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St. Pat's, Football, Forum, take spotlight as campus life moves forward.

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## A. U. To Observe St. Pat's Festival This March For First Time Since 1943

### Activities Scheduled For March 21, 22; Candidates For Queen To Be Selected By Houses This Week

The glamour and gaiety of former Saint Pat's Festivals, sponsored annually until 1943 by the Ceramic Engineers at Alfred University, will again be a feature of Alfred's social life, according to a statement released to the FIAT yesterday by Dominick Laurie '47, president of the American Ceramic Society. This year's celebration will begin Thursday, March 21, with a special movie, and will end with a large formal dance at the Men's Gymnasium, the following evening.

As in the past, an outstanding feature of the program will be the crowning of an all-campus Queen by the male student chosen to impersonate Saint Patrick. This event occurs at the formal dance which culminates the Festival's activities.

#### Candidates Must Be Chosen

Each of the women's residence groups is urged to select a senior as its candidate for Queen of the Festival this week so that arrangements for publicity may be made. Photographs of all coeds competing for the coveted position will be on view in the front window of Ellis' Drug Store soon and will also appear in the FIAT in the near future.

Tentative plans for the gala affair include a list of activities to keep every Alfredian in the spirit of this first St. Pat's Festival since March, 1943. A movie, "They Were Expendable," will begin the program Thursday evening, March 21. A breakfast for all those purchasing all-inclusive tickets will be served Friday morning, followed by a parade in which floats representing each fraternity, sorority, residence house and boarding club will compete for a prize.

#### Ceramic Students To Act

Ceramic students will turn Thespians to present a dramatic skit Friday afternoon at 2:00 in Alumni Hall. Tea will be served in the Ceramic Lounge from 4:00 p.m.

In keeping with tradition, the grand climax will occur at the formal ball, when Saint Patrick and the Queen of the Festival are introduced to the crowd. The dance is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m., and will be held in the Men's Gym.

Official permission has been granted by the Administration for the setting aside of Friday, March 22, as the day on which Alfred will honor Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of the Ceramic Engineers.

Members of the Saint Pat's Board and of necessary committees will be elected at a special meeting this Thursday evening, Feb. 21, at 8:15 in the Ceramic Building. All Ceramic Engineers, Glass Technologists and Ceramic Technologists must be present at this meeting to show their enthusiasm for the proposed undertaking, Mr. Laurie stated.

#### Dean Resumes Duties

Mrs. Dora K. Degen has resumed her duties as Dean of Women after a month's leave of absence in Florida.

Mrs. Thomas Aldis Hall served pro tempore as Dean. She qualified for the position with three years' experience in a similar office at Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

## Mrs. Ada Seidlin Presents Piano Recital Thurs.

"Where music is, stop and listen. Evil people have no song," was Pres. J. Edward Walter's remark when introducing Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin, who presented one of her distinctive piano recitals at an assembly program last Thursday. He also mentioned that Mrs. Seidlin was formerly a soloist and accompanist with the New York Symphony.

Mrs. Seidlin announced her selections, adding that the audience might expect something rather sentimental, as it was Valentine's Day. The first number was the first part of a Beethoven Sonata. The "Appassionata," as it is called, has much of the same warmth and feeling as Beethoven's famous "Symphony Number 5," employing in several places the same dot-dot-dash arrangement of notes. The opening number was an illustration of the fine technique that has made Mrs. Seidlin a favorite assembly guest. The trills and cadenzas were especially well executed.

#### Chopin Feature of Recital

The opening selection was followed by a Chopin group, the first of which was a Nocturne. This was followed by a Cradle Song, in which the left hand repeated the same pattern throughout. Chopin's Waltzes concluded the group.

The third group was composed of selections by Debussy. The first was the popular "Clair de Lune," which was performed in a creditable manner. The next work on the program, "Reflexions on the Water," again illustrated an excellent technique. The number, unfamiliar to many, lent itself well to the pianist's skill and mode of expression. A short, humorous selection, "The Minstrels," the audience enjoyed very much, as did the familiar "Golliwog's Cakewalk," an effective ragtime number. In both of these selections Mrs. Seidlin demonstrated an excellent staccato. The portion of the program devoted to the works of Debussy was concluded by his "Prelude in A Minor."

#### Familiar Work in Encore

As an encore, Mrs. Seidlin played Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C-Sharp Minor." It demonstrated good technique but at times was a little lacking in Rachmaninoffian flavor.

Mrs. Seidlin combined her musical skill with a pleasing stage personality to bring the audience an excellent program. It is regrettable, however, that the audience did not behave in the manner to be expected at programs of this type. The actions of the audience as a whole, especially at the end of the recital, were not a credit to the students or to the university.

#### Movie Time-Table

The Alfred Co-op Theater will show Barry Fitzgerald in "And then There Were None," Thursday, Feb. 21. Shows are at 7:00 and 9:30, feature at 7:35 and 10:23.

"Leave Her to Heaven," starring Gene Tierney and Cornel Wilde, will be presented Friday and Saturday nights, shows at 7:00 and 9:26, feature at 7:33 and 9:59.

## Campus Calendar

### TUESDAY

Fiat Meeting—7:00—Kenyon  
Orchestra—7:00—Ag-Tech  
Badminton—7:00—South Hall  
Latin Club—8:00—Home of Dr. Nease  
Basketball Game—Pi Alpha vs. Kappa Delta—8:00; Town vs. Omicron—9:00—South Hall

### WEDNESDAY

Chapel—Noon—Kenyon Memorial Chapel  
Forum—Mrs. Eslanda Robeson—8:15—Alumni Hall

### THURSDAY

Assembly—11:00—Alumni Hall  
Archery Tournament—6:45-8:00—South Hall  
Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall  
Choir Rehearsal—7:00—University Church  
Men's Glee Club—8:00—Green Block  
Basketball—Brick vs. Sigma—8:00; Brick I vs. Theta—9:00—South Hall  
Discussion Group—8:00—Social Hall  
Special St. Pat's Meeting—8:15—Ceramic Building

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

Archery Tournament—9:30-11:00—South Hall  
Basketball Practice—11:00—South Hall  
Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

W. S. G.—8:15—Kenyon  
Basketball—Bartlett vs. Brick II—7:00; Brick vs. Kappa Delta—8:00; Pi Alpha vs. Sigma—9:00—South Hall

## Delta Sig Names Merriman As New President

Reorganizing after three war years dormancy, Delta Sigma Phi members last week named Seth Grant Merriman, CE '47, their president for the coming year.

Merriman, a returned war veteran who saw nearly a year's service in the CBI theatre as a weather observer in a special aerial recon B-25 squadron, heads an all-veteran slate of officers.

Gilbert Brinnier LA '47, was named vice president; Jack Carabillo CE '48, secretary-treasurer; and Edwin Gere CE '48, sergeant-at-arms.

Brinnier saw service as a pharmacist mate, first class, in the Navy; Carabillo was a fire control operator on a 20th Air Force B-29 operating against the Jap mainland from a Marianas base; while Gere was a B-24 pilot in the Seventh Air Force, seeing action in the mid-Pacific.

The election of officers was the first step in a program designed to ready the fraternity for a full program next fall. The returning members plan to take over the fraternity house at that time.

The University has used Delta Sig for the past three years as a dormitory. At present freshman men are housed there. The Delta Sigs have two rooms on the ground floor at the present.

First regular meeting of the fraternity was held Monday evening. Plans for general improvement of the house and grounds were reviewed.

Social functions are also in the spotlight, among them the annual spring formal.

## Mrs. Eslanda Robeson To Appear Tomorrow Before Forum Group

### Famous Anthropologist Will Lecture On Race Relations

Mrs. Eslanda Robeson, "vivacious and spirited" wife of the internationally known Negro actor and singer Paul Robeson, will present the Forum program Wednesday, February 20, at 8:15 p. m. in Alumni Hall. Anthropologist and author, Mrs. Robeson will lecture as an authority on race relations and other aspects of democracy.

#### Forum Guest



Mrs. Eslanda Robeson

Eslanda Cardoza Goode is an American of the type her husband sings of in the "Ballad of Americans." Questioned by reporters on the subject of her ancestry, she replied that she had "some Spanish, English, Scottish, Jewish, American Indian, with a large portion of Negro blood." Mrs. Robeson was brought up in a prosperous, intellectual atmosphere; she was deeply influenced by her family's strong interest in politics and racial questions.

After a period of study at the University of Chicago, she came east to New York, where at the Teachers' College of Columbia University she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. During her student years she began to work as surgical technician and chemist at the Presbyterian Hospital, a position she held until 1925.

#### Marries Robeson While Student

Two years before, Miss Goode had been married to Paul Robeson, then a student at Columbia Law School. As his career in concert singing and acting advanced, the Robesons left America for London, where the Negro actor starred in "Emperor Jones". The easy atmosphere that they enjoyed there reminded them of their "beloved" Greenwich Village in New York.

When the play closed, they went to the Riviera visiting American friends—Glenway Wescott, Emma Goldman, Claude McKay, Max Eastman. In 1927 the Robesons returned to America for a concert tour. Six months later Robeson's engagements again took the family, now including young Paul, to London, where the singer appeared in "Show Boat". This time they remained in Europe for more than ten years, returning to America late in 1939.

During these years Eslanda Robeson personally attended to many of the details of her husband's work. She also spent much time on several studies that interested her. She has done research on the theater, films, and radio both at Cambridge and Malvern in England and Columbia in the United States. The work that Mrs. Robeson has enjoyed most, however, has been in the field of anthropology.

#### African Trip Ends in Book

Specializing in the subjects of Africa, the Negro, and later, all colored peoples, Mrs. Robeson studied anthropology at London University and at the London School of Economics from 1935 to 1937. In connection with her university work she undertook an anthropological field trip in Africa to observe for herself the peoples and countries which had been loosely labeled "primitive" and "backward". Resulting from (Continued on page four)

## Group Hears Discussion On Labor Problems

Interest in national and international affairs of current concern brought together a group of students and professors for the first meeting of an unnamed, informal discussion group, Thursday evening, February 14, in Physics Hall, with Dr. J. Edward Walters, just returned from Washington, as guest leader of the program.

David Weinrib '47, presiding, explained the purpose of the group, stating that those present felt that a more active participation in democracy here in Alfred is highly desirable and that such a "town-meeting" type of organization is a step in the right direction.

Dr. Walters, giving his views and interpretations concerning the present labor-management situation, considered both contenders at fault. However, it is the labor union to which he looks as the best means of bringing democracy to the American people, for, on the whole, it represents democracy in action, itself. There are dictatorial labor leaders, he admitted, but the percentage of such is as small as 10 per cent. A comparable number of management men are equally radical, he continued.


Dr. Walters suggested that the idea of private property is superseded when the owner of a large plant in his demands affects the workers in bus lines, other companies and similarly connected enterprises.

The next meeting of the group will center about the theme of Truman's administration, convening in Social Hall, Thursday at 8:00, and is open to the public. Topics for discussion will be chosen by vote for each successive meeting.



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A Frosh Views Alfred

(Editor's note: The following opinions, written in the form of an editorial, have been submitted to the FIAT by a member of the Class of '49 in the hope that some solution to the apathy on the campus can be found.)

Students come to college to gain other things besides a knowledge of mathematics, or a proficiency in speaking a foreign language. They come because they believe college to be THE place in which to gain maturity, a working knowledge of how to get along socially, and a background in the supposed culture of our world.

We, here in Alfred, are not serving such an aim by restraining student activity. We must create a new organization that will have the encouragement of wholesome relations between students as its foundation.

This proposed student organization would have as its purpose the building up of student morale. It would work in cooperation with the faculty to provide or create activities that interest the entire student body. Among the things for this group to consider would be the enlargement and more extensive use of existing recreational facilities, as well as the planning of new ones. Alfred is fortunate in being located in what could, with a few improvements, be excellent ski country. There is no reason for Alfred not to have winter sports as a major part of its recreational program. The results of such a program would be beneficial. It would provide exercise, a wholesome, clean-cut background for student association, as well as the basis for new sports teams.

Another activity with which the new organization might be concerned is the introduction of extra-curricular activity in both art and music. Such a program would serve a twofold purpose as it would provide recreation and a chance for the student to become more familiar with the arts.

Still another plan which the organization might adopt is a program of "planned weekends." Here at Alfred, the weekends are dull, lifeless wastes of time. There is no excuse for the existence of such a situation. With "planned weekends", the student who finds himself with spare time would be able to spend it in an enjoyable and beneficial fashion.

Prominent on the program would be activities that have been previously mentioned, activities that are an important part of the present week-end program, but to an insufficient degree, and still other new ones.

The programs should be planned so that there is a variety of activities going on at all times. The student not interested in one activity at a certain hour, would be able to participate in a variety of others. A suggested list of activities includes the following:

1. Art and Music—choral groups, orchestral groups, groups receiving instruction in the use of art materials, independent artistic activity such as painting, or working with pastels.
2. Winter Sports—skiing, tobogganing, ice skating, and instruction in all phases of winter sports by the students themselves.
3. Gymnasium Activities
4. Union Activities—dancing, games, entertainment of various sorts.
5. House Activities—dances, parties.
6. Out-door Activities—hikes, picnics.
7. Flying Activities—group instruction at the Hornell Airport.
8. Movies
9. Concerts—frequent concerts by the various choral and orchestral groups.

Of course, these are only a few of the activities that can be planned, but they show what a variety of interesting social activities could, with very little planning, be had at Alfred. The financial backing for such a venture could come from the students themselves, in a sort of extra-activities fee, payable at registration time. The importance of instituting such a program is evident. It is up to us, students and professors, to see that something is done.

Intermission

Marcia Noyes

St. Valentine's Day Is Celebrated by Two Dances

On Friday evening, February 15, the lounge at Bartlett Dormitory was decorated in the red and white theme of Valentine's Day. Over one mantle there peeped a coquetish cupid and over the other there was a heart pierced by an arrow. From the chandeliers were draped red and white crepe paper streamers. The same material enclosed Donald Kelly and his orchestra to whose music the guests danced from 8-12. Refreshments were punch and heart-shaped cookies. During the evening flash pictures were taken by "Al" Sheheen.

The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harder, Dr. and Mrs. B. Davie Napier, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Duryea Smith III. General Chairmen of the affair were Joan Heise '46 and Eleanor Schein '48. Joyce Swaney '49 took care of the refreshments and Betty Uhlig '49 was chairman of the decorations committee.

The members of the Castle took up the celebration where Bartlett left off. Saturday evening, February 16, was the time, hearts and flowers were the decorations. Refreshments were punch, cookies, and candy, and the music was provided by the phonograph.

Chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. B. Davie Napier, Mr. and Mrs. C. Duryea Smith III, and Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Seidlin. The committees were: Refreshments, Marion Miller '48; Decorations, Connie Brennan '46; Music, Maisie Barrus '46, and Dotty Burdick '46; and Programs, Clara Worden '48 and Betty Lou Fontaine '46. The engagement of "Billie" Dunbar '46 and Charles Hampton, AT '46, was announced during the evening.

Pi Alpha Honoraries Entertain at Tea

A group of Pi Alpha Pi Honoraries entertained the members of the sorority and the other honorary members at tea Sunday, February 17, from three to five. The committee was composed of Mrs. Charles Harder, Mrs. Daniel Minnick, and Mrs. James McLane. The tea took place at the home of Mrs. McLane. Sandwiches, cookies, candy, nuts, and tea were served.

Greek Sisters Start Rushing

Wednesday evening, February 13, saw the beginning of the Intersorority Council's new method of rushing. On Saturday morning, February 16, the second set of parties was held.

At Omicron, the evening party took the form of a study in surrealism. Members were dressed appropriately. Surrealistic pictures covered the walls and the favors were incapable of description save in terms of surrealistic. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, tea, cookies, and donuts were served. Nora Utal '48, and Nancy Terry '48 were co-chairmen.

On Saturday morning, the guests were met at the door by their pajama-clad hostesses, and were presented with pipé cleaner dolls dressed in nightgowns. Fruit juice, coffee, milk, eggs and bacon, and rolls were served. The decorations were flowers. Ellen Levy '48, and Jean Keesler '48 were co-chairmen.

A hayride had been planned at Sigma Chi Wednesday evening, but the weather was not cooperative. So the hayride was converted into an informal gathering. Invitations were miniature sleighs and favors were suede mitten pins. The house was decorated with evergreens. The hostesses served milk, coffee, and ice cream with chocolate sauce. Roxanne Roberts '48 was general chairman.

On Saturday morning, a fox hunt was held at Sigma Chi Manor. The house was appropriately decorated with deer heads and fur rugs. Invitations were miniature whips and favors were ceramic horse pins. The guests were served scrambled eggs, bacon, hot rolls, coffee, milk, cookies, and fruit. Helena Bayko '48 was the general chairman.

On Wednesday, Pi Alpha gave Mr. Nevins and the Alfred Co-operative Theater a little competition. Ticket seller at the Pi Alpha Theater was Peg Knight '46—because she could best fit into a wardrobe case converted into a ticket window. Slides of Alfred were shown by Ann Mitchell '46 and Mrs. Ray W. Wingate showed color movies taken in her travels over the nation. After the show, the guests were treated to their choice of chocolate, butterscotch, or apricot sundaes and cookies in the Pi Alpha drugstore. Favors were Mexican piggy banks. During the evening a lucky freshman won a set of doll dishes.

The committee chairmen were: Refreshments, Edith Foster '47; Decorations, Taffy Macaulay '48; and Favors, Corinne Herrick '47.

Pi Alpha was decorated with snapdragons Saturday morning. During the informal party, Jean Camagni '46 sang. Grace Bradley '49 accompanied her. A brunch of chicken salad, potato chips, rolls and butter, carrot curls and stuffed celery, coffee, milk, ice cream, and cookies was served. The favors were pottery animals. Pam Pelton '46 was in charge of the refreshments, Marcia Noyes '47 took care of the decorations, and Taffy Macaulay '48 arranged for the favors.

Valentine's Day was the theme of Theta Chi's informal party Wednesday night. The guests were given small old-fashioned valentine bouquets as favors. Refreshments of coffee, punch, ice cream, candy, and cookies were served.

At the brunch Saturday morning, the favors were nightcaps. The hostesses served a sumptuous breakfast-lunch of tomato and grapefruit juice, toast, muffins, scrambled eggs, coffee, and milk.

President and Mrs. Walters Entertain Vets and Wives

Sunday afternoon, February 17, Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Walters entertained eighty-three student veterans and their wives at tea. Faculty members who are veterans of the second world war and the officers of the American Legion Auxiliary assisted.

The members of Theta Chi were dinner guests at Kappa Psi Tuesday, February 12. . . . Mrs. Henry Nord, Mrs. Gerald Lewis, and Miss Mary Coleman have accepted bids as honoraries of Sigma Chi. . . . Norma Kelderhouse and Dorothy Owen were weekend guests at Sigma Chi. . . . Marie MacDermott, Pi Alpha '44, was on campus Saturday, February 16. . . . William Honey and William Fames were edinner guests at Sigma Chi Saturday, February 16. . . . Jack Carabillo, Delta Sig,

Reserved seats, general admission and student tickets are on sale at the treasurer's office for the Alfred-St. Bonaventure basketball game to be held Tuesday, February 26, at the Olean Armory, Olean, N. Y. The game will start at 8. The price of student tickets is 55 cents; general admission 75 cents and reserved seats \$1.00, tax included.

and Jim Thomson '47 were dinner guests at Theta Chi Saturday, February 16. . . .

College Town

Leonard Lockwood

What could prove to be one of the most luscious melons in campus politics is scheduled to be dissected Thursday night at Physics Hall. The Veteran's Organization is holding its election of officers at that time. With the Veterans potentially one of the most important minorities on the campus, considerable interest in the results should be shown.

There is very little doubt as to the winner of the Commander's post. "Big Ed" Latham's previous experience as Vice-Commander, knowledge of Alfred and the initiative and executive ability in getting us organized this semester will in my opinion cinch the big "un" for him.

For the other posts it looks like a mad scramble. Unless some politically conscious bloc starts plugging some good men and gets their names before the new arrivals soon, almost anyone will be able to walk off with one of these plums. . . . I say plums for obvious reasons. . . . Anyone in office in the Veterans Organization will be campus representative for some of the most mature students in Alfred. . . . Therefore they are bound to have considerable influence with the powers that be. . . . It behooves the last semester boys to help guide the choice of the new arrivals, so there will be no mistakes at the polls Thursday night. . . .

Well, enough of politics. . . . Quite a successful dance at Bartlett, Friday night. . . . Music was good, girls were beautiful and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. . . . Happiest couple there seemed to be "Carolyn and Bob." . . . He just came in from the Merchant Marine. . . .


Remark heard at the Union. . . . "Only two types here, those who play bridge and those that can't find a table. . . ."

Veteran who spent the first three days at Alfred sleeping in his post office box, "I didn't mind the crowded conditions so much but every morning the postmaster would drag me out, weigh me and slap a ten cent postage due on my back. . . . I had to move while I still had my mustering-out pay". . . .

Latest innovation in politeness—All the boys trying to carry the girls' books home. . . . What a fortune a book agent could make here. . . .

If any of you were caught in the mad rush last Monday and wondered what it was all about, some card casually mentioned in the Collegiate that they were auctioning off two First Year German books at the athletic field. . . .

Hardest thing to get used to in Alfred. . . . That twelve-mile walk for a beer.



"Just a moment, please. The line is dizzy."

Wire you sitting around, operators? C'mon, plug for Alfred and help ring the bell.

Mr. Bassett needs help at the Alfred Telephone Office. With Alfred's increasing numbers, you might be able to make some good connections. Come!

Bridge

Bridge is one of our oldest games. It was originally called Bridge Whist and was played in the nineteenth century, in Turkey, Greece and Egypt. Then it spread to France, Great Britain and America. Auction Bridge originated in India early in the twentieth century, was played all over this country for 25 years, and has recently been very largely supplanted by "Contract".

My Man Morgan

Pat Deutsch

Just as we become interested in who killed Aunt Hephzibah, some cheerful little soul suddenly breaks into our thoughts asking us to inspect ourselves for signs of malnutrition, excess stomach acidity, headaches, fallen arches, B. O., Halitosis, lock jaw, St. Vitus Dance (usually a result of listening to radio commercials) and worst of all—date-less-ness. There is a sure-cure for each and every malady as can be testified by any number of demented souls. There is, for instance, Miss Sara Bellum who has been chased by men since the first time she came within 18 feet of a tube of Toothsome Tooth Paste.

This leads up to the introduction of a man who has come to commercial weary America as a sort of Messiah. His name is Henry Morgan and we had the pleasure of talking to him two weeks ago.

Morgan started broadcasting in 1939. His career was interrupted in 1942 by the war. He became famous for his "reverse advertising" which pleased Jesse Adler (of the Adler Elevator Shoes) no end. Rising sales endeared Morgan to Adler to such a degree that two days after his discharge from the army late last year he was re-hired. Such quips as "These Elevator Shoes are built up so as to make you two inches taller and no one can tell you are wearing elevator shoes—nope, no signs on them," are why Adler was so fond of Morgan.

There are more than just well handled commercials on Morgan's program. His strong sarcasm against the "Senators Bilbo" nearly resulted in his removal from the air by indignant Americans against land-lords demanding ridiculous rents for more than ridiculous dwellings; the remarks about inconsistent headlines ("Time Marches Sideways") all add up to an unclassifiable brand of entertainment.

Morgan complained that his co-workers drop into his studio during his broadcast without considering his feelings. "They don't think that I take myself seriously so why should they." We suggested that he should build up a myth "about himself—a sort of Greta Garbo affair. He liked the idea and decided to start work on it at once.

Our visit seemed to prove what we had suspected all along. He is a grand fellow, easy to talk to, surprisingly modest and so very clever.

"Here's Morgan"

American Broadcasting Company, Saturday, 8:15-8:30.

This Collegiate World—

Charles S. Hendershot, a law student at Ohio State University, expects to live in a sixteen-foot trailer with his wife and dog for the next three years at school. (He probably wishes he still had it.)

When football men at the U. of Mississippi to around "boo-ing" its not to razz. They voted Bing star not long ago.

Because of the acute housing shortage, returning veterans at Michigan State College have been assigned to live in Jenison field-house. There is only one catch. All returning veterans aren't men.

Forgetting this, someone instructed an ex-Spar that she was to take up residence in the field-house on her arrival to the campus. She also received an invitation to join the local YMCA.

Infirmary Notes

Last week's infirmary patients included: Robert Hanright, Pat Pulvino, Russell Gloor, who has been removed to Bethesda Hospital, Clifford Collins, and Mrs. Dora Degen.



# Alfred To Enter Grid Activities Next Fall Under Coach Yunevich

## Preliminary Indoor Drilling To Begin Soon; Many Former Players To Return To Squad

There will be intercollegiate football next fall! The return from the service of Coach Alex Yunevich, the large enrollment of former stars, and the eagerness of several new students to play in the pig-skin parade, is proof enough that Alfred U. will join the many other schools in returning to the gridiron.

Backfield and center candidates will begin drilling in the gym, as soon as announcements are made, in order to get in preliminary practice before the weather permits any outdoor activity.

The job of building a new team will be a difficult one and indoor drills will precede any outdoor practice.

There are several veterans just returned to school who saw service in former A. U. grid toga. These include Kehoe, halfback on '41 Varsity, Ziegler, halfback on the FROSH team, Gere, end, Carabillo, tackle, Schindler, end.

Such veteran stars as Wally Dutkowski, Flint, Michigan; Jim Arna, Albion; Harold Brown, Warren, Pennsylvania; are expected to enroll next September.

Several men have already signified candidacy for varsity positions, among them being Metzker, Hackensack, New Jersey; Robbins, Wellsville, New York; Travis, Corning, New York; who all show impressive high school records.

Others desiring to gain a berth on the football squad are:

Kramer, Olean  
Martin, Deposit  
Judd, Deposit  
Aultenan, Canisteo  
Patella, Auburn  
Archieszewski, Syracuse.  
Cragg, Watertown  
Jones, Frankfort  
Caezya, Norwich  
Zygmunt, Buffalo  
Garenflo, Buffalo  
Burdick, Canisteo

## Mrs. Mower Is Leaving ---

A harassed FIAT reporter dashed into the Registrar's office last Friday afternoon in the hope of interviewing Mrs. Roberta Mower.

"Has Mrs. Mower left yet?" he gasped.

"No, but can I help you?" answered the man behind the counter.

"I just heard that your secretary's leaving soon," the intruder remarked with added respect as he recognized Registrar Waldo Tittsworth.

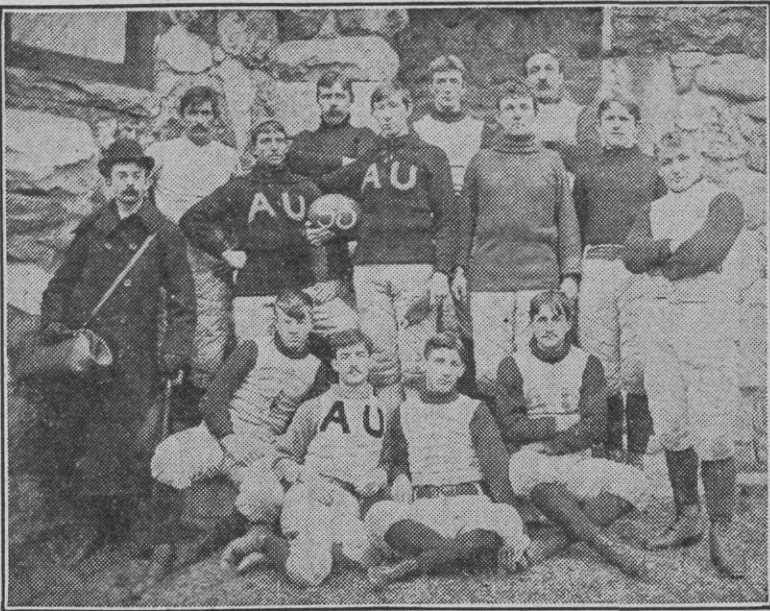
"Yes, she's going; she's sorry to leave Alfred but she's glad to go," he slyly remarked. "You see she has a better job."

Just then Mrs. Mower appeared at the door of the inner office. "This certainly is an awful time to leave Alfred, isn't it?" was the greeting to the tongue-tied press representative, who finally muttered something resembling "sorry to see you go."

Overcoming his hesitancy, the reporter then began firing questions at his victim, learning that her new position is at Danbury State Teachers College at Danbury, Conn., which has a normal enrollment of 500 students. She will be Registrar of the school.

Reiterating her belief that this is "an awful time to quit," Mrs. Mower remarked that she is glad that she stayed long enough to see the return of the fellows who

## Alfred's First Football Team



## Hunter College Offers Awards For Best Essays

The English Department wishes to call students' attention to the Hunter College Diamond Jubilee essay contest. This New York City college is offering a series of prizes for essays on various aspects of intercultural relations totaling \$12,900 (maturity value) in Victory Bonds.

Prizes are offered to three groups of contestants:

- College and university students in the continental United States.
- Teachers in colleges, universities, high schools, and elementary schools in the continental United States.
- High school students in the five boroughs of New York City.

### Awards for College Students

The following are the Group A awards:

A first prize of \$1,000 (maturity value) in Victory Bonds will be awarded to that undergraduate student attending a college or university in the continental United States who submits the best essay on the topic:—"How can American colleges or other social institutions promote appreciation of the cultures of other peoples and co-operation among them?"—Contestants may wish to concentrate upon some portion of the general topic and are free to do so.

A second prize of \$500 (maturity value) in Victory Bonds will be awarded to the college student who submits the second best essay on this topic.

Eighteen additional awards, each a \$100 (maturity value) Victory Bond, will be made to those contestants in this group who submit the eighteen next best essays.

A special award of \$1,000 (maturity value) Victory Bond, will be made to the college or university attended by the winner of the first prize. Although the gift will be the money or the income therefrom will be expended upon the study or improvement of intercultural relations.

### Official Rules of the Contest

- All manuscripts must be written in English on one side of the paper, preferably by typewriter. Illegible entries will not be considered. Each manuscript must bear the entrant's signature, his home address, the designation of the group in which he is competing (A, B or C), and the name and address of the institution which he is attending (if a student) or in which he is teaching. Each contestant may submit only one entry.
- Entries will be judged on the practical value of ideas expressed as well as on interest, sincerity, and clearness. Material based upon observation and experience will be rated above theoretical discussion.
- Preliminary judging will be done by a leading independent judging organization. Final judging will be done by a board of men and women well-known in educational and civic affairs.
- Prizes as listed elsewhere in this announcement will be awarded as determined by the Board of Judges. The decisions of the majority of

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## Girls' Interhouse B'Ball Underway

The interhouse basketball tournament officially began last week when Theta Chi defeated Bartlett 15-5 and Pi Alpha overwhelmed the Brick I team 36-13.

The first game, that between Theta Chi and Bartlett, was a slow and, for the most part, a rather confused match. Both teams obviously lacked practice, and have little chance of placing in the tournament unless they get the practice they need.

Pi Alpha trounced the Brick I team 36-13 in the second game of the tournament. Foster led the scorers, making 15 points during the half period in which she played. Lee Honig, playing center for the Brick, scored three foul shots for her team, but seemed unable to find the target from any place on the floor other than the foul line. Lecakes and Ratner succeeded in making five baskets between them for the Brick team.

During the last quarter of the game, the Brick team was forced to play with only two forwards when Holton was taken out of the game on fouls, and Ratner was shifted to guard. Giopulos, playing guard for Pi Alpha, was also taken out on fouls, but a substitute was available.

## Ceramic Society Hears Dr. Merck

Holding its first monthly meeting of the new semester Thursday night, Feb. 14, the Alfred Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society was addressed by Mr. Merck, a former student in the Ceramic College and active member of the Society. Mr. Merck had the distinction of being the chairman of the first St. Pat's Festival while at Alfred. He spoke to the Society on the topic, Refractory Specialties.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner given in honor of the guest speaker in the Bartlett dining room. Ceramic College faculty members and officers of the Society, Dom Laurie '47, Reger Wilson '47 and Nancy Terry '48, attended the dinner.

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## Alfred Quintet Bows To Eagles In Final Home Game

### Jack Guinan Takes Varsity Honors Chalking Up 14 Points

In their final home game of the season, the Alfred Saxons bowed to the Eagles of Niagara University last Tuesday night by a score of 60-41. Playing good basketball during the first half, the Saxons were able to hold their own against an aggressive Niagara squad. Toward the end of the first half, the A. U. men forced the visitors into a 19-19 score at half-time.

## Saxons To Play Rubber Game With St. Bonies

Tuesday evening, February 26, the Saxon Warriors will play a "rubber" game with the St. Bonaventure basketball team at the Olean Armory.

A great deal of interest has been aroused in connection with this game, since each team has defeated the other in previous engagements. St. Bona won the first 34-31, at St. Bona, and A. U. came out on top of a 37-36 game at Alfred.

As far as is known there has been no attempt to secure bus transportation for the students to this game. One bus was used for the first game at St. Bona and with a much larger enrollment and increased interest, especially in this game, it might be wise to obtain two buses for this occasion.

There is, however, one hitch. Who will undertake the responsibility of arranging for this? ? ?

## Program On Roman Poet To Be Given

Members of the Latin Club will meet Tuesday evening at 8:00 at the home of Dr. G. S. Nease for a program on the Roman poet Horace.

A paper on the poet's life will be given by Leah Baptis '46. Pam Pelton '46 will read one on Horace's poetry. Several duets will be presented. Jean Camagni '46 and Herbert McKinstry '47 will sing "Horace and Lydia". Jean Barber '46 and Jean Camagni will give "O Fons Pandusiae". The three vocalists will be featured in "Carmen Saeculare", by Horace.

During the business meeting plans for a banquet will be discussed by the club members.

In the third canto, however, the Eagles led by Vince Abresch came back to out-score the local quintet 16 to 7, and take a definite lead. The Saxons found the basket in the final quarter and were able to drop 15 points but were unable to stop the visitors who increased their lead to win by the final score of 60-41.

Jack Guinan sank a number of long shots to take the honors for the Varsity with 14 points; while the rest of the tallying was pretty well divided up. For the victors, Abresch accounted for 23 points to be high scorer of the evening.

The box score is as follows:

Niagara	G.	F.	T.
Jarvis, f. ....	5	2	12
McLeer .....	0	0	0
Abresch, f. ....	10	3	23
Meehan .....	0	1	1
Hallenbeck, c. ....	2	1	5
Husson .....	0	2	2
McCarthy, g. ....	5	1	11
Wright .....	0	0	0
Powell, g. ....	10	1	1
Buckley .....	2	1	5
Totals .....	24	12	60
Alfred	G.	F.	T.
Polar, f. ....	3	0	6
Cushing .....	0	0	0
Costa, f. ....	0	0	0
Bob .....	3	1	7
Hauth, c. ....	1	1	3
Bobounik .....	2	2	6
Argentieri, g. ....	2	0	4
Becker .....	0	1	1
Guinan, g. ....	6	2	14
Totals .....	17	7	41

## Glee Clubs Unable To Travel

When asked about the plans of the Ladies' and Men's Glee Club, Dr. Ray Wingate remarked that the organization will not be able to travel at all this year at the university's expense.

The Ladies' Glee Club meets Wednesday at 7:00, and the Men's organization Thursday at 8:00, in Green Block. All students who are interested are welcome to attend these practices, Dr. Wingate stated.

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# Convocation To Hear Dr. Pennington Haile Speak On International Scene

## Speaker Actively Working Against Isolationism; Closely Connected To League Of Nations Association

This week Alfred is fortunate to again have Dr. Pennington Haile as Assembly guest. A speaker here last year, Dr. Haile was so well-liked that he has been asked to return. His subject will be: "The International Scene—Analysis of Current Events". Assembly will be held in Alumni Hall, February 21, at 11:00 a.m.

### Against Isolationism

For ten years Dr. Haile has been working actively against American Isolationism, and has believed that peace, as a continuing process, can be maintained only by international organization. He has been connected with many of the groups identified with this point of view, and has served as Assistant Director of the League of Nations Association and of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace. He is now working with the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation of New York and Boston.

In 1935, after receiving his Doctorate from Harvard, Dr. Haile entered his present field because he foresaw that unopposed aggression abroad and self defeating isolationism here at home would lead to a second World War. He now believes that we are doomed to a cycle of such wars unless the United Nations can preserve their unity by cooperating in peace as they have in war. This cooperation must take the form of an international organization to prevent war and to remove its causes. Without the full participation of the United States no such organization can succeed. Without such an organization the United States cannot find security, prosperity or "our way of life" in the sort of world in which we are going to live.

### Travelled Widely

During 1942 he travelled widely under the auspices of the War Department as a lecturer in the Orientation Course at army posts throughout the country. A graduate of Dartmouth in 1924, Dr. Haile taught there before completing his graduate work at Harvard.

Dr. Haile has an exceptional speaking voice, which he uses to advantage in frequent radio addresses.

### Hunter College Offers

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judges shall constitute and be the decisions of the Board of Judges and shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all persons entering the competition.

5. The maximum length of the essays in the contests for teachers and college students is 1,500 words. The maximum length in the contest for high school students is 1,000 words.

6. Members of the faculty of Hunter College and affiliated schools and students of Hunter College and of Hunter College High School are not eligible to compete.

7. If the Board of Judges should decide that two entries are tied for a particular award, each of the two entries will receive the full amount of that award.

8. The Board of Judges shall have the right to require any entrant to furnish satisfactory proof that he is the author of the manuscript submitted by him.

9. Entries to be eligible for consideration must bear the necessary postage and must be mailed and postmarked not later than midnight March 1, 1946. Neither Hunter College nor any one connected with the competition will be responsible for entries delayed, damaged, undelivered, or lost. Address and mail entries to:—

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10. Announcement of winners will be made on May 15, 1946, or as soon thereafter as judging can be completed. Complete list of winners will be mailed on request to any one sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## Former Professor Travels --- --

The FIAT has received a letter from an Alfred alumnus and former professor. Although he has not been on campus lately, there are many students who remember Prof. A. B. Crofoot.

In 1944 he left his teaching of English and Physics and for a year was a physicist at Bausch and Lomb in Rochester. After joining the Red Cross, he received his training in Washington,



D. C., during the latter part of July. Mr. Crofoot sailed from Seattle, Washington, on August 30, landing in Japan, October 5. His letter presents a new view of Japan.

Dear FIAT friends,

Red Cross work with an army of occupation is considerably different from the type of work which I was taught to do while in Washington. That work, of course, was for combat conditions. In combat a regiment, the unit to which an individual worker is usually assigned, is a compact unit occupying relatively a few square miles and practically rubbing elbows with the neighboring regiment. Now in occupation this particular regiment is spread out over an area of approximately 9000 square miles, greatly complicating the physical problem of getting around to the whole regiment.

As to the country, this part of Japan is not unlike Alfred in climate and topography. The hills are a bit more precipitous, but there are broad, relatively flat valleys somewhat like Allegany County. We probably

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haven't had as much snow here at regimental headquarters as you have, but I believe our third battalion has. There are many rapid streams and water power is cheap—but not as cheap as man (or woman) power is yet.

### Living Conditions Are Different

You hear a lot about paper houses, and there is a certain amount of truth in it. Most of the houses are of rather flimsy frame outer construction or else lath and plaster for the outer walls. Inner partitions are almost universally light wooden grills with paper paster over them. These partitions slide for doors and can usually be lifted out entirely. How the Japs in this climate keep at all warm in winter is beyond me. What heat they have in many places comes from small charcoal fires built atop a bed of charcoal ashes in a large crockery jar or sometimes a wooden box. They have plenty of glass, and most if not all of the windows to the outside are glazed. According to Ceramic College standards it is pretty poor glass—breaks easily—but it does some good, I guess. Their windows—of the sliding variety exclusively—are anything but tight, and consequently their houses are wind sieves, even in such buildings as the one we are living in, which is a factory office.

What can I tell you about the people? Japanese society, of course, is pretty definitely feudal, and most of the people are peasants little better off than the serfs of the European middle ages. Probably because they have had to live under such unsanitary conditions, with improperly balanced—and frequently inadequate—diets, they seem to breed to a particular bovine and stolid type. The appellation of Monkey-men so frequently applied to them during the war seems appropriate in many instances. I have seen many of them that look very like apes in facial appearance and expression. They have grown up taking orders, frequently given with a beating or a booting, and seem very submissive on the whole. Of course along with those who have been taking orders are those who have been giving them and there are authoritative as well as submissive Japs. And the former are very haughty with the latter, but in turn very submissive in the face of higher authority. And of course there are intelligent and wily Japs along with the bovine ones, or they wouldn't have been able to carry on the war so long against us."

Mr. Crofoot's family is residing in Alfred and one daughter, Patty, is a student in the university. His present address is: Alfred Burdet Crofoot, AFD; American Red Cross, 303rd Inf. Reg., APO 445, % Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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## Students Of Four Countries Speak

Four nations—India, South Africa, Peru and China—were represented in the student panel discussion nat R.A.F. Sunday, February 17.

Mr. Varma of India, who acted as chairman, Hendrick Heystek of South Africa, Alfredo Polar of Peru and Mr. Liu of China, spoke briefly on world problems from their own point of view.

### Comments on British Policy

Mr. Varma pointed to India as an outstanding example of "mordant imperialism" and pleaded the cause of freedom. He stated that we cannot deprive one-fifth of the world's population of independence and even though we have won the war we cannot win the peace without the aid of all nations.

Mr. Heystek opened with a few facts about South Africa. In this small, sparsely-settled country there are two million whites and eight million blacks. The South Africans feel that, though they have some measure of self-government, they are being held back economically. That is why young men are being sent to this country to acquire technical knowledge. In the question period, Mr. Heystek discussed the race problem. There are very strict color segregations in South Africa but the blacks seem content with their present circumstances. However, the whites feel that conditions of the negroes must be bettered to raise the standards of the country.

### Peru For UNO

Mr. Polar expressed the opinion that though a small part of the South Americans feel that the U. S. is trying to obtain economic control, most realize that our help is needed. He also pointed out the political, social and educational differences which he has noticed between Peru and the U. S. In Peru, for the first time in twenty years, the people's candidate won the election. He also remarked on how much closer is the relationship between teachers and students here. He feels that Peru is solidly with the U. S. for the UNO.

Mr. Liu, in answering the question "Can we preserve permanent peace?" reviewed what we fought the war for and what we gained. He concluded that the only way to solve our problems is by mutual understanding and aid. In speaking about the Communists in China, he emphasized the lack of democracy in their government. He also believes that there is a close relationship between the Communist leaders and Russia.

## Roger Wilson Heads Lambda Chi Alpha

At a meeting of members and pledges of Lambda Chi Alpha last Wednesday, the chapter was reactivated, and the following officers were elected: President, Roger Wilson '47; Vice-President, Bill Woods '47; Secretary, Lowell Bunnell '47; Treasurer, Donald MacIntyre '49; House Manager, Lee Shultz '49; Pledge Master, Ellie Hauth '46.

The meeting was taken over by the president and plans were initiated for a pledge dance to be held on Saturday, February 23, in Social Hall. James Saunders '49 was appointed dance chairman with Ray Shear '48 and Don MacIntyre '49 as assistants.

## Know Your Alumni --- --

In an attempt to acquaint present students with alumni, this column will present the story of the careers of one or two former Alfred students each week.

B. Colwell Davis, Jr., '21

Known as "Prex" to his contemporaries—to distinguish him from his illustrious father, Boothe Colwell Davis ("Prexy") President of Alfred University from 1895 to 1933. B. Colwell Davis, Jr. is Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

Entering Alfred as a member of the class of 1920, Mr. Davis graduated with the class of 1921, having lost a year of college when he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in World War I. He fought for a year in France with the 6th Marine Regiment.

Upon graduation from Alfred he entered Yale Law School, but not finding a career in law to his liking he left Yale at the end of a year to enter business. After being associated for some time with an uncle in the new colored motion picture film business, he accepted a position as assistant to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and on the retirement of the Secretary three years ago was elected to his present position.

In June 1934 Mr. Davis was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Alfred University and has served continuously ever since.

Mr. Davis' wife is the former Miss Beatrice Streeter, A. U. 1920. They have two children, a son, Boothe Colwell Davis III, known as Terry, and a daughter, Pamela. Their home is in Plainfield, N. J.

## Mrs. Eslanda Robeson

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this research, her book "African Journey" was published last year.

During the Spanish Civil War, Mr. and Mrs. Robeson visited Spain as guests of the Loyalist Government, and in November, 1939, returned to America, where Mrs. Robeson continued her studies at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, earning her Ph. D. in anthropology in 1945.

### Active in Red Cross, Lecturing

Living in Enfield, Connecticut, Mrs. Robeson has been an active worker in the Red Cross Motor Corps and, as always, a militant partisan in the cause of the Negro. She has lectured widely on race relations and in late August of 1945 joined the staff of the council on African Affairs.

Eslanda Robeson is described as a woman of great vitality and warmth, "bubbling with ideas". She is accounted an excellent swimmer and at one time was a star basketball forward. When she has the time she enjoys bowling with her son and his friends in the recreation house of their large Colonial home, The Beeches, es.

Mrs. Robeson is engaged to appear here in place of the Negro author and lecturer Richard Wright, who is unable to be present for his scheduled performance.

### ATTENTION !!

All persons interested in the current production of the Footlight Club please contact Professor C. Duryea Smith III. This year's show will be "My Heart's In The Highlands" by William Saroyan. There is a job for all those interested—acting, staging, lighting, costuming, etc. Don't delay, get in touch with Prof. Smith in the very near future.

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