

Preferentials End Frat Rushing; Fraternities Tap 114 New Pledges

The traditional preferential parties on Sunday, November 20, formally marked the closing of the Alfred University rushing season. On the following evening, between 7 and 8 p.m., 114 men were tapped in their residences and pledged to their respective fraternities. The following men were chosen as fraternity pledges:

Delta Sigma Phi — A. Bush, W. Chaffee, R. Cranston, J. Dell, E. Drew, R. Eaton, P. Feeley, R. Illingworth, R. Jorgensen, R. McKinley, C. Matthews, L. Pye, L. Shaner, R. Lovett, W. Smith, R. Stuart, A. Teter, G. Tucker, D. Ulmer, L. Wiedman, J. Kornish, C. Siegel — Sophomores; J. Stirrup, T. Olson — Juniors.

Kappa Psi Upsilon — F. Luhrs, J. Kozlowski, D. Kohler, G. Hoffman, P. Hoagland, J. Fisher, G. Graves, R. Engle, C. Bradt, J. Cudworth, W. Bailey, G. Vogt, R. Reintsema, R. Sanford, F. Underhill, J. Winch.

Klan Alpine — T. Coots, R. Kappis, W. McAlee, G. McAlee, R. Meer, F. Williams, J. Williams, F. Phillips, T. Robinson, S. Sperber, S. Herbst, C. Stirling, C. Emmerich, H. Gilbert, J. Fredrichs, W. Sisson, M. Minor, J. Greene, Mr. Stenzler, W. Rodemeyer, A. Mazzella.

Lambda Chi Alpha — J. Bell, D. Bolles, R. Christian, F. DiGangi, L. Eaton, F. Finnerty, R. Hildebrandt, C. Hinaman, S. Iorio, C. Kline, B. Livermore, B. Marchetti, F. Otman, R. Seager, R. Shields, R. Snyder, D. Thompson, J. Plusch, A. Waugh, R. Westfall, R. Theis, S. Harris.

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Tau Delta Phi — G. Ballenson, J. Bairn, L. Goldstein, J. Flierer, L. Harris, B. Lerner, M. Mansky, M. Oppenheim, S. Morris, P. Shapiro, D. Friedberg, R. Zodikoff, D. Waksman, M. Tobias, B. Newmark.

Senior Engineers Take Week Trip

Dean John F. McMahon and Dr. Willard J. Sutton of State University of New York College of Ceramics at Alfred University, and 43 senior engineering students have inspected ceramic plants in southern Pennsylvania and Maryland as participants in the annual senior ceramic engineering plant trip. The plant inspection trip is a required course in the ceramic engineering curriculum.

The Alfred contingent, which departed Sunday visited the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. before returning to Alfred, Saturday, Nov. 19.

Following a planned itinerary, the group toured the Keystone Ceramic Corp. plant at Bendersville, Pa., and the Keystone Ridgeway Corp. plant in Gettysburg, Pa., Monday.

Tuesday the student engineers and faculty members inspected plants in the Baltimore, Md., area, including the Loche Department of General Electric, the Harbison-Walker Refractory Co. and the General Refractory Co.

The plant trip program for Wednesday took the Alfredians to Sparrows Point, Md., where they visited the Bethlehem Steel Company Plant, and then back to Baltimore to tour the Baltimore Brick Company plant. Remaining in Baltimore, the group inspected American-Standard and the Pemco Corporation and its Research Division, Thursday morning.

Tours of the Washington Brick Company, located in Muirkirk, Md., and the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., concluded the inspection trip.

ROTC Awards Senior Students

Fourteen students in the Alfred University ROTC class were designated as "Distinguished Military Students," and awarded a rank promotion, according to a recent announcement by President M. Ellis Drake and Major Philip S. Avery, ROTC instructor.

The rating is based on leadership, scholastic standing in ROTC and academic classes, and recommendations by the professors of Military Tactics and Science. It is awarded at the close of the junior year and is retained during the senior year if the student is still qualified after summer military camp. Only advanced ROTC are eligible.

The designated students and their ranks are: Cadet First Lieutenant James A. Chase of Fairfield, Connecticut; Cadet Major Gerald R. Clark of Asheville; Cadet Major Roland D. Claus of Castles; Cadet First Lieutenant George W. Crozier of Jamestown; Cadet Captain Henry C. Graham of Mayville; Cadet Second Lieutenant Patsy Lattari of Waverly; Cadet Captain Conrad Lefkowitz of Brooklyn.

Also Cadet Captain Charles G. Maass of Uniondale; Cadet Captain George W. Meyer of Bayville; Cadet Second Lieutenant Allen B. Potter of Utica; Cadet Major Daniel H. Sheiker of Roscoe; Cadet Captain Richard S. Truesdale of Geneva; Cadet Captain Don S. Weaver of Mayville.

First home basketball game is tonight. Let's get behind the team and make home games victorious games.

Interfrat Ball

This is just a reminder to all students who expect to attend the Interfraternity Ball. The affair is to be held on Friday evening, December 9, at the Men's Gymnasium. The festivities will start promptly at nine o'clock.

Students must have tickets in order to be admitted into the gymnasium. As far as Freshmen men are concerned, the seven dollars and fifty cents expended for the ball is paid as part of their initiation fee.

There will be continuous dancing until eleven p.m., at which time a one hour intermission will ensue. Following the intermission dancing will be resumed until one o'clock when the ball will end.

The Commanders will be present at this occasion. In addition a young singer, Patti Ryan, will entertain. There will be a concession as well as a photographer present. These features should make the Interfraternity Ball a tremendous success. Remember the date, place and time: Friday, December 9, Men's Gymnasium, at 9 p.m.

AUGets \$30,000 To Furnish Dorm

A gift by friends of \$30,000 to the University was announced recently by M. Ellis Drake, president.

In proclaiming acceptance of the gift, President Drake said the funds will be used for furnishing the new dormitory for women currently under construction and for kitchen and dining room equipment in the Brick, a women's dormitory located directly north of the new structure. The women's dining facilities were recently enlarged and modernized.

The two women's dorms will be connected with a passageway which will give residents in both buildings access to the dining facilities on the ground floor of the Brick.

President Drake said the new dormitory is expected to be ready for occupancy by February 1, with cooperation from the weather being an important factor. L. S. Whitford Company of Wellsville is the general contractor for the project.

Trustees Accept Library Plans

Plans for the new library at Alfred University have been approved by the Board of Trustees and the Library Committee, according to an announcement made by M. Ellis Drake, Alfred University president.

University officials have devoted considerable time to the plans for the new structure which will have stack space for 150,000 volumes.

Architect for the library is Carl C. Ade of Rochester. He is now engaged in getting the building plan ready for the actual construction.

President Drake said work on the new library will begin in the spring as soon as the weather permits.

Some of the features of the library in addition to stack space for 150,000 volumes, will be seminar rooms, a faculty room, children's library, audiovisual and meeting room, 38 carrels, and an abundance of work space for library patrons.

Little All-American Honors Given Shultz

Jim Ryan And Al Bilanski
Get Honorable Mention

One of the eleven top rated small college, football players in the nation. That's Charles Henry Shultz, Alfred's talented end.

According to the poll taken by the Associated Press and released last Thursday afternoon Chuck was given a first team Little All-American end spot.

Two other Saxons were picked for honorable mention ratings. Al Bilanski and Jimmy Ryan were voted the awards for their fine work at their guard and fullback positions, respectively.

Three Saxon opponents were also named to the squad. Jerry Angell of Hobart was put in the third team center slot and Walt Harrison of the same school was given an honorable mention for his backfield play. Buffalo's massive tackle, Bob Woldzek also received an honorable mention.

Of the three Saxons Shultz was the last to learn of his award. Messrs. Bilanski and Ryan first heard about it from Coach Jay McWilliams at the gym, but Shultz wasn't around. Early in the afternoon the FIAT tried to get a comment from Chuck and a call was placed to Kappa Psi but he still wasn't available, and he still hadn't heard of the award. A second call from the office at 5 p.m. caught Chuck at the house still unaware of the award.

When told that he had been selected on the Associated Press first team Chuck was completely at a loss for words. In a special interview for the FIAT Chuck said that he was very happy to receive the award and that he wished to thank all who made it possible.

The FIAT had no trouble tracking down the other two Warriors. Jim Ryan was at the gym and said that he was "very happy to be honored with this award," and that "I hope to improve upon that rating within the next two years."

First found in the Union, Al Bilanski stated that he was very pleased and honored to get the award. For Bilanski All-American awards aren't new. Last year in the smaller Williamson poll Al received a first team berth.

The Associated Press Little All-American team is the only small college All-American team which is picked on a national level. The other ones are either local in nature or are on a smaller scale.

The selection of Shultz to the first team makes Charlie the only football player from New York State to gain a first team berth. Only four of the eleven members of the first team come from the northeastern area of the country. Besides Shultz the members of the first team include Dick Donlin of Hamlin College in St. Paul at the other end.

The tackles are Charles Gibbons of Rhode Island and Vince Vidas of Drexel College of Technology in Philadelphia. At the guards were Dixie Robinson of Pepperdine College in California and Steve Myhra of North Dakota. Holding down the center slot is Hubert Cook of Trinity College of San Antonio, Texas.

The four backs are Nate Clarke from Hillsdale College in Michigan; Gene Scott, the Centre College, Kentucky halfback; Dave Burnham of Wheaton College and one of the most publicized backs, Charlie Sticka of Trinity College in Connecticut.

This isn't the only all-star team to be released last week. The Buffalo Courier-Express released the University of Buffalo all opponent team for the past season. Three Warriors were on the squad. Jim Ryan was one of the backfield men along with John DeSantis and Al Bilanski, who were picked for their fine play in the tackle and guard positions in the game at Merrill Field.

The all-opponent team was picked by the 28 lettermen on the University of Buffalo team on the basis of just how good the individual was in the game against Buffalo, Ryan and DeSantis received the highest ratings of the eleven man squad. Chuck Shultz, who tallied two TD's and was all over the place in the UB game just missed out for the squad as the ends were selected from the Western Reserve and the Brandeis teams.

The Purple and Gold football team and their top flight star were tendered a dinner last night at the Moose Club in Hornell. The dinner was sponsored by the Alfred Quarterback Club.

E & B Movies

The Economics and Business department has three films listed for tomorrow. Showings will be at 12:30 and 4 p.m. in room 6, South Hall.

A CIO picture, "Union Local," which is a State Department production showing how a union local conducts business at a plant will take the first 30 minutes.

General Motors' "Diesel—The Modern Power," explains the principles of the diesel engine and illustrates many of its applications in modern life. The picture runs for 21 minutes.

Concluding the program is a ten-minute film prepared by the British Information Service. Entitled "The Balance," it illustrates the importance of balance of trade principle to a country's economic stability.

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Messiah Arrives For Annual Show

The Department of Music at Alfred University presented its annual Christmas performance of Handels oratorio "The Messiah," Sunday, December 4, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Members of the community were invited to attend the program which began at 8:30 p.m.

The University Chorus of 60 voices, with a string orchestra, Byron Emerson at the organ and Ada Becker Seidl at the piano, sang nine choruses of the famous oratorio. The program was under the direction of Professor William Fiedler, Chairman of the Department of Music.

Two of the soloists were alumni of Alfred University and former students of the Department of Music. They are Marilyn Richard, soprano, and John Peck, baritone.

Two guest soloists, Phyllis Rochaw and Charles House appeared at the Christmas concert from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester. They sang the alto and tenor solos, respectively.

Mrs. Adelbrt Purga and a small selected group of string players remained under Mr. Fiedler's direction for several weeks in anticipation of this special Christmas program.

"The Messiah" was first performed at a charity concert in Dublin on April 13, 1742. Handel himself was the conductor. Mr. Fiedler has referred to "The Messiah" as a "balanced piece of musical architecture."

"In fact, so dramatic are the oratorios of Handel," said Mr. Fiedler, "that some of them have been given in costume without action."

Fiat Lux Critic On Godes; "Technical Perfection"

by Bert Katz

Hermann Godes' concert was interesting in many ways. The program to begin with, was a musician's program. That is to say it was constructed, quite intentionally, to be heard by people with a musical knowledge of more than average proportions.

From another perspective a comparison between the very well



photo by E. Lasky

Herman Godes, Alfred's second Forum presentation.

received Entremont concert of last year, is inevitable. It is important to consider in this regard the fact that Philippe Entremont is French and Hermann Godes is German. To be more specific in our comparison, let us consider the meter of Entremont and the meter of Godes. Entremont is less concerned with a strict meter than is Godes. Another concern: the embellishments of a Bach work are more important to Entremont and less important to Godes. Gieserking was Godes' teacher for a period of two years; anyone familiar with the mastery of Gieserking will acknowledge his technical greatness and perfection. From this standpoint Godes' concert was very close to perfection. Entremont was perfection from quite the opposite point of view. The Bach Entremont played here a year ago incorporated the pedal as a method of emotional emphasis. Godes' used the pedal with measured intention to emphasize the phrasing of the Busoni arrangement of the Bach Fugue.

One of the highlights of the concert was the Schubert Sonata. (Opus Posthums). The grace and dignity of this composition was well suited to the subtle grace of the interpreter. Technically close to perfect, Godes reproduced the Sonata with a sincerity and thorough understanding of the lyricism of Schubert. The Bartok also was a significant contribution to the skill displayed by Hermann Godes.

The Fantasy (F Minor) of Chopin was not suited to Hermann Godes' ability. I would have preferred a more strictly metered composition, more directly concerned with music as a theory and not so much concerned with emotion, sentimentality and abnormal delicacy. Perhaps a Mozart composition in its place would have been more suitable. Godes does not seem to me to have the personality which would allow him to be captivated by an emotional Chopin, who is, after all, a very "French Romantic."

The Arthur Berger compositions were exciting and technically showed Godes' gift as a fine interpreter.

The Nocturne (E Minor) of Norman Dello Joio, while not completely a technical matter on the keyboard, was very well understood, in my opinion by the pianist. The Tocatta Ostinato was again a fine rendition. This is Mr. Godes' realm.

The great surprise was the Godes interpretation of the Nocturnes by Ravel. Ravel, almost a romantic impressionist with its softness and flowing chromatics seemed to have lived momentarily under the precision, and well measured movements of Hermann Godes' fingers.

The Godes interpretations of Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody Number 12) approached this composer from a different vantage point. The Romance

Dr. Crawford Of Syracuse U. Lectures On College Changes

Dr. Finla Crawford, Vice-Chancellor of Syracuse University, spoke to Alfred students during assembly Thursday, December 1, on "Aspects of Higher Education in 1955." Dr. Crawford, who is recognized as an authority in the field of government and has written many books and articles on that subject, is an alumnus of Alfred.

As a long-time member of the Board of Trustees and a member of the executive committee of the Board, he has always maintained an interest in his alma mater and has made important contributions to the development of Alfred University.

Using Alfred for the background, Dr. Crawford showed how much colleges have changed in the last forty years in regard to size, expenses, buildings and equipment and he pointed out some of the problems these change have brought. One example he used was the parking problem on campus. In 1915 only one student out of the 315 attending Alfred had a car and thus no parking facilities were needed as they are so badly today. Dr. Crawford also gave an example to show how expenses have changed. In 1933 when the ceramics building was rebuilt the total cost for the building and the equipment was \$175,000. In 1953 when Binns-Merrill was built the cost for equipment alone was \$175,000.

Despite these changes, which are much the same at other colleges, Dr. Crawford feels that at Alfred and other colleges today "more complete learning takes place" and the students are much more poised and well-rounded than they were forty years ago. Yet he warned that "at no time in our history has there been a greater need for guidance" and "unless planning takes place immediately, private colleges may lose their place to state colleges. Dr. Crawford stated "When the state takes over our basic freedoms are in danger."

Reminding the students that they would someday be alumni of Alfred, Dr. Crawford urged them to help Alfred both financially and in terms of records made in chosen professions. To conclude he said, "You cannot shake the label of Alfred, nor can Alfred shake the label of you."

Christmas Assembly

Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. there will be the traditional Christmas assembly, featuring the Chapel Choir under the direction of Mrs. Scholes. The Choir will sing traditional Christmas carols.

There was certainly, it had to be, but also the exceedingly intricate trickery of Liszt was certainly heightened to a broadening degree. This was a revelation.

A great deal of respect is due Mr. Godes for his undaunted skill in interpretation from the theoretical aspect of music. Mr. Godes is a melo-dious theoretically, matured musician. Perhaps he should devote just a bit more interest to the emotional aspect of his art if only for the sake of mixed audiences.



Chuck Shultz, Alfred's Little All-American End.

Alfred Is Iran For U. N. Council

Alfred University is sending four delegates to the model Security Council meeting at Syracuse University December 9 and 10. The agenda for the meeting and the country our delegates will represent have now been decided. Because our delegates will represent Iran, they will speak on all issues with an Iranian point of view.

There will be three principal issues. The first concerns the admission to the United Nations of Spain, North Viet Nam, and South Viet Nam. The speaker will be Sherry Finn. Iran will also preside over this particular meeting, and Sidney Landau will act as council president. The second issue concerns the Egyptian-Czech arms deal as a threat to peace. This will be discussed by Spencer Young. The last issue on the agenda will treat the Algerian-Moroccan situation. Judy Lerner will be the speaker representing Iran on this issue.

The meeting will be held Friday afternoon, December 9 and Saturday morning and afternoon, December 10. Along with the previously mentioned delegates, there will be three observers attending these meetings. They are Georgia Jones, Bob Sak, and Carole Silver.

Christmas Classics

There will be a meeting of the English club at 4 p.m., Friday, in room 12 of Alumni Hall.

The meeting will be centered around readings of Christmas classics by Washington Irving and Charles Dickens ("Pickwick Papers" and not "Christmas Carole").

All those who are interested are invited to attend.

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In Praise Of Fraternities

One of the basic needs of men and college students, any psychologist or sociologist will tell you, is the desire to belong. In life this desire is answered by communities; in college by fraternities. This is one of the many ways that fraternities fulfill a very important function on the college campus. By forming the student body into coherent groups, fraternities counteract the possible evil of a college community of individuals, where everyone might be lulled into the dangerous attitude of thinking objectively for themselves. By protecting against such trends in thinking, fraternities foster the atmosphere that is so necessary for keeping Alfred's version of the Golden Mean — Apathy — alive.

It is often remarked that one of the great contributions of fraternities is in their role of providing neat categories into which students can fit themselves, thus saving countless undergraduates the responsibility or trouble of individual self-realization. Nor do the contributions of the fraternal system stop here, rather this is but the beginning of a long list of services they render to college life and college students.

Fraternities at Alfred, much as fraternities everywhere in the country, provide students with neat and inexpensive living quarters, well-rounded meals at very reasonable rates. They also provide the time, place, and inclination for extensive studying; this follows directly from the policy of only choosing those students of scholastic sincerity, and thereby providing the example for impressionable freshmen.

And following the approved educational theory that all work and no play makes Jack a dull college student, fraternities provide light and stimulating social entertainment to make up for the long hours of study that members put in each week.

But perhaps the greatest contribution of the fraternal system is that it provides an experimental ground for the use of fraternity members in judging and appraising their fellow men and college students. Fraternity members devote long periods to observing prospective candidates in every phase of college life. Long hours are spent in objective analysis of each candidate, and frequent sessions deal with intricate discussions of behavior patterns and motivations. More often than not, these meetings are dominated by those brothers who are known for their extensive knowledge and experience in special fields, especially psychology and sociology. By the time the crucial voting meeting comes around, each candidate's real character and personality has been discovered and laid open to each fraternity member; thus the basis for an objective, sincere and intelligent selection is laid. It is because of this kind of penetrating and careful groundwork on prospective pledges that such comments as "He's a good guy; he dresses well and dates a lot" are never heard in fraternal selection meetings.

Yet, even fraternity members are not infallible. Despite all this careful and intelligent preparation, mistakes are sometimes made. But considering the lasting value for fraternity members of this testing ground, the few mistakes that are made are well worth it. Fraternity members gain invaluable experience in judging fellow college students and becoming proficient in choosing members that will belong and carry on their proud tradition. By the time a member has participated in three or more of these affairs, he won't make more than one mistake out of every four candidates, a ratio that more than justifies (as if the system needed justification) the system of choosing new members.

Every parent who spends over a thousand dollars a year on their son's education has every right to expect that their son will have some way of being introduced to beer, morality, and dark basements alive with fraternity songs. And any student who hasn't the nostalgic memory of walking through a beer smelling, vomit-soaked fraternity house after a light party has not been truthful to the purposes of education, for which in most cases his parents are paying handsomely. Every student owes it to himself, to his campus, to his parents, to investigate fraternal living.

We would like to list all the contributions that fraternities make to a college campus — there are so many we wouldn't know where to begin. We even have the time and space, but as of now we haven't been able to gather enough complimentary material. We shall continue to search, though, no matter how difficult the job may be.

R. L.

Letters To The Editor
Fraternity Member Appraises System

Dear Editor,

There is no institution in our country or school that is so perfect that it should be allowed to stand without our reappraising it every so often to see if it still holds the value or the importance for us as it once did in the past. We must systematically balance both the good and the evils of each institution, on the scales of our judgement, to confirm our faith that it still serves us profitably and offers us more of the beneficent than the malevolent. If we find that the good greatly outweighs the evil, we should keep it, of course, with an effort on our part to make some improvements. But on the other hand, if we find that our institution is more evil than good and offers us more harm than happiness, we must be strong enough to replace it with a better system which may be derived from the old one or developed from a totally new prospective. In view of this definition of responsibility which we all must accept, I propose to examine openly with you, the merits and shortcomings of the Fraternity System on the Alfred Campus.

On the credit side, the fraternities provide the students with activities which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the academic school. These are commonly grouped in the category of extra-curricular activities and include social and athletic functions. I hear further argued that fraternities provide the companionship and close friendship needed for a well rounded, happy, college life.

It is at this point that I would like to state that I am not arguing in favor of celibacy. I wholeheartedly agree that close friendships as well as extra-curricular activities are vital to a happy person; however, is it not possible to obtain all of these benefits outside of the fraternity? The University, it seems to me, could have class dorms which would provide the students with social facilities as well as living accommodations. If this is not suitable, there may be clubs or organizations which would cater to the interests of the various students on campus. We could have a literary, dramatic, athletic, debating or any other type club in which the students might be interested. These clubs would provide the necessary social activities and intramural athletic teams as well as opportunities for close friendship based on mutual interests.

Someone may agree that since fraternities already provide for the extra-curricular needs of the student, why substitute them with other organizations. In answer to this problem, let us discuss the evils of the system, as it now stands.

First, I question whether the fraternity actually does create the opportunity for close friendship. The brothers, as well as the freshmen, are compelled to choose their friends after a mere six or eight week period in which everyone tries to impress everyone else. Neither the brothers nor those freshmen seeking membership in a fraternity really know what their future friends are like. It seems to me that no person can truly begin to understand another individual until he has seen him in many and varied situations and comprehends the motivations behind his overt actions. True friendship seems to grow over a period of time in which both parties attain a mutual understanding and attraction for each other. Fraternities violate these rules of friendship, it seems to me, by allotting two months (which they appropriately call a "rush period") for each man to decide which of the approximately two hundred freshmen he would like as a friend.

If this were the greatest evil of the Fraternity system, a few alterations in the rushing method might be made and the problem would come to a satisfactory conclusion. However, there is a deeper, more poignant violation against human nature to be found. We are plagued with a system, on this campus, which allows a man's character to be placed before a group of totally unqualified judges who may, with a whimsical gesture, reduce the victim to a position of social failure and relegate him to the world of dejection and inferiority. And yet isn't it ironic that these same judges invite their victims to join their respective houses? They rush these men and openly express their desire to have them as members of their fraternities.

I have been told that the selective fraternity system affords those fortunate people who are accepted great happiness and joy in the knowledge that they have passed successfully the judgement of their peers; and that we must regard the general overall picture as being good for the majority of those going fraternity pass the test

and are made happy. But I wonder if people, no matter how overwhelming the majority may be, have the right to derive pleasure from the pain of other persons. Are we not, in effect, saying that these new fraternity men are pleased because they have been chosen over other members of their class; that they are really better than some other people?

Can't the fraternities understand that they may deeply injure a person whom they reject? I do not believe that I am stating an over-generalization when I say that the person who is rejected by a fraternity is usually that type of individual who will be most affected by such a decision. It seems that these have, by and large, been introverted people who somehow find it difficult to carry on a conversation in the midst of strangers. They appear, through the course of their lives, never to have been accepted by other people and not knowing any reason for their rejection by society, build a protective shell around themselves, while their introspective self-examination confirms a false inferiority. When these people come to college, they endeavor to break out of their protective coverings and once again attempt to be accepted by society which in this case is symbolized by the fraternity. Because they do not know how to act, they sometimes force themselves upon their judges or they might once again fail in their ability to communicate with a stranger and feel that it is better for them to keep silent.

It is on this first appearance, this faulty opinion that the fraternities make their choices. When these people who are probably very jovial and friendly with those they know well, are rejected by a fraternity, they are once again deeply hurt and reaffirm their original opinion that they are inferior to the rest of society.

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Why Indeed!

Once again the fraternity rushing season has happily come to a close. Undoubtedly the Fiat will soon be receiving letters attacking the Fraternity system followed by self-righteous missives extolling the virtues of said system. I am afraid that I can't help but get that re-re-we-go-again feeling. It is all so useless. In the past it has not been possible to get anything resembling a progressive intelligent innovation introduced on this campus. What makes this year different than any other year?

Why bother to point out that fraternities are poor training grounds for the cooperation and tolerance that the world so sorely lacks? Why bother to concern ourselves with the heartless freshmen rejects who are left in the dorms come 8:00 P. M. tapping night? Why bother to suggest substitutes, such as clubs and house-plans, that would retain the few benefits while doing away with the far more prevalent wretched aspects of a discreditable system? Why bother to cite the many progressive schools throughout the country that have done just this? Why, indeed? This is Apathy University the friend of the Status Quo the lover of the Unimaginative, the home of the Dull.

Name Withheld

Senate Letter

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the members of the Student Senate of Alfred University, I would like to make a statement concerning the "Senatorially Speaking" column.

First, "Senatorially Speaking" in no way represents the views of the officers and members of the Student Senate.

Secondly, "Senatorially Speaking" is a personal column expressing the views of the writer.

Third, while the members of the Senate fully realize and support freedom of the press, we resent the connotation that "Senatorially Speaking" is an official column. Criticism of government is necessary; however, in this case it tends to be misleading to the students of Alfred University.

Allen B. Potter, Jr.
President, Student Senate
Ed Note: To clarify this unwarranted confusion that Mr. Potter brings to light let us state first, the "Senatorially Speaking" column is written by a senator, and second, it states the opinion of that particular senator towards the Student Senate. When a byline is put on a story, any story, it specifically means that comments following are the opinions of the writer. The "Senatorially Speaking" column has never tried to express the "official" feelings of the Student Senate and will not try to do so at any future time.

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Turbulent Background of Author Reflected In Shadow of A Gunman

by Carol Silver

On next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8:15 the Alfred University Footlight Club will present its first production of the 1955-56 season. The play chosen, THE SHADOW OF A GUNMAN, is one of the best known works of a great playwright, Sean O'Casey, who has been called "one of the foremost influences on modern drama."

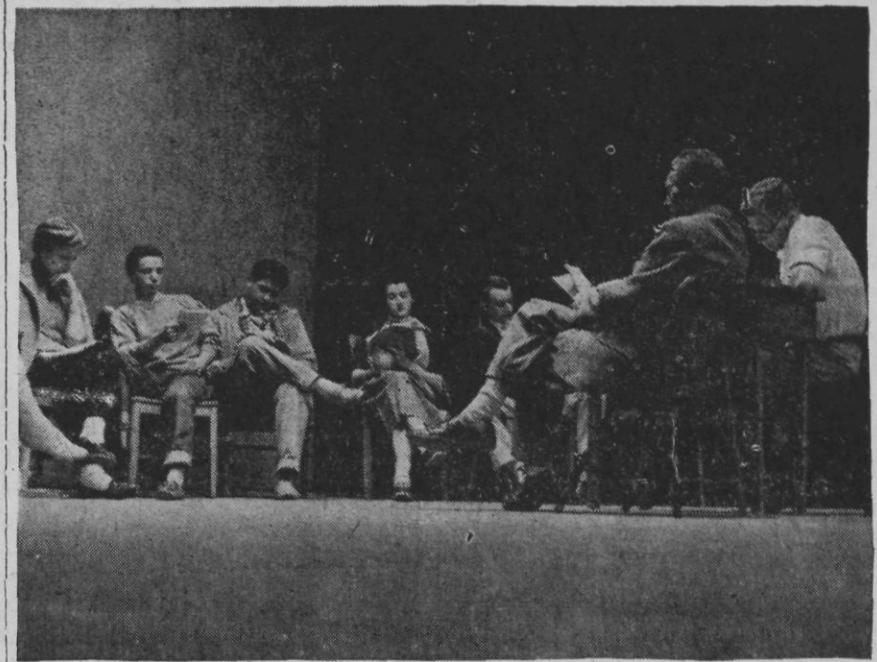


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Every play has its beginning. This is one of the first rehearsals of "Shadow of A Gunman" by Sean O'Casey which will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13 and 14.

O'Casey was born in Dublin in 1884, in one of the same gaunt, gray, houses he describes so vividly in SHADOW. Thrust into a troubled world while still young and lacking a formal education, he joined the ranks of unskilled labor. Errand boy, newspaper sorter, dockworker, stonebreaker, garbage man and janitor were but a few of the numerous jobs he held before he received literary recognition and was able to put down the tools of a worker and pick up those of a writer. He did not believe in the "ivory tower" approach to life and so became deeply interested and involved in the turbulent affairs going on around him. He began by joining the Irish Transport Workers, one of the new unions engaged in a bitter struggle for recognition, and took an active part in its massive strike of 1913. He later became a member of the Irish Citizen Army and had the dubious distinction of being lined up for execution by British forces.

Thus O'Casey was a political and social rebel as well as a literary one. There can be no doubt that his beliefs influenced his works, for he, more than any other living dramatist, draws on the events of his own life and surroundings as well as on those of the people he knew and observed. It is this use of real life material, selected, heightened and dramatized into dynamic stage action that makes his plays great and lasting.

THE SHADOW OF A GUNMAN is the first of these plays. Its production

in Dublin's famous Abbey Theatre in 1923 marked the beginning of a literary career no less turbulent than his non-literary career. O'Casey became the unfortunate target against whom was hurled all the pent up bitterness and frustration of those who had participated in the events he described but resented his mirroring of them. O'Casey's intellectual honesty in portraying what he saw rather than what he was supposed to see, led to a self-imposed exile in England, where he lives at the present time.

The period O'Casey writes of is, like himself, revolutionary. The years from 1916 to 1923 were years of terror and turmoil in Ireland. From the outbreak of the Easter Week Rebellion in 1916 to the final victory of the Free State Government in 1923, the Irish had little peace of mind and even less safety of person. . . yet somehow they never lost either their humanity or their fine, dry, appreciation of the humorous. Organized armies, bands of gunmen and single paid assassins roamed the streets. It was a time of violence, yet through it all shone the high ideals of Ireland's patriots, Tone, Emmet and Parnell and the words "Up the Republic" inspired a nation that had suffered and sacrificed almost to its limits.

It is in this background that SHADOW is set; the people of the revolution are its people; their moments of laughter its gaiety; their sacrifices and tragedies its drama. SHADOW OF A GUNMAN is more than a shadow of reality, it is living, pulsing theater.

Senatorially Speaking

by Judy Lerner

Once again the treasurer's position and his committee showed its importance in Senate affairs. First of all, it was voted by a three-fifths majority of those present to amend the constitution with regard to the election of the treasurer. The final result now is that the treasurer will be elected at the same time as the vice-president by the entire student body. He will be nominated by the Senate body, and he will be required to have the same qualifications as the vice-president. Thus we see how the treasurer's committee has come a long way in only the past few months.

At present, the treasurer, Sol Schwartz, and his committee, are working out appropriations for clubs. Actually they started several weeks ago at which time all clubs were to submit their books for auditing at one certain day to the committee. However, only a small number, eight to be exact, brought their books down at this particular time. Then too, of these only four were found to be satisfactory. Now, one may not care that the books of the clubs to which one belongs be in order. However, it is

impossible for the treasurer's committee to allocate funds of any size without knowing what the money is to be used for and how that organization has spent money in the past. And it is exactly on these two points that the treasurer's committee found club books to be deficient. The findings showed that there were cases where the treasurers were unaware as to the proper way to record debits and credits, and in general, the necessity of keeping books up to date. Other times a club was not specific in citing an expenditure or in explaining the uses for which requisitioned money is to be used.

The treasurer's committee is willing to work with any club whose books need to be put in order. At the same time they are still awaiting further call for appropriations. Five more clubs went to the treasurer's committee meeting on Thursday but there are still quite a few that have not come down yet. As this is the only time this year that clubs receive money from the senate, it would seem desirable at for all clubs to review their accounts in view of this situation. Treasurers get busy.

Student Outlook

by Marv Bell

The New York State Employment Service's Camp Unit, 119 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York will begin placement of college students in positions of camp counsellors on December 19. Interested students are urged to act during the Christmas vacation. Interviews will be given at the above address Monday thru Fridays from 9 to 4 p.m.

Engineering seniors may obtain the new copy of Engineers' Job Directory free of charge by writing to the publisher, Decision, Inc., 481 First National Bank Building, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Others may purchase the book for \$3.25.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced a new engineer examination for filling positions in the Bureau of Reclamation throughout the western states and Alaska. No written test will be given but the applicants must have had appropriate engineering education or experience. Further information and application forms may be obtained from

the Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Under the United States Coast Guard Officer Candidate Program, college seniors may make application for a commission during the last four months of school and thereby know the disposition of their application prior to graduation. Men between the ages of 21 and 26 who hold a baccalaureate degree (four year course) are eligible to apply. Applications are now being accepted for two classes that will convene during the first and last weeks of February 1956. Interested men should visit the Coast Guard Reserve Office, 80 Lafayette Street, New York 13, New York and day Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., or call Digby 9-1400 Ext. 244 for further information.

The Batelle Memorial Institute has announced employment opportunities for capable men and women in fields of engineering, and other arts and sciences. Summer employment for both graduate and undergraduate students is also offered. Further information and application forms may be obtained from Dean Gertz. The fields listed are quite varied (include business administration, etc.) and it'd be worth your while to look into this one.



Lipper Letter

(Continued from page Two)

A common argument for blackballing a person from a fraternity is that the candidate would not fit in with the group; he is not our type. It seems to me that those fraternity men who submit this argument are insulting their brothers by attempting to stylize them and taking away their individuality as human beings. However, if this is true, if we can be poured into a mold, is it not better for the freshman to learn for himself that he is not our type? If he is not happy with us, won't he withdraw from the fraternity gradually without injury to either party? It seems to me that in this case, we are causing more harm by protecting the prospective fraternity man than by exposing him to the danger of realizing that he does not fit in with the group. It is further agreed by those who favor the selective fraternity system, that we have the right to choose our friends and if it hurts someone, well that's too bad. I agree that as people we are entitled to select our friends. But we fail to realize that on this individual basis, no one will be hurt.

As I have previously stated, friendship seems to be a mutual attraction of two people. If one person wishes to have a close relationship with another individual who does not have similar desires, it seems to me that the relationship will dissolve and the relatively slight pain will be easily overcome. However, in a fraternity, we have a different situation. The freshman regards the fraternity of his choice as being society in general, and if he is rejected, he does not realize that he has been blackballed by merely a handful of individuals within a single house; he feels that he has been rejected by the entire society. A group of fifty or sixty men have decided that he is not acceptable or fit to live with them. As individuals we certainly do have the right to select our friends, but as a large segment of society, acting as a unit, we may cause incalculable harm if we attempt to select one person over another.

I write this letter to you, the students of Alfred University, as a fraternity member. To those of you who would say that as a result of a great deal of thought on the subject, I have come to the conclusion that I might do more good in bringing about reform as a member of a fraternity than as an independent. I have further been elected as a representative of my house to the Interfraternity Council to which I will try to suggest what I believe to be good reforms. I have always believed that a liberal, open-minded group will reform itself and need not be attacked from the outside. I further believe that those who would label me a hypocrite would probably argue, if I were an independent, that I am bitter towards fraternities because I am not deriving any benefits from them.

In closing, I would like to re-emphasize our responsibilities as members of a democratic society. I have often heard fraternity men say that they are fully aware of the evils of the system, but it's the system and we must live by it. It seems to me that we must be rational human beings and substitute other ideas and plans, in place of the fraternity, which would include the social and extra-curricular functions but at the same time eliminate the inherent evils which result from a selective system. I would also like to extend this plea for rationality to the administration whom I am well aware would incur the problem of providing living accommodations for the many fraternity men on campus. However, I am confident that a sincere effort on our part would produce a compromise satisfying to all concerned, including those who are made unhappy by the present system.

Marvin Lipper

Marshall Speaks At Sigma Xi

The Alfred University Sigma Xi Club met Thursday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in Binns-Merrill Hall.

Dr. Nelson Marshall, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, was the main speaker. His topic was "Marine Productivity as Illustrated by an Estuary of Long Island Sound."

Dean Marshall's principal academic work has been in the field of marine biology. Before coming to Alfred University this year, he was with the Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory of Yale University.

Dr. Charles H. Greene, chairman of the Department of Glass Technology in the College of Ceramics is president of the Sigma Xi Club at Alfred University. Dr. Milton Tuttle, Assistant Professor of Ceramic Engineering, is vice-president, and Dr. Sam Scholes, Jr., Professor of Chemistry is secretary-treasurer for the group. Dr. Daniel P. Detwiler and Daniel P. Sass are co-chairmen of the program committee.

First home basketball game is tonight. Let's get behind the team and make home games victorious games.

Seidlin Attends New York Meeting

Dr. Joseph Seidlin, Dean of the Graduate School was in New York City last week for a meeting of the National Institutional Teacher Placement Association.

Dr. Seidlin, who is director of teacher placement represented Alfred University as one of the host institutions at the 40th annual meeting of the association. It was the first time the group had made New York City the site for the yearly session.

Hotel Paris in New York served as headquarters for the meeting which ran Monday through Friday. The delegates conducted various sessions at three New York City universities, Fordham, Columbia, and New York University.

On Thursday, Dr. Seidlin appeared before the group to discuss "Intra-Institutional Cooperation with Teacher Placement Departments."

Dr. Seidlin is a past president of the association, having served in that capacity in 1951.

Wayne Schomer is the current president. He is director of teacher placement at Indiana State Teachers College. Colleges and universities throughout the country are members of the National Institutional Teacher Placement Association.

Willard Hospital Seen By Students

A field trip to Willard State Mental Hospital, located at Willard, N. Y., was taken by 22 upperclassmen students who are studying Abnormal Psychology at Alfred University.

William L. Pulos, Assistant Professor and Chairman of the Psychology Department, accompanied the students on the trip.

Members of the staff at the State Mental Hospital demonstrated clinical cases for the benefit of the visiting psychology students. The field trip also included observation of the various wards at the institution.

Abnormal Psychology, as taught at Alfred University, entails the study of contemporary abnormal behavior; dynamics of normal and abnormal behavior; abnormal reaction patterns; and modern methods of diagnosis, understanding, treatment and prevention.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday	
A.O.C. 8:00	
Basketball, Varsity, 8:15 p.m., J.V.	
Game at 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	
A.P.O. 7:00	
Movie—The Private War of Major Benson—shows 7:00, 9:20—feature 7:40, 10:00.	
Thursday	
Sodalitas Latina Meeting	
Friday	
Movie—Romeo and Juliet—shows 7:00, 9:35—feature 7:15, 9:50 p.m.	
Interfraternity Ball, Men's Gym, 9:00 p.m.	
Saturday	
Basketball, Varsity, 8:15 p.m. J.V. 6:30 p.m.	
Sunday	
ASCF 7:00 p.m.	

Cercle Francais

The French Club will hold its next meeting on Sunday, December 11, 1955, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at Mrs. Cottrell's house, 20 Reynolds Street, and will be the annual "Christmas Party" meeting. There will be a manger from Southern France complete with the Nativity (Santons) to give more spirit to the meeting. There will be singing of Christmas carols, and refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.



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Smith Attends

The National Theater Conference held its annual meeting on November 25 and 26. Attending this conference on behalf of Alfred University was Professor Smith of the Speech and Dramatics Department. He had as his guests William Greenfield (Class of '52) and Robert Kalfin (Class of '53), both of whom now attend the School of Drama at Yale University.

One of the highlights of this meeting was the discussion of the organization's policy regarding support of "a bill to provide for the establishment of a Federal Advisory Commission on the Arts." Marc Connelly, author of "Green Pastures," spoke on "Government and the Theater." Professor Smith reported on the New York State Theater Conference held recently. There was also a lengthy discussion of the American Shakespearean Festival Theater and Academy conducted by its founder and president, Laurence Langner.

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Disa And Data

by Al Siegel

Tonight t 8:15 the Saxon varsity basketball team inaugurates the home season when the McMaster College team from Hamilton, Canada, invades the Warrior's gym.

The Purple and Gold played against the Marauders in Canada last year and emerged victorious 63-49, with the top man in the game being Bill Balle who tallied 19 markers. Tonight the McWilliamsmen should come out with a victory, barring any mishaps.

This year the Saxons have a club that is one of the scrappiest and most versatile in the history of the school. It's got the makings of one of the best, if not the best in the school's history.

Last year the team had a poor record as there wasn't any spark of life shown by either the squad or the student body. With small crowds the team didn't go well, and they took the lead in game after game only to lose it in the waning minutes.

This year things are different. The squad is in good shape. It's a hustling scrapping team and it wants to win. A good start at home might make the difference in the 17 games to follow tonight's home opener.

Oppositions for the year will be tough, with only five of the fifteen clubs on the schedule having losing clubs last year. Leading the way is Williams College which had a 17-2 slate and was the New England Champ and its representative in the NCAA playoffs at Madison Square Garden. Buffalo State was 14-5 while Saturday's opponent, the University of Buffalo was 16-6. Hobart won 12 of 17 and U of Rochester took 10 of 15.

Alfred's Pennsylvania opposition, Allegheny was 13-7 while St. Lawrence and Cortland were 12-8 and 11-3, respectively. The Maroon of Colgate was 11-9 as was Ithaca. Brockport was 8-13 and Hartwick was 1-15. Clarkson with a 5-12 mark and Union with 4-12 held the low rings on the totem pole.

All of the teams have shown some improvement over last season. The Saxons, however, have shown great improvement. Every record holder in Warrior basketball history is on this club. Big Bob Corbin, the center, is the possessor of three Purple and Gold marks. His career total of 230 field goals and 192 free throws is tops and with 652 points makes him the number one scorer.

Before he went into the Army, Millard Evak held these records, and he will be shooting for them again as he is the number 2 man in the all time scoring of AU. Eve has 201 goals and 183 free tosses for 585 tallies. Evak still holds two records. His 369 points in a season is tops and his average of 17.5 points per game is a shade better than the top marks of Corbin and

McNamara who hit 17.1 and 16.9, respectively.

John McNamara holds one major record. That for the most points in one game, 38, scored against Allegheny in last year's game.

These records can attest for the talent these boys have. The starting team of Evak, McNamara, Corbin, Harry Bubnack and Bob Greene along with Bill Balle, Ted Olsen, Len Rapkin, Buzz Von Neida, Paul Boehme, Dave Brison, Phil Baker, Harry Miller and Howie Jarolman are ready to give it all. The big question is, will the student body of Alfred support its basketball team?

Tonight at 8:30 the varsity will be playing McMaster right after the freshmen take on the RIT JV's. On Saturday night the Purple and Gold play the always tough University of Buffalo Bulls in the Men's gym. By that time the answer as to whether the team will get the support that it deserves will be known.

Cheerleaders Ready For Game Tonight

"Practice makes perfect" seems to be the proverbial mainstay of seventeen energetic students. All that "hip, hip, hooray" business isn't vocal celebration of papers, panels and assignments in general—it's the new cheering squad practicing for the first basketball game tonight.

Tryouts for the squad were held last Tuesday night, decisions resting in the capable hands of Miss Creighton, Dean Russell, Chaplain Bredenberg, Coach McLane and Al Potter. Following the announcements of those who made the squad, practice was launched and has continued since, with time out for a few intervals.

The cheerleaders are: Linda Treiling, Yorktown Heights; Ann Holmes, Chappaqua; Anita De Cuollo, Scotch Plains, N. J.; Karen Dennis, Woodbury, N. J.; Pat Witosh, Floral Park; Mary Carmichael, Castile; Penny Svec, Berwyn, Ill.; Doris Wilson, Johnson City; Ellen Lipsey, Bemus Point.

Also, Diana Graessle, Olean; Jan Nohle, Medina; Bill Rodemeyer, Zelenople, Pa.; Bob Zodikoff, Newburgh; Frank Ottman, Cobleskill. Team managers are Penny Svec and Frank Ottman.

AU Tops State, McMaster Next

by Irv Schwartzman

The '55-'56 edition of the Alfred varsity basketball team made its debut on Saturday night against the Golden Eagles of Brockport State Teachers College.

The Saxons came out on top of a 62-60 score. The game saw Brockport leading most of the way. The biggest lead by either team came in the first half when Brockport led by 7. The Teachers were in front for three quarters of the contest and were playing a 1-2-2 and a 2-1-2 zone. This gave an opportunity for guards Harry Bubnack and Bob Greene to show some of their outside shooting skill. The shooting of these two plus the fine foul shooting of AU's 6-7 center, Bob Corbin kept us in the ball game during the first half. At the end of the half, just as the buzzer sounded, Bob Corbin was fouled. Big Corb put in both of his free throws and the Eagles led 33-32 at the intermission.

Most of the second half was the same see-saw battle until the last five minutes. With Millard Evak and Corbin doing some fine inside shooting and some great rebounding the Warriors began to close the gap and go ahead. With 1:27 to go Harry Bubnack put in a jump shot to make the score 61-60 Alfred.

Brockport came down the court and missed a shot with Evak getting the

rebound. With only 57 seconds to go Evak was fouled. He put in 1 to make it 62-60. After Brockport missed again AU went into a freeze until they lost the ball with 16 to go.

Pete Hinchey of State drew a foul with 11 seconds left. He missed the free throw and Evak got the rebound. With only 5 seconds to go State regained possession and John Benson, an ex-Alfred ballplayer took the last shot of the game and missed, giving AU a hard fought 62-60 win.

Bob Corbin led the Purple and Gold in scoring with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Evak was next with 14 tallies and 17 shots off the boards. Greene had 12, Bubnack 10 and John McNamara who fouled out had 9.

Although they didn't figure in the scoring Alfred's substitutions, Ted Olsen, Bill Balle, Buzz Von Neida, Paul Boehme and Lennie Rapkin played some nice basketball.

High men for Brockport were Ron Cuppernull and Bob Driscoll with 16. Johnny Benson had 11. The big difference was in the rebounds where AU led 56-40. Alfred was outshot from the floor 22-21 but from the free throw lane AU got 20 of 33 to State's 16 of 34.

In the opening game the AU frosh State led at the half 50-25. were beaten by State 84-43. High man for AU was Joe Byrne with 15 points.

The first homegame of the season will be tonight against McMaster. Let's all get down to the gym and root the good squad to a victory.

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Grapplers

With the football season completed Coach Alex Yunevich is switching his talents to wrestling.

Three lettermen remain from last year's successful team. They are Dick Errico, John Dennis and Hank Graham. However there are openings in every position, especially in the lighter weights. All those interested in trying out for the team are requested to report to the wrestling room at the gym between the hours of 3:30—5:30 p. m., or are to contact Coach Yunevich.

The team has a schedule of seven matches for the coming season. On January 14 the squad opens at home against the University of Buffalo. On the 21st the team journeys to Colgate.

Allegheny College plays host to AU on February 15 and three days later the team plays Rochester Institute of Technology in Alfred. The 22nd the team meets Ithaca. Cortland travels to AU February 25th. The season ends with a match at Buffalo on March 3. All home matches start at 3 p.m.

Couples Club

The Young Married Couples Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 10 in Firemens Hall.

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