

# Alfred

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A HANDBOOK FOR  
MILITARY STUDENTS OF  
ALFRED UNIVERSITY

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TO ALFRED'S MILITARY OFFICERS,  
ENLISTED CADRE, AND MILITARY STUDENTS:

Alfred welcomes you to its campus and community.

The purpose of this booklet is to help you to know as soon as possible what sort of place you have come to, and to have available for ready reference answers to at least some of the questions that will arise during your stay with us.

In ordinary times newcomers are received with an extensive Freshman-Days program; they are welcomed at a general reception and a multitude of smaller affairs; and they are given a detailed handbook, catalogues, etc. We want all the personal contact with you that can be arranged, but for want of time to meet different circumstances we are trying to condense the most significant and helpful of these introductory efforts into this small publication.

It is prepared especially for you; we hope you will like it — and us.

Cordially,

ALFRED'S FACULTY, STAFF,  
STUDENTS, AND TOWNSPEOPLE

ALMA MATER

Nestled away 'mid the Empire State hills,  
'Neath the watch-care of sentinel pines,  
Where the murmuring song of the brook hums along,  
And a favoring sun ever shines;  
In a valley so fair where the forest trees share  
Dominion o'er hillside and glen,  
Stands the pioneer college of Western New York—  
Alfred, the mother of men.

Chorus —

Hail to thee, Alfred, thou guide of our youth,  
Sweet, benign mother, all hail!  
Sing out thy anthems of duty and truth;  
May thy clear ringing music ne'er fail.

ON SAXON WARRIORS

On Saxon warriors,  
The Purple and the Gold defend;  
On Saxon warriors,  
Ever on like men.  
Crash thru the opponent's line  
And victory will come our way  
Fight, Fight for Alfred,  
And she will win the day.

# The University

## STRUCTURE

A university is such not because of size but because of structure: the inclusion in one institution of relatively distinct schools or colleges. Hence, involving four schools, Alfred is a University.

But Alfred is one of a small number of universities, peculiar to the East, that include combinations of private and public institutions. Among them are Syracuse, Cornell, and Rutgers. Strictly speaking each of these is a private institution, that is, not supported by the state, and governed by an independent board of trustees. But each has in connection with it one or more state institutions.

Alfred University in the strict sense is a private institution consisting of the College of Liberal Arts and the graduate School of Theology. But under the same president are the New York State College of Ceramics, and much less directly under him the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute. The Ag-Tech Institute is a relatively distinct enterprise whose students take all of their one or two year courses under Institute instructors either in its building and annex on the campus or at the shops

and farm down the valley. Students in the College of Ceramics, on the other hand take about half their work in the College of Liberal Arts. Thus, in normal times, while each of these schools has about 300 students, the Liberal Arts faculty is decidedly the largest of the three.

## HISTORY

Beginning as a "select school" in 1836, Alfred University was chartered in 1857. While imported schoolmasters provided the early instruction, the institution is primarily a product of the educational aspirations of the people of the community. The University has always been non-sectarian and coeducational.

A purely independent enterprise through the 19th century, the University joined hands with the State in 1900 for the founding of the New York State College of Ceramics, a pioneer in the field that had been opened by Ohio State University only five years earlier. With almost exactly the same number of graduates to date, these two are among the small number of such institutions whose ceramic engineering programs are approved by the Engineer's Council for Professional Development, the accrediting body for all engineering cur-

ricula. In 1908 the State also established at Alfred one of its half-dozen Agricultural Schools, which, as the Ag-Tech Institute, now devotes much of its effort to other fields, including electricity, radio, refrigeration, and air-conditioning.

For many years the College of Liberal Arts has been fully approved by the Association of American Universities, the top academic evaluating agency in the country.

Direct involvement in war is not a new experience for Alfred. When news of Fort Sumter reached the campus, a University assembly convened, after which the men of the Class of '61 marched off in a body as volunteers for the Union Army. In World War I Alfred became a Student Army Training Corps center: The Brick was converted into a barracks and the campus into a drill-ground. So far in this war, of all Alfred's living alumni and former students who, about half women, total 4,700, more than 12% are enrolled in the armed forces.

Other features of the history of the University are presented as "Traditions" in following pages, and interesting evidence of its development through several stages appears in the series of campus models in the Allen Steinheim Museum.

## The Community

At Alfred there is a minimum of the town-and-gown distinction. Neither the University nor the village could well exist without the other, and both are grateful for the relationship.

That the people of the community have made good use of the opportunities they have helped to create is evident in the fact that an unusually high proportion of them have at least attended the University. Many of these neighbors are graduates, and a significant number of the University's most valued alumni are their sons and daughters.

Six townsmen are members of the University Board of Trustees; many villagers rent rooms to students. Several faculty and staff members are volunteer firemen; more are active members of such community organizations as the Board of Education, lodges, and trustees of the two religious congregations; a professor (Potter of Physics) is mayor.

The welcome that is meant to be evident in this booklet comes, therefore, as much from the townspeople as from the University itself.

Of course any proud college or college town regards itself as unusual in many respects. Some of these attributes are described herein; some you will unearth as you live among us. But one characteristic that is bound to impress the newcomer warrants mention here: the religious situation, or "two Sundays," as the uninitiated sometimes describe it.

It happened that a high proportion of the founders of the village, and therefore of the University, were Seventh Day Baptists, as are a number of the present faculty and townspeople. The University has, however, never had official connection with this or any other religious denomination; rather, it cooperates with several. Among them are the Presbyterians and Episcopalians, who normally hold summer young people's conferences on the campus; the Baptists, who, with the Presbyterians, contribute to the support of the University's religious program; and the Seventh Day Baptists, largely in whose behalf the School of Theology is operated.

In beliefs and practice the Seventh Day Baptists are just like such other Baptists as compose the Northern Baptist Convention. The only unusual feature of their tenets

is their observance of the ancient Jewish Sabbath, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Out of respect for tradition and for that portion of the residents who keep this day of rest, the University ordinarily observes Saturday in much the same way as it does Sunday. All business places, including the bank, are closed on Saturday and open on Sunday. All students and permanent residents are free to worship or not on either day, but whichever they choose, they are accustomed to creating as little disturbance as possible on the other day.

There is in the village only one church building, which belongs to the Seventh Day Baptists. But on Sundays it is used by the Union University Church, a nonsectarian organization of which the University Chaplain is pastor, and of which many of the students are members. There are also other religious services and organizations, which are described under "Religious Program" on page 17. Alfred is proud of its religious tolerance and cooperation, and invites you to participate in it.

## Traditions

THE DAVIS MEMORIAL CARILLON came to Alfred in 1937 after being assembled in Belgium from bells cast there between 1674 and 1784. It is the only antique carillon in this hemisphere, an art treasure that as such escaped in entering the country the usual heavy duty on bells. A carillon differs from chimes in having within its range all the notes of a piano keyboard. Nine more bells made by the same famous founders, once destined to continue downward the scale of these 35, are now, we hope, buried in Europe, awaiting the restoration of peace. The Carillon is a memorial to the late President and Mrs. Boothe C. Davis. "Prexy" was not the founder of Alfred, but he was the outstanding builder. During his presidency from 1895 to 1933 he was responsible more than any other for converting a struggling up-country institution that was mostly academy into the thriving University you see today. His portrait hangs in the Library he persuaded Carnegie to give, and his spirit rings from the Carillon that was given by a host of alumni without persuasion.

THE STEINHEIM, the castle-like stone building near the Carillon, is a museum. The

second oldest college science museum in the country, it has a good deal of merit as such, not to mention its curiously heterogeneous collection of up-state Americana.

THE BRICK, normally the women's dormitory, is so named because it was the first brick building erected in this vicinity. Though it is one of the oldest structures on the campus, the extensive renovation after a fire in 1932 has made it in many respects one of the newest.

TILE ROOFS, which are much in evidence around Alfred, may be considered ancestors of the Ceramic College. For they are products of a large tile plant that, using local clays and shales, formerly occupied the site of the present practice athletic field just below the gym. This plant, in turn, played a part in directing Alfred's and the State's interest to the establishment here of an educational institution to foster the development of the natural resources of the state.

THE TERRA COTTA is a giftshop and jewelry studio in a small brick and tile building on Main Street near the gymnasium. Apparently erected as a permanent display of all the shapes into which Alfred terra firma could

be contorted, this building formerly housed the offices of the tile industry mentioned above.

CERAMICS, which is much in evidence in the three foregoing items, deals with all non-metallic earthy materials that must be fired in the process of manufacture. Thus in addition to the better-known products already alluded to, and pottery, ceramics includes such other building materials as cement, gypsum, and plaster; industrial materials including refractory linings for furnaces, abrasives, and insulators; and all manner of glass. The Ceramic Experiment Station, although new, has already created new industries for the State.

MAPLE SYRUP is a local product of which you should take due notice. It comes from sugar "bushes" in surrounding hills, which you will enjoy inspecting if you are here in the early spring. But a sugar bush does not look like the forsythia that burgeons a little later. It is a combination of a grove of hard maple trees whose sap is drawn off in buckets, and a shack containing an evaporator in which about a barrel of sap is boiled down into a gallon of good 11½ pound syrup. The makers assure you, and no native will deny, that the inferior

grades from Allegany (not Allegheny) County are barreled and shipped to Vermont for marketing from there.

HONEY POT is the name of one of Alfred's really distinctive businesses. It is a product of the scientific genius of Dr. Lloyd R. Watson of the Chemistry Department and the painstaking enterprise of his wife. Dr. Watson is known among beekeepers throughout the world for his development of artificial insemination of queen bees, the only practicable means by which selective breeding can be achieved. Incident to his breeding, which has already resulted in important improvements in bee characteristics, is the production of honey, which Mrs. Watson converts into delicious candies that are sold not only at the pool room in Alfred, but at one of the most elite gift shops in New York, not to mention a mail-order business extending across the country.

"HELLO" or the equivalent is so customarily said by Alfredians even in casual passing as to constitute a tradition. We invite you to join in it, as we do, without any previous ceremony of introduction.

# Campus Government

Most of the regulations covering campus life are established and administered by student organizations. Among these bodies are the following:

**STUDENT SENATE**, which governs student activities in general.

**WOMEN'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT**, which establishes and administers rules as to the social conduct of women students.

**INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL**, which regulates fraternity pledging, etc. (There is also an Intersorority Council with comparable functions.)

With so many legislative bodies, there are, naturally, many laws. There are, too, some regulations laid down by the University administration. But of all these collections of rules, relatively few will concern you at all, and most of those that may affect you will also involve regular students upon whom you can depend for the necessary knowledge.

About all Alfred asks of you is your cooperation with regular students in these respects, and your recognition of the following facts:

1. Women students are subject to regulations according to their class rank, academic

standing, and social record, as to evening hours, receiving visitors, etc.

2. Smoking is forbidden in classrooms, auditoriums, and lecture rooms, and drinking of intoxicants is forbidden anywhere locally.

3. Your registration, attendance, class work, etc., are subject to regulations that will be issued to you at appropriate times.

4. Hours and such regulations as you need particularly to know in regard to the Library, and the University in general are listed on page 23.

# Student Organizations

**SOCIAL.** Alfred has for college students five fraternities and three sororities, and for Ag-Tech students two fraternities. These are locals, except Delta Sigma Phi, Kappa Nu, and Lambda Chi Alpha, national collegiate fraternities. For the duration some of these organizations are suspending operations, some are sharing houses, and some other houses are being used as dormitories by the University.

**HONORARY AND ACADEMIC.** Alfred's college students maintain three distinctly honorary societies: Phi Psi Omega and Phi Sigma Gamma, all-round honoraries for men

and women, respectively; and Eta Mu Alpha, scholastic honorary. Blue Key is a national honorary service organization for men.

**SPECIAL INTEREST.** Students normally maintain men's and women's glee clubs, an orchestra, and a band. Those interested in dramatics belong to the Footlight Club, and, if they are sufficiently established in the field, to the national Theta Alpha Phi. Journalists have organized a local chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, debaters function through the Forensic Society, and many social science students participate in the International Relations Club, or in the local chapter of Pi Gamma Mu.

**NOTE:** As in the case of the social fraternities, several of these organizations are suspending activity for the duration, but others are functioning. You are cordially invited to participate in any of these according to your available time and interests. Announcements of them appear from time to time in the *Fiat Lux*, student weekly newspaper, but if you do not see items about an organization that interests you, and regular students can not put you in touch with it, feel free to ask the Dean of Men.

## Religious Program

You will be welcome as a visitor or as a regular attendant at any of the following services.

### EPISCOPAL — Christ Chapel

Sunday, 5 P. M. Gothic Chapel  
Rev. G. R. Morrell, Hornell

### JEWISH — Services

Sunday, 3:15 P. M. Gothic Chapel  
(Beginning September 12)  
Rabbi Harry Gutstein, Olean

### NON-SECTARIAN — Student Vesper, Forum

Sunday, 4:00 P. M. Social Hall  
Conducted by the Alfred Christian Fellowship, a student organization carrying on the work of the former student Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

### NON-SECTARIAN—Union University Church

Sunday, 11 A. M. Village Church  
Rev. William H. Genne,  
Minister and University Chaplain

### ROMAN CATHOLIC — Mass

Sunday, 9:15 A. M. Kenyon Chapel  
Fr. Gerald McMinn, St. Bonaventure

### SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST — First Alfred

Saturday, 11 A. M. Village Church  
Rev. Everett T. Harris, Pastor

## Alfred Cadet Services

Alfred Cadet Services is the organization through which local citizens are cooperating to provide various services for Alfred's military students. The initial program of the A.C.S. as outlined below is expected to be expanded or modified as the needs and wishes of the army students become more evident.

Meanwhile inquiries, comments, and suggestions will be welcomed by the Committee Chairmen whose names and telephone numbers are listed or by Chaplain W. H. Genne, general chairman of A.C.S. His office is in Kenyon Hall, phone 128-Y-111, home phone 118.

**RECEPTION CENTER.** The Community House on Church Street will be open on Saturday afternoons and Sundays for soldiers to meet and chat with visiting friends and relatives. The committee in charge will also suggest overnight rooms for visitors. Mrs. S. R. Scholes, home 109.

**SPORTS.** Seasonal sports including tennis, softball, basketball, etc., will be arranged for free time. Don Schreckengost, office 26-Y-4, home 149.

**DANCES AND GROUP ENTERTAINMENTS.** Frequent, regular and special events are being scheduled. Mr. and Mrs. Dana Peck, home 11-F-12.

**MENDING SERVICE.** The Sewing Group of the local Red Cross branch is providing this service under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Post. Garments will be collected at each barracks at one o'clock on Mondays.

**GENERAL SERVICES.** A recreation center, writing rooms, advice on transportation, and other services will be provided within limits of available facilities and personnel if there is sufficient desire for them. Interested soldiers are invited to consult John Reed Spicer, whose office is in Greene Hall, phone 102; home 127-Y-2.

## Hornell

Groups of citizens in Hornell are co-operating with Alfred Cadet Services to provide such facilities and services as Alfred military students may wish. Already available are members' privileges in the Y.M.C.A., 12 Center Street. Soldiers are welcome to use the lounge at all times; they may swim for 10c and get overnight lodging for 75c.

## American Red Cross

While the Red Cross is anxious to extend its many helpful services to the military students at Alfred, the installation of a field director has not been found feasible. The portion of a field director's usual functions that pertains to emergency furloughs and loans for them is being handled at least temporarily by John Reed Spicer (Office, Greene Hall, phone 102; home 127-Y-2.) While other services are not regularly provided for, soldiers needing them may consult Mr. Spicer, who will make the best arrangements possible through the office of the field director in Buffalo or through the Wellsville Chapter and its Alfred Branch.



### OH, HERE WE ARE

Oh, here we are! Oh, here we are!  
You see us marching down the street.  
You hear our cry: "To do or die,  
We have the team that can't be beat.  
We have!"

So give a cheer, a lusty cheer,  
And let the echoes carry true,  
With a tramp, tramp, tramp,  
And a stamp, stamp, stamp,  
For the team of old A. U.!

## University Directory

The catalogues of the two Colleges, which are available at the offices of the Registrar or of the Counselor to Prospective Students, list all officers and faculty members. The local telephone book contains full directories of departments, faculty, and students. But following are the details you are most likely to want, including locations and phone numbers.

### OFFICES

AG-TECH INSTITUTE State Street 19-Y-2

T. A. Parish and W. A. Hinkle,  
Acting Co-Directors;  
Mrs. H. A. Cottrell, Sec.

ATHLETICS Men's Gym, Entrance 132

James A. McLane, Director;  
Mr. D. Minnick

CERAMIC COLLEGE State Street 123

M. E. Holmes, Dean;  
Miss A. Niederhauser, Sec.

CHAPLAIN Kenyon, Main floor 128-Y-111

Rev. William H. Genne, Chaplain

**DEAN OF MEN** Kanakadea, 2nd 28-Y-3

M. Ellis Drake, Dean;  
Miss K. Titsworth, Sec.

**DEAN OF WOMEN** Greene, 2nd floor 71

Mrs. Dora K. Degen, Dean;  
Mrs. M. C. Gardiner, Sec.

**LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE**

Physics, 2nd floor 28-Y-21

Alfred E. Whitford, Dean;  
Mrs. M. C. Gardiner, Sec.

**LIBRARY** Main Street 27-F-111

Clarence L. Mitchell, Librarian;  
Miss A. M. Ryno, Asst.

**PRESIDENT** Library, South Entrance 117

J. Nelson Norwood, Pres.;  
Miss L. B. Knapp, Sec.

**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS** Greene, 2nd 102

John Reed Spicer, Counselor;  
Mrs. Ruth W. Russell, Asst.

**REGISTRAR** Kanakadea, Main floor 155

Waldo A. Titsworth, Reg.; Mrs. R. B.  
Mower, Sec., Mrs. M. K. Lewis.

**TREASURER** Library, South Ent. 27-F-13

Burton B. Crandall, Treas.; B. F. Crump,  
Mrs. I. C. Post, Miss H. Taylor

## WOMEN'S RESIDENCES

Delta Sigma Phi	71 N. Main	12
Kappa Delta	12 S. Main	161
Kappa Nu	10 Reynolds	107
Klan Alpine	61 S. Main	113
Pi Alpha Pi	6 Sayles	73
Sigma Chi Nu	9 Sayles	84
Theta Theta Chi	23 Sayles	74

## USUAL OFFICE HOURS

### *Offices*

General University office hours are

Monday through Friday:

8:30 - 12:00, 1:30 - 5:00

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

### *Library*

Monday through Thursday:

8:30 a. m. - 9:30 p. m.

Friday 8:30 a. m. - 9:00 p. m.

Saturday and Sunday:

3:00 - 5:00, 7:00 - 9:00 p. m.

## SONG OF THE BELL

By the roaring, roaring banks  
Of the old Kanakadea,  
Oft I've lingered in the springtime long ago;  
While the waters rushed along,  
And the hills took up the song;  
And a gentle voice was calling sweet and low.

O, I hear the echoes ringing from the belfry on the hill,  
And the song inspires my heart to do and dare;  
Calling me to love and duty, calling me to faith and prayer,  
For the bell is ringing, ringing, ringing still.

O, the days of frost and snow;  
O, the coasters' ruddy glow;  
O, the evening's long delight with comrades dear,  
When we talked on mighty themes,  
Or indulged in happy dreams  
Of our victories in the future hov'ring near.

## RAY RAY SONG

Way up in Allegany  
'Neath the shade of sheltering pines,  
There stands a little college  
That's for training noble minds,  
And when they get together  
On the gridiron, field or track,  
You hear the students give their yell  
And bring the victory back.

Oh! Ray! Ray! Ray! Ray! Ray!  
Hear the students yell,  
Ray! Ray! Ray! Ray! Ray!  
Notes of victory tell.  
Oh! Ray! Ray! Ray! Ray! Ray!  
Better move along  
When you hear the students  
Sing their Ray Ray! song.