

War In Europe

●THAT'S OUR EDITORIAL lead for the second successive week. It's the news which takes first place in our daily papers, on radio news broadcasts, and in campus bull sessions. We can't isolate ourselves and we can't escape it. Read about "The European Front" on page 2.

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Student Box Holder

'Traff' Named School Mascot

●BY OFFICIAL DECREE of that august governing body, the Student Senate of Alfred University, Traffic Jam otherwise known as "Traff," the canine follower of the Saxon grid fortunes, is hereby officially adopted mascot of the Saxon student body and football team. Funds to purchase a blanket for Traff, suitably decorated, were voted from the Senate coffers.

The move was introduced by Senator Irving Milrot '40, and passed unanimously at Wednesday afternoon's first Senate meeting of the year. The blanket has been ordered and will be here for the next home game.

Cheering Club Sanctioned

The opening Senate meeting also saw the new Cheer-leading Club sanctioned as a campus organization and its constitution okayed. Jack Brown '41 submitted the constitution and was appointed to order the eight cheer-leading uniforms for which the Senate voted funds.

In the interests of student safety, the Senators recommended to the University that wooden ice steps be provided for the Library steps. A committee was appointed to investigate the situation concerning the need for and possible purchase of uniforms for the band. President Richard Callista '40 has called another meeting of the governing body for Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the Physics Hall.

Herb Mossien '39 Gets Sales Post In Bausch-Lomb

●HERBERT MOSSIEN '39, has recently been employed by the Bausch and Lomb Company in the scientific instrument sales division of the New York office at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. Mossien, glass technology graduate of last June, lives in Brooklyn.

During his four years at Alfred, Mossien was active in extra-curricular activities. He earned his Varsity A in track by throwing the javelin. He was a member of the St. Pat's Board, counselor at Burdick Hall, on the staff of the Saxonian, and a member of the Independents.

Ann Mesiano Gets NYA Presidency

●N.Y.A. GIRLS, at their first regular house meeting of the fall term, elected the following officers: Ann Mesiano, president; Sara Gaeta, vice-president; Jeannie Batrowny, secretary; Marian Inglee, treasurer and Louise Lansing, sergeant-at-arms. All officers are members of the Class of '40.

Two new rules were adopted and incorporated into the house constitution, namely: (1) the officers shall include a Sergeant-at-Arms, who's responsibilities are to keep all meetings orderly; (2) freshmen initiation week shall occur the first Sunday after classes are resumed and shall continue until the following Sunday.

Forty-Two Try Out For University Band

●FORTY-TWO candidates, including seven women, reported for practice last week to Robert K. Howe '36, the new leader of the University Band. Howe, former band member and at present teaching in the Alfred High School, succeeds W. O. Marvin as the leader of the band.

The Band will play at all home football games. This year, a greater number of reed instruments will aid in balancing and improving the tone of the Band.

War Spoils Kappa Nu's Plan To Aid Refugee

●HAD WAR STARTED one week later, Carl Goldsmith, 22 year old University of Budapest pre-med student would now be safely in Alfred, enrolled in the Liberal Arts College and living in the comfortable Kappa Nu "house on the hill". As it is, he is somewhere in war-torn Central Europe, perhaps dead on a Polish battlefield.

Months of planning by a Kappa Nu committee, to bring a Jewish refugee student to the Alfred campus, went to waste as war in Europe caused immediate curtailment of visas to citizens of warring nations.

Arranged Last Spring

The move to bring a refugee to Alfred was started last spring. President Charles Rosenberg '41, Leon Lerman '39, Daniel Freed '40,

and Seymour Barr '41, formed the committee of Kappa Nu men. Through their efforts, the University promised a half-tuition scholarship, funds were raised to provide for the remainder of the tuition, and room, board, and incidentals were to be provided for by the Alfred chapter of Kappa Nu.

Affidavits Signed

All was in readiness for the refugee student and this summer President Rosenberg signed and forwarded final affidavits to the American consulate in Budapest guaranteeing that he would be cared for. Goldsmith was supposed to arrive in New York on September 12.

However, the German army crossed the Polish border on September 1. Goldsmith was scheduled to leave Hungary shortly after the first of the month. Had the war held off for a week or had he left a week earlier, he would now be in the safety of Alfred. As things are now, he is—where?

Manpower Is Lehigh's Ace In Coming Game; Squad To Leave Friday

Two Schools To Renew Grid Relations

By Al Friedlander

●ALFRED'S VARSITY GRIDSTERS will journey to Bethlehem, Pa., Saturday to meet the Engineers of Lehigh University and thus renew football relationships after a lapse of 16 years. The Saxons will be out to gain their second win of the season, while the Brown and White will be opening their nine-game schedule which includes meetings with Penn State, Rutgers and Lafayette.

Lehigh, opening its fifty-sixth year of collegiate competition has a fast heavy squad. Her main strength will lie in manpower. A squad of 33 is on hand, of which, 17 have earned letters. The Brown and White displayed a sparkling running attack in a secret scrimmage with Bucknell last week. Head-coach Glen Harmeson, satisfied with the smoothness of the eleven's running attack has been concentrating on a passing offensive for the past week. Captain Alfred Cox will spark the Lehigh offensive and, along with junior back Charles Conover, will handle the passing assignments.

Lehigh Threats

Big John Franks, 200 pound full-back will supply the heavy-duty

backfield punch and long range kicking. Emery Loomis, most promising of the sophomore backs is counted upon by his coach to produce some fast and elusive running. The Lehigh line, while outweighing the Saxon forward wall, is not too experienced and except for Burly Stan Grossman at left tackle and Herb Feucht at end is made up mainly of last year's reserves. Feucht, veteran end is hailed as the best end in the history of the school. He was lost to the squad last year because of illness.

Alfred Polishing Up

Coach Alex Yunevich has been concentrating on smoothing out the rough spots shown in Saturday's game with Hartwick. The squad will attempt to perfect its aerial attack and work up a highly polished defense against the passing attack Lehigh is counted upon to employ.

The last meeting of the squads in 1923 resulted in a win for the Engineers, 21-0.

A party of thirty players, managers and coaches will leave for Bethlehem, Pa., Friday morning. Boarding of the bus will take place at eight o'clock at the gymnasium.

Organ Vesper Series To Be Resumed Nov. 3

●ORGAN VESPER at the Village Church will be resumed Friday evening, November 3. These Friday services, which gained increased popularity among students and townspeople last year, start at 7:30 p. m. and last until 8 p. m.

Eddy Foments 'Young War' On Ship With 'Pro-All' Talk

●SHERWOOD EDDY is in the headlines again—this time as the fomenter of a "young war" aboard a Dutch liner loaded with 845 passengers coming from 22 countries.

Reaction to an address made by Eddy on shipboard during the passage forced Captain Jan P. Wepster of the Holland-American liner Volendam to forbid Eddy the right to again lecture, stating that "since this ship is Holland territory and therefore neutral territory, I must forbid any meetings for propaganda for or against any territory with which Our Government has friendly relations."

Just what government Eddy had attacked in his talk wasn't clear. First to protest to the captain was an Italian consul general who declared that Eddy had said "disparaging remarks about Italy."

Other passengers declared that his talk was "pro-British" while others were equally sure that it was "Pro-Russia."

Adding to the muddle, Former

Fiat Editor John L. Dougherty '39, now a reporter on the Rochester Times-Union, hit town this week-end with the lowdown that the Eddy talk had been "Pro-French". An interview with one of the 600 Americans on the Volendam—a Rochesterian fleeing from the war-zone—supplied him with his eye and ear-witness dope.

Eddy didn't help much in straightening out the mixup. "Some pro-Nazis who heard my lecture objected" said the Y.M.C.A. Secretary, writer and lecturer. "I don't know about its being 'Pro-Russian' but it certainly was 'Anti-Nazi!'"

Eddy was on the Alfred campus last October when he addressed a student assembly and later conducted a forum on the then-current European situation. Said he at that time: "Unless the poor are given social and economic justice, the inevitable next world war will bring revolution, out of which will rise a planned socialized economy."

Fiat Candidates To Hear New Course Explained

●NEW CANDIDATES for editorial and business staff positions on The Fiat Lux will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Publications Office of Burdick Hall. The time has been changed from that of previous announcements in order to allow Freshman women to attend the compulsory W. S. G. meeting to be held tonight at 7:15.

Professor W. M. Burditt of the English department will be present to explain the procedure of the new one-hour college credit reporting course which will be offered this year and which will include work on The Fiat Lux.

Editor Ray Zurer '40 and Business Manager William Drohan '40, have announced that there are openings in all departments for new candidates. Previous newspaper experience is unnecessary.

The regular editorial staff meeting will take place at 7:30 p. m. All of the reporters now appearing on the masthead are asked to attend.

Frosh to Meet Senators In Assembly

●SENATE MEMBERS will be introduced to the student body at assembly this Thursday. The remainder of the program will be devoted to movies. The Senate is composed of the following members and officers: Richard Callista, president, Delta Sigma Phi; Robert Ayres, vice-president, Kappa Psi Upsilon; Margaret Lawrence, secretary, Sigma Chi Nu; Raymond Zurer treasurer, Independents; Irving Milrot, Kappa Nu; Theodore Stanislaw, Klan Alpine; Stephen Day, Lambda Chi Alpha; Vera Smith, Theta Theta Chi; Virginia Engbers, Pi Alpha Pi; Sanford Arkin, Independents, and a third representative of the Independents who was elected Monday.

Four Sophomores Pledge Delta Sig

●FOUR Sophomores were pledged Monday noon by Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity it was announced today by President Floyd Oliva '40. The new pledges are Mearle Greene '42, outstanding sophomore backfield man on the grid team; Lou Rayner '42, ceramic artist; Robert Swick '42, ceramic engineer and Carl Husted '42, liberal art sophomore.

Nevins To Be First Math Club Speaker

●PRESIDENT Esther Gent announces that the Mathematics Club will resume its regular meetings in the early part of October. Professor W. Varick Nevins, III will be the first speaker. In subsequent meetings the Club will feature selected speakers from Cornell and other nearby colleges, faculty members and students.

Dr. Lloyd L. Lowenstein is the faculty advisor of the Club.

New Members Sought For Girls' Glee Club

●ALTHOUGH the majority of last year's members were present at Thursday's meeting of the Women's Glee Club, there are still openings for new members in all of the voice sections.

Mrs. Virginia Bond Spicer, director of the Women's Glee Club, has planned an ambitious program which will include concerts at home and in nearby towns.

Dean Drake Publishes History Syllabus

●DR. M. E. DRAKE, head of the Department of History and Political Science, has published a syllabus of the course, History of Western Europe, for use in his course in the College of Liberal Arts. The syllabus covers the history of human civilization from the earliest times to the present.

'We're Not Fooling' Warns Rouff; First Court Is Thursday

'Must' WSG Meeting Tonight

●FRESHMAN WOMEN and all other women, new to the campus, will attend a compulsory meeting of the Women's Student Government tonight at 7:15 in the Physics Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the women with the rules which will govern their behavior on the campus. The constitution of the W. S. G. will be read and explained and all questions will be answered by President Margaret Lawrence '40.

Late Registration Expected To Swell Enrollment of 619

●AS THE FIAT LUX goes to press late Monday afternoon, a total of 619 students had registered for the 1939-40 college year. The Registrar's Office expects several more late registrations to swell the total at least up to the 624 who had registered at the same time last year.

Registrar Waldo A. Tittsworth and his staff were too busy to compile the official list of new students or any detailed statistics. However, from unofficial but reliable sources, The Fiat Lux has learned that the registration of Freshmen in the Liberal Arts College, 103 late last week, will be the largest in the history of the college.

Ceramic college freshmen had been limited to the laboratory facilities and it was reported that the quota of incoming ceramists was filled.

Details concerning registration statistics and the list of new students will be published in next week's issue of The Fiat Lux.

Three Alfredites Safe In Europe

●MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. DENIS, son-in-law and daughter of Pres. J. Nelson Norwood, are reported to be in Rotterdam, Holland, awaiting passage to the United States. Miss Marie Cheval, professor of romance languages, is remaining in France to care for her father who is seriously ill. In a recent letter she stated that she hoped to return to Alfred sometime before Thanksgiving.

Recess Date Set

●SPRING RECESS will start Friday morning April 5 at ten o'clock and end Monday morning, April 15 at eight o'clock according to a recent release from the President's Office.

Keefe Strikes Up Acquaintance With 'Relieved' Polish Master

●EUGENE "BUZZY" KEEFE '38 the boy from Yonkers, may have as his guest the captain of a Polish ship, for all we know.

News from that thriving Hudson River village this week-end reported that Captain Eustazy Borkowski of the stymied Polish liner "Batory" along with 200 members of his crew had been put ashore after his refusal to take his homelless vessel from its Hudson Bay Sanctuary to Canada for wartime service. The "Mutiny" vessel sailed for a Canadian port Friday with it First Mate in command.

Keefe struck up his acquaintance with the captain when he took the twelve-times World War decorated Pole out to his ship in the middle of a recent night. The ship, sister to the famed "Pilsudski,"

U. S. Gains In South America

●CERAMIC ENGINEER E. H. Spencer '30, in an interview with a Fiat reporter, declared that the United States is fast regaining lost influence while Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany are losing out. Mr. Spencer is visiting Alfred before returning to South America where he is employed by a ceramic plant. Read about it on page 4.

Several Changes Made In Frosh Court Plans

●FIRST SESSION of the Freshman Court will be held Thursday morning following Assembly, Chief Judge Harold Rouff '40, announced today.

Several changes have been made in the method of conducting the court, it was revealed. Outstanding change is the time and place of the meeting.

Court this year will be held on the stage of Alumni Hall, picking up a tradition that has laid dormant for several years. The time of the session has been changed from Monday night to Thursday morning, following the complaint that Monday night sessions kept freshmen from their studies.

Everything Business-Like

"We're not going to fuss around this year—everything is going to be conducted in a business-like manner," warned Chief Judge Rouff. "Yes, spectators will be allowed to sit in on the sessions, but that doesn't mean that there will be a lot of horse-play."

"We're going to enforce the rules to the letter this year," continued Rouff, warming up to the situation. His attitude, along with that of other Blue Key members and judges hinted that a regular check-up of both dormitories and all freshmen probably will be carried out.

Complaints will be void unless personally handed to a Blue Key member or a Frosh Court judge, it was pointed out. Practice of anonymous petty complaints being handed in, in past year, is the reason for this move, it was said.

Carillon Concert Dates Changed

●EFFECTIVE November, Professor Ray W. Wingate announces a change in the regular concert schedule. After this date, there will be one concert at 3 p. m. on Fridays and one at 3 p. m. on Sundays. Until then, the summer schedule, which calls for Friday evening concerts, will be observed.

Magic Act Heads Ag Smoker Card

●FRED ROBINSON, magician and entertainer, will be the feature attraction at the freshman smoker to be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m., in the library of the state school.

This is an annual event for the benefit of all "Aggie" freshmen. The purpose is to acquaint the new members with the staff and other student members.

A full evening of entertainment and surprises is scheduled. All the freshmen are invited to attend.

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The European front

●WAR IN EUROPE—that was the lead for an editorial in The Fiat Lux last week. And again this week, the events which take precedent over all other news are those which pertain to the war.

Here, in Alfred, we are fortunate to be able to report that classes have started and the student body is occupied with the gainful arts of peace. Growth of the University is reflected in the registration figures released by the Registrar. The football team came out on top in its opening game. There will be dances held Saturday night.

But, 3,000 miles away, on the other side of the broad Atlantic—and thank God for the broad Atlantic—the booming of the guns grows louder. The Western front fighting grows more intense. England and France will not give in, in their fight to stop Hitlerism. The blundering Mr. Chamberlain has been forced to fight. And he must fight a far more even battle than would have been necessary had the British stopped Hitler in Spain or at Munich. Or had he entered into a whole-hearted pact with Soviet Russia.

The Eastern front and Poland seem to be no more. Are Germany and the Soviet entered into an unholy alliance of brigands to divide the spoils of Poland? Or was the action of the Soviets designed to check the march of Hitler's legions into Roumania and the Ukraine? Will Russia's hold on part of Poland act as a buffer between Hitler and the Roumanian oil fields? Only time will tell.

And here in our own United States, Congress is in extraordinary session to debate the pro and con of the President's proposed lifting of the embargo. At present, under neutrality legislation of 1935, the United States may not ship finished implements of war to the warring nations. President Roosevelt feels that we might just as well sell the manufactured products as the raw materials for their manufacture. Since the war is not of our making and since there seems to be little we can do to stop the war, why should we not gain by the added employment and profit for Americans which will be deprived from the manufacture and sale of war materials.

The President's proposal calls for limits on American shipping and credits to foreign nations at war. The materials will be shipped on the vessels of the warring nations and at their own risk. Cash will be paid for all materials and paid here. Thus, the risk of American involvement through business entanglement will be lessened.

Important, too, is the consideration that such legislation will aid England and France rather than Germany. Not that the hands of these two nations are lily-white, but it is fairly accurate to say that the sympathies of the overwhelming majority of Americans lie with the former allies of the United States.

Since, in the modern world, isolation is an impossibility, let's be practical. Lift the embargo and give more profits and employment to Americans. But, at the same time, let's keep our ships and our money and our men on this side of the broad and safety-giving Atlantic.

Experiment in streamline

●IT'S PURELY EXPERIMENTAL. The new face on the Fiat Lux is new to Alfred, but such papers as the Auburn Plainsman and the George Washington Hatchet are among those which have dropped column rules and have gone over to the new school of streamline.

It may turn out that the new makeup is not adapted to the particular mechanical apparatus available at Alfred. It may cost too much to be practical. The page may look bare. On the other hand, the experiment may prove successful.

At any rate we're trying. Trying to give the Alfred student body the latest in collegiate journalism. Let us know what you think of our latest innovation. Jot your opinions down and send them in as letters-to-the-editor.

And while we're on the subject of letters-to-the-editor. The columns of the Fiat Lux are open to the student body. Any opinion, written in good faith and signed by the writer, will be printed. If you wish, we will withhold your name.

So, if you have a pet peeve, let us and the rest of the student body know about it. Or if anything pleases you greatly, let us in on it. We'd like to hear about it.

College TOWN

Editor takes literacy test and passes — give the boy time — Burgess on the warpath — modern mythology — the traffic situation

BY THE EDITORS

●EDITING a college newspaper may prove literary ability to some—but it doesn't prove a thing to Uncle Sam. It all happened to Johnny Dougherty '39, president of the Intercollegiate Newspaper Association, Editor-in-Chief of The Fiat Lux, two point student, and at present a reporter on the Rochester Times-Union.

It seems that Johnny, having reached his majority, wants to vote this year. So, on his day off from scooping the Rochester news, he ambled off to the place of registration and demanded to be allowed to exercise his duty and privilege as a citizen of these United States.

But, all was not so simple. Could he prove that he was literate? Well, he isn't the type to carry his diploma in his vest pocket. The alternative was to take a literacy test.

And so Mr. Dougherty went in to take the literacy test. The test consisted of a paragraph on Mark Twain and questions on that paragraph. In the paragraph appeared the sentence, "Mark Twain's best-known novel was Huckleberry Finn." The question pertaining to the sentence read, "Which was Mark Twain's best-known novel?"

It would make a swell story if we could report John's failure. But, he passed with the grade of 100%. And the clerk complimented the former Editor of The Fiat Lux on his speed and accuracy.

Fame is so fleeting.

●THE PREXY was responsible for the freshman's wisecrack. We hat to admit it, but he was wide open.

President Norwood, in his position as chairman of the Campus Life Meeting of the Freshman Orientation program, had occasion to refer to the charming female members of the Class of 1943. Quoting the President, "... freshman women, freshman ladies, er...er...or what have you..."

At which point, the frosh sitting directly behind us whispered, "Nothing yet, but give me a couple of days."

●GENE BURGESS, of the famous cross-country and Port Jervis Burgesses, is on the lookout for an upper-class woman. His intentions are neither honorable nor dishonorable—merely murderous.

It seems that the aforesaid Mister Burgess, with the aid of Elton "Willie" Gamble, has been on the trail of two very lovely examples of frosh femininity. (Our investigator has discovered that one of the fair frosh answers to the name of Jerry). Good cross-country men that they are, the two kept close on the heels of their quarry—until Saturday night at the football game.

It seems that some upperclass woman, identity unknown, had informed the frosh that they were liable to be campused if they dated athletes in training. And so, said the frosh, they were sorry, but—

●DAPHNE was the name of a beautiful girl of ages past. Apollo, accustomed to having his own way became enamored with Daphne. He pursued her relentlessly, but failed to score with Daphne who, tiring of the chase, begged her father to help her outwit Apollo. She became a laurel tree, and thereafter, Apollo wore a wreath of laurel in his hair as proof of his first and true love.

Daphne is also the name of one of the frosh cheerleaders. And a frosh fellow, upon hearing this story of Apollo and Daphne, and full of the vision of this more modern Daphne, mused aloud—

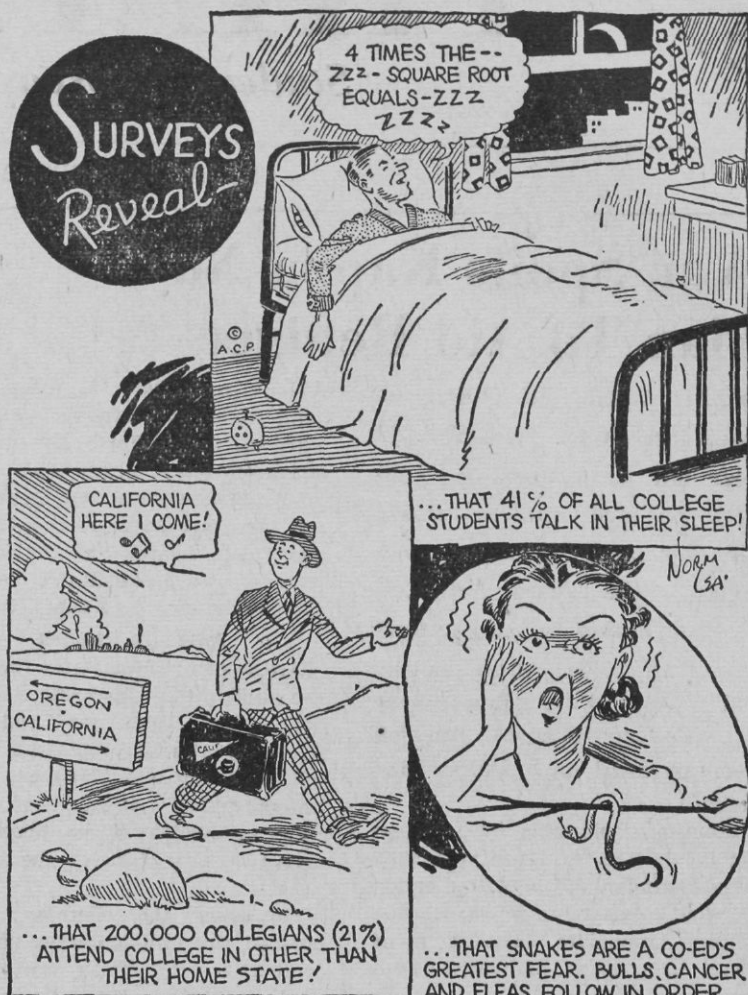
"Must I, too, wear laurel in my hair?"

●TRAFFIC JAM is still good copy. Incidentally, his name isn't really Traffic Jam. It's Traffic Patrol. But we think Traffic Jam is more suitable to his proportions. At any rate, Traff dotes on motoring and comfortably fills an entire back seat.

Mary Zude made Traff a happier canine when she took him for a ride last week. (Lucky dog) It was easy enough to get him in the car but he was loathe to leave Mary's company. Larry Bizet tried gentle pleading with Traff to no avail. He tried force. No go.

Finally, he shouted "Traff" suddenly with vigor. The dog retired, not in Mary's car.

Campus Camera



Hasty war poll of Alfred campus gets interesting but no serious results

By Betsy Obrig

●WITH ALL THE BLOOD running in gutters in Poland and every Nazi equipped with his regulation straw, we thought that what the campus needed was a little quiz job. Heckling everybody in general, from all classes, with the sticker, "Do you think the United States will get into the war, and what would you do if it did?" we got some very interesting results.

Three quarters of the answers were "No" for the first half and "Don't ask me!" for the second, but they were soon changed to "Yes" combined with some beautiful variations for the latter clause. One freshman girl snapped right back with, "I'd marry a sailor—I got one, too!" Insurance maybe, we think cynically to ourselves. Marge Lawrence would finish out her senior year and then get what ever job she could to help the situation. Bernhard Gentsch, a fellow senior, rose up in unpatriotic wrath when questioned; he wouldn't go over there to fight if it meant his neck, which he reasoned he'd lose anyway sooner or later. "If we're attacked, sure! But we won't be."

The junior class was hazy about the whole thing. Kay Kastner looked blank for a few seconds and finally issued forth with the following philosophical tid-bit, "Well, I never believe a thing till it happens, and then I'd make the best of it." Ginny Engbers, "Will we get in? Sure! Wo'd I do? Roll bandages. G'by!" Several freshmen gals echoed the bandages.

Chaplain McLeod stood firmly on a lonesome soap-box campaigning for peace; he'd have no part of their war. On the other end of the scale, climaxing the mugwumps who chose to roll bandages and, quote Audrey Place, help file enlistments, came the adventurous souls who wanted to join up.

Sophomore hears Alfred songs on carillon at the World's Fair

To The Editor:

I wonder how many of us heard the songs of Alfred, on the carillon at The New York World's Fair?

It was my pleasure to be present there, when our own Prof. Ray W. Wingate played the Carillon in The Belgium Tower.

The honor our school received on August thirty first, was second to none and this honor is all due to the splendid efforts and ability of Prof. Wingate.

I have heard the songs of Alfred many times—but somehow they seemed so much more important away from Alfred. By closing my eyes, I was back in Alfred almost four hundred miles away. Her abundance of simple beauty came before me as the bells pealed out, "Oh! Here We Are," and the purple and the gold was defended.

Sophomore.

Why no dance after game asks student in letter-to-ed

To The Editor—

Why?

We begin the well known grind this week, without much time for play—that is, for those who are here to get the most out of their education, and after all that is what we are here for, I hope! Still! No dance after the game! No way to top off a fine victory! Why?

There is a time and place for social activities on our campus—why not indulge when such chances face us?—Why not keep our social life on the campus instead of at the "Sherwood"? Are we to give the frosh the idea that Alfred has no social life? That we believe in that trite expression—"All work and no play"?

Some one will say that there was no place to hold such a large dance, since the gym floor is not yet completely finished. However I am sure that such a place could have been located, even if it had to be a block dance, which, by the way, would have been a bit of a novelty.

How about it, you leaders of the various organizations on our campus?—Let's get going, and show some social life when the occasion arises!

C. S.

Chaplain scores cynics in opening sermon before 400

●"CYNICISM is indeed prevalent today," said Chaplain James C. McLeod in the first sermon of the year at the Union University Church, "but cynicism is no distinction, in spite of the strange impression that it is smart. It is too prevalent to be a distinguishing characteristic. Its prevalence is caused by its plausibility in a world which seems to have lost its sense of values. Man has made amazing progress in science, yet appears to be using it to destroy himself."

"Despite our knowledge of eugenics, the degenerate continue to reproduce, while the best stock does not. Mass production of commodities has brought plenty—and starvation. Our hope in the press as a disseminator of knowledge has been fulfilled instead by Hearsts and MacFaddens, panders not to monarchs but to mobs. The Germany we thought to be mad with militarism in 1914, is really gone mad in 1939. Yes, cynicism is indeed plausible."

Cynicism Cheap Mood

"But cynicism is unlovely and unlovable, and the commonest and cheapest mood in the world. It is no more of a distinction for a man to be cynical than for a dog to hav fleas. Furthermore, it is dead

SOCIAL NOTES

Social whirl of first week led by A.U.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. functions

BY BECKY VAIL

●FRESHMAN WELCOME was the theme around which Alfred's social life centered last week.

The class of '43 was entertained at a reception and dance on Tuesday evening. This year the affair was held at the Brick, in keeping with by-gone tradition.

A receiving line composed of students, faculty members and their wives was headed by Rebecca Vail '40, president of the Y.W.C.A. and Glenn Altly '40, president of the A.U.C.A.

Following formal introduction guests danced to the music of the Palmer Sound System. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served. An active floor committee made up of Christian Association members were on hand to get the Freshmen well acquainted.

●FRESHMAN WOMEN were welcomed to Alfred University through the Big-Little Sister program which is sponsored each year by the Y.W.C.A. During the summer Mildred Haerter '40 and Evelyn Konanz '40, notified all freshman of their big sisters and requested them to correspond. Upperclassmen act as advisors to the new girls, entertain them, and endeavor to make their first year at college a happy one.

●A SMOKER for Freshman men was held Wednesday evening in Bartlett Dorm. Dean M. Ellis Drake presided and several other faculty members were present. Paul Davie of Wellsville showed colored movies of birds, flowers, and the World's Fair. Chaplain James C. McLeod and Prof. Ray W. Wingate led the group in songs and cheers. Coffee and doughnuts completed the evening's program.

●FRESHMAN ACTIVITIES were closed with a Y.W.C.A. tea in the Brick Lounge from 3 to 5 on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Vida Tittsworth, Mrs. Alfred E. Whitford, Miss Eva Ford and Miss Lavinia Creighton poured.

Colorful autumn flowers and greens together with tall candles decorated the tea table. Corners of the lounge were brightened with a variety of flowers.

Madeline Short '40, vice-president of the Y.W.C.A., was the chairman. She was assisted by Jean Brockett '42, Kay Hardenbrook '42, Betty Baldrige '42, Mary Vail '40, Jean Collier '42, and Ann Wasson '42.

'28—A daughter, Dorothy Rose, to Thomas and Daisy Fairchild Eagleson on March 9 in Port Arthur, Texas.

'29—A daughter, Marjorie Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan F. Tucker on September 1, in Alfred.

wrong. Over and over again history has left the cynics discredited. A Tyndale was persecuted and his beloved translations of the scriptures destroyed, but two years after his death, and ever since, the English Bible has lain open in all English-speaking churches. Father Damien dies of leprosy after laboring for seventeen years in the midst of Molokai's lepers. Grenfell, Kagawa, Jane Addams, and a host of others who left as great impresses on civilization—have they not proven the cynics wrong?"

Scoren Easy

"It is easy to sit in the seat of the scorner; so hard to live helpfully and courageously. Yet, One, more than any other, proves the cynics wrong for of Him it can be said, 'all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, and all the dictators that ever ruled, put together, have not affected the life of men upon this earth so powerfully as that Galilean peasant by his one solitary life.' And Jesus, who proved the mightiest fact in history, never sat in the scorner's seat."

The service was attended by nearly four hundred people, taxing the capacity of the Village Church. The choir of forty voices, under the direction of Mrs. Ramon Reynolds, sang "Hear My Prayer" by James, and "Light of Lights" by Jan Sibellus.

SIDE LINES

Indians Taste Blood—Old Grid Pals—Dope From Enemy Camps—By Ernie Nadelstein

THE HARTWICK INDIANS finally reached the Happy Hunting Grounds after four years on the war-path. That touchdown in the last three minutes was the first taste of Saxon blood the Oneontamen have tasted in many moons.

We were having trouble in the Press Box identifying Hartwick numbers, and were thankfully mumbling to ourselves that the Indians were at peace and that no unidentified Brave had left the Reservation, necessitating our tracking him down. Suddenly a Buck left the line and went tearing through the Alfred reserves. As we saw him (and his number) disappear into the night we frantically shouted "Who gets credit for that touchdown?"

Bob Corey, ex-sports Editor, (on a busman's holiday in the Press-Box) hastened to answer, "Give the credit to the Alfred second team!"

We let it go at that.

HARTWICK NITELIGHTS: The Public Address system "gave out" with a recording of "If I only had a Brain" to start the evening's festivities. It took the Saxons exactly five plays to score the first touchdown. Hartwick gained exactly NO yards the first quarter as compared to the 224 yards picked up by the purple and gold. Ted Ienczewski's 54 yard gallop was the surprise of the evening. The referees called penalties for stalling, crawling, and hauling—off and pushing. "Snuffy's" pass interception, right to the jaw and lateral to Bizet was "socksational." "Luke" Lukowsky with an Indian on each shoulder, made a great catch of Bizet's 50 yard heave. It looked like Homecoming Day with Bob Glynn, Art Argyros, Ed Ramsey, Phil Corbman, Morris Corbman, Ed Phillips and John Dougherty all past footballers, in the stands.

TWO FORMER TEAMMATES who played football and then (Continued on page four)

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SAXONS TRAMPLE HARTWICK, 19-7

Alfred Shows Power As Backfield Carries Ball For 16 First Downs

A POWERFUL SAXON gridiron eleven smashed through the Hartwick line Saturday evening at Merrill Field to open the 1939 campaign with a decisive 19-7 triumph. A good crowd saw the Saxons score in every period, but the second, as they ran roughshod over the visitors from Oneonta. The Purple and Gold, amassing 16 first downs rushing, rolled up a huge total of 437 yards gained, while the Indians' running attack had to content itself with but one first down.

Saxon Misplays Costly

Costly misplays robbed the Saxons of numerous chances to roll up scores as they fumbled five times, twice within the five yard marker. The loss of 60 yards through penalties further hampered the Alfred scoring. One penalty resulted in the calling back of an Alfred touchdown after Larry Bizet had dashed fifty yards to the Hartwick 28 on a thrilling run. "Bo" Johnson's subsequent 28 yard run to score was nullified.

Saxons Tally In Four Plays

The Saxons tallied before the game was two minutes old. A 35 yard runback of the opening kick, and a 15 yard run around end, both by Johnson put the ball on the Hartwick 42 yard line. Larry Bizet then twisted his way 36 yards to the Indian 6, and after a hasty Hartwick time out, "Duke" Dutkowski plunged over for the first six points of the year.

In the third period the Purple and Gold climaxed a crushing 60 yard march with their second touchdown. Five plays brought the ball from the Alfred 40 to the Hartwick 4½ line. A plunge by Johnny Eggleton, Sophomore back, brought the ball to the 2, and "Duke" plowed from there for his second score of the evening. A pass Johnson to "Mike" Greene served as a conversion, and Alfred went ahead 13-0.

Both Teams Score

In the last period, runs by Ted Ienczewski, Ed Chrzan, and Larry Bizet brought the ball to the Hartwick 10 yard stripe. Bizet, on a reverse, took the ball the remaining ten yards through left tackle and scored standing up to complete the Saxon scoring for the evening. The attempted pass for

conversion was not completed. Alfred led 19-0.

With but a scant few minutes of playing time remaining, Joe DePalma, speedy Indian back zigzagged his way through the Alfred reserves for Hartwick's one touchdown. Carl Savino, 230 pound tackle, pulled out of the line and converted for the extra point.

The Hartwick touchdown was the first bit of scoring for the Indians in their competition with the Saxons. In their initial meeting in 1936 both teams fought to an 0-0 tie. In '37 and '38, the Saxons whitewashed the Indians 27-0, 28-0.

Seven Seniors a Stone Wall

The "seven seniors," Blip Greenman, Bill Riley, Harold Rouff, "Snuffy" Edleson, Dick Callista, "Butch" Eschbach and Dick Brownell, presented a powerful line, and held the visitors to a scant 91 yards all night. "Bo" Johnson, veteran triple threat star was outstanding, kicking, passing and running through the Hartwick defense. Larry Bizet, the other backfield veteran, broke away for gains of 13, 36 and 50 yards. He also completed a 47 yard pass to "Luke" Lukowski which put the ball in scoring position in the third period.

Ted Ienczewski, reserve back for the Purple and Gold, tore through the Hartwick forward wall in the second period for 54 yards, the longest run of the evening, after shaking off all of ten tacklers, he was finally brought down from behind by a fast Indian halfback. Mike Greene, playing his first game for the Alfred varsity, blocked nicely in the backfield, and paved the way for many of the long runs made.

Line-up for the Teams

| Alfred | LE | Hartwick |
|-----------|-----|-----------|
| Brownell | LT | Boisvert |
| Eschbach | LG | Casey |
| Callista | C | Raffis |
| Edelson | RG | Wilber |
| Rouff | RT | Savino |
| Riley | RE | Omhey |
| Greenman | QB | Dascamb |
| Greene | LHB | Malone |
| Johnson | RHB | Holley |
| Bizet | FB | O'Mara |
| Dutkowski | | Langworth |

Substitutions

Alfred—Doy, Eggleton, Horowitz, Ienczewski, Bosco, Miner, Lukowski, Coshal, Meyer, Chrzan, Jolley, Hall, Emory, Kornfeld, Fossacca, Paquin.
Hartwick—DePalma, Wilber, Dick, Cizek, Rosekrans, Schuelp, Milone, Clemens.

Statistics

| | Al- | Hart- |
|---|------|-------|
| | fred | wick |
| Yards Gained Rushing | 437 | 117 |
| First Downs | 20 | 2 |
| Forwards Attempted | 12 | 2 |
| Forwards Completed | 3 | 0 |
| Forwards Intercepted by | 1 | 2 |
| Yards, Gained passing | 65 | 0 |
| Fumbles | 5 | 1 |
| Fumbles recovered | 1 | 1 |
| Opponents fumbles recovered | 0 | 4 |
| Penalties yards | 60 | 25 |
| Kicks | 3 | 13 |
| Average distance | 35 | 28 |
| Alfred | 0 | 0 |
| Hartwick | 6 | 7 |
| George Forbes, Syracuse; Ed Dalley, Syracuse and Sid Miles, Ithaca. | | |

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Lehigh Grid Captain On Wrong Side; He's Strictly An Alfredite

ALFRED GRID VETERANS are going to feel right at home when they meet the captain of Lehigh University's football team this week-end. He's a diminutive chap by the name of Alfred T. Cox who plays halfback on the Brown and White outfit.

It'll be Alfred against Alfred, according to sports scribes who report the chunky little captain going great in pre-game workouts.

Not only is his first name familiar, but his last name carries a slight Alfred tang. Upperclassmen will remember that Coach Yunevich's predecessor was a fellow by the name of—yes—Cox. John Cox, now practicing dentistry, held the grid coachship here for a year in 1936.

Lehigh Coach Quiet On First Team

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—With only one week remaining before the opening of the 56th year of inter-collegiate gridiron competition at Lehigh University, the coaching staff is still undecided about a possible starting lineup.

Satisfied with the running attack displayed by the Engineers during a secret scrimmage game with Bucknell last week, Coach Glen Harneson has been drilling his charges in a passing game during the past week. Captain Alfred Cox and Charles Conover, Pittsburgh junior back, have been assigned the passing duties while Herb Feucht, Bill Danshaw, and Bill Simpson, veteran wingmen have been in the receiving end.

The Brown and White mentor announced that tomorrow's scrimmage contest against the freshman squad will conclude heavy contact work before the Engineers open their nine-game campaign against Alfred's veterans on Sept. 30 in Taylor Stadium. Since the beginning of practice three weeks ago, Harneson has sent his squad through five scrimmage sessions.

The squad of 38 players consist of 17 seniors, 13 juniors, and 8 sophomores. Of the total number trying for positions, 17 are lettermen of the past years. Six others saw varsity competition a year ago, but failed to earn varsity awards.

McLeod Releases Chapel Talks, Speakers List

CHAPLAIN McLEOD plans this year to announce the topics and speakers of forthcoming chapel hours. A list of chapel talks for the week beginning yesterday follows:

Monday, September 25—"So Religion it Only Wishful Thinking?"
Tuesday, September 26—"Shall We Keep the Arms Embargo?"
Wednesday, September 27—"Private Enemy No. One."

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Legasse Ineligible As Harriers Prepare For Colgate Invasion

Girls' Sports Program Told Frosh Women

FRESHMAN women were introduced to the athletic program of the Women's Athletic Association at a meeting Wednesday night at Social Hall.

Janet Howell '41, president of the Women's Athletic Governing Board, presented the other members of the Board who in turn spoke about the sport or sports which they manage.

Members of the Board are Janet Howell '41, Becky Vall '40, Betty Tim Kaiser '41, Kay Kastner '41, Elaine Richtmyer '41, Jane Colberg '41, Eleanor Driscoll '41, Betty Stangl '42, Jean Heathcote '42, Audrey Place '42, Miss Lavinia Creighton and Mrs. Alex Yunevich.

Games were played in which the sixty-four freshmen women competed as teams. Prizes were won by Elizabeth Whitefield, Jane Lawrence, June Thomas, Elaine Whitford, Virginia Shener, Eleanor Chapin, Isobel Klebanow, and Sarah Schrieber.

Later in the evening coffee and cookies were served by members of the Board.

Frosh Dominate New Cheer Leader Squad

CO-HEAD CHEERLEADERS Dan Freed '40 and Jack Brown '41 held elimination tryouts for the current squad last week at Alumni Hall. Seven aspirants from a group of thirty candidates were selected. The only veteran to make the squad was pretty Betty Baldrige '42. The other six include Virginia Engbers '40, "Chick" Berger, Ginger Shaner, Daphne Simpson, Bob Timke, and Jimmy Lepke all freshmen.

Uniforms of white collotes for the women and slacks for the men and purple sweaters for both, have already been ordered.

The squad has its own constitution and is self-perpetuating. Seniors will be awarded white sweaters with a block "A" and a megaphone on the chenille letter.

THE 1939 EDITION of the cross-country team suffered its second serious blow as Ed Legasse, junior star was announced ineligible and lost to the squad for the season. He is the second veteran harrier of last year's aggregation unable to compete this season. Brad Rendell failed to return to school. Legasse and Rendell were the first Saxons across the tape in all of last year's meets.

Legasse has been out practicing with the team every day to keep in condition. The squad is just getting out of the conditioning period during which time stiffness, soreness and blisters were common. Colgate invades Alfred for the first dual meet of the season on October 7.

The present squad is composed of Capt. Len Dauenhauer, Frank Morley, Milt Tuttle, Willie Gamble, Gene Burgess, Frank Cronyn, Ira Hall, Cliff Leahy, Dick Stockman, Al Guilford, Frank Daiber, Dave Neil and Dave Nordquist. Manager Don Nesbitt is assisted by Pete Keenan, Grant Tucker, Herm Eichorn, Ted Clarke, Ad Scholes and Paul Miller.

AUCA Election, Organization Is Wednesday

ORGANIZATION meeting is scheduled for A.U.C.A. Wednesday at 7:15 in Kenyon Chapel. Financial reports, a report of the Silver Bay Conference, and the program for the coming year will be discussion topics. An election will be held to fill the vacancy left by Winthrop Davis ex-'40, vice-president. The vice-president of the organization acts as counsellor to the Frosh Cabinet which is to be set up in the near future.

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●MILDRED HAERTER '40, was elected secretary of the Y.W.C.A. at a cabinet meeting Friday. She will succeed Mildred Wesp ex-'40.

The Chaplain will be the speaker at the first chapel of the college year at Elmira College, Elmira, New York on Monday, October 2. It is expected that the guest speaker here on that day will be a member of Alfred's faculty.

Buffalo has nine varsity regulars returning and talent to burn at all positions but center and tackle. The Peelemen held the Saxons scoreless for the last three periods las year after an early Alfred touchdown. They will be gunning for the Saxons and before a home crowd should be a tough nut to crack.

● ETHEL BOGDANOVITCH will be the new assistant nurse at the Clawson Infirmary announced Head Nurse Lydia Conover. Miss Bogdanovitch, who is replacing Mollie Kirchgassner, has had five years of experience at the Somerset Hospital, Somerville, New Jersey.

●REBECCA VAIL '40 president, introduced members of the Freshman Cabinet at Sunday evening's meeting of the Y.W.C.A. Dorothy Klauss '42, played several piano selections.

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