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Rose Explains Stabilization Plan
Enrollment Is Most Critical Factor

The following are excerpts from a letter to all faculty and administrative staff, dated June 3, 1976 and signed by President M. Richard Rose.

I should point out that tuition revenues account for approximately 80 per cent of our operating income and that enrollment has become the single most critical factor in our thinking. The data studied shows that enrollment has been sliding in Liberal Arts while gaining in Business and Nursing, and holding steady in Ceramics. Salaries account for 68 per cent of our expenditures and annual debt service on $12 million in outstanding debt another 14 per cent.

The second key element in the cost-stabilization plan is a fund-raising effort, to be undertaken by the University Relations Division, whose chief purposes will be two-fold: the support of current campus programs and the reduction of long-term capital debt. We hope in this manner to be able to trim our operating budget by an additional $200,000 by 1978.

In order for the University Relations staff effectively to conduct this campaign, there can be no further reduction in personnel reporting to Vice President Clinger. On-going fund-raising programs such as the Annual Fund will of course be expected to proceed apace. Indeed, they will be relied upon to increase their yield in future years.

Let me give you some of the thinking that went into the formulation of the stabilization plan. I will say at the outset that I do not consider the balance sheet at the end of the year to be a measure of our success or failure as an institution. Academic success turns on other issues: the quality of the education we provide, and how this education affects the lives of our students. At the same time we cannot ignore the debilitating effect on the institution of repeated deficits. In each of the past two years we have incurred an operating deficit of about $100,000, covered fortunately by reserves accrued from past surpluses. We anticipate a deficit next year--1976-77--in the magnitude of $200,000, which will exhaust our reserve capability. Unless we implement our stabilization plan, the deficit for 1977-78 will be in the order of $500,000. It should be obvious that a continued trend of operating deficits can only result in financial disaster.

Although I regret deeply the necessity for job reductions, there is no other logical solution to our fiscal problem. The stabilization plan, taken as a whole, is best fitted to our situation at this time. I have great faith in the

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Retrenchment Planned For Fall of 1977-78

From Dr. S. Gene Odle
Provost

Sept. 14 - President Rose announced on June 3, 1976, that the University's board of trustees had approved a cost-stabilization plan which mandates budget cuts in the 1977-78 fiscal year, of approximately $300,000. Additional 1977-78 fiscal year of approximately $300,000. Additional budget relief in the amount of $200,000 for 1977-78 is planned from the results of a two-million dollar fund-raising campaign and energy conservation measures to be undertaken this year. The budget adjustments are necessary because of the relentless pressures of continued inflation coupled with a substantial reduction in Liberal Arts enrollment in recent years.

The plan means a loss of 21 full-time and some part-time positions at the University for next year. Included are: the equivalent of one position in student affairs, eleven in custodial, maintenance and clerical; and nine and a half liberal arts faculty positions.

The personnel reductions were arrived at after deliberations among the institution's academic and administrative leadership. The Liberal Arts Divisional and Program Chairpersons and elected faculty representatives made the recommendations for terminations in that college.

The most significant reductions in Liberal Arts faculty positions will occur in music and languages. Three of the four full-time positions in music will be terminated and three positions in languages will be closed--two through retrenchment and one by not filling a position which will become vacant due to a tenure decision.

In music the University expects to continue to offer introductory or survey courses as well as private instruction and group or ensemble work such as chorus and band. Volunteer musical activities will be encouraged and the Davis Memorial Carillon will continue in operation. Music majors will be phased out.

In languages, instruction will be offered only in German and Spanish as of fall 1977. The French and Russian programs are being discontinued and because of American Association of University Professors' guidelines it is unlikely that any instruction will be offered in these areas for at least three years.

Majors in French and music who are presently at the junior and senior level are guaranteed offerings to complete their majors at Alfred.

One retirement position in philosophy will not be refilled in 1977 although this has been anticipated for some time. The two remaining philosophy professors will continue to staff the major and a full range of course offerings.

The reductions will also include a faculty position in biology, a position which is divided between teaching in psychology and counseling and career planning, and several part-time positions in English, drama and dance. There will be no interruption of majors, as they presently exist in these areas, and course offerings will continue.

The University has contracted with a New York City non-profit planning organization, the Academy for Educational Development, to aid faculty members involved in the terminations. A similar service is being offered custodial and maintenance workers by Snelling and Snelling, a personnel placement agency with a branch office in Binghamton.

In other academic areas faculty have been added in nursing for two programs. One new faculty position has been authorized for this year in Rochester to accommodate a larger junior nursing class. A position in Continuing Education has also been announced, effective immediately, which will utilize Federal grant monies to provide educational opportunities for area health professionals as well as A.U. students.

In the School of Business and Administration, an additional faculty position in management has been approved for 1977 and the faculty and Dean Miles are well into preparations designed to permit Alfred University to apply for professional accreditation for the School of Business and Administration within about two years. Alfred University is already accredited as an institution by Middle States Accrediting Association.

In the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred, programs and staffing are stable despite some SUNY budget adjustments already implemented.

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Students Contest Results Of Spring Referendum Petition Circulated

A small group of students has challenged the validity of the student government referendum election held at the University last spring. But the group is seeking wider support through a petition campaign.

In last spring's election, the Two Branch system of government was chosen to replace the Student Assembly. The Two Branch system is similar to the executive and legislative system employed by the United States government.

About 29 per cent (577 out of approximately 2066) of eligible students voted in last spring's election.

The group challenging the results is an ad hoc group, "The Committee for a Legitimate Student Democracy," (CLSD). The committee has been circulating a petition asking for a new referendum vote, "which should be administered by students elected from the student body,"; that "no members of the administration should interfere with or attempt to influence this election," and that "the Dean of Student Affairs halt the elections which are currently planned (as announced in the mailing sent to students this summer)."

The CLSD petition asks for the new election because "the so-called 'Election Committee' which ran the referendum had absolutely no mandate from the Student Body, but was essentially drawn from a hand-picked group selected by the Dean of Student Affairs. . .the 'Election Committee' ratified the election results in a vote held under questionable circumstances by the narrow vote of 3-2 and was under severe pressure from the Dean of Student Affairs (who was present at that vote) to approve the election results." The petition also contends that "many students did not know the election was taking place" because the edition of the **Fiat Lux** announding the election came out late.

In a telephone interview held Wednesday, September 15, Dean of Student Affairs Donald King indicated that if presented with the petitions, he would take them "under advisement."

"I would think very carefully about using the petitions," King stated, "I just don't know what my position would be." He said he had not yet actually read the petition.

King said he was concerned about a further delay in establishing a new student government. He also expressed concern for students who may have already spent time preparing campaigns for the planned election.

Asked what his position would be if CLSD collected at least 577 signatures, the same as the number of students who voted in last spring's election, King replied, "I just don't know, I haven't gotten to that point yet."

Throughout the interview, Dean King expressed a reluctance to halt the elections now planned. "It would be a shame (to halt the elections)." Dean King's estimate of the time it would take to go through the referendum process again varied during the interview. At first he said, "we would lose a year." Later he reduced his estimate to a semester. He said the referendum process itself would take about a month.

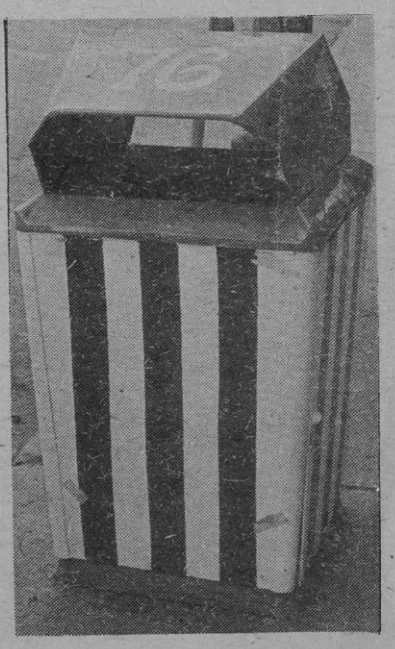
King stated that if a new referendum was held, he would expect that turnout to be "about the same" as the number that voted last spring.

In a letter to the editor appearing in this edition of the **Fiat Lux**, Robert Rothfeld, a member of CLSD, claims that "about 90 per cent of the students who have read the petition have signed it."

CLSD has been conducting its campaign since Monday of last week.

A.U. Complies

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Alfred University considers candidates for admission and applicants for employment on the basis of their qualifications regardless of sex, and does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities which it operates. Further, Alfred University does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion or national or ethnic origin in either admissions or employment. Alfred University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.



Bi-centennial bin welcomes new students to Main Street and reminds us that the historic occasion is not long past.....hoorah!

Retrenchment Is Necessary

The retrenchment planned for the fall of 1977 and that which has already taken place is extremely unfortunate and will be disheartening to many students. However, it is a sign of the times.

The innovative education movement of the late sixties and early seventies boosted enrollments of liberal arts colleges across the country. But in the past three years, colleges and Universities have found students turning toward majors which would prepare them for a specialized field of study, thus increasing their chances of getting a job after graduation. Consequently, the dwindling enrollments in colleges of liberal arts everywhere forced institutions to ask themselves why students feel that a liberal arts education is less salable, how can it be made more salable, and what can be done about keeping faculty whose knowledge is becoming less sought after.

Alfred University is not unique in what it is facing, though its liberal arts college may be suffering more than other liberal arts colleges. We must keep avoiding deficits and keep the cost of tuition at a minimum. Students whose interests lie in fields of study being phased out of our curriculum must go elsewhere to continue their interests. Faculty who are no longer in sufficient academic demand must look elsewhere for jobs, with the help and support of the University.

What is most important is that as a school, we work as hard as possible to keep what is most valuable to the entire community. There is no room for half-baked decisions. Students must make it known to their departments that they feel a great need for the faculty and majors Alfred has to offer. Together, we must struggle to save what's left of our liberal arts college.

Apathy Is Avoidable

Apathy is something that has plagued college campuses since the beginning of time. Don't think for one second that when God was at Universe University, there weren't a few times when he really didn't feel like studying his Chemistry, History didn't matter (of course, there wasn't any then, anyhow), and Intro. to Miracles seemed just too tough. But if he hadn't worked hard anyway, you wouldn't be here reading this, right? And if you hadn't buckled down and learned to read when you were in elementary school, you still wouldn't be reading this. And if you were blind, I'd have to have this printed in braille. But the point is, that unless people get through their own laziness or apathy (whichever you prefer), nothing really great ever happens. But when someone decides to throw off that apathy, amazing things usually happen. No one can imagine what would have happened if God had decided to be apathetic.

How does this relate to you as a student at Alfred University? A good question. But since I'm going to answer it, don't ignore my answer, unless of course you are a fool.

During the past several years, students have really taken a ride on the Reading railroad. But don't forget that the students of the sixties and early seventies are the John Henry's who set the rails and drove the spikes that allow you to ride at all. And if the ride was so comfortable that you fell asleep, don't be shocked when the engine comes to a screeching halt because the track ends in the middle of the desert.

In other words, we have been resting on our laurels. Sure we have coed dorms and optional class attendance, open parietals and less than stringent Marijuana law enforcement, and a long list of other freedoms that make life in college more bearable. But now that we have a comfortable living climate, we must begin to work on our learning climate. Not just academics. They are only a part of our total college experience. Student organizations can continue to make our living and learning climate more and more comfortable, but only with your help and your desire to give of yourself, i.e. your spare time.

If you were here last year, you know what needs to be changed around here. If you're a freshman or transfer student, it won't take you too long to notice what needs changing.

Be a bigger and better part of the school and the community. Go to organization night. Find out what student organizations really are; find out how you can help them. If you stick with one or two of them for a while, you may find that they can help you help yourself and other students. You may also find parts of yourself that you never thought existed. And for sure, you won't find yourself feeling apathetic.

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Restoration Is Incomplete

Though the **Fiat Lux** became a new and restored newspaper last year, the restoration of this grand and valuable antique is not yet complete. We need an increasingly larger staff, a harder working and more dedicated one, and a staff who has the commitment to go down in University history as the **Fiat**'s best.

As our mast-head depicts, our staff thus far is meager. There are many positions open for any interested students willing to work hard. Most needed are investigative reporters, particularly those driven to great heights of journalistic motivation by the movie, "All The President's Men." The **Fiat Lux** offers great personal satisfaction for its staff, a great service to the students of the University, and an excellent learning experience. If this interests you, come to one of our regular Sunday night meetings, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Campus Center.

Letters

The **Fiat Lux** welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Students may submit letters at the Campus Center desk or mail them to our post office box.

To the editor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Committee for a legitimate Student Democracy.

The Committee's purpose is to inform students about the irregularities which took place during the student government referendum last spring, irregularities which ensured that the election could not possibly have been conducted in a democratic manner.

To begin with, the so-called "Election Committee" (which has somehow been given a new name over the summer) ostenisibly ran the referendum had absolutely no mandate from the students. It was essentially drawn from a handpicked group selected by the Dean of Student Affairs. There was no public announcement about the possibility of restructuring the student government until after the meeting of this select group. Thus, right from the start. the democratic process was circumvented.

Because the edition of the **Fiat Lux** announcing the election dates came out a few days late, many students did not even know an election was taking place. And because information about the election was so sketchy, many students who did vote were confused both about the proposals, and the significance of the election. Persons who worked at the voting tables will verify this fact.

The "Election Committee" ratified the results of the election by the narrow vote of 3-2 under questionable circumstances, and was under severe pressure from the Dean of Student Affairs (who was present at that vote) to approve the election results. The clearly expressed attitude of the Dean was that it was more important to have a new student government quickly, than to have one that the students truly wanted. When it was pointed out that, as a result of the poor publicity, only about 27 per cent of the students voted, the Dean maintained that the low turnout was purely a result of student apathy. The Committee for a Legitimate Student Democracy has found the Dean's position to be far from the truth, as I shall explain.

Since Monday, September 13, our Committee has been circulating a petition calling for a new Election Committee, which would be elected by students. The petition goes on to demand that this new democratically chosen committee be allowed to conduct a new referendum and, importantly, that no members of the administration interfere with this election process.

So far, about 90 per cent of the students who have read the petition (including one of the three students who voted to ratify last spring's election) have signed it. Most of

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Wise and Reason

An Issue of Fun Control

by Robert C. Rothfeld

One of the important issues in this Presidential election year is bound to be Fun Control. It's an emotional issue for most people, with a strong lobby of fun enthusiasts doing all they can to block legislation. One member of the fun lobby stopped in to see me the other day. He was wearing a bright yellow suit, an orange shirt, and a polka dot tie. He wore a button which read,"If Fun is outlawed only Outlaws will have fun."

"We members of fun organizations are taking our case to all the important journalists this year," he began. I blushed a little and bade him go on. He said his name was Olgag.

"I'm from the 'Lawyers Association for Fun' and I can tell you that no one is more serious about fun than we are."

"I'm not against fun," I said. "I just think it's too easily available."

"Now listen here," Olgag frowned, popping a noisemaker, "this country was founded on the pursuit of happiness. Every citizen has the right to protect his loved fun. Did it ever occur to you that fun control is tied into some very subversive elements in our society?"

"I hadn't thought of it that way," I admitted.

"A nation without fun is defenseless. Why, as soon as fun is no longer readily available, the commies could waltz in and take over the whole country without so much as a smile being cracked."

"That is serious."

"I'll say it is," admonished Olgag between breaths. He offered me a seat on the whoopee cushion he had just inflated, but I declined.

"Look," I conceded,"fun is necessary, and some people do only use it for sport. But what about all the fun accidents? Some people thought Watergate was all in fun."

"Just because a few people abuse it, you can't deprive the whole nation. Where would we be without the Roller Derby and Professional Football?"

"I have to hand it to you," I said, ducking a water balloon. "You certainly do make a strong case. But tell me, since you're such a big fun advocate, and a believer in individual rights, how do you feel about the decriminalization of marijuana?"

Olgag dropped his bubble wand in mid-blow. "I guess I made a mistake coming to see you," he huffed. "You liberals are all alike." He put his party hat on and stormed out. He must have been upset. He forgot his water pistol.

Elections Underway Referendum Results Noted

by Jeffrey G. Lerman

After a prolonged stagnant period, it became evident that the Student Assembly Government of Alfred University was no longer viable and of service to the needs of the student, faculty, and administration. An instrumental device, therefore, of communication and constructive implementation for these factions was essentially absent. A change was therefore salient.

Through the initiation of Dean Donald King of Student affairs, the Committee for the Establishment of Student Government (CESG) was organized in February, 1976 for the purpose of sponsoring alternate forms of student government. One form of government would be implemented via a student referendum election. By April, three originial types of student government were composed and outlined.

These proposed governments were published in a **Special Edition** of the **Fiat Lux**. The referendum was held in late April, 1976. The Two Branch System received the majority vote (358 of the 577 votes).

Below are the five final choices offered in the referendum election and their percentage of votes cast:

Two Branch System	56.8
Refcom	18.8
Council Form	15.7
Present Stud. Gov't.	6.2
No Government	2.2

In May, 1976, CESG ratified the results of the Student Government Referendum and began to lay out rules, procedures and dates concerning the elections for the establishment of the Two Branch System.

The Committee agreed to one major change. Contrary to the statement in the Two Branch System's proposal, candidates for President and Vice-President do not have to run as a "team." They may run separatly.

In order to be nominated to the ballot, candidates for President and Vice-President are required to submit 150 petitioned signatures to the campus center Desk by Wednesday, September 22, 1976.

Prior to Wednesday, September 22, Senate nominations and elections will be held in their respective districts. For example, each dorm will nominate and elect their senate representatives as will the Greek apartments, suits, fraternities and sororities.

Off-campus residents will nominate Senate candidates and submit these names to the Campus Center Desk by Sept. 22. Off-campus nominations will be on the election ballot along with nominations for President and Vice-President. The election for President, Vice-President, and off-campus Senate representatives will be held September 29, 30, and October 1.

Possibly, sometime the week from September 22 to Sept.29, will be a "Meet the Candidates Night" for the purpose of beter evaluating candidates for Pres. and Vice-Pres.

For a succesful election and student government, it is vital that students participate and take some form of responsibility to further their interests in their school via this government.

An apathetic approach would be the downfall of this very promising student government. The prerequisite for this government's success is simply sincere participation by the student body and best of all, no political experience is required.

Applicants For Awards Must Contact Instructor

Students who wish to be considered for Rhodes, Danforth or Fulbright-Hays scholarship awards must contact instructor Kenneth Greenberg in Kanakadea Hall, no later than September 24 for the Danforth Fellowship, and no later than October 1 for the other two awards.

Applicants for the Danforth awards must be planning to enter an accredited graduate school in the United States in the fall of 1977 and should have a serious interest in careers of teaching and/ or administration in colleges and universities.

Rhodes Scholars will attend Oxford University. This year for the first time women are eligible for this award.

Fulbright-Hays Scholars are eligible for a variety of graduate programs in 54 countries.

Applicants for all these awards should have attained high academic standing. Further details are available from Mr. Greenberg.

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these students have expressed concern and frustration over the way last spring's referendum was conducted. These students are anything but apathetic. I am convinced that if the students of this University felt that a new referendum could be run in a truly democratic fashion, that they would participate in large numbers.

We have also, encountered a few students who feel that no matter how undemocratically the last referendum was conducted, that a new one would be a waste of time, because their fellow students don't deserve a new election. It is distressing that one such student is currently running for President of the "new" government.

In closing, I should like to state that the tedious work of circulating the petition has been very rewarding in at least one respect: it has become very apparent that the students of Alfred University can unite when they are given enough facts to make an intelligent decision. It is the hope of our Committee that the Dean of Student Affairs will listen to the voice of the students and take the action which the students have called for, through a democratically conducted petition process.

Robert Rothfeld
for the Committee

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The Division of Human Studies would like to announce that the weekly Forum sponsored by the division will henceforth be known as the Richard Bergren Forum. As the late Professor Bergren conceived of and developed the idea of a weekly campus gathering devoted to discussing questions of general interest, it seems only proper that the Forum be formally associated with his name.

This semester's Forum will again be meeting at twelve noon on Wednesday in the Parents' Lounge of the Campus Center. The general theme will be the same as last year: New Directions in the Disciplines.

Bring a brown bag lunch, free coffee available.

September 29	Virginia Rasmussen	"Sidestepping the Faustian Bargain: Nonnuclear Energy's Futures"
October 6	David Ohara	"Of Bitches, Whores and Heroines: Loss of Character In Current American Films"
October 13	Judy Greenberg	"Women and the Law"
October 20	Clarence Klingensmith	"Bird Populations in Allegany County"
October 27	George Towe	"Carbon 14 Dating (Or, How Old Are the Dead Sea Scrolls?)"
November 3	Ken Greenberg	"How Revolutionary Was the American Revolution?"
November 10	Mike Sibley	"Thinking in the Fourth Dimension"
November 17	Dick Sands	"Chemistry Magic"
December 1	Dick Martin	"Normal Physics and the Paranormal World"
December 8	Donna Tanner	"Lesbians as Women"

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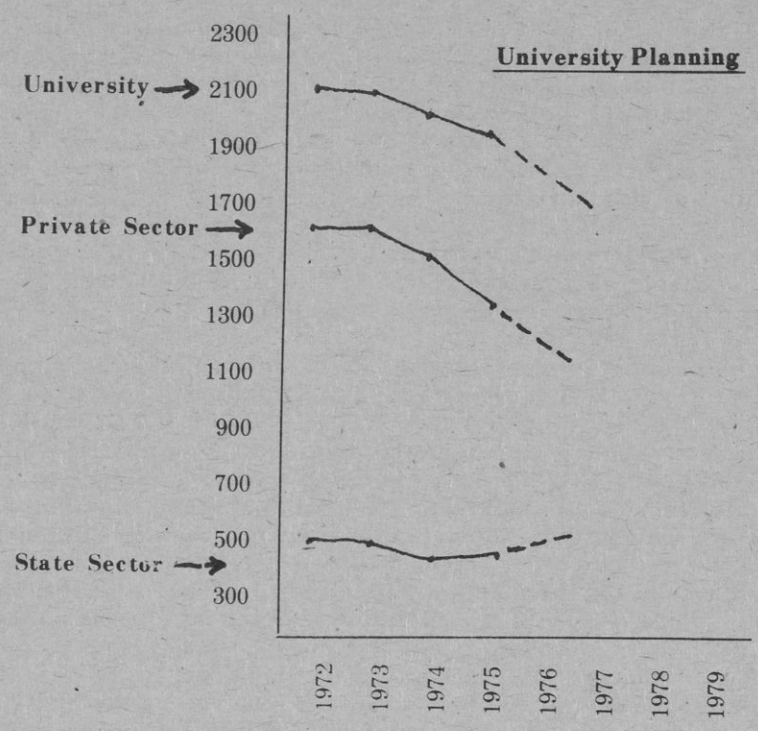
future of this institution, and I believe that the plan outlined above will free us from the paralyzing effects of constant worry over solvency, and more pointedly, over jobs; it will permit us to get on with our primary mission which is education.

There has been a determined and loyal effort on the part of all of our personnel to reduce general operating expenditures over the past two years. In this same period we have reduced our personnel, primarily by attrition, in the following categories: administration 7; faculty 4; and supportive staff 18. We've also cut non-personnel expenses by $500,000 while absorbing a 12 per cent rate of inflation. But there is not much further we can go in this direction without destroying programs. In terms of our stabilization plan, we considered as an alternative to personnel reductions, a tuition increase large enough to offset anticipated operating deficits, but decided that such a move would pose the specific danger of pricing ourselves out of business. However, increases in student charges--modest ones averaging about 5 per cent--will be instituted over the next five years to generate additional income. We considered also an all-out push for Liberal Arts students; but decided realistically that such an approach would mean regression to a virtual policy of open admissions. For us to abandon our standards would serve the institution ill over the long term, I believe. We will, at the same time, aggressively seek a higher enrollment of qualified students.

FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Liberal Arts	1253	1171	1004	877	700
Business Admin.	199	213	229	239	225
Nursing	185	251	300	320	325
Ceramics	493	481	446	478	500
TOTAL	2130	2116	1979	1914	1750
(Private Sector)	1637	1635	1533	1436	1250



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Our experience indicates that this semester program is more satisfactory to students and to our office than one lasting a month or six weeks, or only a few days a week. The semester program can be combined with a summer internship if the student wishes. (Special internships for the winter intersession and for the summer are also available.)

Most semester interns join us on the basis of a work-study or independent study program through which they receive some academic credit. **There are no funds available for a stipend or for defraying expenses while students are in Brooklyn.** Students make their own living arrangements.

Because our office receives so many applications for internships, it is helpful if we hear from **applicants for the spring '77 semester** as soon as possible. To help us evaluate each application, we prefer a personal interview, if feasible, either in New York or Washington, but interviews can be conducted by telephone if necessary.

Students who are interested in our District office internship program should send a letter and resume to Ms. Judith Dollenmayer, Administrative Assistant, Office of Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, 1027 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. **Students should be sure to include telephone numbers where they can be reached at home or at school.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The B'nai B'rith Hillel serves the Jewish students and faculty of Alfred University, of SUNY Ag-Tech College, and the Alfred Community.

Sabbath services are held at The Gothic on Sayles St. near the A.U. campus on Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. The first service of the 1976-77 academic year will be held Friday evening at 7:15.

The following is the schedule of High Holyday Services to be held upstairs in Howell Hall on the A.U. campus:

Rosh Hashonah	**New Years**
Friday, Sept. 24	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25	10:00 a.m.--Noon
Sept. 25	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 26	10:00 a.m.--Noon
Yom Kippur	**Day of Atonement**
Sunday, Oct. 3	7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 4	4 p.m.--6 p.m.

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The following is the form of student government ratified by a student referendum held last spring.

The Two Branch System

Alfred's present form of government, that of only a chairman and co-chairman, is clearly ill-functioning and nonrepresentative. It is our belief that the **Two Branch System** will provide increased productivity, constructiveness, representation, and evoke heightened interest from Alfred students.

The **Two Branch System** simply includes an Executive Branch, consisting of a President and Vice-President, and a Senate. A chart of this proposed government looks like this:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

President Vice-President

Elected by entire
Student Body

SENATE

Speaker
of the Senate

Elected by respective
constituents

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The President and Vice-President are elected by the entire Student body, while Senate members are elected by their respective constituents. The chief function of the President is to make (suggest) laws, approve those laws proposed by the Senate, approve grant requests, and so forth. . .If the President approves the bill, he signs it and usually writes the word "approved" and the date, as the only constitutional requirement is that he sign it.

The Vice-President acts as an advisor to the President and Senate, and assumes Presidential responsibilities in the event of the President's absence.

THE SENATE BRANCH

The Senate shall be composed of thirty-seven members chosen by its constituents yearly. All dorms (8) will elect two Senate Representatives, the Pine Hill complex and the Greek Apartments will each elect four, each sorority and fraternity will elect one representative, while off-campus residents will have three elected Representatives. Each Representative will have one vote. Alternate, or "junior" Representatives may be elected and hold the responsibilities of "senior" Representatives in the event that "senior" Representatives are absent.

The chief function of the Senate is lawmaking, advising and consenting, and granting fund requests.

The Senate shall assemble once every two weeks. Emergency sessions may also be implemented.

The Senate shall keep a journal of its proceedings and publish them on the first of every month.

The Senate, whenever two-thirds shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to Alfred's Constitution. Amendments will be ratified by consent of the student body and only where a three-fourths majority approves the proposal.

Veto Message

By the terms of the Constitutional Provision, if the President does not approve the bill, he shall return it, with his objections to the Senate in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large in their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. Usually, a bill returned with the President's objections shall be voted on at once and when presented to the Senate the question on the passage is considered as pending.

A similar procedure is had in the Senate where a two-thirds affirmative vote is necessary to pass the bill over the President's objections. If then passed by the Senate the measure becomes the law.

Public Hearings

If the bill is of sufficient importance, and particularly if it is controversial, the committee will usually set a date for public hearings. Each committee (except the Committee on Rules) is required to make public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted by the committee on any measure or matter at least one week before the commencement of that hearing, unless the committee determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing at an earlier date.

Committees

Committees in the present Student Assembly government will remain, i.e. Student Appeals, Grievance Committee, Finance Committee, etc. However, to enhance satisfactory efficiency and productivity a faculty advisor's presence would be required at half the scheduled meetings. This would yield constructive and organized direction and thus the desired objective.

One important addition would be the Publicity Committee whose functions would be to inform students of the governmental processes, publish committee reports monthly, and distribute literature informing students of their United States Constitutional rights of relevance to them. For example, they would answer the following: Can a student be "punished" by school officials for off-campus activity; what can diplomas be withheld for; what are the grounds for expulsion or suspension?

The following changes have been approved by the remaining members of the Committee for the Establishment for Student Government:

The President and Vice-President do not have to run as a "team". They may run seperate

The Pine Hill complex will elect 7 representatives.

Ford Street will elect 3 representatives.

Each dorm elects 2 representatives--1 being an "alternate" or "junior" representative.

There will not be a Speaker of the Senate.

The proposal for the Two-Branch System of student government was originally submitted by Jeffrey G. Lerman, also currently a candidate for the office of President.

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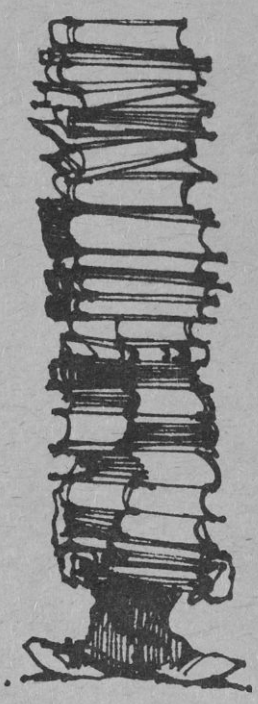

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