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Saxon Pub to Have Wine; Mixers Get Turndown

By Diana L. Tomb

The introduction of wine to the Saxon Inn Pub has been officially approved by the administration, according to Donald King, dean for student affairs.

A Student Senate proposal to include wine and mixed drinks in the pub, submitted to King Sept. 22, instigated the move. To date, the wine part of the proposal has been approved while the mixed drinks part was turned down by University administrators.

King explained that it will take some time until wine actually appears on the pub shelves. Arrangements for a new license will take until February, he predicted. The new policy will come up for a

review in six months to a year. Evaluations will then be made, he said, on "how responsible people are."

As for the other part of the proposal, King said: "We just feel that it's not necessary to go into serving mixed drinks." He said considerable pressure had been placed on the University about whether it should serve alcohol in any form but that he didn't agree with that view.

"We're trying to create an atmosphere of responsible drinking, not one of 'no drinking,'" he said.

Efforts by the Senate have resulted in a push to fix up the pub and serve food along with drinks, according to King. The senate, using money left over from last

year, made a loan to the pub to purchase pizza ovens.

King emphasized the total program that has been brought about to instill a responsible attitude toward drinking on campus. Part of this program is the new Alcohol Beverage Policy, which prohibits any campus event from including "...any reference to providing or selling alcoholic beverages at that activity" in its publicity.

An understanding has also been reached with fraternities and sororities as to their part in this campaign. They have agreed to serve non-alcoholic beverages at all their events, and to make the alternative beverages visible, King reported.

What of WALF? Why, When, How

By Michele Senecal

The delay in broadcasting at WALF seems to be the result of previous errors made by the station staff which were complicated by an increasing amount of red tape.

Alan Meyers at the FCC Bureau of Educational Broadcasting seems to feel that the student staff failed to do a number of things although technically the responsibility lies with the University as legal licensee. Gary Esterow, station manager at WALF is taking full responsibility for the problems he feels were due to the inexperience of the previous staff.

In 1976, the station followed the proper procedure in obtaining a construction permit to move the transmitter from 6 Sayles St. to its present location at the Steinhilber. The chain of errors began when the station failed to request a Program Test Authority to broadcast at their new location.

Alan Meyers stated, "If the station was on the air after they moved, they were in

violation of FCC rules and regulations." Therefore WALF operated apparently unknowingly in violation of FCC rules and regulations from June '77 to May '78.

Last February, at the time when WALF applied for renewal of their license, they were informed that their construction permit had expired in June of 1977. The FCC could not act on their license application until the construction permit was renewed.

In May '78 a new set of forms was sent to the FCC to renew the construction permit and secure Program Test Authority. The station was notified in early October that their forms were invalid having been signed by the Chief Engineer rather than the proper University official.

Now that the proper forms and signatures have been sent in, Gary Esterow is "reasonably confident" that the station will begin broadcasting around the beginning of November.

Presidential Search to Be in December

University News Bureau

George Raymond, chairman of the Alfred University board of trustees, has announced a search for president of the institution will be conducted through December.

A search committee representing faculty, staff, students and alumni will review applications received for the position and recommend a limited number of candidates to an executive selection committee composed of trustees, Raymond said. He said it is hoped the search will be completed by Dec. 31, with a

candidate available for election by the full board of trustees at its winter 1979 meeting.

Robert Clinger, coordinator of Alfred's presidential search, said the University will be writing to educational institutions and individuals in the field to solicit nominations, as well as advertising the position in trade journals.

University President M. Richard Rose will leave Alfred around Jan. 1 to assume the presidency at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Classical Pianist in Harder Hall Tonight

University News Bureau

Pianist David Mulfinger will present a concert Monday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. in Harder Hall auditorium on the Alfred University campus.

The Syracuse native will play Handel's Suite in E minor; Sonata, Opus 35, in B flat minor, by Chopin; and two preludes by Debussy. He will also play Prokofiev's Sonata, No. 7; and three works by Schumann.

Mulfinger received early musical training from his parents, both concert pianists. Before studying at Oberlin Conservatory, he won a scholarship to study with James Friskin, a noted Bach authority. He was awarded a Fulbright grant to study with two of Europe's leading teachers, in Germany. Mulfinger earned his master's degree from the Indiana University School of Music in 1962.

He has performed more than 100 solo concerts on university campuses and in communities nationwide and in Canada. Mulfinger recently taught at the Shenandoah Conservatory, in Virginia; he is on leave this year, playing concerts.

Mulfinger has recorded programs for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and WNYC radio, in New York City.

Should Have Been Nixonism, Says Hiss

By Nancy Cushing

During the forties and fifties-the "McCarthyism" era-Alger Hiss became legendary. On Wednesday, Oct. 11, Hiss appeared in the Bergren Forum.

Hiss, who was extremely open and unostentatious for a man of such status, began by saying that the term "McCarthyism" is a misnomer. The activities of the HUAC and of Richard Nixon as an overzealous member

began much before McCarthy and continued long after his death. A more accurate name for the period, in Hiss' opinion, would be "Nixonism."

Mr. Hiss was shocked at the amount of respect shown to McCarthy from such esteemed figures as Taft and Kennedy, two examples of the many who were "fooled".

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Photographer-Journalist Slated for Wednesday

University News Bureau

Peter B. Hickey, president and publisher of the **Ithaca Journal**, will speak on news photography and newspaper publishing Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. in Alfred University's campus center.

Hickey is the second of four speakers invited to campus this fall in a series designed to provide more education about the field of journalism. The series is supported by a grant from the Gannett Foundation of Rochester, awarded to the University earlier this year.

The newspaper publisher began his career in journalism in 1946 as a freelance

photographer for the **Boston Globe**. He later became a photographer for United Press International. Hickey has held several positions with the **Rochester Times Union**, including director of photography, graphic arts editor and assistant manager for administration.

From 1972-77, Hickey was president of the Empire Newspaper Supply Corporation, a Gannett affiliate.

He has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize twice. He won the first color award given by the State Associated Press, in 1963.



"Proposition 13" proponent Howard Jarvis, who appeared in Harder Hall Oct. 10.

By Dean Geraci

EDITORIAL

Misled, Misleading

A recent television program, and a publicity campaign, have once again raised questions surrounding last February's "Klan incident." Klan Alpine pledge Chuck Stenzel died as a result of alcohol overdose. Since that time Chuck's family has reacted by forming an organization known as "CHUCK."

The objectives of CHUCK, according to official literature, are "to publicize...our information...and to support legislation that will ban hazings that endanger the life and welfare of our children."

This organization is seeking media coverage--and has received it. Numerous publications have carried articles, and Eileen Stevens, Chuck's mother, has appeared on "Good Morning America."

Articles that appeared in three separate news publications each contained a prominent mention of Alfred University--in two cases, in close conjunction with somewhat sensationalized accounts of the incident. Mention of Klan Alpine was surprisingly scant. The names of Don King and M. Richard Rose were included in highly unfavorable contexts.

Alfred is no more directly responsible for what happened last February than the Bellevue-Stratford was for Legionnaire's Disease. The university has assumed some responsibility by instating new policies affecting fraternity social activities. This action, however, is not an admission of guilt.

There is no question that something should be done about fraternity hazings, which can become grotesque and dangerous. Mrs. Stevens' and CHUCK's efforts to amend the situation should be praised. The intentions are admirable.

Is it fair, however, to blame the university? The efforts on the part of Stevens to exact payment from the university suggest an inability to accept fact. There is a kind of futility in the legal actions.

CHUCK's statement of goals says that hazings endanger "our children." College students are not children--although there will be "children" in any age bracket. In theory, persons of college age are adults, and are therefore responsible for themselves. Close supervision is impracticable; it may have been possible to scrutinize and control the social life of a 16 year old, but it is ridiculous to suggest that a university should have such total responsibility that it can be blamed when a student makes a mistake. In a parent-offspring relationship, one will always be the other's "child"--but a distinction should be made between minors and offspring.

Placing blame where it is unwarranted can help nothing, and can do a great deal of damage.

The grief of a mother who has seen her child die before her is a powerful thing, and should be respected. There is, however, such a thing as misdirected anger. In this case, it is respectfully suggested that Mrs. Stevens focus more closely on the society which formed a generation's behavior, rather than on the small fragment of that society known as Alfred. Alfred is comparable to any university in its social orientation. It should not be made to pay for an act of chance.

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Letters

To the Editor:

President Rose, as indicated in his resignation speech, hoped that Alfred University would find a new president that could work constructively with the Alfred campus community. Already, this crucial point has been neglected in a no less ironical manner than in the search for the new president: The all-important committee that seeks out, judges and ultimately chooses the next president

has one seat appropriated to a member of the student body. This seat was filled at the last student government meeting, although the rightful holders of that seat--the student body--were not informed of it and could therefore not take part in its delegation.

There is certainly no better time than now with the vacancy of the presidency to reverse the trend of decay that has settled on our campus. This can only be

accomplished through the full disclosure of both intentions and actions from all levels of campus, be it the Administration or the Student Government. I therefore ask the Senate and all involved to take the first step and recall its decision on the selected student member and fully open up the availability of the Search Committee seat to any and all Alfred University students.

Harry Flamm

To the Editor:

Having recently graduated from A.U., and involved in a job search, the assessing of what I had learned led me to review the retrenchment of faculty which occurred in 1976-77. Retrenchment hurt my progress and hurt my program. The retrenchment of the Russian language program in particular left me short of the level of proficiency I could have had.

Although the rest of my program design-wise was unaffected, the fullness I had hoped for from the use of the Russian language is lacking.

The ability to speak a foreign language, in depth, is a distinct advantage in

today's world. The retrenchment of the Russian language program impeded my advantage.

When the three year waiting period is over for this first round of retrenchments, I hope the situation is such that the university will re-expand the language offerings to again include Russian and French.

In the marketing situation which Alfred is in, of trying to cultivate a more elitist posture, the institution had better be prepared to back up their image with some solid courses and some clear thinking. If not, their enrollment will decline further as disgruntled students see beyond the smoke and

illusion of Alfred, and go elsewhere. I sincerely hope that the University community can stop wallowing in the vast pit of apathy and neglect it seems to be in. Alfred can give more and be more but only if the people there make use of it and support it.

A friend commented on this involvement the other day to the effect that if Alfred University as a whole can not decide how to solve its own problems, how can it claim to turn out people able to solve problems, of a similar magnitude, for others. It is a negation of the concept and philosophy of education.

Good Luck with the future Alfred!

Ralph B. Krutulic ('78)

To the Editor:

Like many liberal arts students here at Alfred, I have, when the atmosphere in the academic community has seemed volatile, waited for someone to bring the issue to light and then take a stand on it. It is becoming increasingly obvious to me, concerning the issue of the future of liberal arts, that the time has come for everyone to get involved, not just a small representation.

Since the time of the first retrenchments two years ago, the concerns have spread to other areas besides humanities, affecting a much greater percentage of the students and faculty. For this reason I feel it is time for serious consideration of the problems at large.

In my confrontations with administrators, both direct and indirect, there has been one overriding characteristic--the evasion of the central problems. I have witnessed a lot of finger pointing and blame shifting; in general a refusal to accept the responsibility for decisions made two years ago. Instead, I see administrative energies being spent making Alfred look attractive to incoming students, or blaming what Dr. Rose in his farewell speech called "fifth column efforts" for the bad reputation Alfred seems to have here at Alfred. It is time to get at the root of these problems, and to stop pretending that liberal arts are not endangered.

When such a great attempt is made to attract new

students while ignoring the needs and opinions of upper-classmen and women, there is going to be an imbalance. Resentment and anger will arise from the students who, after two years, see their programs being cut. Alfred's reputation lies not in the "gift package" sent out to high school guidance counselors, but in word of mouth from people who have experienced Alfred. Word of mouth is the most effective method, leaving the most real impression on a prospective student's mind. Certainly most prospective students realize that they, as consumers, are subjected to sales pitches from all over, and will listen to a consumer before a salesman. Unless the needs of both the prospective and the current student are balanced, Alfred's reputation will continue to sink.

If it is indeed the goal of the private institution to "strengthen" its liberal arts program and "assure a solid foundation" in the liberal arts, I would like to know what is being done to preserve them. The overwhelming concern of those making the decisions seems to be the amount of degrees produced, and not the quality of those degrees. Isn't it more important to have 50 liberal arts majors who feel satisfied and fulfilled, than 100 who feel slightly cheated? I realize there are financial considerations here, but where does one draw the line? Can an institution devoted to the study of liberal arts sacrifice its principles of education to a "get rich

quick" mentality? If this is what the university would like to do, than perhaps it should become just that--a vocationally oriented school, with a token liberal arts department. I must point out that this kind of action can only backfire, for when the worth of a liberal arts education is once again realized by those holding the money, it will be too late.

Another justification being made for the changes that have taken place in regards to retrenchments, etc., is that all these changes are the result of a decision made a few years ago, and the conditions of this decision are merely "being met". Just because a decision was made, does that cancel out all chance for alternative action? If one decides to go for a walk on a sunny day and suddenly a huge storm blows up with chilling rain and wind, does that person keep on walking, even though it could be injurious? Does the university not care about what will happen when presently "safe" freshmen and women face that storm? Won't they share in the bitterness and resentment now felt by juniors and seniors? There must be some action taken on the part of the students and faculty to prevent further decisions like this from being made, and constructively consider what can be done about the decisions already made. We must all try to put selfish interests aside and agree to work together to save liberal arts.

Nancy Cushing

Ear to the Ground



By Diana L. Tomb

A rumor of more retrenchments in the liberal arts college sent this reporter scurrying to the provost's office for verification. Fortunately for the University, the rumor was "unfounded and premature," according to Provost S. Gene Odle.

However, the rumor is indicative of a feeling of foreboding which many students share. It seems to have started because one young professor's contract will not be renewed at the end of this year. According to Odle, the professor understood when he was hired that if enrollment did not increase in his discipline before his contract ran out, he would not be re-hired.

Added to this incident is the natural attrition among liberal arts faculty and the careful scrutiny given to vacant positions before replacements are hired. "It's no secret that any position that opens is carefully reviewed," Odle said.

He added that in the liberal arts college, dropping enrollment has resulted in "belt-tightening and careful use of resources...for some years."

Enrollment. Enrollment! ENROLLMENT!!

While obviously important, enrollment is too heavily considered when decisions

are made at this University. Specifically, decisions to cut programs rest recariously on this point.

Alfred has made some sound efforts to battle declining enrollment. It has hired an admissions consultant to improve enrollment. It has also embarked on an extensive advising program in an effort to curb attrition.

Just as available resources are reviewed when hiring and making cutbacks, so they should be kept in mind when trying to improve enrollment.

Too often, valuable programs have fallen by the wayside because their enrollment was too low. Perhaps, in areas which are deemed valuable, enrollment can be encouraged by making them into required courses. The newly approved liberal arts general education program is a step in this direction.

More encouragement is necessary. With a limited number of students and existing programs, the liberal arts college cannot be let to shore itself up alone. While it provides services for the other colleges we must ask, "what support do the ceramics, business and administration, and nursing colleges offer to liberal arts?"

A liberal arts core program in each of the professional schools might add the support the liberal arts

school needs. At present, great separations exist between the various colleges. Each one seems to hold a "hands-off" policy regarding the others' curriculums. Such a policy is detrimental to the University as a whole. Alfred needs a sense of cohesiveness now more than ever.

What could bring this cohesiveness about? Perhaps a University curriculum committee, designed to oversee a coordination of all the colleges' curriculums, is in order. It would naturally encourage greater overlapping between the schools.

Everyone understands the diverse nature of the different colleges. No one though—at least not to any great degree—seems to understand how each college can support and be interdependent on the others to the benefit of all. This University curriculum committee would investigate how far the school should and could be integrated.

If liberal arts and small, private universities are to survive the coming years, a commitment of support should be made somewhere. If liberal arts is to survive and grow at Alfred University, a commitment by the other schools must be made.

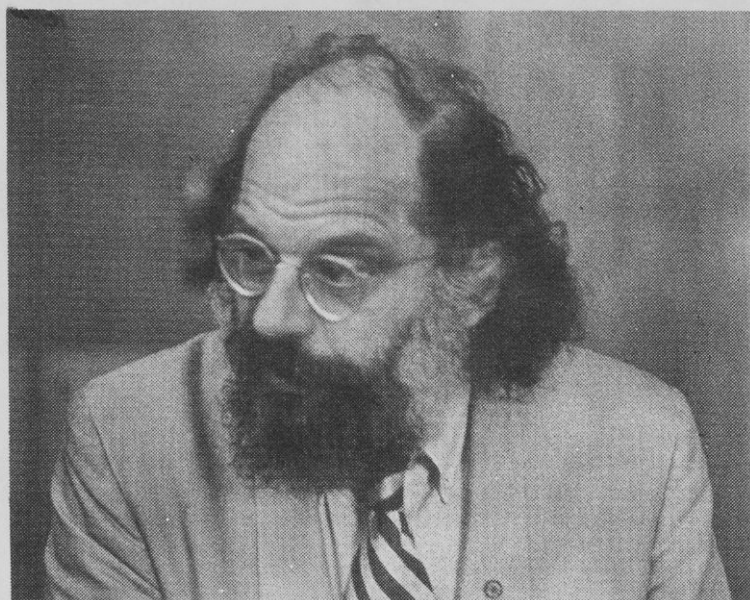
If Liberal Arts Is to Survive...

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By Tom Springett

Allen Ginsberg, American poet and political activist who addressed the Bergren Forum Oct. 4.

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The modern college library has a wealth of information, but it is also very complicated. To get the most out of a library, ask the librarians for help when you need it. We enjoy helping you find answers to your questions.

Nixonism, Says Hiss

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authoritative, persuasive personality pursuit of the presidency. In the question and answer time later Hiss commented in regards to Nixon, "the Quakers have a few things to answer for, despite their 'noble' nature." He compared McCarthy's "red-baiting" to the witch hunts in early American colonies as being accusations with no ground, playing upon the ignorance and fear of the populace.

The topic of Hiss' own involvement and political views was brought up in the question and answer period, something which he did not directly address in his talk. He declared himself "both then and now" to be a "radical New Dealer," in favor of all social welfare

programs. His main criticism of these programs is that they "were not carried far enough." He also strongly stated his belief that far too much of the national budget is used for military expenditures.

One of the last questions posed to him concerned present anti-left sentiments within the federal administration. He cited the F.B.I. as "not yet cleansed" of "red-baiters," although their reaction is much more subtle now. Hiss said that it is up to the public, especially the youth, to show their opposition to blacklisting, etc., no matter how subtle. He said "the message hasn't gotten through yet" but we as citizens fighting for "liberty" have to "keep up a good fight."

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