

## Newly Enrolled Vets Find Housing Situation Critical

### "Trailer Town" Accommodates 22 Couples, Single Men Housed In Homes, Frats, Gym, and Out-of-Town

"Can I come live with thee....," in the paraphrased words of Christopher Marlowe, was the theme song of many of the newly-enrolled veterans last month, who found housing not only scarce, but practically non-existent.

The college administration and townspeople, alike, sought to convert every closet, attic, and pigeon loft into rooms for the accommodation of the veterans, many of whom were married.

#### Trailers Help Solve Problem

One solution came with the rental of thirty-five trailers from the Federal Government. These were brought to the college late in January, and set upon wooden supports on the Main Street side of the Men's Gymnasium and on the athletic field behind.

Having many advantages, the trailers, seven-and-a-half feet wide, eighteen long, are equipped with two day beds, a stove and oven, an ice box, all heated either by kerosene stoves or by gas, and are electrically wired. Water, however, must be carried in from outside to fill the trailer's water tank.

Laundry and utility units have been set up and members of the trailer community are allowed to use the showers of the gym. Improvements, such as better sidewalks, and the laying of cinders, are to be made as soon as possible. The rent is kept low to help the veteran keep within his allowance.

At the present time, "trailer town" is composed of fifteen single veterans and twenty-two married couples, at least one with a child. Another couple lives in their own trailer. The students are enrolled in both the Ag-Tech Institute and the Ceramic and Liberal Arts Colleges. Six of the men were students at Alfred before induction.

#### Students Living Outside Alfred

Another solution was found by boarding students in Hornell and Almond. Ag-Tech, with approximately twenty-five there now, plans to increase the number next year.

Ag-Tech has also found an "Open Sesame" to their problem through buying several local homes and converting them into dorms and dining rooms to care for their one hundred and forty-six new students, the Wheaton House on West University feeding about eighty.

The double-decker bunks for Ag-Tech dorms were waylaid in shipment, making the use of cots and couches necessary, but the rumor that several fellows have been sleeping on the floor is untrue. It is true, however, that one sorority house was left practically bedless for a day or two when asked to return the Ag-Tech beds that they were renting.

#### Lambda Chi and Men's Gym Accommodate

Twelve men and one man's wife are staying at Lambda Chi, on State Street, while five men are being accommodated in the Men's Gymnasium—four in the large Wrestling Room, which has been converted into a dormitory, and one in a former office on the other side of the building.

## Lambda Chi Frat Takes Pledges

A meeting of all student members and honorary members of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity was held Saturday, Jan. 19, to discuss and complete reactivation and reorganization plans. The meeting was of special significance because of the presence of Mr. Charles Doherty, one of Lambda Chi's traveling secretaries. At this time, the members formally agreed to reactivate the local chapter and a list of prospective pledges (or rushees) was voted upon.

As a result of this meeting, the following men were tapped for formal pledgeship, Monday evening, Jan. 21: Robert A. Hanright, Ceramic '49, Rochester; Wilson J. Cushing, LA '49, Rochester; John F. Costa LA '49 Teaneck, N. J.; A. Warren Rigoulot LA '49, Freeport; Arthur T. Hall, LA '49, Painted Post; Harry D. Milligan, Ceramic '49, Peru, N. Y.; William J. Doherty, LA '49, Hornell; William A. Argentieri, LA '49, Hornell; Roger D. Skinner LA '49, Hornell; James H. Saunders LA '49, Belmont; Eugene R. Burgess, LA '46, Alfred.

At present the active chapter, besides pledges, includes the following members: Roger Wilson, Ceramic '47; Ellie Hauth, Ceramic '46; George Ploetz, Ceramic '41; Lowell Bunnell, Ceramic '47; pre-war pledge Raymond Shear, Ceramic '48; John Tiftickjian, Ceramic '47; Bill Woods, LA '47; John Kirchner, LA '47; Don McIntyre, Ceramic '49; Lee Schulteis, LA '49; Les Mosher, Ceramic '48; Don Bemus, Ceramic '49.

A dance, to be presented jointly by the members and the new pledges, will take place at Social Hall, Saturday, Feb. 23.

## Ceramic Society To Feature Former Alfredian At Meeting

The Alfred Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society will hold its first meeting of the semester Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Ceramic College. The program will start at 7:15 p. m. and after a short business meeting, Mr. Merck will speak on Refractory Specialties: High Temperature Mortars, Castables, and Ramming mixtures. Mr. Merck, now employed by the M. W. Kellogg Company, was a former student at Alfred University.

The meeting will be preceded by a dinner for the speaker at Social Hall which Ceramic College faculty members and officers of the organization also will attend. All who are interested are invited to the meeting.

There will be a meeting for all Catholic students in Kenyon Hall at 7:15 Thursday night.

## Will Present Piano Recital



Prof. Ada Becker Seidlin, shown above at the concert grand, will present one of her distinctive piano recitals for Alfredians' enjoyment Thursday, Feb. 14, at 11:00 a. m. The local pianist has appeared on assembly programs for the past few years and several times has been voted "most popular assembly guest."

## WSSF Goal Reached With \$110 Overthrow; Total \$1610

Alfred's drive for the World Student Service Fund already spills over the goal with a \$110 margin, and pledges are still coming in, chairman of solicitors Cynthia Leban '46, announced in an interview Saturday.

The grand total was given as \$1610, raised from contributions, from the fall W.S.S.F. benefit dance which brought in \$75.17, from the well-attended faculty show, "January Thaw," which netted \$274.77 including the auction of faculty services, and from approximately \$100 saved on the subsistence meal.

#### Falls Group Sends Money

A contribution was received early in the campaign from a Methodist Youth Fellowship at Niagara Falls, Miss Leban reported. Pledges not yet paid should be in as soon as possible, she continued, so that the total campus contribution can be sent to W.S.S.F. headquarters.

In comparison with other colleges, when Alfred hit the \$1500 mark, Hunter College had reached \$500; Keuka's response was \$550; Syracuse, \$3000; Skidmore, \$825; and Brooklyn College, \$500, as reported in the student Christian Movement LOG. Several of the committee members and solicitors for A. U. have expressed appreciation and gratification over the excellent response here.

#### Students Serve as Committee

Fred Clark '47, and Dotty Burdick '46 served as co-chairmen of publicity for the campaign; Joan Baird '48 was in charge of the symbolic subsistence meal; and Cynthia Leban '46, acted as chairman of solicitors.

Kappa Delta and Rogers House were solicited by Annette Argana AT, Klan Alpine and Ellis Manor by Otis Medlin '49, and Kappa Psi by Archie Farr '48. Carolyn Torrey '46, collected contributions at Sigma Chi; Betty Lou Fontaine '46 at the Castle; Wilma White '46 at Pi Alpha and Daphne Phillips '47 at Alpha Kappa Omicron.

Burdick Hall and Delta Sig were solicited by Bill Hueg '49 and Dick Weaver '49, respectively. Marian Limpitlaw '48 collected at Theta Chi.

Trudy Epstein '48 and Olive Cohen '48 served on the solicitors' committee at Bartlett; Julianne Sanford '47, Madeline Collins '49, Marcia Davis, Cadet Nurse, and Mary Ann Goodrich '48, at the Brick.

#### Village Residents Solicited

Contributions of students from the village were received by several committee members: Harry Blatchley AT, Barbara Guillaume '47, Elaine Locke '46, Bob Brant '47, Charles Hampton AT, and George Bennett AT.

Seven solicitors collected faculty support of the Fund: Roberta Wells '47, Joan Baird '48, Gen Polan '46, Carl Byers '48, Mae Barrus '46, Dotty Burdick '46, and Jean Church '48.

Chaplain B. Davie Napier served as adviser for the campaign and arranged the student-led worship service Sunday morning, Jan. 6, in which Harry Blatchley AT, Margaret Laurie '46, Joan Baird '48, Doug Case '47, and David Greene AT, participated.

## Sorority Rushing Begins Tomorrow

Official sorority rushing begins tomorrow night with an informal party at each sorority house, Elaine Locke '46, president of the Intersorority Council, announced today.

Subsequent parties include a brunch, Saturday morning, Feb. 16, from 10:30-12:30; an informal party Saturday, Feb. 23, from 3:00-5:00 p. m.; a coffee hour Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 7:30-9:30 p. m.; and an informal party Saturday, March 2, from 3:00-5:00 p. m.

The new rushing system provides for the division of the freshman and transfer groups into four sections, each to be entertained at a different sorority house each time.

## Brick Stable Proposed Location Of Future Fine Arts Center

### Center May Include Music Lounge, Art Gallery, Theatre; \$20,000 Project Underway

Envisaging a brick stable, located on the grounds of President J. Edward Walters' home, as the future site of a Fine Arts Center, a committee of Alfred University faculty members and friends are making preliminary plans for the \$20,000 project. Half the amount has already been donated to the Center by friends of Alfred.

The Student Senate wishes to announce that a collection for the March of Dimes will be taken at the basketball game tonight, Tuesday.

"It should be an attractive place for students to meet in an atmosphere above the juke-box level," was the opinion of one of the committee members, present at the first meeting of the planners.

#### Fine Arts Major in Offing

The group conceives the sturdy three-story building as the nucleus of a Fine Arts Center offering courses of "both a cultural and specific nature for the average non-professional student in the Liberal Arts College." Majors and minors in the Fine Arts would be offered as the demand warranted. At present only a few Liberal Artists can be accommodated in drawing, sculpture and pottery courses taught by New York State Ceramic College instructors here.

A music lounge where students might congregate to listen to recorded music; an art gallery, showing both student work and travelling exhibits; a "little theatre" for the use of the Footlight Club, student drama group, and the Wee Playhouse, corresponding faculty organization, and of a Modern Dance group, were mentioned as possibilities for inclusion in the building. Soundproof music studios, badly needed by students of voice and piano; a painting and sculpture studio; and a photographic dark room will also be included in final plans.

Kitchen facilities for the serving of refreshments on occasion, cloakrooms, lavatories, adequate fire exits, a room equipped for broadcasting, and a suitable entrance to make the unadorned front of the building more attractive, were also deemed necessary for the formation of a complete Center.

#### Would Provide Room

Another important function of the workshop, as seen by the committee, is the providing of a place to work for graduate Ceramic students, doing creative work out of school hours, and the furnishing of a site for exhibits of art and handicrafts by the townspeople of Alfred.

A Building Committee, consisting of Prof. C. D. Smith III, head of the Department of Speech and Dramatic Production; Miss Clara K. Nelson, Ceramic Art instructor; Miss Elsie Binns, instructor in Art Appreciation in the College of Liberal Arts; Glidden Parker and Mrs. Evelyn Openhym, has been appointed. Miss Marion Fosdick of the Ceramic College faculty, Mr. E. F. Hildebrand, Professor of Industrial Mechanics, Miss Nelson and Miss Binns were named to a committee to consider faculty personnel for the Department of Fine Arts.

## Campus Calendar

### TUESDAY

Open Fiat Meeting—6:45—FIAT Office  
Basketball—Alfred vs. Niagara—8:15  
—Men's Gym

### WEDNESDAY

Chapel—Noon—Kenyon Memorial Chapel  
Advanced D'Artaignan Fencing Club—7:00—South Hall  
Orchestra—String Section—7:00  
Badminton—7:30—South Hall  
Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall  
Full Orchestra—7:30—Ag-Tech  
Intramural Meeting—7:30—Men's Gym

### THURSDAY

Assembly—11:00—Alumni Hall  
Advanced Archery—7:00—South Hall  
Choir Rehearsal—7:00—University Church  
Catholic Student Meeting—7:15—Kenyon Hall

### FRIDAY

Archery—1:30-3:30—South Hall  
Girls' Basketball—General Practice—3:30-4:30—South Hall  
Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall  
Jewish Services—7:15—Kenyon Chapel  
Christian Endeavor—8:15—Gothic Chapel

### SATURDAY

Badminton—10:00-12:00—South Hall  
Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall

### SUNDAY

R. F. A. Music Hour—2:00—Social Hall  
R. F. A. Panel—7:15—Social Hall

### MONDAY

W. S. G.—8:15—Kenyon  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Boys' Basketball Practice—7:30—Men's Gym

## Klan Elects Heebner As New President

Klan Alpine Fraternity held its first meeting last Friday night for the purpose of electing officers and reorganizing. John Heebner, Ceramic '47, was elected president of the organization at this meeting.

Ken Goss, Ceramic '48, was named vice president; Ben Post, Ceramic '48, secretary; Bill Brietsman, Ceramic '49, as treasurer. Two Interfraternity Council members were selected to serve on that organization as soon as it is revived.

Plans are being made by the Klanmen for a few social functions this semester and they expect to move members back into their house next fall.

Any Ag-Tech, Ceramic or Liberal Arts student who has not received a FIAT may obtain one at the P. O. by inquiring at the window.



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Alfred and the R.O.T.C.

Alfred and the R.O.T.C. have not joined forces as yet. The FIAT's poll clearly indicated that there is no overwhelming sentiment either for or against the proposal for a local unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Yet there are some conclusions which can be drawn from the results of the survey: Alfredians decidedly would favor an R.O.T.C. unit here if compulsory military training were enacted. Their approval is lessened when the possibility of the substitution of R.O.T.C. training for compulsory training is removed. It is interesting to note that faculty sentiment is a bit different, advocating R.O.T.C. as long as there is a national system of compulsory training, whether college training would or would not be a substitute.

As other colleges establish or re-establish R.O.T.C. on their campuses, Alfred will have to weigh the merits of such a system and to determine whether or not it will follow suit. An Army representative speaking in an open meeting doubtless could do a great deal to clarify the situation by answering students' questions concerning the nature of any Alfred connection with the R.O.T.C.

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Please Don't

To you we say "please don't"—and what we mean is PLEASE DON'T.

Wonderful as it is to see all you new Alfredians on campus this semester, we fervently echo our wish that you WON'T.

Commendable as has been the work of the various campus organizations during the past few male-starved years, they nevertheless feel a crying need for new blood, preferably male. Organization leaders will tell you this, and the members will verify it.

Please don't ignore the rewards which can be reaped from participation in the many groups which are here for your enjoyment as well as for your education; nor expect them to give you all sorts of pleasure without your contributing anything.

No matter what your special field of interest, there is a group here at Alfred to help you pursue it in your free time. So, stop and consider, won't you? And PLEASE DON'T forget that Alfred is what you make it. Either your activity here will keep you busy and happy; or your inactivity will leave you unsatisfied and strangely disconsolate.

William Allen White, dean of American journalists, in an editorial in the EMPORIA GAZETTE once wrote: "I have never been bored an hour in my life. I get up every morning wondering what new strange glamorous thing is going to happen and it always happens at fairly regular intervals. Lady Luck has been good to me and I fancy she has been good to every one. Only some people are dour, and when she gives them the come hither with her eyes, they look down or turn away and lift an eyebrow. But me, I give her the wink and away we go."

Don't permit yourselves, newcomers, to lead the life of a recluse, with only your books for companionship. Instead, like Mr. White, give Lady Luck the wink and join fellow collegians in a worthwhile project. It's sure to be worth YOUR while.

Rhyme Tyme

People, people everywhere  
And not a barn, I think  
That can't be reconverted  
Or wallpapered blue and pink.

The stores so busy all day long;  
The Union overflowing;  
The Registrar keeps bolted doors;  
My, ain't old Alfred growing!

There used to was upon a time  
Too few of folks for this size town  
But now humanity's excess  
Has turned the ratio upside down!

Will You Be My



Intermission

By Marcia Noyes

Dr. and Mrs. Walters are "Good Neighbors"

On Sunday, January 27, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Walters entertained the students from foreign lands at tea. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Campos of Mexico, Luis R. Dominguez of Puerto Rico, George Friedman of Mexico, Hendrik Heystek of South Africa, Satyapal Varma of India, Mary Satterly of Canada, Rabindar Singh of India, and Alfredo Polar of Peru.

The President and His wife Entertain Scholarship Girls

The Herrick Scholarship girls were entertained at supper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Walters Sunday evening, February 10. Dr. J. Nelson Norwood and Dean Dora K. Degen were also present and told the girls about the Herrieks and their interest in Alfred University. The holders of these scholarships are: Linda Allardt '48; Jean Barber '46, Verna Jean Church '48, Marion J. Coats '48, Joyce Dietrich '48, Emily Harrington '49, Corinne Herrick '47, Phyllis Hurlburt '48, Astrid Johnson '48, Shirley Lane '47, Phyllis Pelton '46, Marilyn Searles Roberts '48, Julianne Sanford '47, and Mary Elizabeth Van Norman '49.

Walter Ray Bell and Beverly Large, Sigma Chi '47, were married in Wellsville, Saturday, January 26. A reception was held at Sigma Chi Sunday, January 27. Mr. and Mrs. Bell left for Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, January 31. . . . A son, Thomas Howard, was born to Gordon Hopkins and Eloise Burdick Hopkins, Pi Alpha ex-'47, Sunday, January 27. . . . Dinner guests at Theta Chi Wednesday, February 6, were Dick Ziegler, "Shifty" Gere, Al Regenbrecht, Jim Kehoe, and Jack Carabillo. . . . The members of Pi Alpha were dinner guests at Kappa Psi Wednesday, February 6. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nord, Dean and Mrs. Alfred Whitford, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Friberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roland. . . . "Tammy" Wilson, ex-'49, was a dinner guest at Pi Alpha Thursday, February 7. . . . Jeanne MacDonald, '45, was a weekend visitor at the Castle. . . . The members of Theta Chi were dinner guests at Sigma Chi Thursday, February 7. . . . Lt. Com. Howard Sephton '38 and Mrs. Sephton, Sigma Chi '37, were the guests of Mrs. Sephton's sister, Janet Matson, Theta Chi '48, the weekend of February 3. . . . Norma Miller of Allegheny College visited Roxanne Roberts, Sigma Chi '48, Friday, February 8. . . . Dr. Hermann Poppelbaum and Dean Dora K. Degen were dinner guests at the Castle Sunday, February 10. . . . Frank Snyder was a dinner guest at Pi Alpha Sunday, February 10. . . .

Editor's Mail Box

Tsingtao, China  
7 January, 1946

Editor, Fiat Lux:

A member of the Class of 1937 and a former member of the Class of 1947 met in Tsingtao, China—and in the same outfit too. I was in the 96th N.B.C. two weeks before I found out, through a mutual friend, that there was an Alfred graduate in the outfit. I had already guessed that it might be Herman DeLong for I knew that he had been in the Philippines too, according to the "Alumni News."

Living in Alfred at the time that Herman DeLong went to college, I remembered seeing him there. He was back after he graduated too. When I saw him, I recognized him immediately and my face was familiar to him. We've spent quite a little time talking together about Alfred and the University these past two weeks. It was strictly luck that I ran onto him for he goes Stateside for his discharge in just a few days. Herman was in the 29th N.B.C. in the Philippines more than two weeks when I was still in that outfit and we never met then. For each of us this is our first meeting with an Alfred student while overseas. Should you know of any other former students who are in Tsingtao, please let me know.

Thus far this college year I have been unable to keep track of the news about Alfred University. I have moved three times and have been in three different Seabea outfits since October. Though I'm having a pretty easy life here in China, I've been kept busy just by moving so frequently.

I hope to be in Alfred in time for my sister's graduation in June and I know that I'll be back there going to school in the Fall. Some of my classmates ought to be there too—I'll see them then.

Don Polan, Ex '47

My present address is:

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(Editor's note: Another letter received from Don contained a clipping of an article written by Ed Creagh, Alfred University graduate now with the Associated Press in London. The article was carried in the Shanghai edition of STARS AND STRIPES.)

Editor, Fiat Lux:

Since when is "booing" unsportsmanlike? "Booing" or contra-cheering is, we believe, a necessity for a good, "on-the-ball" affair. Now here are a few points which will show the other side of the question.

First, "booing" does not arouse hate. It is a vital stimulant during a game's duration only. We have seen people razz their own relatives for calling certain decisions but when the competition was over they shook hands and said, "You did okay!" "Booing" is a natural expression of disagreement to what seems an erroneous decision and even intellectual college students are human enough to realize that "repression is bad for the soul."

Furthermore, while the referee may be annoyed by some negative outbursts, he expects it and overlooks mild "booing." But violent opposition to his decisions will inevitably make him more careful in calling them the next time. Even referees make mistakes—why not tell them so?

Finally, the purpose of "booing" is not to spread hate. We do not believe in yelling when the player is shooting and should the referee decide any outbursts have been a definite handicap to the players, he will call a technical foul. We haven't seen this happen in Alfred.

A Campus Organization

Who's Who

If, by chance, you should walk into the Union some afternoon between two and four o'clock, and see a tall, curly-haired girl with a friendly grin, wading through a bridge game you'll know it's "E. J." McBride '46.

Edna Jane is this year's president of the W.S.G., president of the Latin Club secretary-treasurer



of the Spanish Club, and historian of Phi Sigma Gamma. During the last three years "E. J." has been a member of the French Club, the Footlight Club, and the University Choir. Last year she was secretary-treasurer of the Brick, and secretary of the Latin Club.

"E. J." is a Spanish major, and hopes to do Spanish secretarial work after she graduates in June. Besides being a bridge fan, "E. J." likes chocolate ice cream, steak and basketball.

"E. J." is the most popular girl in the Brick—at least that's what Alfred telephone operators must think—when 99 44/100% of the coeds on campus call her for twelve o'clock permissions on Friday and Saturday nights.

Know Your Alumni

An Alfred girl who has had a most interesting life is Susan Howell, whom Alfred students know today as the donor of Susan Howell Social Hall.

She was born, lived, and went to school in Alfred until she was eighteen years old. Always musically inclined, she studied piano and voice with local teachers and cello with a well-known teacher in Hornell whom the older generations remember as La Frone Merriam. This teacher made up a party of 16 musical students whom he and his wife took to Germany to study. Susan Howell at the age of eighteen, having had one year in college, was a member of this party. She has been heard to remark that when she went she thought she that she was quite advanced but when she began to study under a cello teacher at the Konigliche Hochschule in Berlin she was made to do bowing on open strings for three months. She recalls that her pride was deeply hurt at the time but that she came to realize that bowing is the essential in the playing of stringed instruments.

Along with the hard work there was much in the way of new and happy experience. A part of the required work was to attend concerts and operas. The music students were given, she recalls, standing room at fifty pfennigs (12 cents) a performance. Thus they were able to hear the master works and many of the great artists of the period such as Joachim, Moskowski, Scharwenba, Carreno, D'Albert, and Clara Schumann playing the great Schumann concerto with Brahms as conductor.

In her second year in Germany she began, on the advice of Xaver Scharwenka, to study voice under Ferdinand Sieber, a Court Singer, and later in class lessons with Scharwenka himself she learned the technique of the piano.

While studying in Germany she lived in German homes so she

Ag - Tech Merry - Go - Round

With the commencement of the current semester three new and attractive instructors have been added to the Agricultural-Technical Institute faculty.

George O'Dell, a former teacher in a Warsaw, N. Y., high school, has come to Alfred with a background of valuable experience. He left Warsaw in 1941 to become a chemist at the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester. Upon completion of his work there he went to Stromberg-Carlson as a radio technician and then to the Taylor Instrument Company as a radio engineer. Now in Alfred to teach physics and frozen foods chemistry (and with the hope that when the housing shortage eases his wife and three children can join him) Mr. O'Dell is a new factor in the scientific department of the school.

The second addition to the faculty is Nathan Platt, a graduate of Iowa State where he majored in bacteriology. Also a former high school teacher in Minnesota and Buffalo, N. Y., he has recently been discharged from the service where he was in charge of a laboratory in an Army Evacuation Hospital. With this varied background he and his wife have come to Alfred where he will be an instructor in bacteriology and hematology in the laboratory-technology department.

The third new member of the faculty has come to the commercial department as an instructor in business organization, marketing and office management. Roger Wicks, a graduate of Syracuse University, a member of two fraternities (Theta Chi and Alpha Delta Sigma) has had much personal experience in the courses which he is teaching. After graduation from Syracuse in 1943, he enlisted in the Air Transport Command, where he helped organize a personal affairs school and to write the book used in the school. After his discharge in April 1945, he acted as credit adjuster for a novelty company which he helped organize.

Alfred, in the opinion of all three, seems a quiet but attractive town and one with great possibilities. The students, typical of any university, seem very friendly and courteous to the new instructors.

In the opinion of the students Ag-Tech has "had its face lifted" by the coming of three friendly instructors.

came to speak the language fluently.

At the end of four years study Miss. Howell returned to the United States and accepted a position as Head of the Music Department of Peace Institute in Raleigh, N. C., where she taught voice, piano, and cello. Later she went to New York, where she taught, played, and sang for several years.

While in New York she met Arthur Mees, a classmate and friend of Xaver Scharwenka, who at that time was assistant conductor of the nationally famous Theodore Thomas orchestra and himself conducted choral societies. Miss Howell married him in 1897 and for the next 26 years devoted herself to him and to his distinguished career. Nearly every summer they went to Europe to attend the great music festivals such as the Mozart and Wagner festivals in Munich, the Salzburg festival, and the great choral festivals of England. Dr. Mees brought back to America many new works which he presented for the first time in the United States at the Worcester, New York, Cincinnati, Bridgeport and Norfolk, Connecticut

(Continued on page four)



# Warriors Clash With Five Teams; Defeat Clarkson Tech 44-40

## A. U. Loses In Four Contests; New Players Added To Team

Since the last edition of the FIAT LUX the Saxon Warriors have engaged in five basketball contests, winning one of them. Clarkson was defeated on Alfred's home court by a score of 44 to 40.

On January 18, Cortland won a "thriller" by one point 46-45. "Ellie" Hauth scored 20 points for the Saxons to be individual high scorer for the game. This was perhaps the best played game of the season on the Alfred court.

Clarkson lost by four points on January 25, by a score of 44 to 40. This was a rather "sloppy" game in which both teams missed a great number of shots and at times fumbled about losing the ball. However, the Warriors made their shots count in the pinches.

### U. R. Outplays Saxons

On February 6, the University of Rochester team far outclassed our smaller school by a score of 69 to 40. The U. R. squad ran up a quick score in the first quarter with 29 points. At the half, the Yellow Jackets held a 39-14 point advantage.

The Saxon Warriors could never seem to get going and there was no question from the beginning as to the outcome.

Williams of U. R. had an easy time scoring 17 points, as the big fellow had no one his size to cope with. Hutchins, who is high scorer for the season for the U. R. squad, tossed in 12 points to increase his lead. Hauth scored nine points for the Saxon Warriors to lead his team.

### New Players Added

Several new faces were seen in the A. U. lineup with Bob, Bobounik, Becker and Schindler all seeing action. It is a bit early to tell how these newcomers will shape up but from what this writer has seen of them, they seem to be used to a more "free" brand of ball. However, with the experience of a few games this year, they should readily fit into the scheme of things for the next basketball season.

Last Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively, the Saxon Warriors lost to both St. Lawrence and Clarkson by wide margins on the victors' courts. More about these later, as the score books and players have not arrived in town as this goes to press.

### Tonight's Game With Niagara

Tonight, Tuesday, Feb. 12, Niagara University journeys to Alfred for a tussel. The first encounter of these two teams was a thriller at Memorial Auditorium in Buffalo in which Niagara emerged victorious, 45 to 43. In this game Niagara overcame a 10-point lead to win in the last quarter.

Below is a box score of the U. R.-A. U. game:

Rochester	G.	F.	T.
Hutchins, rf.	5	2	12
Hubbard, rf.	0	1	1
Beall, lf.	4	1	9
Smith, lf.	0	0	0
Williams, c.	5	7	17
Freed, c.	1	0	2
Swaner, rg.	2	1	5
Diehl, rg.	1	1	3
Baldwin, rg.	4	1	9
Culhane, lg.	2	1	5
Garnish, lg.	0	0	0
Ciulla, lg.	2	2	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>69</b>

Alfred	G.	F.	T.
Hauth, rf.	4	1	9
Latham, rf.	0	0	0
Bob, lf.	2	2	6
Polar, lf.	3	1	7
Costa, c.	0	1	1
Bobounik, c.	0	0	0
Guinan, rg.	1	3	5
Cushing, rg.	1	2	4
Becker, lg.	0	0	0
Schindler, lg.	1	0	2
Argentieri, lg.	2	2	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>

Score at half-time, Rochester 39, Alfred 14; referee, Swarthwood; umpire, Patrowitz.

## Ellis Manor High Scorer

Six intramural basketball games have been played since the last edition of the FIAT. Highlight of these contests was the elimination of the three-way tie for first place, with Ellis Manor now occupying the top spot.

Ellis Manor swamped Kappa Psi 47-23, and Burdick Hall won a one-sided victory over the Eagles 31-7.

The hapless Rural Engineers fell by the wayside, again, this time at the hands of the Impromptu by a score of 18-11. Burdick Hall and Klan Alpine finished the first semester games in a rough and tumble affair with Burdick Hall winning 38-20.

Ellis Manor clinched the top rung by hard fought 29-19 conquest over Delta Sig. The Eagles, in a close contest, defeated Impromptu 28-24 to finish off all the games.

This week Kappa Psi and the Eagles stage the only game until reorganization of the league takes place.

## Interhouse Basketball Tournaments To Begin

With girls' Interclass Basketball over, the Interhouse Tournament will start immediately, the first game being on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 8:00, when Theta Chi plays Bartlett.

The following are the Interhouse Basketball managers:

Theta Chi: Marie Cherichetti  
Pi Alpha: Bea Rennell  
Omieron: Nora Utal  
Kappa Delta: Virginia Reitz  
Town Team: Miriam Tookey  
Brick I: Madeline Collins  
Brick II: Connie Coon  
Bartlett: Dotty Dill  
Sigma Chi: Grace Congdon

This season promises to be very exciting, with the competition between houses keen, and girls are urged to turn out for the games and support their teams.

## Alpha Tau Initiates

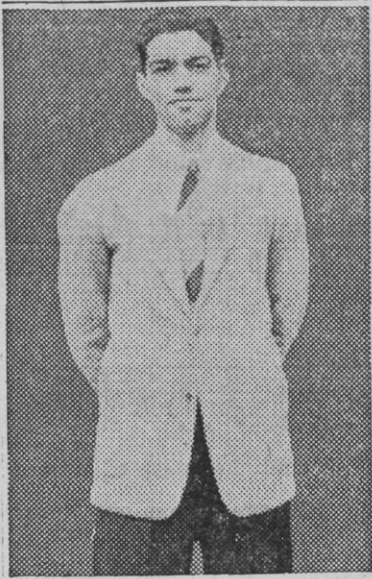
Alpha Tau Theta, national women's honorary athletic fraternity on campus, honored two senior women on January 25 when initiation ceremonies were held at Theta Chi for Marie Basciani and Carolyn Banks.

The honor of being elected to Alpha Tau Theta is one which comes only to the outstanding sportswomen of Alfred. Its members are required to be not only outstanding in several sports, but also in sportsmanship, leadership and scholarship.

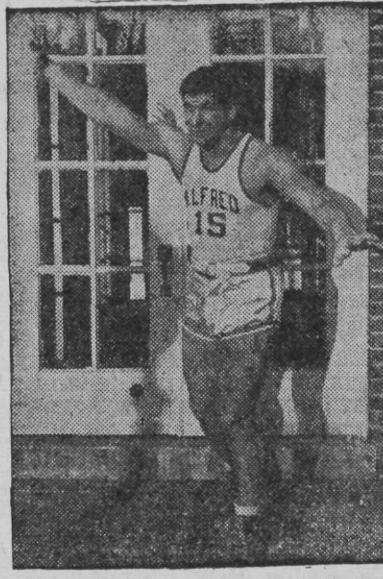
At a meeting following the initiation, Carolyn Torrey was elected president to succeed Johanna Folts Stetson. Martha Miner was named secretary-treasurer.

Present members of Alpha Tau Theta, in addition to the two newly-initiated, are Johanna Folts Stetson, Carolyn Torrey, Martha Miner, Frances Bovee, Sylvia March, Constance Brennan, Ruth Macaulay, Louella Phillips and Gladys Imke.

## Squad Members



DON NEIMETH, a junior from Rockville Center, Long Island, serves as manager of the Varsity basketball squad this year.



CHESTER ARCISZEWSKI, former Air Corps man, is one of Coach Dan Minnick's Saxon Warriors. Twenty-one years old, he has played three years on a high school team and another three years on a service team. His home city is Syracuse.

## Organization Campaigns For World Gov't

Student leaders, representing colleges and high schools throughout the nation, met at Concord, Massachusetts, February 8, for a four-day conference on world government.

The conference was called by Student Federalists, the organization founded in Scarsdale (N.Y.) High School in 1942, to campaign for a democratic world federation. Joining in sponsoring the Concord meeting are independent groups for world government at Yale, Wellesley, Harvard, Columbia and other colleges.

### Purpose Stated

The purpose of the conference was not to blueprint world organization, but rather to map plans for extending the world government movement to every college and high school in the nation.

### Delegates Visit Historical Places

Conference sessions were held in the vestry of First Parish where Harvard University met during the siege of Boston, and meals were served to the delegates at Wright Tavern, the historic stopping-place of the British Army on its way to Concord Bridge, where "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired. Meetings were limited to delegates, but there was an open session for the press and citizens of Concord on Monday, February 11, at 4 p.m.

## Normandy, Theme Of French Week

Normandy, one of the leading Provinces in France today, will be the theme of this year's "French Week" program to be presented during the first week in March.

Joan Ehrens '48, club president, is in charge of the complete program. Besides exhibits, a French movie will be shown at Alumni Hall, a carillon program will be conducted by Prof. Ray Wingate, and the week's celebration will be climaxed with a banquet at Social Hall.

Marion Miller '48 heads the Exhibition Committee with Trudy Epstein '48 and Ada Egbert '46.

The Entertainment Committee is headed by June Allan '48 with Lois Sutton '48 and B. F. Angell '49 as helpers. The Film and Music Committee is headed by Joan Ehrens '48 with Roxanne Roberts '48, Marie Cherichetti '48 is chairman of the Publicity Committee, aided by Nora Utal '48 and Bette Gerstenfeld '49.

Jean Barber '46 is chairman of the Banquet Committee with Anne Seely '48 and Jennie Fiorentino '46. Costumes are under the chairmanship of Lois Sutton '48.

The French Club, with the able assistance of Miss Eva Ford, French instructor, hopes to make this year's "French Week" a great success.

## ROTC Ballot Replied By Half Student Body

Reaching more than 45 per cent of a student body totaling over 500, the FIAT LUX, student newspaper of Alfred University, completed its first "popularity poll" during January. The question was that of the proposed establishment of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit on the Alfred campus.

A delegation of army officers, headed by Colonel Van Deusen, who has charge of the ROTC unit at Cornell University, and Lt. C. O. Buckland, Director of the School Division of the Second Service Command, recently visited Alfred to determine its possibilities as the site of an army corps unit, to be one of three types: Infantry, Quartermaster or Military Police. Lack of an armory excludes the possibility of an artillery unit for the Western New York school.

### Several Ballots Used

Ballots printed in the student paper, distributed at a meeting of the Student Senate, to which representatives of all campus living groups belong, and at the weekly assembly program were the means used to obtain opinions on the subject.

Three pertinent questions printed on the ballot covered the situation in a general way:

1. If there is universal military training and the ROTC would be a substitute for it or part of it, I would favor a Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Alfred University.
2. If there is universal military training but ROTC is not considered a substitute, I would favor a Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Alfred University.
3. Regardless of a system of compulsory military training, I would favor a Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Alfred.

The results plainly showed that few students were either completely for or against a local ROTC unit.

### Coeds Favor ROTC

Results seem to indicate that the coeds decidedly would favor an ROTC unit in Alfred, but only in the event of the acceptance of such training as a substitute for the proposed year in camp for boys just out of high school. Only a few apparently are drawn by the glamour of uniforms on the campus. Perhaps this fact is explained by the existence of the ASTP and ERC units at the University during the war.

All shades of opinion were voiced by the coeds. One favored the ROTC "on a voluntary basis, but as a part of compulsory mili-

## Mademoiselle To Give College Fiction Contest

The magazine MADEMOISELLE is now sponsoring its annual short story contest for women undergraduates. The contest is open to all students interested in creative writing, and those who qualify are urged to enter.

MADEMOISELLE, which is well represented in the annual O'-Henry and the O'Brien anthologies of American short stories, is anxious not only to reflect the point of view of young women, but to publish stories by young authors of real merit.

### Entries Submitted on Condition

All entries are subject to a few conditions. The winning story will be awarded \$250 for all rights and will be published in the August, 1946 issue of MADEMOISELLE. Manuscripts must be from 1,500 to 3,000 words in length. They must be clearly marked with the author's name and address, typewritten, double-spaced and addressed to: College Fiction Contest, MADEMOISELLE, 122 East 42 Street, New York 17, New York.

### Some Manuscript Returned

Manuscripts cannot be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and entries must be postmarked not later than April 1, 1946. Stories which have been printed in college publications may be submitted, but they must not have been published elsewhere. No manuscripts will be returned until the final decision has been reached and MADEMOISELLE reserves the right to purchase any story other than prize winners at regular publication rates.

tary training, the provision being that if the student did not sign up for ROTC he must take the training in some other way."

Voting "no" to all the questions, Elaine Locke, a senior in the College of Ceramics, expressed her disapproval of the military angle, saying, "I am not in favor of any postwar military training at all. Postwar training of any sort shows lack of trust, and fear will make this peace organization fail. In this atomic age we must have peace for the survival of mankind and I am against anything that might serve to undermine it. LACK OF TRUST WILL."

Non-veterans in the male portion of the student body were represented by 62 ballots, 52 of which came from men 21 years (Continued on page four)

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# "January Thaw"

English professors do not usually shuffle into the Student Union wearing disreputable jeans and loud plaid shirts; college chaplains do not usually render an improvisation of the Wedding March for a student audience; long and lanky Ph.D.'s, M.A.'s, and Deans of Men do not make a regular practice of robing themselves in flowing chiffon and tripping around the stage to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Spring Song". But those are only a few of the very unusual things which took place during the performance of *January Thaw*, a show give by the faculty of Alfred University, Wednesday, Jan. 23.

From the moment that W. Varick Nevins III came out to the microphone looking for Sarah, because he was told he was "Master of Sarah's money," until he tactfully told the audience they could go home, the spectators were in a constant state of excited anticipation.

## Music Breaks Spell

Only twice during the two and a half hour performance was the atmosphere of hilarity broken—once when Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin, professor of music, played Franz Liszt's "Liebestraum", and again when the new Alfred song, written by Dr. Ellsworth Barnard and Dr. B. Davie Napier, was introduced by the faculty quartet.

The faculty members showed amazing insight into the workings of student minds in their portrayal of the scene in the Student Union. The act was complete from two girls frantically doing the Lindy to the couple completely absorbed with each other. The punch line was delivered by Director of Dormitories Bunnell when he said, "I haven't had a decent meal since I got here."

## Prof. Gives Pantomime

Perhaps the best performance of the evening was given by John McMahon. He has shown his talents as an actor in previous University production and his pantomime proved beyond all doubt that he has real ability. As a train conductor, he somehow managed to get the right sway in his steps as imaginary coach.

The show was held for the benefit of the World Student Service Fund. The sum of eighty-seven dollars was earned for the fund by the auctioning off of the services as cooks of six faculty couples to various student residences.

## Know Your Alumni

(Continued from page two) festivals, which he conducted. For many years he annotated the Philharmonic programs and he wrote "Choirs and Choral Music" for the Book Lovers' Library published by Scribners.

Through his work, which included at different times the selecting of voices for the Metropolitan Opera Chorus, the conducting of the Mendelssohn Glee Club of New York, and the St. Cecilia of Boston, Dr. and Mrs. Mees came to know intimately the great opera singers, musicians, and actors of the time. Mrs. Mees (now Mrs. Ames) has many fascinating reminiscences of these people whom the Mees knew well.

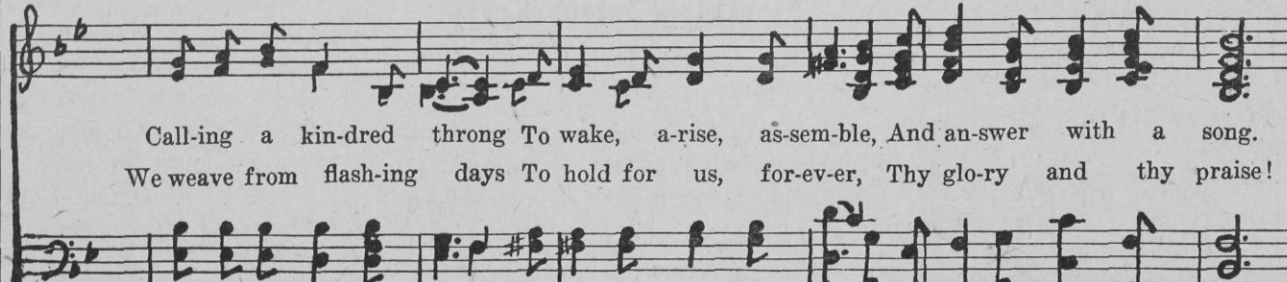
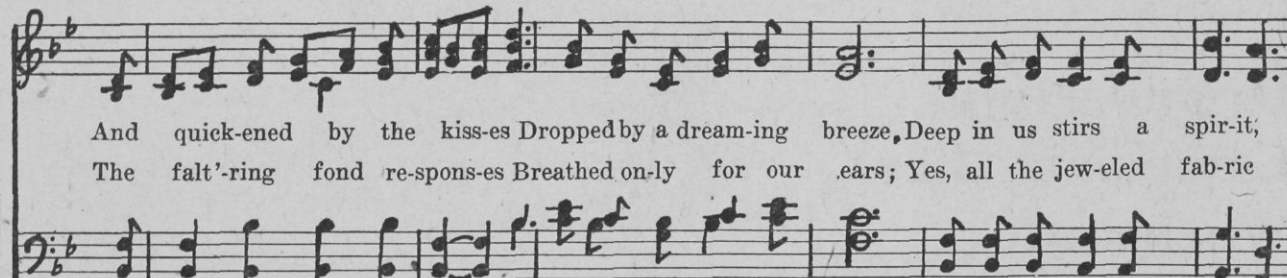
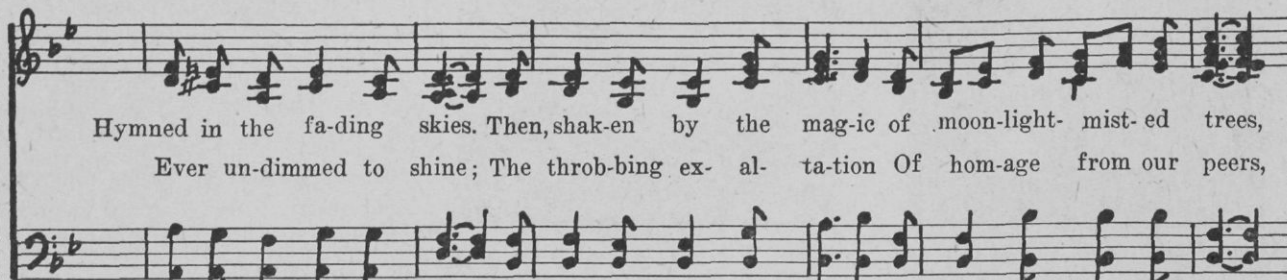
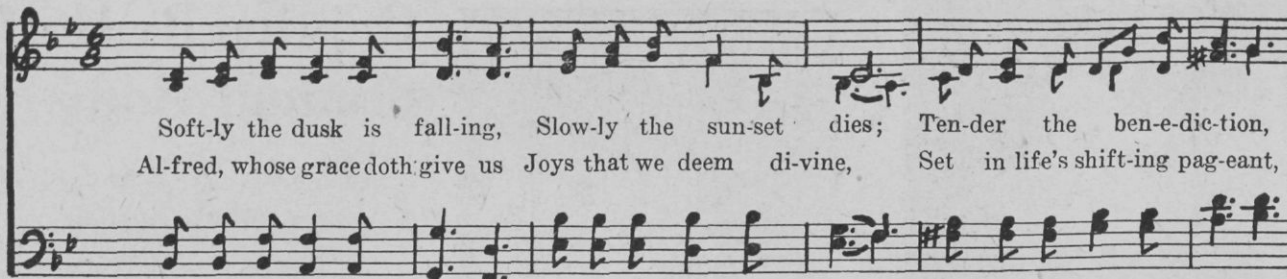
In 1923 Dr. Arthur Mees died and a few years later Mrs. Mees married Mr. William L. Ames of New York, a long-time friend of the Mees' family. Since his death she has made her home in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Her interest in Alfred has been unfailing and the Susan Howell Society Hall was given completely furnished by her to Alfred University in 1930 and later the money for the purchase of South Hall was donated by her. Her inclination and training and the career of her famous husband have made music a major interest in her life and this year she has given an additional \$15,000 to the University for the promotion of the music department.

## ALFRED EVENING SONG

POEM BY E. B. BARNARD

MUSIC BY B. D. NAPIER



## Religious Group Invites Young People To Service

All students who are interested in attending a student-led worship service are invited to meet with the Christian Endeavor group on Friday night at 8:15 in the Gothic Chapel. This fellowship of the young people of the Seventh Day Baptist Church welcomes any interested students.

The members of the R. F. A. (Religious Fellowship of Alfred) cabinet hope that all students will feel free to attend any Friday night meeting, for they believe that such student-led worship services are a vital part of the campus religious program.

## College Limits Parking

The presence of an unusually large number of automobiles on campus this semester makes it necessary to restrict parking on the main campus street, running past the Ceramic College and the Ag-Tech Institute, from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday-Friday. Those who have parking permits may park on the west side of the street during this time.

Students who think that they have a good reason for parking in this location may obtain permits from the Ag-Tech office, if they are enrolled in the Agricultural and Technical Institute, or from Dean M. Ellis Drake, if they are enrolled in either the Ceramic College or the College of Liberal Arts.

All students who have not as yet registered their cars should do so immediately, either at the Registrar's office or at the Ag-Tech office.

## SPORTS NOTICE

There will be a meeting of all men on the campus who are interested in participating in intramural basketball for the remainder of the season. This meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30, in the Men's Gym.

Coach Minnick

The Student Senate and Athletic Department will sponsor a FREE DANCE, following the Niagara game, Tuesday night, at the Gym.

In 1936 Mrs. Ames was given the honorary degree of L. H. D. by Alfred University, of which she has been a trustee since 1927.

## Baptists Entertain

Patients at the Bath Veterans' Hospital, were entertained last Sunday evening by a group of young people representing the Christian Endeavor Young People's Society of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. The group was composed of local residents and Alfred University students.

The musical program which was presented included the following: Men's Quartet, featuring Pastor Everett Harris, Horst Rodies '47, Wendell Stephan and Art Kagan '49; Girls' Trio, composed of Norma Jacox '48, Lois Sutton '48, and Miriam Tooke '48; two vocal solos by Nellie Bond Parry and Wendell Stephan; two piano solos by June Allan '48 and Mary Alice Butler '47; Instrumental Trio, featuring Steve Saunders, Jack McMahon and Allen Hitchcock. Gen Polan '46 was master of ceremonies.

The Latin Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the home of Dr. G. Stewart Nease at 8:00 p.m.

## RFA To Present Panel Discussion

To whom it may concern (and that includes all new students on Alfred's campus who are still mystified by the letters RFA): the Religious Fellowship of Alfred is an interfaith student religious organization. Everyone faculty, students and townspeople, are invited to attend its meeting every Sunday night at 7:15 in Social Hall.

Next Sunday night, Feb. 17, the RFA will present a panel composed of four of Alfred's foreign students. Mr. Varma of India, Mr. Heystek of South Africa, Mr. Polar of Peru and Mr. Liu of China will each give a brief talk on world problems as their nations see them. Afterwards the meeting will be thrown open to discussion.

At the last meeting of the RFA Bert Smith was elected Ag-Tech representative and Dick Dunne and Artrude Ratschkowsky, freshman representatives to the RFA cabinet.

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## ROTC Ballot

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old and younger. As the latter is the group which would most probably be affected by the introduction of this training, it is interesting to note that they favored question one by a vote of 45-7, rejected the second by 17-31, and likewise rejected the third, 18-33.

Thirty-eight veterans, approximately 24 per cent of those enrolled in Alfred last semester, were reached by the survey. Results of their balloting showed a very close division on the three questions. Number one drew 16 "yes's" against 11 "no's"; number two received 13 affirmative votes and 17 negative and number three got 13 "yes's" and 19 "no's".

A twenty-seven-year-old veteran, enrolled in the class of '48, had this to say on the subject: "The best training comes from an association with the atmosphere of war and not in a school. After all, we all can't be, or want to be, officers. The ROTC may be all right in some ways but it is the experience with battle life that makes the kind of soldiers that are desirable."

Comparison of the figures reveals that 50 per cent of the veterans who voted favored an ROTC unit at Alfred if there were compulsory military training and ROTC training were a substitute; 83 per cent of the non-vets favored the proposal and 87 per cent of those 21 or under approved it, as did 75 per cent of the girls who voted.

A faculty poll revealed that the professors and members of the administrative staff are more certain of their opinions, although they do not completely concur with each other's. The vote was 49-2 in favor of question one; 40-10 in favor of two; and 20-27 against number three.

Interest in the subject is still at a high pitch among collegians and faculty members and plans for having an army representative visit the campus to explain the ROTC are now under discussion.

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## Forum Guest Changed

Mrs. Paul Robeson, anthropologist and author of "African Journey" which was published last year, will be the Forum guest Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 8:15 in Alumni Hall. She will lecture as an authority on race relations.

Mrs. Robeson is replacing Richard Wright, noted negro author and lecturer, who was forced to cancel his speaking tour.

## Orchestra Meet Tomorrow

Officers of the University orchestra announce that there will be rehearsal Wednesday night, February 13, in the library of the Ag-Tech building. Members of the string section are asked to come at seven o'clock. The time of the full rehearsal will be seven-thirty.

All new students who are interested are cordially invited to meet with Mr. Austin and the regular players at seven.

## Office Workers Wanted

On occasion the University offices and departments need typists, stenographers and other office assistants by the hour. The Treasurer's office endeavors to maintain a list of available workers. It is possible that there are veterans' wives and others who would like to have their names on file. Please call at the Treasurer's office, Library Building, if interested.

## Club Invites New Students

The Footlight Club invites new students interested in theatre activities to come to Alumni Hall auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 14, 3:30-5:30 or 7-8 p.m., or to consult with Elaine Locke, president.

Participation is available in all phases of the current production of Saroyan's "My Heart's in the Highlands".

## Dr. Warren Returns

Dr. Roland Warren, back in Alfred after two-and-a-half years service in the Navy, is teaching a few courses in Sociology this semester and also acting as Counselor to Prospective Students.

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