

Fete French Saint At Annual Banquet

In accordance with French Week, the Saint-Charlemagne Banquet will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Howell Hall.

Saint Charlemagne is the patron saint of French schools. The banquet in his honor is celebrated annually by the schools, usually on January 28. Alfred University celebrates this banquet during the first week of March. This year will mark the 23rd such banquet held on campus.

The master of ceremonies for this year's banquet will be James Tuzzeo. As part of the program for the evening, four speeches will be presented: "La Fete de La Saint Charlemagne" by Linda Brayley, "La Normandie" by Keh Soo Park, "Mont Saint Michel" by John Stanley, and "La Tapisserie de Bayeux" by Carmel Rizzo.

French students will also present a skit, "Une Excursion en Normandie." Participating in the skit

are: Dorothy Bull, Elaine Feinberg, Judith Fairbank and Patricia Mensinger.

Invited guests for the evening are Mrs. George Kirkendale, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Renner, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green.

Students are reminded that they can win a free ticket to the Alfred Community Theatre if they can provide the correct translation of a sentence written in French which will be posted in the Union every day.

The purpose of French Week is to acquaint all students with the customs and traditions of France, this year's theme being the province of Normandy.

The French emphasis will be on campus all this week. A French movie, "The Proud and the Beautiful" will be shown tomorrow evening. Gouter, a chocolate filled pastry, will be sold tomorrow and Friday in the Union at 4:00 p.m.

Long History of Footlight Musicals Arrives at Climax With "Brigadoon"

by Barbara Strauss

The production of a major musical comedy, in the sense that we know it today, has never before been attempted on the Alfred campus. The history of "musicals" does, however, reveal a variety of plays that have received wide campus approval and offer encouragement to the entire "Brigadoon" company.

In '50 Kurt Weill's "Down in the Valley" was presented with a Mozart opera entitled "Bastien, Bastienne." One of the most successful Footlight productions, "Dark of the Moon," was a folkplay with music that enjoyed a long run on Broadway.

Mark Bucci, the composer who lists among his achievements the musical adaptation for television of James Thurber's "Thirteen Clocks,"

was commissioned to write the music for a Saroyan play, "Elmer and Lily," which incidentally, had its world premiere here in Alfred.

Two years ago the St. Pat's presentation was "Italian Straw Hat," a play that featured a good deal of singing and dancing.

However, with the production of Lerner and Loewe's "Brigadoon," the campus will see what has been termed by Director Ronald Brown, a "real musical comedy" such as we think of one.

Entering the final phases of production, Professor Brown is presently working on synchronization of chorus, dancers, actors and orchestra. The extremely large cast involved has been one of the major problems. The efforts to present "pictures" rather than "plain

crowd scenes" have produced difficulties in staging. This arises from the fact that there are 24 chorus members, 8 or 9 dancers, and 15 principals on stage, often at the same time.

Taking the role of Mr. Lundy, the elderly twin mystic, is Julian Leon. An interesting note is found in the fact that Bruce MacDonald, who has the lead role of Tommy, and Bill "Scotty" MacCrea, who will furnish the bagpipe music, are members of clans who have a history of 700 years of feuding. When Director Brown originally wanted to have MacCrea join the dancers, "Scotty" solemnly remarked that it is basic tradition that the bagpiper never dances. So on Mar. 15, Alumni Hall will resound with the music of a non-dancing bagpiper.

Red Cross Goal Set at \$1428; One More Week Left in Drive

The Annual Alfred University Red Cross Drive is being conducted now and will continue until March 10. Student membership is 50c, although students are asked to contribute more if possible.

The goal for the entire drive, including the University, Alfred, and Alfred Station, is \$1428. Mr. Jim Herrick, chairman of the drive, stated that he hopes the drive to go over this figure and if possible make up the \$180 that Allegany County lacks for the coming year.

The drive in the fraternities and sororities is being headed by Dr. Bernstein and Mrs. Robinson, and the dorms and the Castle by Mrs. Smallback, Mrs. Klinefelter, Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Pope. Klan is working on publicity and has helped to distribute the posters.

Among the activities of the Red Cross are first aid courses, home nursing classes, blood programs, and assistance to students in various emergencies. This includes non-interest loans, to students referred to the Red Cross by the deans. Any student interested in having special classes in first aid or home nursing should contact Mrs. Ray Wingate.

Sorority Rushing Will End Sunday

Sorority rushing is now entering its fourth and last week, Preferential Sunday being March 9.

The rushing season was divided into open parties and invite-back parties, the latter taking the form of conflict parties during the last two weeks of the season.

Rushees are reminded by the Intersorority Council that they may go to any house in which they are interested, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m., regardless of whether or not they had been invited back to that house during the season. A rushee may even, if she wishes, visit all four houses.

Sunday evening, freshman rushees may sign their preference slips from 7 to 8 at the Brick signout desk.

Bids from the sororities will be delivered Monday morning at the residences.

Mr. Herrick expressed his wish that this year's student drive will surpass last year's. It is hoped that the result will rise by at least 10c per student.

The nominating committee of the Alfred University Alumni Association has scheduled its meeting for March 8. Please send the names of persons whom you would like to see serve Alfred Alumni Association to the Alumni Office, or to Mrs. Catherine Stern, chairman of the nominating committee, R.D. 1, Erieville, N. Y.

Patty's Queen Coronation at Parade; Holmes Band Features Clare Nelson

by Maxene Gorewitz
St. Pat's festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 14 with the annual St. Pat's Parade.

The parade will be composed of the various fraternity and sorority floats, both from the University and Ag-Tech. The floats will proceed down Main Street and will make their final stop at South Hall, where judging will take place.

Something new will be added this year in that the coronation of the St. Pat's Queen will take place at the parade. The five finalists, Nancy Arnold, Diana Graessle, Dorothy Ormsby, Sonya Rudy, and Sue Schmedes will be on hand to welcome St. Pat, the patron saint of the ceramic engineers, who will arrive in some unique manner as usual.

The Beard-growing contest judging will take place at 2:00. All beard-growers are encouraged to come to the Union for their "fashion show." The winners of the contest will be announced at South Hall during the concert given by the St. Lawrence Saints.

The Saints will take over in South Hall until 5 p.m. The fifteen member choral group will mark their second consecutive appearance at AU.

During this time, senior ceramic engineers will be knighted into the Loyal Order of Saint Patrick. The awards for the best floats will be presented then, also.

Evening activities will center on the open house at Binns-Merrill Hall from 7 to 10 p.m. The entire building will be open to the public and all departments will have demonstrations and displays. The Corn-

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Annual Leadership Program Probes The Leader in Student Government

by Barbara Broudy

Last Saturday, Alfred University greeted student leaders from colleges of the surrounding area for the Annual Leadership Training Program. After welcome addresses by Dean Marshall and James Sproul, the group's activities com-

menced on the topics of student government and leadership.

The keynote speeches of the day were presented by Richard Aswad, President of the New York State NSA, and Harvey P. Dale, First Vice President of the Cornell Stu-

dent Government. Following these addresses, four discussion groups were formed which discussed 1) The Qualities of Leadership; 2) The Student's Role in College Policy-Making; 3) The Price of Student Leadership; and 4) Student Press-Student Government Relations.

The 1958 Leadership Program ended with a general meeting and summation of the day's events. It was agreed that much had been accomplished by the meeting and it was hoped that the fruits of the day's labor would be carried back to the individual student governments so each could directly benefit.

X-r-ray

A chest x-ray is required of all new students at Alfred University. Persons falling in this category should report to the Ag-Tech Gym on March 6, between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. There is no charge for this x-ray.

Any other students on the campus who wish to have a chest x-ray may do so at this time with no charge.

Nominations

Nominations for Student Senate President, Vice President and N.S.A. Coordinator will be held next week. A student who is a member of the Senate, and is interested in running for one of these offices can be nominated at the Senate meeting. Other students must present a petition signed by 25 people. Nominations for class officers will also take place next week.

Baker Speaks to MCF

Norman Baker, technical assistant in the floriculture department of State Tech, will speak on "Be Ye Lifted Up" at the regular Wednesday night meeting of the Mid-Week Christian Fellowship in the Gothic from 7:00 to 8:00 on March 5.

Mr. Baker holds a B.A. degree from Hartwick College.



Vocalist Nelson

ing Glassblowers demonstrate their talents in their annual visit to the campus.

"Brigadoon" will be presented by the Footlight Club on Saturday for all holding tickets for the festival. Curtain time has been set for 2:30 p.m. "Brigadoon" will be shown

again Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Saturday evening will find Leroy Holmes and his band, featuring Clare Nelson, providing the music for the annual Ball. The formal dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Naismith's Cure for Problem In 1891 Brings Us Basketball

by Pete Shapiro

A week from tonight the Athletic Department is presenting a basketball twinbill at the Men's Gym as a benefit for the proposed Basketball Hall of Fame. The building will serve both as museum for the sport and as a memorial to Dr. James Naismith, founder of the game.

This first of a series of two features is designed to acquaint students with Naismith's work, and to present a brief history of the game.

One snowy afternoon in Springfield, Massachusetts, back in December 1891, Instructor James Naismith, a former ministry student, collared two men from the Secretarial staff of the College. The thirty-year-old phys ed instructor showed them a set of rules for a new game he had devised to meet an old problem.

The problem was to find some kind of an all-around exercise during the Winter months that would be interesting enough to insure participation. Naismith's solution called for two teams of nine men whose object would be to place a soccer ball into a suspended peach basket.

The secretaries became captains of the first basketball teams and Naismith served as referee. The eighteen men roamed around a 35 by 50 foot court for two fifteen minute halves. Reports on the outcome are sketchy, but the play must have been interesting.

For one thing, when a ball bounced out of bounds, possession was on a first-come-first-served basis. "Air dribbles" and two handed-dribbles were legal. After three

fouls, a goal was counted for the team that had been mauled.

Naismith had no great dreams for his invention. The good doctor had intended to merely find an all-around exercise that could be played on any ground, indoors or out. He wished it to be a team sport so that a large number of men could participate at once.

The phys ed instructor deliberately outlawed kicking or punching the ball so that "a man's whole attention is centered on the ball and not on the person of an opponent, and thus opportunity for personal spite is taken away."

Innovations

In order to insure wide participation, the game had to be easy to learn but challenging to master. Moreover, as many as fifty men played on a team, on football field "courts." In such cases, Dr. Naismith recommended that two balls be used and "thus fun is augmented though some of the science may be lost."

A year after its beginning, however, the roundball game had already marked much progress. In 1892, the inventor published a little pamphlet in which was outlined strategy as well as rules. Naismith observed: "Individual play does not count for much, for very often a man has a sacrifice his own CHANCE of making a goal that he may be SURE of it from the hands of another."

Now basketball is a major sport at 1700 colleges and 18,000 high schools. More than 90,000,000 people watch the game each year, with millions being active participants.

New rules have come and gone, either to make the game more efficient or to tie down the big man. Hank Lusetti and his 1939 Stanford teammates tore the game wide open with an incredible practical innovation — a one-handed shot, often taken on the run.

Part II, next week, will outline plans for the Hall of Fame.)

CANTERBURY CLUB

"The Prayer Book—Its Contents and Use" was the topic of a talk given by Fred Leach last Sunday night in the Gothic at the regular Canterbury meeting. A delegation from the Club attended the Diocesan Canterbury Club Conference at Brockport on Saturday.

AUCA

Dr. Warren and Dr. Sibley will lead the group discussion on "What Christian Faith Has to Say About Organized Religion" this Sunday evening at 7:00 in Howell Hall.

NEWMAN CLUB

The Newman Club will hold a meeting this Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the lounge of Robinson and Champlin Hall. The Reverend Donald D. Wangler will be guest speaker.

HILLEL

In celebration of the Jewish holiday, Purim, the Hillel Club is sponsoring a Purim Party on Saturday evening, March 8, at Howell Hall. There will be dancing and traditional food will be served. In charge of the program are Maxene Gorewitz and Dr. Melvin Bernstein.

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Varsity Finale Tonight; Frosh Lose to Canisius

The Saxon freshman squad flew solo to Buffalo's Memorial Stadium last Saturday to meet an undefeated Canisius yearling squad. Alfred worked well together and played hard against the Junior Griffins, but could sink only 20 percent of their shots. Therein lies the story, as the freshmen lost 76-53.

Both freshmen and varsity will close out their seasons tonight against Buffalo State on the road.

Joe LoTurco was the high man in the Canisius game with 18 points. Warren Sutton, playing with the frosh for the contest, led Alfred with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The score was 34-25 at the half, but midway through the first per-

Eagles Take Twinbill; Benedict Registers 32

The Alfred varsity absorbed its tenth loss, against six wins, last Tuesday at the hands of Brockport State, 62-58. The Saxons led 32-23 at the half, and held a one-point lead until the 1:30 mark.

The freshmen were defeated 84-65 by the Golden Eagles. Joe McLarney scored 25 points to lead both teams.

The varsity score:

	Alfred		Brockport	
B'nack	2	2	6	3
J'lmen	0	0	0	0
Ohstrom	0	0	0	0
Wagner	5	2	12	8
Sutton	4	3	11	0
Greene	4	1	9	1
B'nick	2	0	4	1
G'mindl	5	2	12	2
Kluwe	2	0	4	1
Total	24	10	58	20

Late Flash

Oswego Teachers defeated Buffalo State 61-57 for first place in the NYS Teachers College Tournament. It is the second straight year Buffalo State has been runner-up.

iod the Saxons trailed by as little as 20-18. However, superior height and rebounding by Canisius, along with Alfred's inability to shoot effectively, determined the outcome.

The young Warriors had nothing to lose and everything to gain when they went into Saturday's clash. The Griffins carried a 13-0 record into the tilt, and were rated by many as the top freshmen club in the East. They had previously torn apart such teams as St. Bonaventure by twenty point margins.

Assistant Coach Al Siegel commented after the ball game that "the Kids played a good ball game. We just couldn't put the ball in the basket, and we played the best frosh squad in the East. Playing against Canisius the same game we did against Rochester February 19, we could have beaten them."

Matmen Close With 18-15 Win; Clincher Is Sommersdorf Pin

The wrestling squad completed its 1958 dual match season with an 18-15 come from behind win against the University of Buffalo.

Don Sommersdorf became the Cinderella man of the year with a pin over heavyweight Sampson Sanders in his first appearance for Alfred to insure the victory.

A forfeit in the 177 pound class by Buffalo brought the score up to 15-13 going into the heavyweight clash. Then Sommersdorf, a 190-pound freshman—himself a resident of Buffalo—turned the tables on the Bulls to give the Saxons their win.

Fran Gilligan opened Alfred's scoring in the 123 pound class with

Sigma Chi sorority defeated Theta Chi 42-25 in the final game of the intramural girls' basketball to win the league crown and earn the right to meet the "Phantom Six" a week from tonight in the Men's Gym.

The game will be the preliminary event of a court doubleheader being staged as a benefit for the Basketball Hall of Fame. The feature will be between lower and upperclassmen of next year's varsity squad.

Organizer Pete Smith has refused to reveal the identity of the Phantom Six. However, he did inform FIAT reporter Crowbar that it will be a men's squad, and that the contest will be played according to girls' rules.

No admission charge will be levied, but Smith is hoping for voluntary contributions of 25c per student.

a decision over Jack Davies. Buffalo then sandwiched pins against Jim Tenzel and Andy Seaman around Gary Frich's decision over Alfred's Frenchy LeBlanc.

A decision victory by Saxon Larry Wander and a draw by Dick Gross closed what had been a 13-3 Buffalo lead to a 15-8 deficit. Then came the UB forfeit and Sommersdorf's pin to wrap things up.

Frich's decision over LeBlanc was his second of the year over Frenchy. The first came opening day, 8-6. These were the only losses for the 137 pound Saxon who has chalked up a record of 7-2 in his final season with Alfred.

The team's mark for the year stands at 4-5.

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From Nineteen to 90,000,000-- Basketball's Bounce Since 1891

by Pete Shapiro

Indoor Activity

BASKETBALL is quite different today than when its leading protagonist 66 years ago was a quiet, 30 year old ex-ministry student. It started out as a device by which athletics and phys-ed students could get an all-around winter exercise.

Its originator, Dr. James Naismith, had many problems to lick and bugs to iron out of his invention before it could fulfill its purpose. Two of the innovations that he employed can perhaps help explain the tremendous surge and spread of the sport.

For one thing, in order to insure a desire in all of his student's to participate, Dr. Naismith made sure that the new activity would be easy to learn, but difficult to master. Lacrosse, for example, was a fine sport for developing and exercising all the muscles, yet in order to play it with any enjoyment a certain amount of training was necessary.

Secondly, the idea of teamwork appealed to Naismith, but he decided to arrive at this by other than conventional methods. Football achieves teamwork by the rough essential of blocking; in basketball, the Springfield College instructor chose to eliminate this tactic entirely.

90,000,000 Humans

THUS THESE two devices, which Naismith needed to gain a very limited result, have helped lead directly to a popularity that is now world-wide. 90,000,000 human beings of all nationalities are now spectators at some basketball game, somewhere, sometime during the year. They find in the sport a crispness and fairness of action that is both appealing and exciting.

Millions of other human beings, of all nationalities, are active participants in the sport. They might be running over the macadam surface of an outdoor recreation center next to a Mid-West high school. To others it might mean the limelight of competition in Madison Square Garden.

Sermon on the Court

SOME HAVE said that Dr. Naismith, who started his college education as a ministry student at McGill University, is now preaching his greatest sermon. They have said that basketball reflects the American ideal of fair play and gives expression to the aims and attitudes of youth everywhere.

But this particular sermon need not be delivered in English, it need not be stamped "Made in USA." Bill Russell, now playing pro ball for the champion Boston Celtics, supports this sentiment with a report about his play on the U.S. Olympic basketball squad in the 1956 Games.

In the finals at Melbourne the team met a much smaller and weaker Russian squad. The Soviets used sign language to converse with the Americans. They gaped at Russell's towering figure, and were impressed with our boys' smooth play. And after every foul they committed they sought to apologize, and weren't satisfied until they knew that the Americans understood.

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