

Bernstein Chosen President of American Studies Association

Dr. Melvin Bernstein, professor of English, is the new president of the American Studies Association of New York State.

Dr. Bernstein was elected to the post at the Association's annual meeting held recently at Wells College. He was vice president of the group last year.

The American Studies Association is comprised of college faculty members who are primarily interested in American civilization. The Association, which focuses on inter-disciplinary studies, had as the theme for the Wells meeting, "The Image of America as Revealed in the American Novel, American Art, and Radio and Television." Jazz music as a reflection of America was another topic presented at this meeting. Founded in 1951, the Association has members from colleges and universities in upper New York State.

Dr. Bernstein has been teaching at Alfred since 1949. His major fields of interest are English and American literature.

A charter member of the Association of which he is now president, Dr. Bernstein also holds memberships in the Modern Language Association of America, National Council of Teachers of English,

and the American Association of University Professors. He was recently selected to represent the American Council of Learned Societies at Alfred University.



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Interfraternity Week Presents Ball, Rubin, Queen, Basketball

by Pete Shapiro

Fraternities will hold the spotlight during the first weekend after Thanksgiving recess this year as the annual Inter-fraternity Ball arrives on Friday, December 6.

However, plans are being complete that will make the affair only a part of the biggest weekend for the fall semester. Also on the agenda will be a Saturday afternoon jazz concert and a University home basketball clash that night.

The weekend will be kicked-off with the official presentation of Queen candidates at the home and season cage opener against Hobart, December 4.

Festivities then move to the Friday night dance. Saturday afternoon the IFC will present Stan Rubin and his Tigertown Five at the Ag-Tech Gym in the first jazz concert of this age-old weekend.

Alfred's second home clash, this one against Brockport, will round out the carryings-on Saturday night, after which the couples will move to fraternity open-houses to "recuperate."

The Inter-Fraternity Ball goes royal this year—for the first time in its history a Queen and her court will reign over the festivities.

The candidates will make their initial appearance at the opening home basketball games of both University and Ag Tech, and con-

Junior Party

The junior class is holding a party for all of its members this Friday at Kappa Nu from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m.

There will be a round and square dance Saturday night from 9 p. m. till 1 a. m. at the Alfred Grange Hall.

Soft drinks and coffee will be served. All are invited, and there will be special rates for couples.



Clarinet (Stan Rubin), cornet and trombone comprise the "front line" of the Tigertown Five.

tinue to grace the proceedings until the weekend closes the next Saturday.

A special committee has chosen six candidates, three each from the University and Institute.

Voting privileges will be area-wide in the selection of the regal ruler. Ballot boxes are being set up at stores in Alfred and Hornell.

The candidates will be announced within the week, at which time

the polling will start. Purchases made at any of the stores indicated will entitle the customer to one vote. However, there is no limit to number of ballots anyone may enter.

The Queen and her court will receive gifts donated by the businesses as well as having the honor of being the campus favorites in the only popular election of regal rulers at a dance.

Campus Epidemic Subsides; Movement Sort of 'Flu Away'

The epidemic of upper respiratory infections that was responsible for a three-fold increase in the number of cases reporting to Clawson Health Center has subsided.

In the ten days prior to the closing of school last month, the average number of people reporting

to the Infirmary, which serves both the University and Ag-Tech, each day was well over 200. The figure now is down to about 75-80, which is only slightly above what the average has been in the past. This slight rise is attributed in part to the fact that the enrollments of both the University and the Agricultural and Technical Institute have risen.

During the epidemic, costs of running the Health Center rose sharply. This was due to the increased drug, grocery, and laundry bills. In addition, it was necessary to add another full-time registered nurse to the staff, bringing the number to four. The two schools will absorb the additional expenses out of the money labeled as fees, paid to them by the students.

Assembly Cancelled

The assembly which the all campus band was to have presented this Thursday has been cancelled.

The next assembly will be on November 21, at which time Doctor Roland Warren will speak.

Fantastic Light

The class of 1960 will sponsor a free dance for all sophomores and their dates on Friday evening, November 15, at Howell Hall. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 to the music of Jim Ellis and his band. Refreshments will be served.

Trials of 'The Crucible' Recall Trials of Miller

by Bonnie Gross

The author of "The Crucible" is Arthur Miller, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and many other honors for his play "Death of a Salesman."

Born in Brooklyn, Miller grew up wanting to write but not necessarily to be a writer because he had been well warned that that was a hazardous way to make a living.

After finishing high school at the depth of the Depression, he worked for three years in a warehouse and at other jobs to save enough money to go to college. As he was about to enter the University of Michigan his father asked him, "What are you going to learn to be?"

AVERY HOPWOOD PRIZE

"A newspaperman," replied the son, but although he studied journalism he never became a newspaperman after all. The depression was still on after he had completed college, and finding no jobs open on papers, Miller returned to writing radio playlets, remembering that he had twice won the \$500 Avery Hopwood Prize for the best play by a university student.

He wrote these prize plays although the only plays he had previously read were Shakespeare's, and he had seen but three performed plays, of which just one had been on Broadway, "Tobacco Road." His moter had taken him as a special treat at that money-scarce time, and they had both loved it.

"It was only for the money," Miller later told an interviewer. "I was working my way through with a schedule of work and study from six every morning to midnight. My

Spanish Class Organizes; Emphasis on Oral Study

Mrs. Rodriguez-Diaz has announced that there will be an evening class for all university students who wish to extend their knowledge of high school Spanish.

The emphasis of the class will be on oral work rather than grammar. The class will be free of charge, limited to twelve and held in Kanakadea Hall.

The meeting time will be decided after the class is organized. The class is also open to students presently studying Spanish.

Interested students should contact Mrs. Rodriguez-Diaz by calling 4663.

only free time was in Christmas week. I didn't worry whether I could write a play in a week. Years later when I heard that Ibsen had spent two years on a play, wondered 'What was he doing all that time?' Now I know: a young fellow has no critical judgement on his own work and makes only the humblest demands on it. He just turns on the faucet and glows if it pours at all."

"THEY, TOO, ARISE"

His entry "They, Too, Arise" won the Hopwood prize, and from then on Miller was a playwright but an unproduced one.

He continued to work, however, and began to find his way as a radio writer, earning \$300 in his first year after graduation and \$1200 in his second. After that he began averaging \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year.

A half-hour program on the Statue of Liberty — written in one night's time — gained for Miller an immediate \$1500 and ultimately \$10,000.

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Ugly Man Candidates Sprout Forth, As Campus Chest Drive Commences

The Senate sponsored Campus Drive will be getting underway this week in its efforts to raise funds for three charities.

This year the Senate has chosen to donate money to the Cerebral Palsy Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Mental Health, and the World University Service.

The money needed for these charities will be collected in two ways, through the Ugly Man Contest, sponsored by APO, and through collection boxes which will be placed in each residence.

The Ugly Man Contest will take place in the Student Union. Pictures of the candidates will be on display there along with individual collection boxes. Each penny dropped into the candidate's bottle represents one vote for that person. The candidate receiving the most votes will be declared the winner, all the money going to the Campus Chest fund.

Of the three charities, the one least familiar to the students is



(FIAT photo by Don Rice)

When it came time for the Ugly Man Contest candidates to pose for a FIAT photog, not all were willing to admit it. Some were caught above, front: Roger Ohnsorg, Howie Hatfield; rear: Dick Pearl, Lloyd Odinov, Carl Siegel, Roger Austin.

WUS. Miss Alvina May Lavery of work of the organization. She will the WUS Travel Staff will be on campus this Friday to interpret the

work of the organization. She will also report on conditions of university life around the world.

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From the Editor . . .

Fraternity rush party attendance

. . . has dropped considerably, percentage-wise, from other years. The present freshman males do not seem to feel the social necessity for "going fraternity" that their predecessors experienced. Whether this apathy toward fraternities is temporary or permanent, or whether it will prove favorable or unfavorable to the campus is not our concern at the moment. Add to this independence, however, the refreshing attitude exhibited by freshmen campaigning for positions as class officers, and you begin to notice a change in the character of incoming classes.

This year's group of freshmen show a marked increase in self-reliance, confidence and assertiveness over other incoming classes. This can most likely be attributed to two factors:

1. In the presence of increased competition for college entrance, colleges and universities have become more selective, more demanding of applicants for admission.

2. The era of the GI Bill and the college vet has been over for awhile, but its influence is just waning. The result is younger classes. These same classes are being forced to take the initiative in areas which they formerly neglected. And since today's new collegiates represent greater selectivity on the part of educational institutions, they are better equipped to "take the bull by the horns" than their predecessors were.

One of the results . . .

. . . of this increased individual directiveness, if it continues to appear in future Alfred classes, will certainly be a growing demand for outlets for student expression and practical experience. To the advanced student, or even the beginner who is sure of his direction, the chance to create is hardly less important than the chance to sit in a classroom studying the creations of others.

The University, therefore, misses a great opportunity when it snubs groups that sincerely desire expression: the Footlight Club, the Alfred Review, the Kanakadea, the Fiat, the orchestra, band, chorus and glee club, to name some. Not that all of the aforementioned groups have been ignored. Some have been extremely lucky in their ability to get and hold University patronage. Others have not been so fortunate.

Increased enrollment must be met with increased facilities for student education and expression, of which new buildings are but part.

A case in point . . .

. . . is the Alfred Review. The annual literary magazine presents the contributions of a sizeable group of creators to an equally sizeable audience. Yet the magazine's staff receives no financial backing from the University, and things have come to the point where the staff's attempts to finance annual publication through advertising are being met with outright opposition.

It's about that time of year when the staff of the Review should be organizing. It's rumored that they're ready to "give up the ghost." We can't say that we blame them, but it will be a tremendous loss to the campus if the Review, one of those annual feats which obviously should be more than annual, should fold.

MHB

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

IS IT NECESSARY FOR AN ENGINEER TO BE A SPEAKER?

Ask a successful engineer this question; he most likely will tell you that unless you can stand up before a group of people and convey your ideas to them, your progression of advancements will probably be stagnant. He will also tell you that the best way to become a proficient speaker is by actually doing — that is to prepare and present speeches to audiences.

Engineers, here's your chance; on January 7, the Student Branch of ACS will hold its annual Student Speaking Contest. Presentations are seven minutes and may cover any ceramic subject. Prizes will be awarded to the top ten speakers, and will range up to a little more than \$25; what's more important, every speaker will gain EXPERIENCE in speaking.

The top speaker will receive a paid trip to the 60th Annual Meeting of the American Ceramic Society where he will compete with other ceramic schools in the National ACS Student Speaking Contest. It is our goal — the students of ceramics at Alfred — to bring the 1958 first place National Award back to Alfred.

The next issue of the Fiat Lux will contain the rules on judging and other information for the contest. In the meantime, start thinking of a subject that you might be interested in speaking on. All topics must be submitted either to a member of the Ceramic Faculty or an official of the Student Branch by December 6.

Sincerely,
Publicity Secretary

Ray Eberle Plays At Harvest Ball

The annual Harvest Ball, featuring the Ray Eberle Serenade and the "Blue Orchestra" with Paula George, will take place Friday night in the Men's Gym.

The Ball is being held in conjunction with the Ag-Tech Institute's annual Fall Festival this week. The formal dance will climax the week's activities, which include the presentation of a comedy play, "The Miser," by the Ag-Tech drama club, and a concert given by the choir. On Wednesday and Thursday, visitors may view departmental exhibits.

As an integral part of the Harvest Ball, elections will be held today and Wednesday afternoon for a king and queen. Selected from ten nominees, the regal pair will officiate at the Ball, Friday evening.

If You Must Stay . . .

All students who do not plan to go home over the Thanksgiving recess are requested to report to Dean Gullette or Dean Gertz.

Student Outlook

by Kathy O'Donnell

STUDY IN MEXICO

Competition is now open for Mexican Government Scholarships. Preference in granting these awards is given to graduate students who will receive 1,250 pesos monthly and tuition at the National University. Junior and senior year college students are eligible for undergraduate scholarships covering 1,185 pesos a month for maintenance plus tuition.

Eligibility requirements for these fellowships are U.S. citizenship, knowledge of Spanish, good academic record, and good health. Applications may be obtained from the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York 21, N.Y.

PACKAGES FOR PATIENTS

An annual public appeal for holiday gifts to be sent to forgotten patients in New York State mental hospitals will open October 1. Suitable gifts for patients include personal items such as soap, toothbrushes, wallets, socks, and gloves. Gifts and contributions can be sent directly to the Hospital Services Committee, Association for Improvement of Mental Health, 211 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N.Y.

BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS

Two national scholarships for college senior girls are being of-

ferred for 1958-1959 by the Katherine Gibbs School. Each scholarship consists of full tuition (\$785) for the secretarial training course, plus an additional cash award of \$500, totaling \$1285. The winners may select any one of the four Gibbs schools for their training. These include schools in New York, Boston, Montclair, or Providence.

Winners are chosen by the Scholarship Committee on the basis of college academic record, personal and character qualifications, financial need, and potentialities for success in business.

Each college or university may recommend two candidates and each candidate must have this official endorsement. Students who may be interested in competing for one of these Katharine Gibbs awards may obtain full information from the college placement bureau, which is located in Greene Hall.

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An exhibition of scene designs by Norman Bel Geddes, Broadway set originator will open Sunday, November 10 at Glidden Galleries, let."

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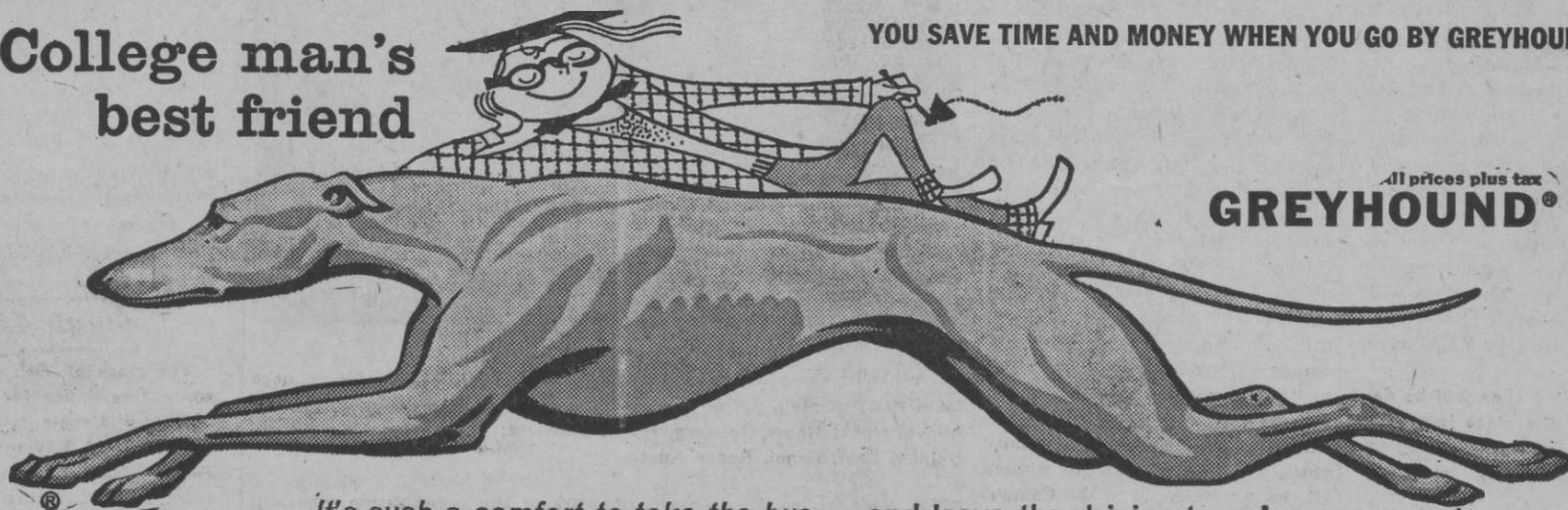
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One Million Dollars To Ceramic School

by Steve Chaleff

The voters of New York State approved on Election Day an amendment authorizing a \$250,000,000 bond issue for purpose of improvement and expansion of the State University.

Dean McMahon, of the Ceramics College, has revealed that the College would receive as its allotment \$1,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a new building. It has not yet been decided what the building will be used for, or when it will be built and on what part of the campus it will be built.

The new debt will provide for the improvement and expansion of the thirty-eight units of the University of the State of New York. There is also a strong possibility that some new units will be opened.

The enlargements should provide space for an additional 60,000 full-time students. This is expected to meet the demand by an anticipated doubling of the number of high school graduates in the next fifteen years.

This was one of six amendments voted upon at the polls on Election Day. It received more support than any of the others. The total vote throughout the state favored the amendment by better than a two to one majority.

Picture of Salem Witch Trials Is Footlight's November Play

(Continued from page one)

But of the playwriting? He wrote ten plays of which one was produced, and it ran but four performances. Then, cannily, he wrote a well-constructed novel, "Focus" that made out pretty well, and a well-constructed play "All My Sons" that made out pretty well.

"All My Sons" ran for forty weeks in 1947 and won the New York Drama Critics' Club Award as the best play of the season. His next play was "Death of a Salesman", a tremendous success, artistically, financially, and in every other way. Miller was everywhere acclaimed as one of the most important American playwrights of the century.

Although Hollywood made him lucrative offers, he refused them all, preferring to work in the theatre.

"The Crucible" was the next play to come from his typewriter, and naturally it was the most expectantly awaited. Miller spent more than a year in careful research of the tragic series of events we know as the Salem witch trials, but he did not write a historical drama. He evolved instead an indictment of the intolerance, bigotry and cruelty that drive people into leveling irresponsible accusations as if these in themselves were proof of guilt.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Professor David Leach was the guest speaker at the last meeting of the International Club. "The Little Rock Situation" was the topic of his discussion.

The next meeting of the International Club, Nov. 17, will feature a trip to the Corning Glass Works.

The Goldfish Bowl

by Judy Dryer

Old Man Winter blew in last weekend and we certainly had plenty of snow for our last football game. Parties were many and varied. We heard many of the seniors bemoaning the fact that this was their last football game at Alfred.

Tau Delta had an open house after the game. Walter Mellen and his family were present for Sunday dinner.

Bob Jackson was back for the weekend at Lambda Chi. Their Saturday night party was a Glug party.

Kappa Psi had an open house Saturday night. Peg Cartwright (Theta Chi) and Roy Gorton will be married next Saturday at St. John's Church in Wellsville. The time is 1:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. They're having a reception at Kappa Psi.

Delta Sig had an open house, too. Jay Abbott, last year's president,

was back for the weekend. Tom Curtin is pinned to Marilyn Gredash (Pi Nu). Bill Fisher was married to a girl from home Saturday afternoon.

Another open house at Kappa Nu. Charlie Greenhouse and Linda Rubin are still going strong.

Klan had a party in honor of the last home game of Deacon and Sam Hulbert. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Still were invited to the party.

Friday night Theta Chi had a pledge dance at the Belmont Rod and Gun Club.

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Eagles In Winter Wonderland As Safety Snows Alfred, 2-0

by Pete Shapiro

The snow began two hours before game time; both teams missed scoring opportunities for 59 minutes and 40 seconds of the game. Then quarterback Tom Kehoe faded back to pass with first down on his own 5, was caught by left guard Leo Torre of Brockport, and fell in the end zone.

Result? A "scoreless tie" turned into a 2-0 win for the Golden Eagles.

Midway in the final period, the Saxons began their final drive carrying them 45 yards to the Brockport 20. However, Alfred missed the first down by 2 yards and the Green and Gold took over to march to the Warriors 5.

On second down for State and about a minute remaining in the game, John Farnan and Jim Hartnett recovered a fumble by Brockport quarterback Walt Brem which apparently halted the threat.

But on the next play off scrimmage, Kehoe went back for the desperation pass and was dropped for a safety and the ball game.

Finale for Seniors

Saturday night's contest marked the final appearance for nine Alfred seniors: Hartnett, Farnan, Russ Fahey, Nick Teta, Wayne Wales, Sam Hulbert, Paul Penetti, Ed DeChristopher and Joe Brill.

The Saxons could have easily controlled the ball game all the way. As it was the six-point underdogs outplayed the Eagles in almost every department. However, snow-induced fumbles, mental errors, and failure to capitalize on breaks cancelled all of the Warriors' scoring bids.

As soon as the Purple and Gold gained possession of the ball in the

first quarter on their own 29, they drove to the visitors 1-yard line.

Saxons Move . . .

Fullback Ralph Talarico spearheaded the march with runs of 16, 17 and 13 yards and three first downs. However, with goal to go on the Brockport 5, Hartnett brought the ball down to the one, only to fumble and have Brockport recover in the end zone for the touchback giving them possession on their 20.

The visitors threatened four times during the first half. A fake punt moved the Eagles to the Alfred 20, but on fourth down Brem's pass to Carl Benedict was completed beyond the end zone and ruled incomplete.

. . . Or Try To

Twice the Saxons attempted to move out, only to return the ball to Brockport on fumbles deep in

their own territory. Each time the Green and Gold failed to opportunize and surrendered the pigskin on downs.

Alfred threatened three more times before turning the ball over to Brockport for the drive that reversed itself twice and culminated in the winning safety.

Last Chance

The most serious bid came early in the third period after Hartnett recovered a BST fumble on their 25. Kehoe passes to Tom Cechini and Talarico brought the ball to the 5.

Finally Kehoe missed his bid for a first down on the visitors' 1, and Brockport took over.

The Saxons managed to get to the Eagles' 21 once more, but eventually the game was decided on the one play with 20 seconds remaining in the contest.

Saxon Harriers Take Third In NY State Championship Meet

Snowy skies and bitter cold weather were to order of the day at Buffalo today as the harriers of seven schools met in the New York State Invitational meet. Alfred came in third behind Hamilton and the University of Buffalo.

The course was slow because of the water and the winning time was a 26:01 clocking by Fred Best of R.P.I. in second place was Alfred's Joe DiCamillo, 13 seconds off the pace. The next Alfred harrier to cross the finish line was Larry Sweet who finished seventh with a time of 27:16.

Hamilton scored an easy victory

with 51 points. However, UB barely edged Alfred for runner-up honors with 65 points to Alfred's 68.

Buffalo State Teachers College, who had taken 5 of the nine previous meets came in fourth with 84 points.

Rounding out the scoring for Alfred were Dave Wilcox, Carl Blanchard and Charlie Williams who finished 20 and 21 respectively.

Coach Tuttle is planning tentatively to send a squad of six varsity and four freshmen harriers to compete at the annual IC-4A meet in New York next Monday.

ps from PS:

Lack of Depth and Hard Luck Lead Warriors to 2-4-1 Season

by Pete Shapiro

Inclement Weather Marks Twain

When the Saxon eleven pulled themselves off the rain-soaked field at AIC Park a week ago, they knew they had to win against Brockport to avoid becoming the second Yunevich-coached team to have a losing season.

As the same squad dodged the snow-flakes in retiring from Merrill Field last Saturday night for the last time this year they dragged behind them a 2-4-1 record.

The game itself is worthy of a few brief comments. The first time the Warriors gained the ball they drove into scoring position only to fumble at the goal line.

Then in the third quarter they missed a first down by inches on the Brockport 1-yard line. After apparently preserving a scoreless tie in the final minute of play by recovering a fumble on their own 5, Tommy Kehoe was tackled in the end zone for the winning tally.

So the Saxons are now trying to forget their most disastrous season on the grid in 21 years. It's the first time an Alfred team has won only two games during a campaign since the winless squad of 1936.

Scales Tip the Wrong Way

Last Saturday's action demonstrated many of the flaws. The consensus in the press box, and among the few hardy Saxonites to appear at Merrill Field, was that Alfred outplayed their opponents.

Statistics agree; but they also point up the fact that the Warriors failed to capitalize on many an opportunity, and like-wise self-manufactured the Brockport threats.

Again the Saxons were outweighed and outmanned in most departments. This year's edition is one of the thinnest and lightest squads in recent history; Coach Yunevich deployed a three-man bench last Saturday.

Inexperience is indicated both by the sixteen freshmen listed on the Alfred roster, and by the potential, but not polished play of these men.

Seniors Teta and Wales played most of the season on one leg; Bill McAlee was lost for half of the schedule after leading the Warriors to the best rushing defense in the East while he played.

Then to round things up for a happy Halloween for all, 3/4 of the team was put out of action for a week along with their coach.

Unfortunately there is no concrete reason to expect anything better next year. Someone commented at a pre-season practice that the team would be lost without the freshmen — but that it would give Alfred a terrific frosh squad.

Captain of Our Fate

But when each game must be fought into the fourth quarter, there is little opportunity for the newcomers to gain experience.

All that is left is confidence in the man at the helm. We did win two games this year, so things presumably could get worse. However, luck certainly could not break any tougher against the Yunevichmen.

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