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## Gaulist foreign policy explained by visiting French US consul

by Tad Powers

The last decade has seemingly produced a decline in Franco-American cooperation. Conflicting interests have prevented a mutually beneficial coordination of national efforts.

Recently, however, both the U. S. and French governments have seen the necessity of stimulating a stagnant alliance. The general effort to clarify and improve relations was represented on the Alfred University campus last Thursday.

The Baron Andre Baeyens, Counsel at the French embassy in Washington, conducted a lecture intended to increase American understanding of French political phenomena.

The Baron presented a lucid three-part breakdown of Gaullism, the political institution which characterizes French political machinations.

### La legitimacie

The first concept, "la legitimacie" reflects the historical theory of the divine right of kings. Described in modern terms as the "legitimacy of the regime," the theory is a manifestation of the bonds uniting current and historical French political doctrine.

DeGaulle claims that the populace is the sole source of legitimate power. Since he came to office from a position that was free from the influence of the government system, he concludes that his regime is a legitimate institution.

De Gaulle has not radically transformed French political dogma, but has personalized and stylized policies which may be considered both permanent and



Baron Andre Baeyens lectures on France to a large gathering in the Parents' Lounge.

pragmatic. He strives to function as a coordinator and arbiter of political trends.

The second constituent of Gaullism is "technocracy," a historical theory springing from the revolutionary concept of the imperial state. In simplified terms, technocracy is the participation in government functions of politically uninvolved professionals. The rule of Louis XIV encouraged this development of this ancestor of the modern civil service system.

### National control

This professionalism has been extended to provide a national control designed to correct the failure of pure capitalism in French economic development.

The third concept is that of romantic nationalism. The theory is that only by emphasizing national interests can the best qual-

ities of France be developed. In his efforts to stimulate French political self-determination, De Gaulle has promoted the image of the government by personalizing his own image and by striving to maintain an aspect of universality.

Critics of Gaullism claim that the present French policies are detrimental to eventual European unification. De Gaulle defends his regime on two bases. First, he relies on such tangible achievements as an increase in the French GNP and gold reserves, the reduction of the national debt, and the resolution of such crises as the Algerian uprisings.

Finally, it is emphasized that Gaullism is not the product of twentieth-century trends, but of the centuries-old evolution of French political institutions.

### Drake announces

## 11 professors promoted; 11 receive tenure status

University president, Dr. M. Ellis Drake announced promotions for 11 members of the faculty, effective next September.

He also named 11 faculty members who will be granted tenure status at that time.

Eight members of the liberal arts faculty were promoted. In the English department, Dr. David M. Ohara will be promoted from associate professor to professor, and Dr. Donald B. McKenzie will advance from assistant professor to associate professor.

Dr. Leonard I. Ruchelman, currently assistant professor of political science, will become an associate professor in the fall.

Dr. Garrett Droppers will be promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of history and political science.

Dr. Luke M. Smith will advance from associate professor to professor of sociology.

## Four Alfred professors to take research leaves

by Karen Friberg

Four members of the University faculty have been granted leaves of absence next year. Dr. Melvin Bernstein, professor of English; Dr. George C. Towe, chairman of the physics department; Dr. Clarence Klingensmith, professor of chemistry; and Robert L. Mittenbuhler, assistant professor of German, will devote the coming year to study and research.

Three of the four will engage in special post-doctoral studies under provisions of the Alfred University Faculty Leave Scholarship program made possible last year by a \$50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

The program provides full salary for a leave of one semester or half salary for a full year and may provide additional travel or special research expenses.

### Shalom

Bernstein plans to go to Israel to learn what the citizens of that nation learn about America. He will study the curricula at Hebrew University, Technion, and Bar Ilan.

He will also investigate the educational programs at sample kibbutzim and in the graded educational system.

Bernstein stated that he hopes to learn "what American materials, ideas, and writers—other than technological—are in current use in Israeli education, what American books circulate in the country and what American plays are included in their repertoire theater and their movies."

While in Israel, Bernstein hopes to live at or near Hebrew University and to take a refresher course in Hebrew literature and language.

He said that his plans depend upon a reasonable assurance of peace in the area, and that if study abroad is impossible, he will devote the year to writing a textbook.

Bernstein also plans to visit Oslo and Athens, two other resource centers of western civilization, to support his class work in the civilization courses.

### Towe to Edinburgh

Towe plans to spend the year

at the University of Edinburgh to work with a research group investigating the application of radioactive tracers to problems in solid state physics.

He commented that, "As far as I have been able to determine, there is no comparable work being performed in physics departments in this country."

As chairman of the department, Towe hopes to use the research perspective of the coming year to promote research participation by senior physics students in coming years at Alfred.

### Klingensmith receives grant

Klingensmith will be taking graduate courses in physical and inorganic chemistry at Cornell University during his leave of absence.

In addition to his Alfred faculty leave scholarship, he has been awarded a science faculty fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

The latter grant is designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness of college and university faculty members.

The chemistry professor said that he hopes the year of study will familiarize him with some of the more recent theoretical developments and experimental techniques in his field.

### Mittenbuhler work for Ph.D.

The leave of absence to Mittenbuhler was granted under the University's pre-doctoral support program. Providing one-half of the annual base salary, the program is designed to encourage promising young teachers to complete their doctoral studies. Mittenbuhler will be working toward his Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

### Experimental film club

Professor Richard Kavesh of the Design Department is trying to organize an experimental film club. There will be three or four showings during spring semester. The price is \$3 per person and the club is limited to the first 100 people to sign up. See Professor Kavesh for information and to join the club.

## 'Giant Melody in Nature' discussed by Hovhaness

by Larry S. Friedman

Mr. Alan Hovhaness, composer, conductor, and musical genius, presented a lecture entitled "Giant Melody in Nature and Art" to the Alfred Community last week.

Hovhaness, born in Massachusetts, began studying music at the age of five. His instructors included Adelaide Proctor, Heinrich Gebbard, and Frederick Converse who is associated with the New England Conservatory of Music.

In addition, he studied at Tanglewood and was a faculty member at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

The early 50's were marked by an award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters, two Guggenheim fellowships, and a Broadway success for the musical score of "The Flowering Peach."

In 1959, Hovhaness made his first world tour and achieved great success in the Far East. This accounts for the extreme oriental influence which he exhibits in his musical composi-



Mr. Alan Hovhaness

tions. The late 50's and early 60's began a period of musical sabbaticals in both the Orient and in India.

While residing in India, he was commissioned by Radio India to compose and became a resident at the Indian Academy of Music.

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# AU Campus Guides seek new members

Alfred's Campus Guides have begun their annual drive to gain new members. For the first time this year, any undergraduates may apply. In past years new members have been selected only from the freshman class.

The group, which is run completely by students, works in conjunction with the admissions office by taking prospective students on a tour of the campus when they visit Alfred for their interviews.

The Guides were originally formed about five years ago when the school adopted its mandatory interview program.

The most satisfying aspect of guiding is the chance to meet interesting people. It offers a unique expedience for students who are interested in learning to meet and work with people.

The Guides however, are necessarily interested in recruiting members with as wide as possible scope of varying academic and outside interests.

In order to match prospective students with a guide in a sim-

ilar academic field, the organization needs a cross section of liberal arts students, engineers, and senior nurses.

Tour schedules are flexible so that they will fit into each guide's schedule. The number of tours which each member takes is based on the amount of free time that he may have.

Freshmen, sophomores, or juniors who are interested in becoming a campus guide may pick up an application in the admissions office.

Deadline for returning applications is March 7. The only requirement is that the student be in good academic standing with the University.

# Members of Orientation Committee make changes in existing procedures

by Fred Burmeister

Plans to change the existing procedure regarding Freshman Orientation are now being discussed by the Freshman Orientation Committee.

Members of the committee are; Dean Paul F. Powers, Dean Barbara Bechtell, Dean Seymour B. Dunn, Dean I. Vernetta Grau, Dean Edward Muefeler and Roger Ohstrom.

Also on the committee are Professor George Kirkendale, Fran Lapidus and Warner Daily.

The student members of the committee are Dan Baum and Nancy Jane Batten.

Tentative revisions to the Freshmen Orientation program

are all aimed at getting the new student better acquainted with the University.

One of the most important aspects of the new plan for next's Orientation program concerns the role of the student advisor.

The committee feels that the student advisor should spend more time with the new student, and that the adviser's role should be greatly expanded.

The importance of the faculty advisor will also be magnified. It is felt that more participation by both the student advisor and the faculty advisor will facilitate the new student's effort to acclimate himself to the University.

Applications for student advis-

ors will be distributed to all students on the campus. Further details will be given in the letter.

## Paper presented

"Mev Neutron Total Cross Sections of Tantalum and Tungsten Isotopes" was the topic of a paper presented by Mr. Martin, assistant professor of physics at the Ceramics College, before a recent meeting of the American Physical Society. The paper describes work done by Martin at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he is presently completing his dissertation for a Ph.D. degree.

## Play in rehearsal by Footlight Club

The Alfred University Theatre Footlight Club is presently rehearsing Robert Bolt's drama "A Man For All Seasons". Originally presented in London in 1960 and in New York in 1961, the stage version and the motion picture have been widely acclaimed.

The play, which concerns the life and times of Sir Thomas More, is being directed by C. D. Smith, III. The scenic design by George Rosehardt is now under construction by the Theatre Practice class under the supervision of the Technical Director, Ronald Brown. Productions scheduled for March 10 and 11 in Alumni Hall Theatre; curtain at 8:15 p.m. The cast includes: Jerome Gotthainer, Linda Franchele, Daniel Cohen, George Lee, Gary Moss, Gary Madigan, John Wescoti, Laura Ruben, David Snyder, Anthony Hawkins, Roland Fanton, John McGuire, Sally Seibert, and Peter Spar.

## No 'After the Fall'

Arthur Miller's "After the Fall" will not be presented next week as was originally scheduled. In its place, the department of speech and dramatics has scheduled a reading of Schiller's "Nathan the Wise" on April 6.

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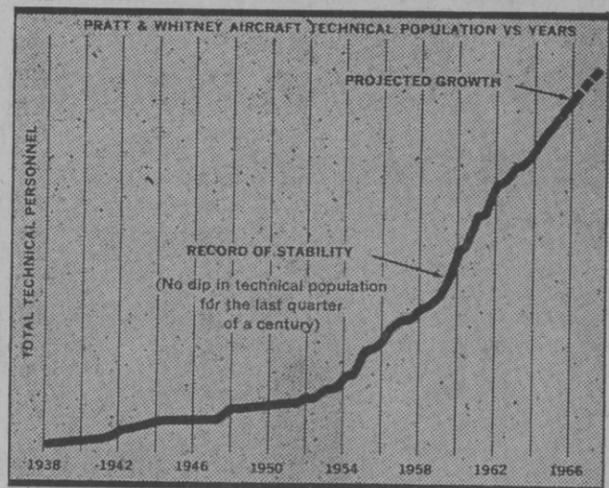
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## Dineen elected to house presidency in recent Kappa Psi Upsilon elections

Brian Dineen was recently elected president of Kappa Psi Upsilon Fraternity. Dineen is a senior political science major from Warsaw.

Kappa Psi's new vice president is Eric Unger, a senior ceramic engineer from Loudonville. He will also serve as pledge master.

Ken Thornton was elected secretary and Tom Cole treasurer. Thornton is a junior business major from Spencer and Cole is a sophomore engineer from Corn- ing.

Other new house officers elected include Dick Henderson, a jun-

ior general science major from Geneva, as chancellor; Keith Hall, a sophomore history-political science major from Valley Stream, as social chairman; and Doug Ehman as house manager. He is a sophomore engineer from Ellicottville.

Also Barry Wolf, a sophomore psychology major from Merrick, was elected athletic chairman; Bruce Hunter, a sophomore political science major from Newton, Pa., was chosen ritualist and Chris Junker, a political science major from Rochester, corresponding secretary.

# Senate begins studying constitutional revisions

by Dave Johnson

Several amendments to the Senate's constitution were proposed at last Tuesday's meeting.

The amendments, which must be held on the books for one week, will be discussed and voted on at tonight's meeting.

Roger Auerbach, whose committee is beginning a complete study of the Senate's constitution, moved that attendance requirements for Senators be revised.

Under the proposed new system, no Senator would be allowed to miss more than two meetings in any semester. After a

member's third absence, the organization which he represents would have two weeks to elect a replacement.

If no new representative were chosen in this period the organization would lose this seat until its next regularly scheduled election.

Under the amendment legal excuses must be approved by either the Senate president or vice president. The right of sending alternates to meetings, which has been traditionally accepted, would for the first time become part of the Senate constitution.

Dave Johnson moved that the requirements for the office of

Student Affairs Chairman be changed so that second semester freshmen, as well as sophomores and juniors could run for the office.

Johnson also proposed that the 2.6 index requirement for the Men's Judiciary, which long delayed its formation this year, be dropped.

Fresh back from American University and a semester's absence from the Senate was Laurie Meyerowitz. Miss Meyerowitz started things off with a bang by suggesting that an all-night study room be set up in the Center and that Alfred sponsor a conference on Vietnam for the member colleges of CCFCL.

Commenting that "the Senate doesn't do anything big or meaningful, and that attendance is pretty meager," she suggested that it was time to do something different. The Senate took no action on either suggestion.

The old problem of Alfred's pictureless I.D.'s was again brought up. Under a new system developed by Polaroid, student pictures can easily be incorporated, and it was suggested that the Senate push for their adoption.

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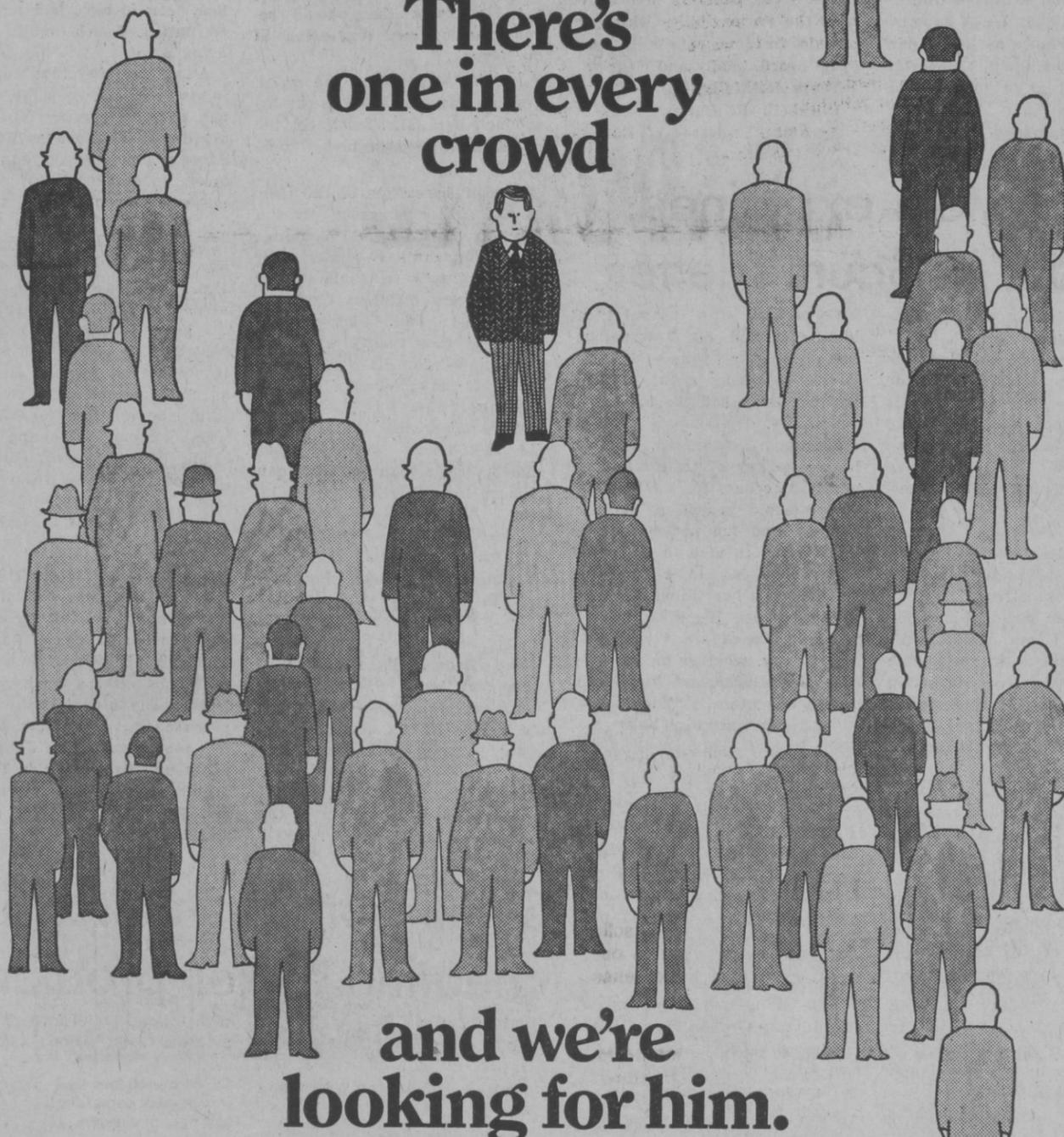
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## Hovhaness lecture

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In his lecture, Hovhaness visualized music to be somewhat analogous to a huge mountain chain which never ends and continually pulsates, as music does.

He seemed to be of the opinion that the modern world was slowly poisoning music, and the music of the Orient was preserving what was left.

Hovhaness also felt that the Oriental system of sound offered more to music than the traditional styles of Europe.

His music is based on old stylistic techniques, and yet, it has a modern sound which is very abstract. All that is needed to appreciate this type of music is an understanding of its origin.

Hovhaness is an extremely devoted man, and one who deserves high praise. However, all the praise given him can never equal in meaning the words of Rudolph Elie, music critic, who said "... Alan Hovhaness stands almost alone among Americans as a composer born with a mantle of genius ..."

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# Right not to chaperone defended in Curry letter

To the editor:

I sympathize with the problems of IFC in garnering chaperones for parties; I have no solution to these difficulties.

My purpose in writing to you is rather an *apologia* for my own position with reference to the enlistment of faculty members, and although I speak only for myself, I suspect that not a few of my colleagues harbor similar beliefs.

To be sure, many professors enjoy weekend contact with students, but I would hope that in a democratic community the dissenting view could be heard without fear of reprisal.

## Delineates professor's responsibilities

The responsibility of a professor is a serious one. His first task and his major one is instruction of students and sharing of ideas in the search for truth.

To carry out his professional duties with honor and dignity, he needs time to assess himself, to keep abreast of his field, to re-evaluate himself continually as a person entrusted with the power of influencing others.

Needless to say, the time for this kind of self-examination varies with the individual, and many persons can indeed spare their weekends for social contact with students; but some cannot.

I am sure the administration is well aware that the twelve-

hour load is a stiff one: on paper it looks fairly innocuous; in practice it demands of many far more than a forty-hour-per-week job.

Let it be said that I favor as little contact with students who come seeking aid, advice, or simply moral support for their college lives.

I believe wholeheartedly in Alfred as a student-centered university, and I hope I do my share in making that ideal more than a hollow dream.

It may be argued that I am overstating my case against faculty chaperoneage.

## 'In loco parentis'

2. I disapprove of Alfred University's acting *in loco parentis*. This does not mean that I condone what some students might do if left unsupervised.

Yet, we are sadly aware that unacceptable behavior is likely to occur anywhere, anytime. Furthermore, close scrutinizing at accepted social functions puts the faculty into a humiliating position hardly suitable to professional status.

3. If the administration, despite many powerful arguments to the contrary, insist on official chaperones from among univer-

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critics may say that a professor, if he wishes, need be present only at one or two parties during a given semester. This hypothetical remark leads me to several objections:

1. Non-professional commitment, as far as I am concerned, is totally irrelevant to my position in being here, it is to teach and learn.

My obligation to Alfred University is to do what I was appointed for; attendance at liquor parties and dances is not, I sincerely hope, viewed as a quasi-obligatory function.

## Disapproves of

sity personnel, they might well search their own ranks to fulfill their rules. Pressures on this faculty, however pleasant, well-intentioned, and subtle, are still pressures.

I am aware that this letter might meet with disapproval from some people.

Yet, if there is to be academic freedom at Alfred University, and if I am to act in accordance with the responsibility which academic freedom entails, I want to be heard, loudly and clearly.

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth R. Curry

Assistant Professor of English

## Loneliness not cause

Mr. Friedman's focusing the theme on "a problem of loneliness and its tragic consequences" may appear true at first sight, but loneliness was certainly not the first cause that precipitated the tragedy.

When we select a mate, we actually don't do so because we are afraid of loneliness, but because we want to do something very important that should become an optimal expression of ourselves.

If the experiment succeeds, genuine companionship is the by-product, if it fails, loneliness is the only result and insoluble residue.

The interpretation of the title, as the author suggests, gives a clue to the general meaning: are people who have chosen their mate carelessly (I should say for reasons very different from the ones they should have had) afraid to face reality when the misfortunes they have so assiduously, if unknowingly, courted, break over them?

It is paradoxical that the stupid self-denial of happiness should force a man and a woman to harp for a lifetime on the intrinsic wrong they have done to each other; and it is even more paradoxical that they have to return to this tantalizing analysis in the very moment they seek oblivion and distraction in alcohol and sex.

One is decidedly reminded of *Huis Clos* by J. P. Sartre who has given the whole problem, if not a less brutal, so at least a metaphysically more penetrating view.

I have also thought a good deal of the alluded connection of the theme with religion. Mr. Fried-

man is evasive and hesitant on this subject.

## Trinity allusion unenlightening

I am afraid his reference to the Trinity does not shed much light, for whatever it is worth. At any rate, it would be meaningless to look for a relationship with ritualized religion.

If there is any religion in it all—and I am inclined to believe that life, properly lived according to our best insight, is religion in a larger sense—I only see the total lack of any philosophical awareness in those characters.

Karl Marx, it appears to me, has not been so wrong when he pointed out somewhere in his writings (I apologize for quoting from memory) that "religion is the conscience of man who has not yet found himself".

If according to such a principle consciousness of oneself, of others (especially the ones we relate with), of the world around us, is the condition for placing ourselves physically, emotionally and mentally in the universe so as to receive the greatest possible benefit from being alive (I ask: is religion summarily understood, not the hygiene of the soul and the body?), neither George nor Martha, not to speak of course of their juvenile replica, seen to have had the smallest notion of such implications of being alive.

And I dare say that if religion in its last analysis is an individual, hypothetical order of the universe including heaven and hell, Albee's plot makes one think more spontaneously of Sartre's modern inferno than of religion.

## More than suburban life

But then, there are people who say that this is nothing else but U.S. suburbia's glorious *modus vivendi* on a Saturday night.

I have witnessed it and, maybe, there is really not more to it. But Albee's drama stands as a reminder, and as a very powerful one at that, for all those who, without expecting such, might be its leading characters in some ten years from now.

Yours faithfully,  
Prof. Paul Kohler

## Tech art contest

Alfred Tech has established a memorial art contest for art students in the College of Ceramics. The prize is offered in memory of Paul Smith, a Tech art professor, who died last June. The purpose of the contest is both to honor outstanding design students and to allow the Tech to acquire a collection of original art. First prize in the contest will be \$200.

# 'Virginia Woolf' lacks character awareness

To the editor:

Mr. Larry Friedman's explanatory article on Albee's movie picture creation *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* is enlightening and admirable for the "critic's" young age and astonishing understanding of the world.

I was among those who felt depressed by this film, but I am far from disagreeing with our commentator, because the topic is deep (although it may not appear so) and its execution and artistic performance beyond average (in spite of the nauseating scenes and the psychologically adjusted style of language which I would certainly not call colloquial, because for that, it lacked cordiality).

# Alfred's fraternity system explained; fallacies pointed out in Baum's letter

To the editor:

To attack Michael Baum's letter may label me personally sadistic, but please don't construe this as an appellation to be affixed to the entire fraternity system.

I would never argue with anyone's right to speak, but when Mr. Baum speaks in illogic, false premise, self contradiction, and fictional fact, he has left himself open for an argument.

Mr. Baum's first mistake was a literary one. In case he decides to continue his writing career I might point out that devoting the first four paragraphs of his letter to emphasizing fraternity strong points, substantially weakens his already shaky position.

## Six fraternities are not one

Concerning the blackball system, Mr. Baum makes two glaring errors. The first is to talk about Alfred's six fraternities as one. I am a fraternity member, and I can speak intelligently about only one fraternity, my own.

Mr. Baum, an independent, has taken it upon himself to speak with a wisdom he couldn't possibly possess concerning six fraternities, and arrive at the erroneous conclusion that all six function identically.

The only blanket statement that can be made is that it is the privilege and obligation of every fraternity to be selective.

To quote Mr. Baum, "The brothers' blackball system . . . must function as one cooperating body for the advantage of all concerned." Mr. Baum might be interested to learn that at Tau Delta Phi, my fraternity, the blackball carries with it the personal prerogative of dissent and subjective opinion.

While the blackball is not a majority vote, if enough brothers feel that a prospective pledge is not suited to the fraternity,

the rest of the brothers abides by this decision.

May I also point out that this system works in reverse. While every brother is entitled to his opinion, if not enough people agree with him, he forfeits this opinion, and the prospective pledge is accepted without question.

Mr. Baum continues, "The fraternity provides itself essentially as a place to bring one's date after a campus activity."

## More than dating place

Might I add that if this is all you want from a fraternity this is all you get, but you can put in much more and reap commensurate benefits. Mr. Baum didn't stay in Tau Delta long enough to find out.

Time magazine describes the fraternity as "an anachronism", but did not include Alfred University in its survey of campuses.

When the locale of the fraternity is anachronistic, it falls to the fraternity to up-date the situation.

## Fraternity indices higher

"Fraternities must be doing something right of fraternity men have higher indices than nonfraternity men," Mr. Baum says. Let me clarify his "if".

In the last compiled school year, '65-'66, figures obtained from the Registrar's Office state that the all over fraternity index was 2.58 or 2.53 including pledges. At the same time, the nonfraternity index was 2.31.

I would say "we must be doing something right. Mr. Baum further states that "The present fraternity system forces a loss of individualism on its brothers and pledges . . . and imposes limitations on one's studies . . ."

I don't feel that the fraternity system does either, but even if it did, it does not force or impose, an individual joins a fraternity of his own volition.

Concerning the "hypocritical idea classified as fraternalism, the hypocrisy comes in Mr. Baum's speaking about an idea that he never had the chance to experience.

Mr. Baum's statement that "the higher indices of fraternity men omits to account for the students on academic probation," is ambiguous, and I'm not sure if he is referring to men in or out of fraternities, but to clear up a possible misconception, I would like to quote Registrar Gertz, "The indices of all members of a fraternity, whether or not they are on probation, are figured into the all fraternity index."

## CC not fraternity house

Mr. Baum's idea that the Campus Center Lounge would make an adequate substitute for the fraternity house as a social hall is absurd.

As a member of the Center Board of Managers, I can safely say that the lounge will not hold 700 people. As a matter of fact, the entire building won't hold 700 people. (700 people would be the approximate number of fraternity men, including pledges, and all dates according to Peter Jacobus, I.F.C. president.)

In addition, no romance, food or beverage, including beer, is allowed in the lounge. Pretty dull social hall!

While I don't agree with Mr. Baum's description of the former policy of hazing as "a sadistic, discriminating type of security which is never totally effective," I would like to cite a psychological reading which says, in effect, that the more severe the initiation, the stronger the feeling of the initiate for the group into which he is initiated.

To clarify the Editor's note on the fraternity hazing policy, I quote from the Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities of the College  
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# Seidlin praises editorial: cheating major problem

To the Editor:

Your editorial "Cheating is a parasite" is a well-written, cogent, and commendably restrained—albeit frank—appraisal of an unsavory situation on campus.

The cheaters are the offenders; such of the faculty who not only condone cheating but dismiss it, openly and avowedly, as a trivial human frailty aid and abet the cheaters.

Many years ago we experienced one of the apparently recurring experiences of cheating. One of my students was asked by her mother whether there was much cheating in Dr. Seidlin's classes. I submit the student's reply as exhibit number one in support of your editorial. "No," she replied, "he doesn't like it." Follow up your good editorial

with others. In its own right the problem is as serious and significant as some current high-sounding BIG social problems.

There must be some scale of values in which cheating as a social campus problem outweighs the curtailment of sacred civil liberties implicated in late hours for girls; early hours for boys; no haircuts for boys, too tight pants for girls; and, most important of all, free-flowing booze replacing the muddy water of the Kanakadea and eliminating the Beacon.

More power to you.

Yours faithfully,  
Joseph Seidlin  
Professor emeritus

# Fraternities are not essential to development of Alfred men

by Dan Bloom

It would be easy to let my feelings loose on this page and set before you an article unconvincing and poor on all accounts.

I have rather strong feelings regarding fraternities both in general and on the Alfred campus, but these are personal and will be betrayed in this article's coloring. What is essential is that we explore the fraternity issue together in a rational way.

There are some freshmen, as probability assures me, who fail to distinguish from fraternity membership and college life. They came to Alfred without an open mind; they came wanting to join a fraternity and weighing both sides of the issue was less than a formality.

To these people nothing can be said; their minds have been made up by some conception of membership in an elite group.

What this elite group is in reality is only a wild guess on my part; I suggest that many freshmen with such a pre-conception find little but disillusionment and for support I point to the increasing number of non-people, the de-brothered, on campus.

Any evidence or points raised here are futile efforts to destroy an immutable pre-conception. I turn to another kind of freshman opinion with a knowing smile, perhaps a nasty snicker, that the searchers for the elite will learn that it lies far beyond the mystical Fountain of Youth.

The second kind of freshman is torn by the belief that fraternities are the exclusive road to a social life and that fraternity men are in the majority on campus.

As the first group, they see that fraternity acceptance is the surest means of becoming anything in Alfred's social structure. This is the largest group of

freshmen.

## Difference in social life

It would be self-delusion if I were to say that the social life of a fraternity man is the same as that of an independent; if we are to be honest on both sides of this issue, the inferiority of most independents' social lives must be admitted.

However, there are some independents who, in spite of their handicap, are able to have a social life that can be favorably compared with that of a fraternity man.

On the other hand, it should not be assumed that every fraternity man lives an epicurean life of weekly blasts. We must conclude that the success of a social life rests most heavily on the shoulders of the individual. The weight upon the shoulders of a fraternity man is, of course, less than that upon those of an independent.

## Fraternity men not majority

For those who hold that the fraternity membership includes a majority of the campus, a big surprise is due. As of last June, when all the freshmen eligible were pledged, the fraternities claimed 299 brothers and pledges out of a total campus male population of 933.

If I had the mathematical skill, I would convert this to an accurate fraction; since I am not so gifted, I leave the pencil pushing to the curious. It does not take any effort to see that the fraternities do not even comprise one-third of the male student body.

To feel that these fraternal organizations decide upon a student's worth in some mysterious way is utterly ridiculous. Yet, last year, I tried to console a rejected freshman who had to return home over 300 miles to seek solace; that he belonged to the stronger two-thirds of the campus did not concern him; he was

rejected and therefore society's outcast.

If you feel that fraternity membership is the climbing of the rungs of the ladder of success, consider the officers and leaders of the campus; it reflects a favorable balance towards the independents.

In spite of the large proportion of independents, it is a grim generalization, and an Alfred irony, that a full social life is more easily attained by fraternity men. If this is worth the submergence of your identity, assuming that you have one, into the grand melting pot, then you are more than justified — you deserve it.

Probably the best argument for going fraternity I have ever heard was voiced by an anonymous non-people (that is, former brother). A poor and somewhat lost freshman was violating between remaining a member and de-pledging and he consulted both me and the non-people (who was at that time a brother).

Perhaps, when I am far enough from this issue not to scoff, I will think this reason for going fraternity is tragic. He said, "Stay a pledge. You learn, as a brother, the most wretched length a person can go to when he has power." I hope all vacillating freshmen mark his words for future reference.

I did not start this article hoping to convince anybody to remain an independent. I believe in allowing each person to decide freely.

What I hoped to do was to present a side that you do not get at a fraternity rush party: the side of independence. Yet, I must say that I have a good feeling when I see a non-people or an ex-pledge; it is a feeling that some people refused the accession to power and asserted themselves against the prevailing social tide. With more of them, the tide will turn.

# Dangerous trend in American society reaffirmed by revelation in 'Ramparts'

by Publius

The revelation by Ramparts Magazine that the Central Intelligence Agency has been subsidizing the National Student Association for many years points to a dangerous trend in American society today.

In the name of preserving freedom against the encroachments of Communists, we have allowed the federal government to create super secret and sacrosanct organizations. These groups are beyond the normal purview of normal control of Congress, and the people, and each year they attempt to further their power and justify it with the cry "national security."

Unless some steps are placed now, the United States is in danger of achieving "1984" by 1984.

Several nationally respected news analysts have defended the CIA's actions in regard to the NSA by saying that Russia subsidizes her student groups and uses them for propaganda so why shouldn't the U.S. do the same.

## Russian system

But, by adopting the Russian system of controlling the everyday affairs of their citizens, we will be destroying the entire essence of the so-called American ideal. If we lower our standards then the only thing which will make our country superior to any other will be the higher level of living that we have reached.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is a second group with powers that are so vast that if an "evil" man got control then we would all be in danger. No one can deny that as a crime fighting unit the FBI surpasses all others. But, it does not merely limit itself to crime busting.

The present director, who should have been retired years ago, but no President has had the courage to press the mandatory age limit on him, even puts himself in the foreign affairs realm of the government and is trying to influence the ratification of a consular treaty.

The wire-tapping program of the FBI is very large and encompasses individuals who are not being investigated for a crime or national security reasons. This is a serious infringement on rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Our Post Office Department, which should spend more time speeding the slow mails rather than engaging in its investigatory efforts, has admitted before a committee of Congress that it has a million citizens, the number has been estimated at 20 million, under mail watch for various reasons. At times postal authorities will open first class mail. Last year it was revealed that the Internal Revenue Service, a purely administrative bureau, requested that the mail of certain individuals be inter-

cepted and sent on to them.

## Central file

And within the past year it has been proposed that the government establish a central file on every single American. This would include every detail of the person's life from birth to death: grades in school, income taxes paid each year, all traffic offenses and other judicial proceedings, all honors, all places of residence and whatever other information the future director of the operation decides upon. Of course, we are told, this will be used only for "good" but the dangers are far too great to risk such an enterprise. For the sake of "defending our shores" and expediency, we are creating a bureaucratic state which can only lead to control over our lives.

## Calendar of Events

Feb. 21

Painting, and sculpture exhibit, Campus Center.

Basketball, Varsity and Freshman, versus St. Lawrence. Men's Gym, 6:30 and 8:15.

Feb. 22

AOK, 7 p.m., room C.

Feb. 23

Lecture: "Desalting the Sea," Dr. R. J. Raridon, Howell Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 24

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## An Editorial

"It is the responsibility of every student to report to the instructor any case of academic dishonesty. Failure to report will in itself be regarded as academic dishonest." Paragraph 9, Regulations Concerning Academic Dishonesty, Alfred University April 10, 1961.

The ashtray is filled with cigarette butts. His hand trembles as he reaches for the pack to shake out another one and light it. His hands are sweaty and greasy from running them through his hair. Dragging on the cigarette only adds to the taste in his mouth left from smoke and instant coffee and instant cream.

The desire for a shower and sleep are overpowering, yet from somewhere comes the notion that he isn't done. The pencil which he grasps has a dulled point and is minus an eraser. On the sheet of paper in front of him is a question, one among many, which he has been outlining all night.

A few more hours and he'll be at the exam. Then, all his work will be appreciated. He knows the material. He has worked hard this semester.

Finally, he is done studying. He walks to the bathroom and washes his face and hands. After brushing his teeth, his mouth begins to feel better.

He then starts walking to the exam. The cold air braces him and makes him feel vibrant. Reaching the building, he walks in and sits down.

At 9, the professor begins to dole out the blue books and exams. He can't wait to see the questions and, then when he does, he recognizes them. They are questions he himself thought of.

He outlines the first and begins to answer it. It is intelligent, he decides on looking over it. He's not the only one in the room who recognizes this quality, however.

He sees the person at the next desk squinting at his paper. The realization comes that the person is cheating.

He is crestfallen. Here he has worked diligently at this course; taken it seriously. And for what? Only to have someone take advantage of him. Someone who merely appreciates his efforts as a means to that person's ends: to get a grade without work.

What is he supposed to do? Walk up to the professor and say, "He's cheating."

He looks down at his paper again and begins the second irrelevant. Suffice it to say that it does happen.

The number of times this phenomenon has occurred is irrelevant. Suffice it to say that it does happen.

We at Alfred pay lip service to honesty. All we have are Paragraph 9's. We have regulations which are not only unenforced but also unknown. Also, we have those which are unheeded.

This is the case of Paragraph 9. It is not obeyed for several reasons. The most obvious explanation is that most students are unaware of it. This is not an excuse but a statement of fact. Secondly, if the student reports one of his peers, what will be the consequences to both of them?

At this time the answer is unknown. Probably, since Alfred has no honor system, the informer would be ostracized. After all, why should he "tell on" someone? He really does not have to do so since honor is not involved. Most people would construe his actions—no matter how sincerely he meant the—as selfish.

Alfred must define its position more clearly on academic dishonesty and disseminate these views both to students and to faculty. As of now, knowledge is lacking.

As students, we should want to know our rights and responsibilities relative to this problem. And, knowing them, we should then adhere to them actively.

## Fraternity letter

(Continued from Page 4)

Fraternities Secretaries Association given to every fraternity man by the University. "... the most damaging instrument to the fraternity system is the employment of . . . hazing, and that this unproductive, ridiculous and hazardous custom has no rightful place in the fraternity system."

### IFC upholds hazing ban

The local I.F.C. has internalized this position, and, while I am not so naive as to believe that hazing has been completely eliminated at this time, things have improved greatly, and, we are ostensibly working under the new rules.

"Who gives the fraternity men the god-like right to judge whether a student may be permitted to enjoy a 'decent' social life?" asks Mr. Baum. I would like to point out that the student has the option of placing himself in the position of being judged, and as I have indicated before, it is the privilege of fraternity to be selective.

I don't see all the fraternity animosity that Mr. Baum says is on campus, although during rushing we seem to be the best of enemies (this is a part of any competitive system).

I am very glad that Mr. Baum has found an acceptable social life outside the fraternity system, I am only sorry that I did not have the privilege of having Mike as a brother so that he could have had the experience he has tried so hard to discredit.

Yours faithfully,  
Trace B. Percy

# Gregory, Knott give Baker time

by Chris Rodier

Last weekend two Alfred University students, in their own, might have taken the first step in easing the apathetic reputation which most of the student body carries with a wierd sort of pride.

These students acted, realizing a situation existed, which they could try and change. If they could help, they would try, and keep on trying, despite many good reasons for their not having any obligation to take any action.

Fred Gregory and Bill Knott decided to go out for the basketball squad. Neither of them had suddenly become better hoopsters than they were in the first semester. Both of them know Coach Baker was in a tough position, his squad down to seven

men, due to many reasons he had no control over.

Unlike most students at Alfred who might just say it is Coach Baker's problem, they realized that they could contribute to the team, so they contacted the coach and asked him if they could join the squad.

Bill and Fred, both put in as much time as any of the guys on the football team, who are another group of men who rise above their fellow students and put in long hours of sacrifice and have to share the glory with a sometimes ungrateful student body. Mike Johaston has been practicing since September with football and now basketball.

They would like to have more free time, like any student, to squeeze in that extra hour of study, or to have more opportunity

for some relaxation.

But as members of Alfred University and as men very interested in sports at Alfred, they could see Coach Baker's plight, and the necessity of him having a bigger squad in order to have decent practices.

As any coach, he wasn't going to throw in the towel and give up on the remainder of the season, but the value of the squad's practices without more men would have been greatly decreased. Knowing this, these two men, went out, realizing they were go-

ing to see a lot of action sitting on the bench. Neither of them expected to bust into the starting lineup, but they know they were making a contribution to the team, giving the first string better competition and being ready to play when called on by Coach Baker.

They have given the team more than this; they have given the regulars another example; one of two guys who are willing to sacrifice their own energies and time to help the team out.

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# Critic gives art exhibit the high praise it deserves

by J. Stern

How wonderful and exciting to see the fruits of the recent experimentation of Mahan-Guy-Hanley in the Campus Center, for it is that grand parody of the illusion of our times.

They have utilized the very forms and structures of the cliché: one-dimensionality, primary colors, intensified tones to answer the old 'picture as illusion' school and to magnify the set terms of the new establishment, simplicity as complexity.

Glorious is the only adjective for the striped orange and green version of Brancusi's 'Bird in Flight'; now a cross between a barber pole and a limp piece of Wrigley's gum—the direct inspiration for the parody, or is it to reflect that multi-coloured Adams brand, in orange flavor or lemon?

The reclining nude mit incubus clearly is to remind us of, by its grand scale and proportions, the 'Odalisque' and 'The Rape of Europa', but now cross-hatched window and limpid limbs satirize the sterility of the originals and the mawkish baroque sensitiveness of the naked original forms.

Also B. Manley has used a careless freedom in color and geometry to distort the rigidity and the passivity of ur Rubens, which is naturally coy and static.

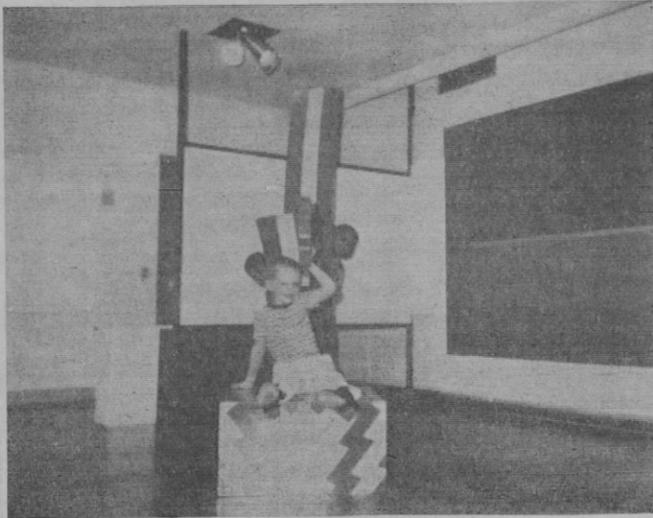
Timeless . . . grand

Such he does to express his fear of confinement and his lust for keeping within the boundaries of his set form, the op denia of authority, albeit the Renaissance mode of imitation. How timeless? How grand?

Mahan's comical window-shade represents the same spirit of conformity to the established language of perception popularized in April 1962 by Barnett Newman's "minimal perception of everything"—which had equally at-



Daren has just finished a trip over this 'objet d'art'. His sister and Jeff wait their turns.



Jeff Curry, Daren Ohara, and Stacy Ohara demonstrate the practical values of inscrutable 'nouveau art'.

tracted the viewer to puzzle, to be amazed and to participate in the tricks of subliminal after effects on the optic nerves.

But now the artist has gone one step further by placing the whole experience within the most common of denominators, the recognized utilitarian household object; yet he has retained the love and joy of primary colors to remind the realistic perceiver that all is well, even in distortion, for the trick is only a momentary one—he now can 'see' the window shade of his own 'dear apartment as it should be sensed, immediately and directly, as an object of truth and reflection of that sublime ideal, simplicity of form and content.

Reassurance of order  
'neath chaos

The conclusion is obvious to the most naive student: the three men have confronted us with the outer limits of our consciousness and have shown us majestically and simply that there is order and arrangement

beneath the seeming disharmony and distress of our lives.

They have displayed that wonderful sensitivity to truth; to us they offer an answer of peace and unity—and that one can play tennis without a net.

## AU offers new Corning studies

In order to improve the quality of its educational program, Alfred University has become a member of the Graduate Center of the College Center of the Finger Lakes (CCFL).

The CCFL Graduate Center is composed of seven colleges and universities in Western New York with the objective of pooling each school's allotted funds to establish a highly proficient faculty.

Another program with its headquarters in Corning, but not a part of the CCFL is the Master's degree in English, being offered by Alfred University. This three year program requested by a number of agencies in Corning will enable qualified people in the Corning area to receive a master's degree.

The conditions governing the program state that in return for offering the course, Alfred would hire an additional member providing for his salary with the contributing agencies.

The degree offered has the same requirements as the degree offered on campus: a language exam, two oral exams and a master's essay.

## Defeat Bonnies 1296 to 1195

by Jim Cushman

The Alfred sharp shooters fired their way to a 1296 to 1195 victory over St. Bonaventure Saturday afternoon to take their tenth consecutive victory of the season.

This score helped to raise the team average back into the 1280's after last week's mediocre defeat of Canisius 1261 to 1227.

Even though the Saxon rifle team has an unblemished record, it is the over-all team average that will determine the final championship of the league and with only four more contests this season they should encounter little trouble in maintaining their position with such a respectable average.

Next Friday Alfred will host Niagara University which sports an 0 and 6 record and is at the bottom of the league standings.

High Five

Tom Sciortini—269  
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# Saxons defeat Clarkson, possibly gain .500 mark

by Chris Rodier

Life for the Saxons is looking up, after the Warriors 74 to 69 victory at home over Clarkson. Turning in the best half of the season in the opening phase of the game, the Saxons streaked to an 11 point lead, 33 to 29. Smothering a Clarkson drive which almost put the visitors ahead, the Warriors slowly pulled away in the second half.

Despite some anxious moments following rebounding start Mike Doviak's fifth foul, Baker's hustling five held on for its sixth victory of the campaign.

Doviak and Tom Reardon led the improving Saxons by scrambling for a total of 31 rebounds. Doviak with 17 and Reardon with 14 outfought a team which had the height advantage at every position.

The 6'3" junior center shook up Clarkson with his boxing out under the boards, and Reardon helped the guards who were towered over by their opponents, away from the hoop.

The first ten minutes of the battle were a pleasure for Alfred fans, with the starting five hitting from the outside, along with a tormenting man to man defense which held Clarkson to seven points.

Clarkson was being thrashed so badly that Coach Zeranski benched the entire starting five during a time out with nine and a half minutes gone and the Saxons about to increase their lead to 14 points.

Five minutes into the second half Garryl Dillenback hit a jumper from the corner to tie the game at 42 all, erasing an 11 point advantage the Saxons had at the half.

Neither team was able to hit for the go ahead bucket, but Mike Johnston's foul shot, along with John Woychak's freethrow and jumper put the Saxons out



Mike Doviak battles it out under the boards in last week's game against Clarkson.

in front to stay.

Doviak added two more on a fast break, pushing the home team to a six point bulge which they held for the rest of the game.

Johnston shut the door on the hopes of Clarkson rooters in closing minutes, with the teams trading baskets down the stretch.

Going to the use of the foul in order to try and gain possession, Johnston stung the visitors' tactics by nitting nine out of 10 free throws in five crucial one and one situations. Clarkson was getting the extra shots, with Doviak warming the bench with his fifth foul, and the visitors loading their lineup with height.

Johnston led the scoring parade, hitting 14 out of 17 free throws along with three buckets for 20 points.

Gary Gross, pumping from the corner and mixing it up under the offensive boards, popped in 18 points. Doviak, blasting from the top of the key, and roaming down the middle for drives and taps, produced 17 points.

Reardon, giving the Saxons the

rebounds which made the difference for victory and playing hard nosed defense, was held to nine points. Woychak, once again the play maker, had the Saxon rooters cheering on their feet after a couple of his amazing passes to teammates for easy buckets, scored seven points.

Having won the last two games at home, the Saxons go for three in a row on this home stand against St. Lawrence tonight.

Doviak, Reardon, Gross, Woychak and Johnston can salvage a .500 season if they can take the last four games for the season, two of them being on the road against tough competition. The opening tipoff against St. Lawrence is at 8:15.

#### Box Score

	Fg	Ft	TP
Johnston	3	14	20
Reardon	4	1	9
Woychak	3	1	7
Gross	8	2	18
Doviak	7	3	17
Wyant	1	1	3
	—	—	—
	26	22	74

## Alfred's trackmen finish third in first meets of indoor season

by Jim Cushman

After coupling a third place behind Syracuse and Colgate last Friday, the Alfred track team took another third place on Saturday at the Rochester Relays in the second meet of the indoor season.

The University of Rochester took first place with 33 3/6 points followed by LeMoyne only one-half of a point behind with 38. Alfred took 17 2/6 points while Brockport trailed with 15 3/6.

The meet began with the field events in which the Saxons scored a disappointing 1/3 point in the high jump when Skip Manfredi tied for fifth place.

#### Hamilton wins shot

The Hamilton wrecking crew dominated the shot putting and easily outdistanced their closest competitors with a winning toss of 50' 1/2".

Moving on to the running events, Alfred picked up three points as Ed Gabriel, Mike Bell, Pete Stasz and Bill Briel paced themselves to a third in the 16 lap relay with a time of 8:32.2, 2.1 seconds better than last year's meet record set by LeMoyne.

Jim Crosby, Dick Malvesti, Lew Landman, and Doug Chamberlain were credited with three points when Chamberlain cross-

ed the finish line to take another third for the Saxons.

#### Varsity relay upsets

The varsity four lap relay was perhaps the biggest upset of the meet as Jim Crosby, Marty Rosenberg, Lew Landman and Dick Malvesti took five points by scoring first place and tying the old meet record of 1:37.5.

Coach DuBreuil felt that Alfred's performance shocked everyone but stated that he was confident and not surprised at the results.

Alfred's next two points came in the distance relay of 20 laps run by Gabriel, Dick Lang, Stasz and Briell with a time of 11:37.1. Four points and a second place in the eight lap relay rounded out the Saxon scoring for the meet.

#### New team record

Crosby started with the gun followed by Rosenberg and Landman with Dick Malvesti running anchor and finishing in 3:35.6 to establish a new team record.

The freshman runners competing in three events took first place in the total competition. Larry Eros, Rene Hebert, Don Merida and Joe Kovacs took first place in the four lap relay with a time of 1:41.1 while Dick Stevens, Jeff Brunger, Dave Welty and Bob Lamb placed fifth in the 15 lap medley relay at 10:00 flat.

For their last event of the meet the frosh finished first in

the sprint medley relay. Hebert, Kovacs, Merida, and Eros ran the distance in 3:57.8 to better the team's old record by 1.7 seconds.

To sum up the meet Coach DuBreuil felt that Alfred's strongest race was the varsity sprint relay. He underestimated the strength of the U. of R. Yellow-jackets but will get a chance to even the score this Saturday when the Saxons return to the University of Rochester for the Rochester invitational.

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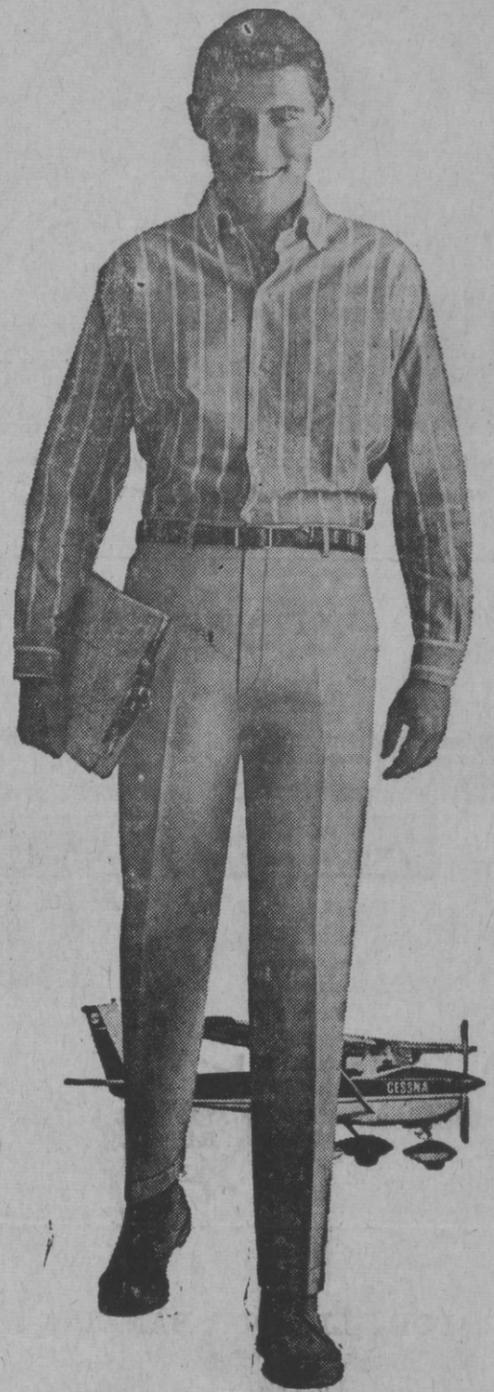


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