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## AUTHORITIES HOPE FOR NEW ADDITION TO CERAMIC SCHOOL

Six Years Work Represented In Bill To Be Introduced In N. Y. Legislature This Week

A quest for a new \$125,000 building for the Ceramic School occasioned President Boothe C. Davis' visit to Albany for several days last week.

During his stay in the state capital, President Davis held conferences with Senator John Knight and Commissioner John J. Merrill, the latter a member of the Board of Trustees of Alfred University. As a result, a bill will be introduced in the present session of the legislature asking for the appropriation of \$125,000 from New York State's new \$100,000,000 bond issue.

The present step is but a renewed attack for an issue which has been before the Legislature periodically since 1921. In that year, application was made for a \$65,000 addition to the Ceramic Building. In 1925 the request was granted by the legislature, but was vetoed by Governor Alfred E. Smith on the ground that the improvement should be paid for from the \$100,000,000 bond issue which had not yet been approved by the voters of New York state.

Although the application was reiterated in 1925 and 1926, the Ceramic School still lacks the desired assistance.

Last year, when the Ceramic School was 60% larger than in 1921, and the Agricultural School seemed on the decline, the Legislature granted the Ceramic School the use of laboratory space in the Agricultural Buildings. While, at present, the Ceramic School has more adequate quarters than those of last year, the Agricultural School, which has grown 40% during the past year, is at a disadvantage because of lack of space.

During the six years consumed by the legislature in the consideration of the \$65,000 project, there has been such growth in the Ceramic and Agricultural Schools that neither the old project nor the current temporary arrangement is adequate to cope with present and future needs.

Hence, the college authorities have decided to apply for a new building, to be erected at an estimated cost of \$125,000; the amount to be drawn from the new \$100,000,000 bond issue. Senator Knight plans to introduce the bill early in the session of the legislature, which convened last week.

## More Wonders of "Land of Midnight Sun" Revealed

By Dean Degen Thursday

Continuing her fine presentation of Scandinavian travels, Dean Dora Degen revealed to last Thursday's College Assembly, many novel phases and features of Norwegian, Swedish, and Danish life. Far surpassing the ordinary stereotyped travelogue, Dean Degen, in an intimate and highly informal manner, and with many amusing personal anecdotes, held her audience's attention as she commented upon the unique and quaint experiences and peoples she encountered on her journeys.

## Statisticians Reveal Decrease In Co-ed Enrollment; Future Use Of Steinheim May Be Restricted To Scholastic Interests

The tendency of the eternal feminine toward curves of grace is duly substantiated by the line which may be plotted to illustrate the relative numbers of them at Alfred University each year for the past five years. Statistics show that, as a rule, the yearly percentage of increase in their number is decreasing, all of which goes to show that the slogan, "Alfred the Mother of Men," may be more truth than poetry a few years hence.

The following tabulations form one of the few mute testimonies ever made by the fair sex—

Year	No. of Co-eds	% Increase
1922-23	140	12.9%
1923-24	157	11.4
1924-25	163	13.3
1925-26	173	17.7
1926-27	181	5.8
1927-28	163	not computed

## 1929 YEAR BOOK TO BE COMPLETE ABOUT APRIL 1st

Pre-publication data from Lee B. Cottrell, Editor-in-Chief of the 1929 Kanakadea, indicates that the work on the publication of the Junior Class is progressing nicely.

The editorial work is nearly completed and the manuscript ready for the printers. The engraving and half-tone work which has been done from photos taken by the White Studio, is regarded this year as being of unusual quality. The art work has also been completed.

Gordon Lewis, Business Manager, says that the publication order will be for 500 copies, largely sold by subscription to Students and Alumni. The Kanakadea will be released at the annual Kanakadea banquet, which will undoubtedly be held about April 1.

## GETZ WILL LEAD NEXT YEARS' HARRIER TEAM

Wilbur C. Getz was elected captain of the Varsity cross country team for the coming year at a meeting of the entire squad called by Coach Lampman last December 13.

Captain-elect Getz has a creditable cross country record. He won the Pennsylvania High School State Championship for the mile in 1925. Since his arrival at Alfred, he has been one of the mainstays of both track and cross country teams having figured liberally in flashy performances during that time. Getz now holds jointly the "Little Ten" Conference harrier championship as well as sole title to the mile and half-mile medals for last year.

"Wilbur" is regarded as an extremely hard worker and the possessor of a determined and perserving spirit which has carried him through many hard races, and deservedly placed him at the head of Alfred's speedy harriers.

## FROSH INITIATION IS OVERDUE; DOUBT SURROUNDS AFFAIR

The occasion of the much-acclaimed Frosh initiation seems to be as uncertain in the minds of the upperclassmen as in the worried conjectures of the long-suffering Freshmen. No one seems to have any definite idea as to when the affair will take place.

The only clue as to the date of this annual jollification lies in the fact that the Student Senate passed a resolution early last fall to the effect that the initiation should be executed before the end of the first semester. A committee has been appointed to take charge of the matter, but, as far as can be ascertained, little definite work has been accomplished.

The close proximity of final examinations has aroused in many freshman minds the hope that the paddfest may be postponed until sometime in the second semester.

## THREE TEAMS WILL PERFORM SATURDAY ON COURT AND MAT

Big Treat Offered To Sport Fans In This Basketball-Wrestling Program

One of the greatest athletic programs of the college year will be staged at Davis Gymnasium Saturday night, when two varsity teams and one Freshman combination will be opposed by strong visiting teams. It will be a treat to see three Purple and Gold teams in action the same night. Coach E. A. Heers will send his Varsity five against the University of Rochester quint. Coach Joseph Seidlin will test the strength of his grapplers for the first time when they meet the Rochester Mechanics Institute wrestling team. Coach Carl Hansen will stack his Freshman basketballers up against the strong Westfield, Pa., High School quintet.

Rochester will invade Alfred for a critical battle in the New York State Conference race for the basketball title. In the contest at Rochester before Christmas recess, Rochester played a listless game and the Varsity threw something of a scare into the opposing camp. Since then U. and R. has lost to Syracuse by one point, to Dartmouth by three points, and last Saturday night defeated Cornell at Ithaca by two points.

Proceeding the Varsity game, the Freshman team will be opposed by the strong veteran combination from Westfield, Pa. Last year the visitors (Continued on Page Four)

## JUNIOR FOLLIES TO BE PRESENTED THURSDAY NIGHT

The long-heralded Junior Follies, which all Alfred may see on Thursday, January 12, give promise of being a class A musical revue. The hand-picked chorus leaves nothing to be desired, while the acts are—well, what are they?

In the first place the Follies include everything from a Chinese skit to a Black Bottom. In between these extremes are a Pierrot and Pierrette act, several other song and dance numbers, a doll dance, a cake walk and so on to unending enjoyment.

"To come or not to come, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, by not going to the Junior Follies, or—Well,—take the advice of those who know, and go!" say the Juniors.

## Fiat Lux Calendar

- Tuesday, January 10**  
Indoor Track, practice starts, Davis Gym, 4:00 P. M.  
Campus Court, Ceramic School, 9:00 P. M.
- Wednesday, January 11**  
Student Senate Meeting, Kenyon, 7:00 P. M.  
Y M C A Meeting, Kenyon Hall, 7:00 P. M.  
Union Church Choir, Community House, 7:00 P. M.  
Fiat Staff Meeting, Kanakadea Hall, 7:15 P. M.  
Seventh Day Choir, Music Studio, 7:15 P. M.  
Smith Club vs Burdick Hall, Davis Gym, 7:30 P. M.  
Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Studio, 8:00 P. M.  
Klan Alpine vs Theta Nu, Davis Gym, 8:30 P. M.
- Thursday, January 12**  
Assembly, Alumni Hall, 11:15 A. M.  
Tea Totalers vs Alpha Zetas, Davis Gym, 4:00 P. M.  
Aggies vs Livermore Club, Davis Gym, 5:00 P. M.  
Junior Follies, Alumni Hall
- Friday, January 13**  
Freshman Basketball Team vs Wells-ville H. S. at Wellsville
- Saturday, January 14**  
Freshman Basketball Team vs Westfield H. S. at Davis Gym  
Varsity Basketball Team vs U. of R. at Davis Gym  
Varsity Wrestling Team vs Rochester Mechanics Institute at Davis Gym
- Sunday, January 15**  
Student Policy Committee Meeting, Babcock Hall, 10:00 A. M.
- Monday, January 15**  
W. S. G. Meeting, Brick, 5:00 P. M.

## THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES NET TWO DEFEATS AND ONE VICTORY FOR VARSITY QUINTET ON TRIP

Coach Heers' Basketeers Rally To Stage Decisive Win Over Hobart By 25-15 Score After Bowing To Syracuse And Rochester

Previous to vacation the Alfred quintet ventured from the fold to encounter in three consecutive nights the teams representing Syracuse, Rochester, and Hobart. The varsity played first-rate basketball in all three games, and brought home one victory over Hobart.

## LETTER AWARDS IN TWO SPORTS TO BE MADE AT ASSEMBLY

The first athletic assembly of the college year will be held at Alumni Hall. Thursday, when President George Bliss will present cross country and football awards which were recently voted upon by the Athletic Council.

President Bliss also plans to bring up a motion regarding a change in the form of letter awards, and urges everyone to attend this assembly as one of the most important of the year. Roll will be taken as usual.

## Rusby Now Speaking At Chapel; Seidlin Comes Next On Speakers' List

Professor Paul Rusby, head of the Economics Department is leading chapel this week. Professor Rusby withheld his topic, preferring not to announce it before hand.

Speaking for the second time in six years, Professor Joseph Seidlin is scheduled to address the chapel assemblage for the coming week. Though he chooses, as does Professor Rusby, not to reveal the nature of his discourse in advance, chapel goers have some inkling of what may be expected by reminiscences of the distinctly unusual talks which Professor Seidlin gave last year.

## CAMPUS COURT TO LOSE SERVICES OF JUDGE LAMPMAN

There will be the regular meeting of the Campus Court tonight in Babcock Hall at which the principle business will be to elect a new judge in view of the resignation of Judge Lampman, who is completing his college course this semester.

## ENGLISH, EDUCATION AND GERMAN DEPTS MOVE TO NEW ROOMS

The finishing touches to the completion of Alumni Hall have been brought near to a close within the last few weeks. The fire-escapes have been put up, and the small wooden structure in the rear has been torn down, so that the exterior of the building presents an attractive and modern appearance.

With the placing of folding gates at the foot of the two front stairways leading to the auditorium, work on the interior has practically ended.

The offices of Professor B. Ellis of the English Dep't, Professors Campbell and Bawden of the Educational Dep't, and Professor Schroeder of the German Dep't, together with five classrooms in which their classes meet, are located on the first floor of Alumni Hall. Classes which meet there are, respectively:

Professor Ellis—English II; English 12a; English 16 II, English 17 II, English 6 and English 8; Professor Campbell—Methods of Education, Educational Psychology, Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Tests and Measurements II, and Practice Teaching; Professor Bawden—Reflective Thinking, Principles of Education II, History of Education, Introduction to Philosophy and Educational and Vocational Guidance II; Professor Schroeder—German classes.

Ignorance Is Bliss  
But If You're Wise  
See The Follies!

## Hard Game Opens Season

The Syracuse game was a rugged opener. Alfred lost 34 to 9. McMahon led the Purple and Gold scoring with four points and Walkov, a Sophomore sub of Syracuse, led the scoring for the Orange aggregation with eleven points. Alfred's pivot player worked excellently in the game, but the block plays fell short.

## Rochester Contest Sleepy

In a slow and listless game the University of Rochester defeated the Purple and Gold basketeers to the sleepy melody of 40 to 31. The Alfred team was much smaller and lighter than the outfit from the Flower City College but the passwork displayed by A. U. was noteworthy. Fabianic tore loose in this contest to garner a total of ten points before he was forced out of the game via the "four personal" route.

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## HOCKEY RUMOR AT A. U. PROMISES TO COME TRUE

The rumor that Hockey would be played in Alfred this winter promises to become a reality. The call for players was sent out immediately on the return from the holiday period and twelve candidates answered. Among these are "Bill" Clark, former Canadian star, and Alford and McHale, both experienced players. With these men as a nucleus a good team is promised.

Those out for the team are now practicing on the pond back of Kappa Psi until the athletic field can be flooded for intensive work.

The men out for the team are as follows: Fenner, Boulton, Mulroy, Clark, Feldman, C. Atwood, Bottum, Ruden, Berkowitz, Alford, McHale, Kinzie and Cohon.

## HEERS CALLS TRACK MEN TO BEGIN INDOOR WORK

"I hope to be able to enter Alfred in the Niagara A. A. U. indoor track meet this winter as an institution," said Coach E. A. Heers to the some 30 canadidates who reported for the indoor track season at a meeting in the Green Block, Friday noon. "Heretofore we had several individuals enter the meet, and they have done well. This year I am trying to enter a team for Alfred University."

"What we want to aim at is the Middle Atlantic," asserted the coach. "That is real competition, and to win something in that is a feat. Although we lost several track stars last June, we lost only three points of the score of last year by graduation. Start training now for that meet—but not too hard."

"I hope to uncover in this Freshmen Class some good sprinters, hurdlers and field-event men. The middle and long-distance runners are good but I would not object if there were some Freshmen who would give the old men a run."

"It may be possible to enter two teams in the Penn Relays this Spring. I hope to have a team to enter the Middle Atlantic Class B mile relay. Then the big one is the college distance medley relay. Michigan State won it last year but the time was no better than the performance of our runners. It is not beyond possibilities."

Coach Heers announced that training during this month will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons at Davis Gymnasium, and that an interclass indoor track meet will be held early next semester.

Assistant Coach Lampman spoke a few words about track stars who did not round into condition until late in the season, and asked that all candidates to be at their best when next seasons opens.



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"A Little Action, Please!"

UNTHINKING as the average undergraduate may appear regarding problems which beset his Alma Mater, there is much consolation in the attitude of alumni who hold the interest of their college honestly at heart.

Of more than passing note is the football contribution to "Opinions" which appears in this issue of the Fiat Lux. At this time, with the helpless "voice of the people" rather ludicrously muted by a gnarled situation, it is clothed in all the garb of a soothsayer's message. Faced by our own deplorable apathy and dis-interest in the matter, it steers directly for the crux of the whole miserable business, pulls aside the curtains of quibbling and indecision, and places the fearless finger of cold reason upon the nerve centers.

Gazing into the future from the standpoint of the last two "Opinions" printed in this paper—notably the thought of others than undergraduates—no one can say, "You've got to show me!" with a clear and easy conscience.

Perhaps it may be necessary to start a fight over this issue to get something done. And even that would denote a far more healthy condition of affairs than the present listlessness and unconcern. If we think that football is not worth the price we've paid—let's sponge the slate clean of it for awhile and enjoy the cheap and homelike virtues of intramural competition.

As things now stand, Alfred students are unquestionably paying through the nose for the doubtful privilege of just "having a football team." No one is foolish enough to believe for a moment that the future of football is vital to Alfred, but there are among us those who do recognize its relative effect upon the well-being of the institution as a whole.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Second Semester Registration

The following regulations should be noted regarding second semester registration which begins January 16th, and ends January 25th.

1. Freshmen, Sophomores and Upperclassmen, whose courses continue through the year, need not register for the second semester as the fall registration was for the entire year.
  2. Registration for new courses may be made at the registrar's office any afternoon between Monday, January 16th, 1:30 P. M. and Wednesday, January 25th, 5:00 P. M. Registration after this date except as hereafter mentioned will constitute late registration for which a fee of five dollars is charged.
  3. Registration is not necessary for the following second semester courses when the follow the related courses of the first semester: Professional English (Ceramic Engineering Seniors), Chemistry 3 and 5, Economics 8, English 16, World Politics, Principles of Education, General Methods (one hour).
  4. On Wednesday and Thursday, February 8th and 9th, opportunity will be given to all students to register for courses which they are substituting for courses in which they failed and are not permitted, therefore, to continue.
- W. A. TITSWORTH,  
Registrar.

### A VERY WET YEAR

Alfred Sun, Alfred, N. Y.—One outstanding feature of the weather for 1927 was the great amount of total precipitation (rain, sleet and melted snow). With three exceptions it was the wettest year experienced since official records have been kept locally. We received 42.72 inches. The other and wetter years were: 1890 with 49.13 inches; 1893 with 44.27 inches; and 1894 with 43.75 inches. 1911 and 1917 with 42.63 inches and 40.90 inches respectively were close competitors.

The driest year was 1899 with 25.35 inches while the average (based on the records of 27 years) is 37.33.

J. N. NORWOOD,  
Local Observer  
U. S. Weather Bu.

### Statistical Evidence

#### Proves Alfred College To Be Non-sectarian

Statistical evidence that Alfred is a non-sectarian college is contained in the figures given out recently by Registrar Waldo A. Tittsworth. The list includes something more than sixteen different denominations, and seven of these are of sufficient importance to have at least a score of representatives on the Alfred campus.

Following is the list published by Registrar Tittsworth:

Denomination	Mem	Non-Mem	Tot
Adventist	2	1	3
Baptist (1st day)	39	7	46
Baptist (7th day)	39	9	48
Catholics	48	2	50
Christian	2	0	2
Congregationalist	14	5	19
Dutch Reformed	4	0	4
Episcopal	36	7	43
Hebrew	16	11	27
Lutheran	12	0	12
Methodist	80	27	107
Presbyterian	65	13	78
United Brethren	4	0	4
Universalist	2	0	2
No preference		19	19
All others	6	3	9
Totals	369	104	473

Although Alfred was founded as a Seventh-Day Baptist college, only one-tenth of the students this year are members of that denomination. For some time, the number of these students has remained practically the same, while the total enrollment has been steadily rising. In 1921, when the total registration was only 260, the Seventh-Day Baptists were at the head of the list with 55 students. This year, with the enrollment nearly doubled, and the number of Seventh-Day Baptists practically unchanged, their number is far behind the totals of two other denominations—the Methodists, with 107, and the Presbyterians with 78 students, respectively.

Actor: What is your vocation?  
Stage hand: I'm a Baptist.

Actor: No, my friend, that is your belief. Now I want to know what your vocation it. For example, I'm an actor.

Stage hand: Naw, that is just your belief.



Have you heard

The new

Suspender song,

"It all dependg

On you?"

Meet our

Absent-minded

Prof who

Dictated to

His dog; and

Then tried

To give his

Stenographer

A bath.

Tickling a

Girl to death

May be a

Capital crime,

But they

Like it!

My roomie

Has been

Using my

Tooth-paste

For soap

Just because

It says

"For Hans"

On it.

---A---

Today's pun by Bill Brown:  
Bill wants to know who hooked all the coats on the hall tree.

---A---

Co-ed: "Don't you love driving on a night like this?"

Him: "Yes, but I thought I'd wait until we got a little farther out."

---A---

It is looking for John Doe that gives Turk that far-away look.

---A---

They asked the famous piano player to render a selection, and they added, they would like him to play something with feeling.

Whereupon he answered, "You don't mean to play the piano?"

---A---

"Are you determined to neck?"

"I've got my head set on it." --

---A---

Heard on New Year's Eve:

"You never saw me when I had more in me than I could carry."

"No, but I've seen you when you should have made two more trips."

---A---

We hope that the park benches are enjoying their vacation.

---A---

Webster says that "dancing is the art of moving in measured step to the time of the music," which proves that the dictionary isn't up to modern times.

---A---

You never saw a fish have the hoof and mouth disease.

---A---

Did you ever notice that—

—Carpet is purchased by the yard and worn out by the foot?

—It is just as hard to pay back money as it is to borrow it?

—Before seventy we hide our age; after seventy we brag about it?

—Both women and timetables are subject to change without notice?

—There are no bones in ice cream?

—No matter how fast or far a fish may swim you seldom see him per-spire?

---A---

A poem we found:

She does not know

Her beauty:

She thinks her brown body

Has no glory.

If she could dance

Naked under the palm trees

And see her image in the river

She would know.

But there are no palm trees on the street.

And dishwater gives back no images.

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## GREEK PERSONALS

## Delta Sigma Phi

Thanks are due to Clark Sherman for the cigars passed out the other day.

Clair and Nichols spent the weekend at the house.

Delta Sig, now playing without the services of Capt. "Dutch" Cripps, went down to defeat by Coach Hanson's Frosh quintet. Score: 31-17.

## Pi Alpha Pi

Pi Alpha is glad to announce that Ortense Potter is on the road to recovery.

The sorority extends its sympathy to John Devitt. The girls claim that John's confinement in the infirmary has given them the chance to become acquainted with Mary.

Eudora Perry, Margaret Lyon and Margaretta Quoif were dinner guests on Sunday.

## Theta Theta Chi

Theta Theta Chi is wishing a "perfect" year ahead for "you-all." Those resolutions!

President and Mrs. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Boyce, were dinner guests at Morgan Hall Sunday.

Dot Voigt '27, was in town this week.

The Juniors at Theta Chi entertained at dinner and bridge Saturday evening in honor of Rhoda and "Scud", "Gerry" and "Rockey", and Ruth and "Sherm". The party might have been larger—they do say that Leap Year is endangering some of the men on the campus. . . . . Rocky's speech was the only thing lacking.

## Theta Kappa Nu

Theta Kappa Nu extends best wishes for the New Year.

McNerney '27 was back for the pledge party Thursday night.

Theta Kappa Nu takes pleasure in announcing the initiation of Clark Whitman.

George Gardner '26, spent the weekend at the house.

The fraternity regrets another football casualty. Pledge brother "Bill" Henning was unable to return after vacation due to injuries during the season.

Rumor has it that "Russ" Murray ex-'29, is singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" with true matrimonial fervor.

## COMPLETED ROSTER OF FRAT PLEDGES

Results of fraternity pledging, as ascertained subsequent to the listing which appeared in the last issue of the Fiat Lux, are as follows.

## Delta Sigma Phi

William S. Crisafulli—Brooklyn  
Edward W. Gent—Wellsville  
Anthony J. Galizio—Paterson, N. J.  
John W. Kickham—Granville  
Everett K. Meyer—Middletown  
Lloyd I. Monroe—Friendship  
Anthony J. Perrone—Johnsburg, Pa.  
Raymond M. Shremp—Rochester, Pa.  
Austin J. Shullstrom—Flushing, L. I.  
Ellis B. Stillman—Alfred

## Kappa Psi Upsilon

Edward E. Bartlett—Allentown  
Earl E. Beeton—E. Rochester  
Hayden H. Dadd—Perry  
Henry W. Ellison—Waverly  
Glenn W. Kinzie—Elmira  
James L. Morse—Painted Post  
Frederick H. Muller—Moriches  
James L. Waldock—Cuba

## Theta Kappa Nu

William H. Murray—Hornell  
LaVerne A. Messimer—Manchester  
Harry N. Sackett—Bolivar  
Vincent J. Zaffke—Dansville

## PRESENT STANDING IN

## INTRAMURAL B. B. L.

The intramural basketball games are in full swing and are being played according to schedule.

Howard Adams, Secretary of the Intramural League, states that the representatives of the teams have been slack in sending him the box scores of the games thus far played, and urges all representatives to do so after each game so that the standings of the teams may be published in the Fiat.

The following are scores of games sent in:

Dec. 7, 1927—Kappa Psi Upsilon (15) Klan Alpine (16)  
Jan. 4, 1928—Burdick Hall (13) Tee-totalers (25)  
Jan. 5, 1928—Kappa Psi Upsilon (22) Livermore (7)

## CERAMIC SOCIETY

The Ceramic Society will meet in the lecture room of the Chemistry building tonight at 8:00 o'clock where Dr. Binns will discuss "A Short Course in Ceramics." At Ohio State University, Dr. Binns has been affiliated with this course, and while his talk purports to be of an informative nature, the members anticipate instructive and interesting pointers.

Today's pun by Bill Brown: Which was the harrier captain, Herrick or Boulton?

## Everyone Has Good Time At Theta Kappa Nu Party

Theta Kappa Nu introduced its social program for the year 1928 by giving a party in honor of its pledgees.

Fitch and his seven assistants furnished the needed syncopation for the joyous occasion. Six bridge tables were well-filled at all times as each of the fifty-four couples were given a chance to show skill at bridge as well as dancing.

A short intermission at ten o'clock allowed the merry-makers to rest a bit and indulge in light refreshments before returning to the main amusements of the evening. Twelve arrived all too quickly, bringing to a close one of the most enjoyable parties ever held at Theta Kappa Nu.

## ANNUAL BURDICK HALL HOP ENJOYED AND HOW!

By Effie Ess

'Twas the night before Sunday  
And all thru the Brick

All was astir,

Down to each stone and stick.

For the dear girls were going

To the Burdick Hall dance—

Everywhere was commotion

With triades and rants;

For one's lipstick was missing

With another 'twas her powder,

The noise, it was fearful

And it kept growing louder!

When suddenly a hush fell over the

place—some one's bell, it was ringing

—each girl powdered her face. Who

Joe? They found it was no one but

could it be? Was it John, Jack, or

Arty for Zoe. Then all was excitement

and the house it did seeth with

weeping, and wailing, and Gnashing

of teeth of those who weren't going—

they know how it is, you know your-

self—and its nobody's biz.

Well, to conclude the story I'll tell

you this much, they all got there

safely—(but, now some use a crutch!)

and believe me, my children, if wis-

dom you'd hear of your little footsies

take the greatest of care for men—

while they're handy around one, and

such, when it comes to dancing, well

—they aint so much!

## Marriage Traditionally Frowned Upon In Alfred By the "Powers That Be"

Alfred has the reputation for being a veritable "Mecca" for the romantically inclined; a "match factory," so to speak, a haven in which financially-embarrassed Justices of the Peace may find the pot of gold at the foot of Pine Hill. Yet, what foundation is there for this biased propaganda which so sinuously enfolds the sacred precincts of our Alma Mater? Not much!

While no written code of conduct has ever been devised for such arising contingencies, the sentiment of the "powers that be" on the campus has always opposed romantic compacts in any form. The faculty in complete coordination frowns darkly upon the custom of announcing engagements, and places its official thumb decidedly downward in passing judgment upon the practice. In addition, if any of the enthralled students decide to make the pact binding until divorce courts intervene, said legislative body proves its powers of execution by showing the leading lady and her catch that Alfred was not built along honeymoon lines. Let it be known that Alfred University refuses to be a mother to any man, who, while still under her protecting wings, leaves the cradle of genius to become secretly enmeshed in the bonds of matrimony.

In the spring of 1923 the faculty passed the resolution that President Davis should present the question of that body's attitude toward the fast-arising problem in a meeting the next fall; but this resolution has never been followed—and till this day the feeling remains in the form of an unwritten law which is perhaps more binding because its traditional value.

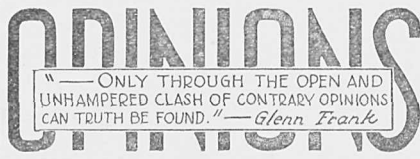
## INFIRMARY NEWS

Since its opening, the Clawson Infirmary has been a constantly functioning institution, rendering service in any way possible.

On January 2, the infirmary portals were opened to Desmond Devitt who was victimized by chicken pox microbes. At the present time nearly all traces of his illness have disappeared, and it is expected that Mr. Devitt will shortly resume campus and social duties.

Eugene Reynolds entered the infirmary Saturday.

Why do your home work. The prof knows the answer?



EDITOR'S NOTE—The author of this article, known to his college generation as "Chief" Witter, holds every claim to respect for his observations on the failure of Alfred football. During his three and one half years at Alfred he captained two varsity teams, including a successful football squad, edited the Fiat Lux, held an enviable record for all-around campus activity, and was awarded the Loyalty Medal in recognition for his services to Alfred.

## REFLECTIONS ON ALFRED FOOTBALL

Since Alfred and Upsala were awarded the cellar football crown of the east for their rather inglorious records during the past season, and Chet Youll, noted Buffalo sports writer, has issued the statement that U. of B. had best discontinue football unless better teams are forthcoming, there have been a score of opinions expressed by Alfred alumni regarding the grid game.

Some advocate—as Bernard DeVoto of Northwestern puts it—"bigger salaries for bigger fullbacks" in order that the Alma Mater be vindicated as the best college in existence.

Holiday re-unions of students attending different colleges invariably bring out the question of football and the ranking of teams. There is nothing that tickles the vanity of Brother so-and-so of such and such fraternity of this or that college more than to consider the greatness of his team and his college at the expense of some one else. Perhaps the most that he did to make his team win was to sit parrot-like on the bleachers and follow the cheer leader during the interval of time that he could disassociate himself from the charms of the fair co-ed at his side. At any rate, he belittles and is constantly belittling the other fellow during these vacation chat-fests. There are natural exceptions to this rule, generally as it exists. However, the standard of a college would be considered in a ridiculous light if judged by the criteria of its football elevens. But the standard of the football team does reflect in a large measure the spirit of the men who make it up, and the spirit of these players is later reflected in the work which they enter after college days are past.

It is difficult for any outsider to analyze the causes of Alfred's consistent gridiron defeats chiefly because of the diversity of opinion one meets on the Alfred campus itself. Perhaps it would be better to state some factors which go to make a football team, and consider these with relation to Alfred.

The football material which reaches Alfred is usually somewhat green. Most of the boys have played high school football, but few have been prep school stars. The section of the country which sends the largest number of students to Alfred is quite local. Therefore, a good percentage of Alfred football men have received their training, if any, in small schools where the calibre of the teams, discipline in training, etc. has been negligible. Most of these boys do not know the meaning of the term "hard work" in football! They are unaccustomed to strict training rules, consider them odious and unnecessary, and adhere to such regulations as slightly as the law will allow. Perhaps they desire to carry on football and courtship at the same time. This plus academic work is a rather heavy load, but they manage to stagger along under it without any particular success in any direction except the social. Here again exceptions are admitted.

Football spirit is something which can scarcely be developed in any person who has it not in the beginning. Contrary to general opinion that any man of good physical proportions can play football with practice, it is here contended that it takes spirit and aggressiveness—qualities which do not exist in every individual—to play the game properly. There are numerous examples of men with good physique and apparent willingness to learn the game who were of no particular value on the football field. E. R. Sweetland, a former Alfred coach, once mentor at Colgate, told this story of a certain Colgate-Syracuse game which reflects the opposite type of man. Back about '08 when Bill Horr of Syracuse, All-American tackle, was the terror of opposing lines. Through the season Bill had ripped big holes in the opponents front wall and shown himself to be a tartar on the defense. Up at Hamilton, Bill was well known and feared. Sweetland was doubtful as to the player he would use in his Maroon line against Horr. In casting about for such a man, he looked for volunteers, and one was found. This man was not even a member of the Colgate squad, but a chap whose financial situation forced him to em-

ploy afternoons otherwise than at football. He told Sweetland frankly that he wasn't afraid of Bill Horr, that he had played football in high school, and would be glad to do battle against Syracuse if he had the opportunity. This boy weighted about 160 pounds. Sweetland took him at his word. Another candidate was added to the squad for a period of three weeks. On the field against the big Orange team, he gave the sturdy Bill Horr his bitterest day of the year. Colgate came back rejoicing with the victory. Such a man had football spirit. Would that Alfred had more like him.

The matter of schedule is important. Let me cite another example: In 1916, Ohio University came down to Syracuse for an early season game, a practice contest for the Orange. Ohio was defeated 70-0, and four regulars disabled. Later Ohio made a miserable showing with teams of her own class. Ohio was heralded as an outstanding eleven of the smaller Ohio colleges before the Syracuse game. Apply the same formula to Alfred and the reason for a succession of defeats is the more readily explained. When will the time come that small colleges realize the futility of going out of their own cask? If this has to be done to insure enough money to finance the season, then the athletic dues should be raised, another method of financing employed, or fewer games scheduled. St. Bonas gained a place in the headlines when they tied Cornell this year, but how frequently does one expect this to happen? How often can Geneva College triumph over Harvard? Where are the glories of the once famous eleven? Perhaps, once in ten years or more, when one of the bigger teams has a "football relapse"—such as Cornell suffered last season—or when some one or other gathers together a miscellaneous collection of "football cavalry" in some obscure college. The schedule that Alfred should play is often the schedule they do not play. Niagara, Buffalo, Clarkson, R. P. I., Union, Hamilton, Rochester, Hobart, Allegheny, Thiel, Juniata, Westminster, Grove City and others within logical "striking distance" belong in the proper catalog of opponents. Alfred has much to lose by injuries in attempting to extend her schedule to greater heights than the level of the New York State Conference group. The best men on the team are frequently injured in the "big" games for the obvious reason that the strongest players are forced to bear the brunt of both offensive and defensive burdens. Alfred has a sufficient number of students without the advertising value—if it is such—of going against any of the major eastern teams.

Regarding the coach, or any coach that Alfred may have, I defy Knute

Rockne, T. A. D. Jones, Glenn Warner or any of the others to mold a winning team out of material which does not constitute a squad of average ability and which lacks to a certain degree football spirit among the individuals who make it up. The average coach has played college football with some degree of success. If he hadn't the chances are that he would be doing something aside from teaching the game. He is familiar enough with offensive tactics to write a volume on the subject with another volume left for personal reminiscences and defensive play. He can outline on the field or blackboard just where each man should be on a certain play, show what should be done at that spot, etc., but he cannot go out on the field during game time and make a player perform according to specifications. While there is no question regarding the inspirational qualities of some coaches over others, the fault of the team is usually not the failure of the coach—even if many people do so regard it. Last month I saw an Erie County high school team whose coach had been greatly criticized for failure to produce a winning outfit. Such criticism was unjustifiable. The boys were well-drilled, had knowledge of sufficient plays to win games. They merely lacked the ability to execute as they had been taught. An architect can plan a building stipulating just what materials are needed for safe construction, but if the contractor does not execute as outlined, the building may collapse. The success or failure of a team, while to a certain extent dependent on the coach, is much more dependent on the attitude of individual members of a squad and their respective abilities to do as they are told. "Tuss" McLaughry of Brown had a great team a year ago, and the "Brown Indians" were heralded as the greatest team of the East. This year Lebanon Valley beat them, and their former great record was smeared. Practically the same Brown team was on the field. How do you account for it?

The backing of a team depends largely on the success of the team. Any old town is a good ball town if you have a winning team. Trite, of course, but fundamentally true. The reason why Alfred sometimes complains of waning enthusiasm in the student body refers back to the team itself. The team that wins a few games will have backers enough. I leave this subject without further comment since backing is a matter which will care for itself. Should Alfred have a strong team winning consistently throughout the season Hornell and Wellsville fans would be positive rooters.

There have been many better teams at Alfred than that of 1927. There have probably been worse. I do not

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### THREE TEAMS WILL PERFORM SATURDAY ON COURT AND MAT

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gave the Frosh a terrible drubbing at Westfield, but could run up only a close score at Alfred. This season's yearling team will try to register a victory and keep a slate clean for the season.

The Alfred Varsity Wrestling team will face the grapplers of Rochester Mechanics Institute when the Purple and Gold tests its strength in the opening meet of the season. A large crowd is expected to view the start of the first match.

Team eliminations for the coming meet were completed this afternoon and from the winners Coach Seidlin expects to pick a fairly strong squad. Coach Seidlin, however, states that he can not accurately gauge the strength of his team until he has seen it in action.

While Coach Seidlin cannot forecast the results of the coming meet, sport gossip has it that the outcome is doubtful. The Flower City aggregation seems to be an unknown quantity, but Dame Rumor hints that Alfred's opponents are especially strong in the heavier weights, where the home team usually is weak.

#### Wrestling Schedule

The recently-completed wrestling schedule includes the following matches:

- Jan. 14 Rochester Mechanics Inst. at Alfred.
- Jan. 21 Penn State at State College, Pa.
- Feb. 4 Syracuse University at Syracuse, N. Y.
- Feb. 6 St. Lawrence University at Canton, N. Y.
- Feb. 11 Yale University at New Haven, Conn.
- Feb. 13 Norwich University at North Field, Vt.
- Feb. 14 Williams at Williamstown, Mass.
- Feb. 16 Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute at Brooklyn.
- Feb. 25 Cortland Normal at Alfred.
- Mar. 3 Springfield College at Alfred.

### Three Consecutive Games Net Two De- feats And One Win

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Take First Scalp At Hobart

Alfred's fast snappy, passwork dazzled the Hobart quintet throughout the contest which terminated with a 25 to 15 score. In this game Alfred took the lead early in the game and was never threatened. It was Alfred's contest, every man playing bangup ball. Larson, Fenner, and Fabianic deserve honorable mention, the first two passing and feeding their varsity teammates, and the latter playing a fast game which displayed plenty of teamwork.

Syracuse Game				
Summaries:				
Alfred (9)				
Larson, lf	B	F	T	
Foti, rf	0	0	0	
McMahon, c	0	0	0	
Fenner, lg	0	1	1	
McGraw, rg	0	1	1	
Hulse, rf	0	2	2	
Geary, lg	0	1	1	
Fabianic, lg	0	0	0	
Turner, lg	0	0	0	
Total	2	5	9	
Syracuse (34)				
Lambert, lf	B	F	T	
Richtmyer, rf	0	0	0	
Elsemann, c	0	2	2	
Brennemann, lg	3	0	6	
Penny, rg	0	0	0	
Harwood, lf	2	0	4	
Walkov, lf	4	3	11	
Horowitz, lg	2	0	4	
Loucks, lg	1	0	2	
Rosen, rg	2	0	4	
Shaw, rg	0	1	1	
Total	14	6	34	
Referee: Kearney; Umpire, Fairman				

Rochester Game				
Alfred (31)				
Larson, lf	B	F	T	
Foti, rf	2	1	5	
Fabianic, c	0	0	0	
Fenner, lg	3	4	10	
McGraw, lg	1	2	4	
Turner, rf	0	1	1	
Hulse, lf	0	1	1	
McMahon, c	2	0	4	
Geary, lg	0	0	0	
Total	10	11	31	
Rochester (40)				
Elbre, lf	B	F	T	
Apperman, rf	1	2	4	
Burns, c	2	3	7	
Morris, lg	2	1	5	
Metz, rg	1	2	4	
Tatellbaum, rf	5	2	12	
O'Reilly, lf	0	0	0	
Kenyon, rf	0	1	1	
Kincaid, c	3	0	6	
Rago, rg	0	0	0	
Berman, lg	0	1	1	
Total	14	12	40	
Referee: Chamberlain; Umpire, Benzon				

### Coach Heers Completes Two Years' Service As Alfred's Athletic Head

By the Sports Editor

Coach Erwin A. Heers completed his second year with Alfred University on January 2, as director of athletics and coach of the football, basketball, and track teams. During those two years, Alfred has not enjoyed a great deal of success athletically, but "Dutch" Heers, as he is known in sportdom, has brought a higher standard of sportmanship to this institution.

Starting his coaching work in the middle of the 1925-26 basketball season, he soon won the respect and support of the athletes and the majority of the students. His first steps were to encourage more students to take part in athletics. Under his direction an intramural basketball league was formed, and gym classes which had been sadly neglected, were placed on a working basis. During the track season he assisted Doc Ferguson, track coach, to turn out one of the best teams in the history of Alfred.

The 1926 football season closed with one victory, two ties and five defeats accredited to the new mentor. This spoke well of Coach Heers as he had then introduced an entirely new system of football. The basketball team did not get started until near the end of the season, but still Alfred took sixth place in the New York State Conference. Indoor track practice was introduced and this made a substantial start toward another good track season which was enjoyed in the Spring.

Last Fall was one of the most unique football seasons in the history of Alfred's sports. The team played nine games during the season and did not score a point. Now the basketball campaign has opened and it promises to be the best in recent years judged from the results of the early season games.

During the two years that Coach Heers has been at Alfred, the college has been brought before the eyes of the public more than ever before. The mentor has seen to it that the newspapers of the East have been supplied with accurate accounts of all college happenings. As Director of the Bureau of Publicity, he has kept live news going out from the local office weekly to more than 75 newspapers of the country. Financially, athletics at Alfred have been successful during Coach Heers' stay to an extent unheard of in the preceding five or six years.

"I have nothing to say about the future," stated Coach Heers when recently questioned regarding the rumor that he intends to leave the institution.

#### GENERAL NEWSANCE

The number of Boston University graduates to become college or university heads was increased to sixty-four recently. Rev. James E. Coons, an instructor in practical theology, was the last grad to swell the total. His new position is the presidency of Iowa Wesleyan College.

Although debating has not been an organized institution at Alfred for the past few years, it has a firm foothold in many other colleges. Swathmore, Boston University, and George Washington have popularized the "sport" tremendously.

Charles Baromeo Sikes, former half-back on the Michigan football team, will sing during the coming season with the Chicago Civic Opera Company. A man with a voice like his should have been a quarterback.

Iowa Legionnaires returning home from their brave assault on Cognac Hill, somewhere in the Paris sector, found themselves confronted with what professional patriots are fond of calling "The Enemy Within the Gates." A professor of sociology had moved in faculty meeting at the State University that military training be made optional. Most of the professors had nothing to say except V. Brandt of the history department, who thought the change "quite reasonable and proper." Dear reader, what is to become of a nation whose youth cannot even learn to protect itself?

Hobart Game				
Hobart (25)				
Hulse, lf	B	F	T	
Larson, rf	1	2	4	
Fabianic, c	3	1	7	
Fenner, lg	3	0	6	
McMahon, c	0	0	0	
McGraw, rg	0	0	0	
Geary, rg	0	0	0	
Total	10	5	25	
Hobart (15)				
Denbert, lf	B	F	T	
Lender, rf	3	1	7	
Hart, c	2	0	4	
Barna, lg	2	0	4	
Ratcliff, rg	0	0	0	
White, rf	0	0	0	
Clark, rf	0	0	0	
Total	7	1	15	

#### THE FIAT LUX KEY



#### GENERAL NEWSANCE

Radcliffe College rules even curb the moonlight. A girl may walk from Harvard Square to Radcliffe with a man—but not in the moonlight. A list of places where students may dine in Boston is given, and a much smaller list if there are men in the party. Even though a rule may ban the moonlight, it will take much more to stanch the moonshine.

Station W C A D, St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., is but one of the many college broadcasting stations in this country. If possible, why couldn't old Alfred, which is as large as St. Lawrence, support such a station? It would offer an excellent opportunity for entertainment and advertisement, providing some Diogenes could fire up his lantern and find the talent.

Each year upon a secluded island in the Hudson far from the prying of curious feminine eyes, a few hundred naked youths may be seen valiantly struggling for the possession of a traditional cane! This is the annual Soph-Frosh Cane Rush at Rensselaer.

Instead of using procs, the R. P. I. underclassmen have an iron walking stick for their bone of contention. At the opening of festivities, both classes "peel off" completely, grease their bodies, and at the crack of a gun run to a fracas which lasts for fifteen minutes! The class having the most hands on the cane at the end of that period considers itself as the victor. As is the case at Alfred, the "trust" sophomores of Rensselaer won the rush this year.

During a recent convention at Amherst College, representatives from fourteen other colleges decided that many modern evils did not originate on the college campus itself, but were brought there from without. "It is true that college girls smoke more cigarettes, wear less clothing, and go on more late parties in automobiles than their predecessors in 1910. But for the most part college girls have been very little discouraged in these practices at home." So that is why the college faculties of today are discouraging "these practices" at school!

With "rush" week at an end, student automobilists in many colleges are taking their cars home, and, by deans' orders, leaving them there. Oklahoma, DePauw, Illinois, Princeton, Wesleyan, Ursinus, Dartmouth, and Michigan are among the drive-at-the-risk-of-expulsion institutions. Princeton, with perhaps the most stringent rules, grants the use of automobiles to distibled students only. But the state motor-vehicle laws prohibit these favored collegians from driving!

"R. A. S." a musical critic of the "New Yorker," which is a magazine published in Gotham under the date of October 15, takes a nasty crack at Alma Mater songs in general. This startling advocate of the adoption of Shakespeare and Milton, or perhaps Chaucer as a model could never have taken Soph Lit. Popularity must be deserved.

In a speech prior to the Ursinus-G. W. U. game, President G. L. Omwake dedicated the new Ursinus stadium and gymnasium. But to knock the bottom from the program, Clapper of George Washington ran a sensational 95 yards for a touchdown thus winning the game 7-0. So like Alfred, Ursinus has yet to win its first game in the home stadium.

Thiel College has recently instituted a new sport. "The object of horse-back riding is to keep the horse between the knees." With this view in mind several be-knickered co-eds hike to a farm east of the school, and under Major Ernest Howald's able direction, proceed to put this theory into practice. So far, only one "run-away" has been reported.

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#### STUDENT OPINION

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expect any Alfred team to make a phenomenal record. My only regret is that the college needs more men with real football spirit, just enough of them to enable the old school to forget once in a while that "football inferiority complex."

I have little to say about the features of fraternity policies which may or may not have entered into the demoralization of Alfred teams. Suffice to state that some aspects of fraternity life are distinctly asinine in so far as they interfere with the conduct or spirit of football.

RAY C. WITTER, '21

### ATHLETIC RELATIONS WITH ST. BONAVENTURE TEMPORARILY DROPPED

St. Bonaventure College will be dropped from all athletic schedules of Alfred University according to the decision of the Athletic Council at the December meeting of the body. This was voted for the time being, and after a yew years, athletic competition may be reestablished.

The decision had been under consideration for some time, and in view of the fact that St. Bonaventure had not been included on the football schedule of next year, the members voted to drop them from the other sport schedules. The fact that Alfred worked under the handicap of playing under the three-year ruling as well as other ineligibility rules which St. Bonaventure did not observe was taken into consideration in the action by the council.

Freshmen and Varsity awards in football and basketball were also voted upon by the council.

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