extra expenditure of time and energy will be just repugnant enough to make a recurrence of the offense less likely and will, at the same time, benefit the offended party.

Noise or lateness can be "punished" by having the culprit do odd jobs around the house such as shoveling paths in the snow or cleaning windows or whatever needs to be done. A pantie raid might result in the giving of a large care package of underwear plus the temporary employment of the varmints involved as mail carriers, janitors, or handymen.

In the words of the Mikado, why not "make the punishment fit the crime," rather than locking students up in their rooms where they can feel sorry for themselves and surround themselves with hostilities and aggressions against everything and everybody. Even the inmates of Sing Sing are allowed to do their bit for society by manufacturing license plates. The Alfred student deserves equal rights.

Public Airing

Public opinion analysts have arrived at the following estimates over a period of years:

"About 30 percent of the electorate, on the average, is unaware of almost any given event in American foreign affairs.

"About 45 percent of the electorate is aware of important events in the field but cannot be considered informed. These retain little information. Although they may follow discussions of the issues of foreign policy, they cannot frame intelligent arguments about them.

"Only 25 percent of the electorate consistently shows knowledge of foreign problems."

After the initial shock passes, our first reaction should be that (especially in a college where facilities are available) a quick job of communication and enlightenment should be undertaken.

Fortunately for us, this step has been taken at Alfred. During the past two weeks we have had two panel discussions on some very "discussable" topics: civil liberties and communism. The faculty have shown their concern by giving of their time and talents to these affairs. It is now up to us to recognize their value and show our gratitude by clamoring for more of the same and attending these discussions in droves. Now as never before is the time to be among those well-informed 25 percent.

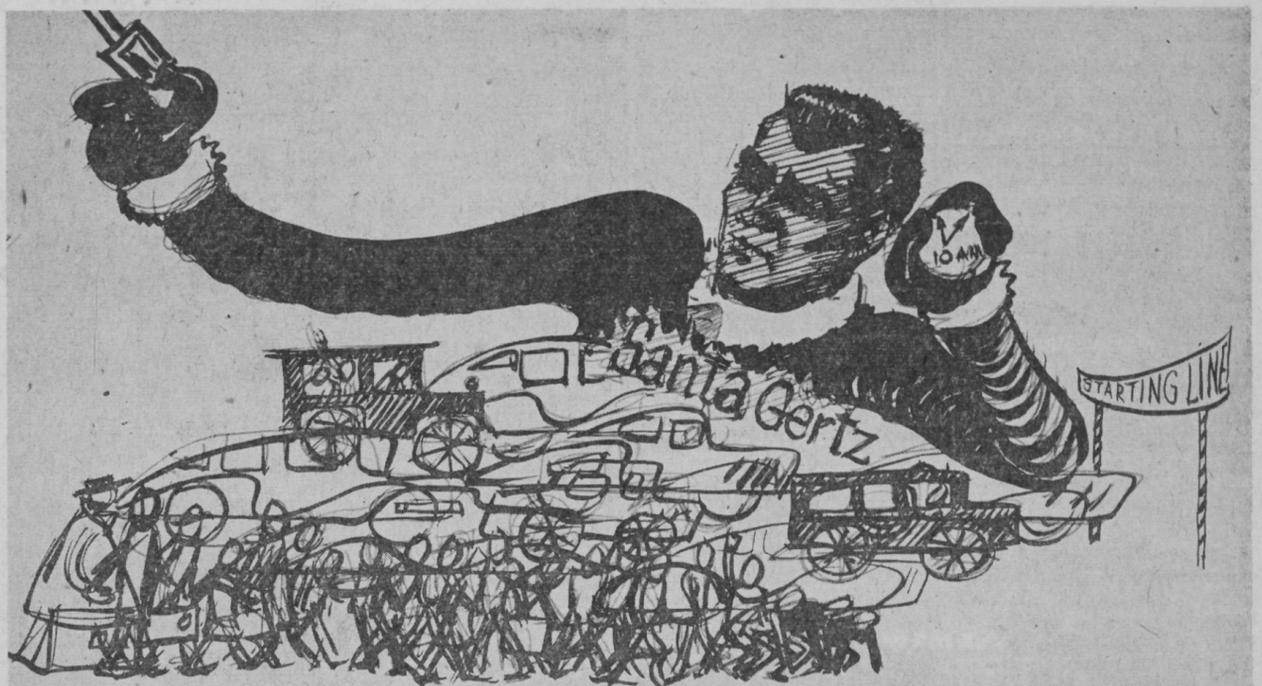
The staff of the Fiat Lux wishes its loyal readers a very merry Christmas accompanied by a joyous new year. We hope that, nestled away from the empire state hills, you will find peace and contentment and meals like Mother used to make.

As for us, we'll just go off somewhere where there's no news and no deadline and go to sleep for a week or so, dreaming about riding a fiery steed and slaying typographical errors with a sharp copy pencil. Maybe if we get rested we will get rid of that constantly recurring nightmare of seeing a five-page luminous chartreuse Fiat containing six pages of advertising.

Well, see you next year!

Alfred Sketchbook

by Floyd Pettingill



Out Of Bounds

Jeanne Lounsbury

At George Washington University they have a Co-op book store, but they seem to have their troubles too. Instead of charging outlandish prices for their volumes, they try to sell their pauper students all new books without letting them know that they also are in business to sell second-hand books which of course are available at a much lower price.

A Michigan State biology teacher told his pupils that he was disappointed that so few of them believed in flying saucers. At this point he reached into a paper bag and started hurling china plates across the lecture room.

From South Dakota State College by the of Drexel comes a notice on a new ruling. It seems kissing has been replaced at the door of the women's dormitory with a casual handshake. "It isn't the idea to completely prohibit the traditional goodnight kiss," says the dean of women, "but to curb prolonged half hour demonstrations at the door."

Editors are always receiving peculiar letters, but here is one from the University of Vermont paper that is a little out of the ordinary. "To the Editor: I like your newspaper. It is good. It is sometimes funny. My roommate lets me read it. I read it. I have a dog. His name is Rusty. He likes to read it. I have a cat. Her name is Kitty. She reads it. I am in the first grade. I am 69 years old. Mother says I'm crazy. Mother is always right. I like your newspaper. I am crazy. A friend."

Interested in seeing the world? There's an add in the Boston University News. You can go to Europe by steamship, and come back again for only a pittance—\$280 (and up).

Two funnies from the Canisius "Griffin": Instructor: "Why don't you answer when I call your name?" Student: "I nodded my head." Instructor: "You don't expect me to hear the rattle all the way up here, do you?"

Freshman to bookstore proprietor: "Er-do you carry any midnight oil?" And a Merry Christmas to all.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor: As personal representatives of Miss Dinah Shore, I am writing to see if you would be interested in receiving a music column which Miss Shore is now writing for the newspapers of several leading Universities and Colleges throughout the country.

I don't know if you are aware of it but Miss Shore was a reporter on the newspaper at the University of Vanderbilt and has always had a special desire to report music and record news in column form. I am enclosing the first of her columns for your inspection. Please feel free to use this in your publications and this letter authorizes you to use her by-line in connection with the article.

The column is going to be written on a weekly basis and we will be happy to put you on our regular mailing list should you desire. Further, should your space not permit the use of the column as a weekly feature we would be glad to supply you regularly either on a semi-monthly or monthly basis. The only thing we do ask of you in return for the servicing of the column, for which there is no charge, is that you tear sheets on each column published to the above office.

Sincerely Warren Cowan Ed. Note: How about it? Are we interested?

Dean McMahon attended the winter meeting of the Association of Engineering Colleges of New York State, held in New York City, on December 5. Deans from all engineering colleges of the state of New York were present. A good deal of the discussion concerned the accreditation of engineering curricula.

Senior Outlook

by Morty Floch



Greetings to this, the last SENIOR OUTLOOK of the year 1952. Before preparing for the great annual migration home, we feel compelled to leave you these few choice announcements that remain in this year's file.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced a new examination for Student Aid Trainees. The majority of positions to be filled from the exam will be in the National Bureau of Standards and the Weather Bureau of the Department of Commerce, the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Power Commission, the Department of the Army, and the Bureau of Ships of the Department of the Navy.

All information for this examination, as well as for another exam for Physical Science Aid and Engineering Aid, can be obtained in the office of the Dean of Men.

Air Force and Fund The United States Air Force announces that new opportunities are available for young men and women with scientific or technical interests to enter the Air Force for the purpose of receiving training as weather officers. Dean Gertz has more information on that score.

The Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund, which gives aid to needy boys and girls from the New York City area, announces openings for summer camp staff positions for the 1953 season of June 24 to September 1. See the Dean for further dope.

re-fined and re-defined In a previous OUTLOOK, a contest consisting of essays on "The Advantages of Re-Refined Oil" had been announced. It was also announced that the closing date for this contest was December 31. However, the Association of Petroleum Re-Refiners, who are sponsoring this contest, has announced that the closing date for the contest has been moved up to March 31, 1953. Dean Gertz has all the details of the contest.

O-Cel-O, Division of General Mills, Inc., manufacturers of cellulose sponges, has announced that they are interested in any senior, graduates, or advanced degree candidates who would like employment with their company. See Dean Gertz if you have any interest in this matter.

The YMCA has announced that they are interested in recruiting graduating students who are interested in becoming secretaries in that organization. Dean Gertz can supply further details.

Merry Christmas Friday, January 16, a representative from Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company will be on the campus to interview seniors who majored in Math, Business Administration, Physics, Chemistry, Glass Technology, Ceramics Technology and Ceramic Engineering. See Dean Gertz for an appointment.

That's it for this year, see you next. Have fun over the vacation, and don't forget to come back. We need our readers.

All candidates for varsity wrestling please report for practice 4:30 Monday January 12, in Men's gym. All positions are open. The following are the weight classes: 123, 130, 137, 147, 157, 167, 177, unlimited. Experienced men should report but those who have not wrestled are welcome to come out and learn.

Today is a no-cut day Tomorrow is one too, So if you're not in class m'friend, Papa spankum, ool

The Goldfish Bowl

by Hedda Hochwald

Saturday, the 13th of December, on one of those dimly lit streets in front of the bank, Stebbie and I were waiting in the patrol car for almost an hour—just waiting for it to happen. It wasn't necessary for either of us to talk, we knew what was in each others mind. But occasionally I would look into that cherubic face and understand why he was willing sacrifice almost anything.

Two hours past, and when I looked at Stebbie again, he still had that determined on his face. When he didn't change his expression for another hour I got scared and leaned over to pinch him. But before I could, he looked at me with those cat-like eyes that drenched the car with light. I knew he was ready to pounce on any rodent-like character who wanted to "dirty" his town. God, how he wanted to get this town cleaned up for decent people to live in!

I knew he meant it when I looked out of the back window and saw the Howitzer on a trailer. I turned too fast to ask him a question when I hit my head on the grenades hanging from the roof. At 12 p.m. I regained consciousness only to see him loading a bazooka and watching the deluge of people passing by him. After the crowd thinned out and he put away his flame thrower, I asked what was cooking.

"Well", he said, "I'm not sure." "Things are too quiet." "I know Lambda Chi has a Christmas party and so does Klan. Klan is giving its pledges some small, black books and that might cause some excitement." I saw his face relax when he said that he didn't expect much trouble from the Christmas party at Omicron or at the Castle. And he added that the parties that Theta and Pi will have this week will most likely be quiet.

The furrows on his brow deepened when he thought of the Christmas party for the kiddies Lambda Chi, Delta Sig, and Theta Chi were having the next day. He was mumbling something when he leaned over to pick up his A-gun and the words rebounded with a sickening tone of the bullet proof windshield wipers. "These brats, they'll get me yet." I saw his upper lip quiver when I mentioned that Theta Gamma, KN, Kappa Psi, Psi

Campus Close-Ups

Marv Rosenthal

As the feeling of Christmastime pervades the Alfred atmosphere, talk of vacation echoes thru the Empire State Hills to such an extent that it prompted this reporter to ask the following question: "What are you looking forward to most when you go home for the Christmas vacation?"

Diane Kosse: A long deserved rest, good food, and seeing all my friends. John Fasano: My mother's baked lasagna, ravioli and pastafazoola. Myra Korn: I'm not especially anxious to go home since I think Alfred is such a wonderful place. Anlee Fischer: Lots of food and lots of sleep. Lyn Sunshine: New Year's Eve—wow! Jack Sawson: Heh, heh, heh.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday Delta Sig Kids Christmas Party 2:00 P.M. Interfraternity Ball - Davis Gym Fiat Meeting, 7:00 - Fiat Office Wednesday Christmas Vacations Begins 10 A.M.

Movie Schedule

Wednesday Has Anybody Seen My Gal Plus Selected Shorts, Shows 7:00, 9:15. Feature 7:46, 10:01 Friday Carbine Williams and Way Of A Gaucho. Show Starts 7:00 Carbine 8:49 Gaucho 7:08, 10:30 Saturday Sally and Saint Ann Plus Selected Shorts. Show 7:00, 9:08. Feature 7:38, 9:46

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Sandra Broadwin: Going to see all the shows in New York City. Harry Link: Walking the weary beat of a mailman. Fred Gibbs: Seeing Alfred play and beat the University of Buffalo the first day and then going to Rochester to see Janice. Ames Reasa: A good time, a little money, and a lot of booz. Al Lepara: I'm not looking forward to going home. Chuck Weisenseel: Being closer to my source of income.

# Fine Attracted by Lurid Book Cover; Overcomes Letdown

by Paul Fine

There recently arrived in the office of this newspaper a plainly wrapped package from the Avon Publishing Company, addressed to the FIAT LUX, Alfred, N. Y. The contents of this proved to be a number of handy-sized books with large-sized girls in small-sized dresses picture on the cover. Pleased at this indirect depletion of the purse of D. C. Peck and, conversely, the inflation of mine, I decided to see what was behind the lurid covers.

Most of the books had little value—even of the type that would be indicated by their titles and covers. I did, however, glean from the stack one anthology, written by Ernest Hemingway, which I do think is worthy of your attention.

The title of this book is *Men At War*. It is a group of stories extolling the real or imagined, but undeniably ancient, idea of the magnificence and the glory of the warrior in arms.

These stories range from an account of the battle of Hastings, 1066; to the battle of Waterloo; to tank battles in Tunisia. The distinguished group of authors assembled by Mr. Hemingway included William Faulkner, Winston Churchill, Rudyard Kipling, and, of course, Ernest Hemingway. There are stories by them emphasizing war as a battle of wits—a

chess game played by generals; and there are stories emphasizing the individual soldier. There are stories of battles on the deep sea and stories of battles in the air. In short, the book is a collection of accounts of war from almost any angle you can think of.

I have but one objection to it. It is obvious that *Men At War* was written at a time when glorifying war seemed expedient because we were engaged in a global one ourselves. Books of this type were used to build up moral. For this reason the anthology emphasizes the glory and tends to skip over the gory. It tries to endow war with a false glamour. It leaves out the hurt and the noise and the death present in most post-war books about war. This attitude is not, it seems to me, conducive to world peace.

# Women's Sports

by Kitty Weyand



Cold weathers has descended and sent flocks of outdoor sportsters to the gyms. The badminton tournament is running along smoothly. Both the singles and the doubles matches are being played and will continue after Christmas vacation. Space will be available for practice every Friday and Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 5: p. m. and on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

**plunk!**  
The Ag-Tech basketball tournament will begin on Monday, January 5. Marilyn Morganberger has been chosen to act as manager.

Two games were played last Saturday in the Women's interhouse basketball tournament. Theta Chi downed the Brick by a score of 58 to 21 while Pi Alpha and Merriam House tied 18 to 18. High individual scorers for the games were by: Mary Jane Gibson, Theta Chi, 57 points; Gwen Shupe, Merriam House, 16 points; Anita Ziegler, Brick, 10 points; and Ardith Kuehm, Pi Alpha, 6 points.

**boing!**  
The following are the scores in the archery tournament: women's team; Joyce Holden made 60 hits with a score of 4334; Eunice Altenburg made 60 hits with a score of 392; Jane Cunningham made 56 hits for a score of 346.

and Constance Abbey made 56 hits for a score of 346. This made a team total of 234 hits and a score of 1502 for the week.

On the men's team: Eli Kaplan made 60 hits with a score of 398; Frank Vincent had a score of 380 with 60 hits; Johnny Klein had 59 hits making a score of 355; and James Crase had 60 hits for a score of 354. Their total score for the week was 1447 with 239 hits.

**pong!**  
The scores for the complete tournament found the men's team ahead with a total of 716 hits and a score of 4628, with the women's team close behind having 705 hits and a total score of 4525.

The schedule for table tennis is up and the games will start right after Christmas vacation.



These weary Ag-Techers are in the process of registering for the second quarter. This took place Friday. Lucky people — their exams are over and they can breathe easily over the Christmas vacation!

# Psych Prof Expresses Interest In Communications and English

by David Earley

Just happened to run into an interesting man the other day, by appointment. Now that I mention it, I guess there are many interesting people around here; this particular one happens to be Mr. Harold VanCott, of the new Psychology Department. I use 'new' in the sense that the departmental staff is new; South Hall remains as ever.

I entered the cellar of South Hall for the purpose of getting the word on the new Experimental Psychology laboratory, which is in an incipient condition at present. Frankly, I was floored, in a manner of speaking, by the lab itself. Mr. VanCott was, when I arrived, assembling a regio-versibilis oscillator, or something like that. (I suppose that it wasn't actually that, but it sounded; yes, it sure sounded.)

**stretched out**  
Mr. VanCott explained a bit about the lab, which is for the use of advanced psychology majors. After matriculating, as an undergraduate, at the University of Rochester, Mr. VanCott did graduate work and received his M.A. in psychology at the University of North Carolina. Working in the field of experimental psychology (as compared with clinical psychology), Mr. VanCott concentrated on the learning process and its ramifications. Therefore, he is well prepared to conduct a laboratory in the learning process. This will cover such aspects as conditioning, reaction time, and differentiating changes in pitch and loudness in audible sounds. The lab, when ready for use, will have other functions which, being of a technical and esoteric nature, I won't attempt to relay to you because I do not understand them myself.

I questioned Mr. VanCott on the difference between clinical and experimental psychology. He explained to me that clinical psychology is concerned with the individual patient and his cure. The well known psychiatrist, with his couch and soothing counsel, is a clinical psychologist.

The experimental psychologist is not concerned, directly, with an individual patient needing help, but with general laws which can be discovered through experimental procedure and applied to all mankind. He attempts to define general laws by which the clinical psychologist can diagnose and cure mental disorders in the individual. An example of this is the newly developed method of testing called "factor analysis." This method explores many different "factors" of the person tested, covering intelligence, aptitudes, and personality, and seems, so far, to be a valid help to the

clinical psychologist in his efforts to isolate and cure mental abnormalities.

**speaking to me baby**  
As a result of my confusion over the terms used in our discussion, Mr. VanCott spoke of the difficulty experienced in all fields of scientific or non-scientific investigation, as a result of a lack of agreement on the meaning of words used. He expressed the opinion that the verbal factor (that is, the magnitude and adaptability of the vocabulary used) and this agreement upon the meanings of terms are of signal importance in any interrelation of people. Even introspective thinking is conditioned by the ability to put thoughts into definite and meaningful words. "The verbal factor, the ability to use words to express ideas, is of as great importance to the scientist as to the literary man. Communication is necessary in all fields."

**twains meet**  
It then developed that Mr. VanCott pursued, as an undergraduate, a minor concentration in English. This is rather interesting in that, when considering these two fields, the humanities and the sciences, one does not, usually, suppose the twain ever to meet. Mr. VanCott is of the opinion that the interconnection between the various fields of study, as presented here at Alfred, is very real and very important. He suggested that, for instance, in the field of literary criticism, psychology is an inherent component. Freudian, or clinical, psychology is a method common to both the student of literature and the psychologist. Mr. VanCott emphasized his interest in the fact that "... there are

# Theater-going Students Drive To Rochester

Last Wednesday the Eastman Theater in Rochester diverted some of the campus theater crowd by offering Stephen Vincent Benet's "John's Body."

Approximately 15 students with cars or automotive friends and \$1.75 and up, braved the downpour to make the trip to Rochester for this occasion. The play, which is written in verse, was directed by Charles Laughton and starred Judith Andersen, Raymond Massey, and Tyrone Power.

"John Brown's Body" was not presented in the conventional manner. It was a reading supplemented by a few tables and benches for the actors to sit on by way of scenery, and a Schumann's music, and provided musical sound effects.

Each actor took several roles and did narration. Scripts were not used as they were in George Bernard Shaw's "Don Juan in Hell," currently touring the country.

The plot of the play concerned the Civil War and its effects on a Yankee and a Southern boy, their families, and the country as a whole. According to Prof. C. Duryea Smith, who was among the Alfred crowd on the upper fringes of the balcony, the plot was less responsible than usual for the success of the play. The unique presentation had to be regarded as an organic whole which, in the opinion of most of those who were present, had to be regarded with admiration.

no definite dividing lines between the major fields of a university. Each course has a common relationship with the others."

As I left the depths of South Hall it came to me that here is a singular man; he is obviously competent in his own field and is yet conversant with my peculiar interests, and with, I've no doubt, yours. Add one to the long list of interesting people at Alfred.

# Words & Music Offered To The Assembled

Observing the spirit of Christmas, Jack Kaplan began the assembly last Thursday by presenting trophies to Theta Theta Chi, Castle, and Alpha Kappa Omicron for their one-hundred percent contribution to last year's fund drive for band uniforms.

Mrs. Scholes then proceeded with the musical part of the assembly, leading the assembled group in the singing of some Christmas songs: "Deck the Halls," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "White Christmas."

During the singing of "White Christmas," the members of the University chapel choir assembled on either side of the balcony to set the stage for their first carol, "All My Heart Rejoices." The lights in the auditorium dimmed and orange lights slowly appeared behind the girls as they sang their first number.

While the girls were coming downstairs to the stage, Mrs. Scholes again led the assembly in song; this time it was "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem." Assembled on stage, the choir sang what Mrs. Scholes called "Fun Carols." They were the Russian Carol "Carol of the Bells," the Alsatian "Cuckoo Carol," and the American "What Does This Mean?" in which you could actually hear the footsteps of the donkey's feet as these wise men made their way to Bethlehem. Barbara Shatara concluded this portion of the program with her solo rendition of "Oh, Holy Night," aided by the choir as a background.

As an introduction to Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Mrs. Ronald Brown read a Christmas story of old England.

As the curtain parted, the choir was revealed in a setting of pine branches, standing in the shape of a Christmas tree. With this picture, they sang the first carol in Benjamin Britten's composition, "Wolcum Yole!"

Dropping the branches to the ground and forming a red and white Christmas tree with their costumes, the choir sang "There is no Rose." Contrasting to the slow tempo of "There is no Rose," "The Little Babe" was sung, in a rapid tempo. With harmony, contrast, and a touch of modern jazz, "Deo Gracias" followed. One of the oldest and most beautiful of carols, "As Dew in Apille," concluded the first part of Britten's "Ceremony."

In front of the closed curtains, Mrs. Brown read another story. This one was about the journey of the wise men to Bethlehem.

In conjunction with the story, and as a finale to the production, the choir sang "Balulalow," a lullaby. Barbara Shatara again was the soloist, with the chorus kneeling, arms placed as if in prayer, looking at a Madonna and Child that was framed in the center of the stage.

With a repetition of "Balulalow," the University chapel choir brought the assembly to an end.

# Skits And Raffle Regale Customers At Frosh Dance

Student entertainment, dancing, and a raffle drawing were the highlights of the freshman-sponsored dance, held last Wednesday night at Social Hall.

The entertainment started off with Ken Fitzgerald singing "The Chattanooga Shoe-Shine Boy," and Grand-ma's Lye Soap." Then Ken and Sylvia Johnson teamed up on an audience participation number, "I Am An Eck-estrate, and I Come From Slave Lands."

Loe Resser followed the singing with a skit concerned with "Life in A Military Academy," and finally, Jack Slawson presented a skit dramatizing an Alfred Student and his travels "down the road."

Jean Hickey won the first prize of a pen and pencil set in the raffle, and second and third prizes were taken by Arthur Unger and Professor Ogden, respectively.

# Concrete, Glass, and Steel Fly As AT Building Takes Shape

The current inclement weather is no deterrent to construction on the \$1,800,000 Ag-Tech industrial-engineering building.

According to Harry W. Crocker, superintendent for William E. Bouley Co., general contractors, work is progressing steadily. "Hopefully," Mr. Crocker said, "the building will be ready for occupancy next September."

"On Dec. 9," Mr. Crocker continued, "we poured the last of the concrete for the roof, and the roofers should start applying the build-up roof of tar and gravel in about two weeks. The masons are fast closing in the outside. The entire first floor is now complete, with the exception of glassing in the windows. Installation was begun on December 9. In two weeks, the outside wall should be 75% enclosed. We have not done too much on the interior since we've been putting all our effort on getting the building enclosed and putting on the roof. However, in another week, we shall begin erecting the stairs."

Mr. Crocker also noted that all the steel was on the job, and that practically all of it was placed. He commented further that, including the concrete for the roof, 4,620 yards had been poured.

Construction was started on the new building April 1, 1951. The building occupies 3.1 acres of land and will provide a floor space of 104,000 square feet. A three-story, U-shaped, brick and limestone structure, the dimensions are 241 feet across the front with two wings on each end, each

159 by 80 feet. The industrial-engineering building will contain 19 classrooms, 11 laboratories, 5 shops, and several offices for the administration and faculty.

The industrial division containing the departments of heating, mechanical technology, refrigeration, building construction technology and electric power will be housed in the new building, as well as the laboratory technology and medical secretarial departments.

Laboratory space will be allocated to the departments of chemistry, physics, biology, bacteriology, clinical laboratory technology, electricity, radio, power and drafting.

All the laboratories and shops will be transferred from existing structures. The shops, which are now located in temporary buildings at the institute farm, are to be converted for the sole use of diesel and farm power machinery departments.

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# Former AT Student Wins First Prize In Essay Contest

Sam Peck, Ag-Tech '51, won first prize of a \$100 Defense Bond in an essay contest sponsored last spring by the New York State Mediation Board, it was announced last week.

Mr. Peck's essay was concerned with a review and suggestions for improvement of existing labor-management relations.

His co-advisors for the project were Mr. Earl Hornbeck of the Institute's Mechanical Technology department and Warren L. Bouck of the English Department.

While at Alfred, Mr. Peck was a member of Psi Delta Omega.



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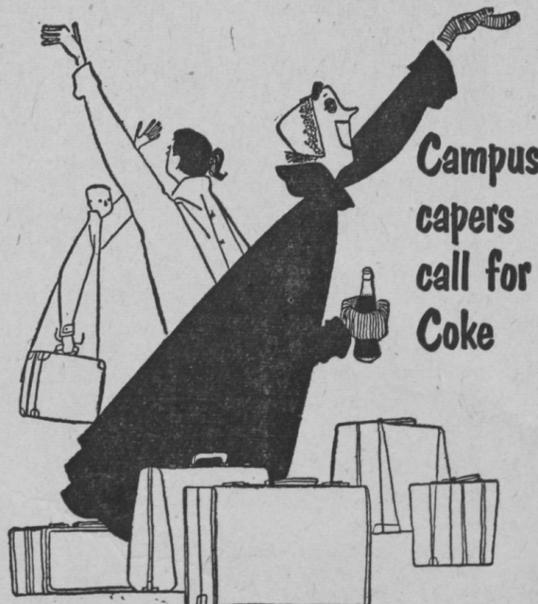
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## Silent Partner In Ceramics . Works Twenty-Four Hour Day

On hearing a rumor concerning some strange goings on in the Petrography Lab in the Ceramics Building, I entered the side door (the main entrance for the time being), walked up two flights of stairs and turned to my left. Two doors down, I reached the door to the lab and entered the room. I glanced around and found a movie camera surrounded by strange apparatus.

Curious as usual, I found Prof. "Al" Sheheen and asked him what it was all about. He smiled as he consented to "slip me the dope." Sitting down, I received an hour of interesting material concerning time-lapse motion pictures.

The beginning of the project dated back to a grant given to the school by the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation. Along with the grant came a project concerning origin of the efflorescence or scum that develops on bricks. Under the direction of Doctor Tuttle, a few men tried to wrestle with this problem of determining the pattern of migration of salts on brick walls. This means the study of crystal growth.

Since this growth can be watched by the naked eye, one would think that there would be no problem. However, there was one slight disturbing factor. Since the growth takes weeks, no person has been found willing to keep a twenty-four hour watch on the experiments. There seems to be a shortage of martyrs lately. The only other solution had to be a camera. Because of practicalities and necessities, it was deemed necessary to develop a process where the camera would take the action very slowly.

Prof. Basset and Sheheen worked on plans for developing a camera that would take one frame every three minutes. The lighting problem was deftly solved by the use of stroboscopic lights synchronized with the shutter action. The lights were designed to go off for 1/5000 of a second during the shooting of the frame.

The earlier experiments consisted of the photographing of slabs of brick which were half-way enclosed in a container of distilled water and known soluble salts. The different concentrations were for the purpose of answering the questions of how crystals form and how they behave. With the water evaporating through the open portion of the bricks, salts deposited on the outer surface. One interesting point was that the concentrated solutions deposited salts at the base of the slab, while the dilute solution had its salt formations at the top of the slab.

The final testing for this one problem involves the building of a brick wall. To facilitate matters, the bricks will be 1"x2"x1/2" and the size of the wall when bonded by mortar will be 6"x8". Actual weather conditions will be simulated in the lab. Rain will be provided by a spray (1 inch per day) and the baking sunlight will be provided by photo-flood lights. The duration of the cycle of rain and sun will last ten to twenty days. Since the camera will be recording the process of this artificial weathering, it is hoped that much will be learned concerning the development of crystal growth.

For future purposes, this camera technique can be applied to many other problems concerning structural clays.

### Basketball Schedule

Feb. 7,	Buffalo	Here
14,	Cortland	Away
20,	Rochester I.T.	Away
28,	Ithaca	Home
Mar. 6,	Buffalo	Away
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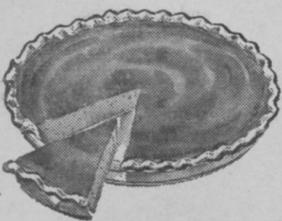
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### Psych Club

Last Thursday the Alfred Psych Club held a meeting at 8:30, in Professor VanCott's apartment, the subject of Extra Sensorial Perception was both discussed and experimented with. The experiment seemed to prove that on the average it doesn't exist. The exception was on who got 36 out of a hundred pinocle cards right, guessing the name of the card, without regard to its suit. But, as Prof Van Cott said, "Doing it once doesn't prove anything except unusual show of chance for only 100 cards."

The meeting ended with the agreement that at our next meeting, 8:30, January eighth in South Hall, the topic of "Where do People Bring Their Problems" will be discussed. After the meeting a bull session was held over cups of cider and donuts.

### Astronomy Club

Richard Riegert was elected president at the Alfred Astronomy Club at the last meeting, held in Physics Hall on December 4. Vice-president is to be John Stull, and in addition a two-man program committee was elected to take charge of next year's programs.

A group discussion on the origin of the solar system followed the informal talk by Mebury Millman. A movie, "The Sun's Family" completed the program.

Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting which will be held 7:30 January in Physics Hall. Weather permitting, a telescope will be in operation for interested star-gazers.

### APO

APO elections were held a week ago Sunday in Kenyon Hall. Prof. James Tinkler was faculty advisor.

Elected to office were: David Hill, president; Aaron Platkin, vice-president; Donald Armstrong, second vice-president; James Smith, corresponding secretary; recording secretary, William Burris, treasurer, James Flanagan; historian, Creighton Riordan; alumni secretary, Alan Schmier.

The formal initiation of pledges added six to the campus organization. They were: Raymond Bennett, Jim Smith, Lawrence Cobb, Paul Fine, Robert Runge, Robert VanNostrand.

### Caps and Capers

"An American Public Health Nurse's Scandanavian Summer" was the title of a talk given by Elizabeth Phillips, executive director of the Rochester Visiting Nurse Association.

Miss Phillips was guest speaker at the supper given in her honor by the nursing students. She had received a

## Saxon Cagers Win For 2nd Time Over Brockport St. Teachers

The A.U. Saxons downed the Brockport State Teachers College five here tonight by a score of 66 to 55 to give the home team its second win of the season as against one loss.

Big Bill Cusack and Millard Evak controlled the backboards for the Saxons whose 15 to 10 first period lead held up throughout the game.

Cusack was high point man for the night with 17 points, Vern Fitzgerald had 14, and Evak 13. For Brockport, Andy Spennacchio and Stan Chelchowski tied with 12 points each.

Coach Jay McWilliams relied on his starting five of Cusack, Evak, Dave McCormick, Fitzgerald and Mel Roberts for most of the Saxon chores. Fine ball hawking by McCormick and Fitzgerald gave Alfred control of the ball on the floor as the Saxons showed renewed spirit and teamwork in setting up plays.

## AT Hoopsters Beat Utica

Alfred State cagers have racked up a point average of 85 in their first four games.

They clobbered Utica Tech 93-58, last Wednesday night at Utica after handing defeats to R.B.I., 73-61, Paul Smith's Junior College, 86-82, and Canton Tech, 89-72, on a 675 mile three-day road trip, Dec. 4-7.

Coach Bill Havens cleared the bench, using all of his twelve man squad.

The Paul Smith's game went into an overtime period after underdog Alfred, following a 19 point deficit early in the second half, tied the score at 80 all on Jerry Prachel's field goal with seven seconds remaining in the game.

In the overtime period Stu Raynor made two points, Duane Rohe three, and Jack Kelly sewed up the game with a foul shot.

State Tech's next game will be played at home against Buffalo Tech Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 in the Ag-Tech gym.

grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for a ten week tour of Sweden, England, Denmark, Norway, Finland, and Lapland to study hospitals

Guests at the dinner, at which the freshman nurses waited on tables, were the sophomore nurses and the Alfred staff from Corning; Miss Kocher, director of nurses at Mt. Morris; Miss Schwier, clinical instructor at Mt. Morris; and Alfred student nurses affiliated with Mt. Morris.

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