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"Budget Advisory Group" Hears Bleak Story;

Possible Tuition Rise, Possible Wage Freeze, Too Much Attrition and Debt.; L.A. In A Bind

by Robert C. Rothfeld

The Budget Advisory Group met in some confusion, not sure of what purpose the group would or could serve. By the end of the meeting, apprehension had probably become the dominant state of mind.

It was in Seidlin 114, on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. There were about forty persons present, all invited guests: a few students, some "supportive staff," some faculty, and a large handful of administrators. Ostensibly, they were all there to somehow relate to the University budget for fiscal year 1977-78.

The suspicions of many were con-

firmed
when Robert Heywood, vicepresident
for finance,

Analysis
&
Commentary

said, "a lot of [budget] decisions were pretty much

decided last spring and last summer." So this group had not been assembled for a detailed analysis of the budget. Why they were there became more and more obvious as the meeting wore

Dr. M. Richard Rose, Alfred University's President, made some opening remarks. We are approaching, he said, financial security. The budget for '77-'78 will end up in the black, if all goes as planned. The real problem is year '76-'77. The tough decisions, the ones that are bound to leave at least some persons unhappy, or angry, or disillusioned, are the ones revolving around the time between today and next June.

The preliminary prediction is that, without raising any salaries for any University personnel, the '76-'77 fiscal year will end up about \$200,000 in the red. The University's current cash reserves are about \$380,000.

"Our salaries, across the board," Rose stated, "are below average."

The University cannot raise salaries very much this year without a risk of incurring more debt. The University currently carries about \$12 million dollars of debt. "I am not about to entertain any more debt," Dr. Rose asserts.

Toughened admissions standards have accounted for a sharp decline in enrollment. "That accounts for the financial bind we are in now," Rose said. 80 per cent of Alfred's operating revenue comes from tuition.

A live ter in the meeting, Rose vised his statement. "The attrition rate is hurting us more than the admissions drop," he said. 602 full-time undergraduate students entered Alfred in 1972, as the class of '77. Including the part-time students, and the students who have transferred in, the class of '77 now numbers about 405.

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Republican Stout Presents Forum - Expresses Concern For Unregistered Voters

by The People's Campaign

Wells Stout, the Republican for this district, presented forum on the Republican ticket last week for the People's Campaign.

He started the forum with a short talk about his feelings towards politics, and plugging for the Republicans running from both this state and for the national election.

He introduced himself as a concerned businessman, an insurance broker from Wellsville who is a politician of sorts as well. He stated the need for people to register in a national party. By not registering Republican or Democrat, the voter gives away half of his vote, because it is in the primaries that the two candidates are selected. He also expressed concern for those people who aren't registered, or who, such as students, won't vote because they won't take the time to apply for an absentee ballot.

He then talked about the positions open in Alleghany County: Treasurer, Assemblyman, State Senator. In addition, he discussed Congressional Candidates, and of course, the Presidency.

After the introduction he fielded questions. He stated that we were probably already aware of the issues, but he answered questions about abortion, big business and big government.

We found the forum to be interesting. Mr. Stout is a concerned, active citizen, happy to help out for the party he believes in. It seems too bad that more people couldn't be as active.

Alfred To Host 47 Foreign Students

The little village of Alfred is temporary home to representatives from thirty-two countries, if you include Puerto Rico and Canada. With forty-seven foreign students at Alfred University and nine at the State University, that's a miniature United Nations. To welcome the, "WORLD FRIENDS". the area international club, is planning a dinner on Saturday, October 23d at 6 p.m. at the State University Lake Lodge. All interested in international friendship are cordially invited to attend. Miss Lynn Jansky, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at Alfred University, will be coordinator for the event. Miss Jansky has been a "helping hand" to many foreign students since her arrival in Alfred few years

The entertainment too will continued on page 8

Faculty Motion To Question Policy

At the University faculty meeting held last Thursday night, October 14, Dr. Gary Horowitz introduced a motion to hold a special University faculty meeting for the purpose of discussing University policy regarding the dismissal of faculty in the event of a financial crisis or emergency.

A faculty member who was present at the meeting informed the Fiat Lux that the motion was not a formal one but that Provost Odle took note of the strong recommendation, as he voiced agreement with it. The faculty spokesman also said that due to this motion and faculty sentiment in favor of it, the

decision to dismiss faculty in both language and music Programs is not irreversible.

Dr. Horowitz recommended that the meeting of all University faculty be held within one month of last Thursday's meeting. Provost Odle gave no indication of whether or not the meeting would be held.

Controversy over the University policy stems from a decision to eliminate five faculty positions in the language and music programs. These are Dr. Paul Kohler, Dr. Rosina Navarette-saunders, Mr. Dymtro Sich, of the language programs and Mr. James W. Chapman, and Mr. Steven B. Brown of the language program.

Asimov To Appear Tuesday

Isaac Asimov, the scientist and science fiction writer, will talk on "The Science Fiction Writer as Prophet" at Alfred University in the James A. McLane Center Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.

His appearance on the Alfred campus is part of the University's annual Performing Artists and Speakers Series. Tickets for the presentation will be available at the door.

Asimov is the author of some 160 books of science fiction, science, history, geography and literature. Among them: "Pebbles in the Sky," "Asimov's Guide to the Bible," "Asimov's Guide to Shakespeare," and "The Sensuous Dirty Old Man."

In addition to his career as a writer and lecturer, Asimov serves as associate professor of biochemistry at Boston University's School of Medicine.

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McCarthy's V.P. and G.O.P. Committee Exec. To Speak

by The People's Campaign

Eugene McCarthy's vice presidential running mate and the executive assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee will appear at Alfred University on separate dates later this month to discuss their parties' prospects in the November election.

Terrence Spencer, the former Purdue, Stanford and Notre Dame political science professor who is running with McCarthy on the Independent Party label, will speak Oct. 18 at 9 p.m. in Howell Hall.

Gary Engebretson, administrative assistant to Mary Louise-Smith, Republican Committee chairman, is scheduled to appear October 21 at 9 p.m., also in Howell Hall.

The area public is invited to attend both talks. Refreshments will be served.

Appearing with Engebretson will be John Snowden, brother and campaign manager of Richard Snowden of Olean, Republican candidate for the Congressional seat now held by Stanley Lundine, D-Jamestown. Richard Snowden is an Alfred University graduate.

The talks are under the sponsorship of an Alfred University student group, the People's Campaign. A spokesman described the organization as non-partisan and said its chief goals were to bring "the issues and candidates to the attention of area voters."

Faculty Wife Gives Birth To Baby Boy

Susan Howard, wife of Dr. Benjamin Howard, Associate Professor of English, gave birth to a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby boy at 1:00 p.m. last Thursday. Mrs. Howard is well and though we were not able to obtain her boy's name at press time, we welcome him to the Alfred community.

Fiat Changes Paper For Better Printing

This is the last Fiat Lux to be printed on "newsprint" paper. The quality of paper we have been printing on has not given us sufficient image reproduction through the photo-offset printing process and we are unable to obtain a better grade of paper functional on the printing press available to us

through the Sun Publishing company.

company.

The paper we will begin publishing on will produce better photographic reproduction, easier readability, and it will be easier to use in the printing process itself. The paper will be an off-white shade, similar to the color of newsprint.

Swine Flu Shots Oct. 27 In Howell; Details Here

The Swine Flu Immunization Clinic will be held for students, faculty, staff and their spouses at Alfred University on Wednesday, October 27. The clinic will be held in Howell Hall and will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and again from 1 p.m. to 4:30. We ask that recipients of the vaccine adhere to the following schedule as closely as possible. People whose last names begin with:

A-F come at 10: 30-12 1-3:00 p.m. M-r 3-4:30 p.m.

The clinic will be staffed by Health Center Personnel and volunteers from the community and the College of Nursing. Vaccinations will be administered by the "gun" technique which is effective, rapid and painless. Consent forms will be available at the clinic site, and must be

Faculty Artists To

Faculty artists in the Divi-

sion of Art and Design of the

New York State College of

Ceramics at Alfred Univer-

sity will lecture on their work

Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in

Harder Hall auditorium, on

the campus. The public is

invited to attend without

The first talk in the series

was held on Oct. 13 by Val M.

Cushing, professor of cera-

mic art. The remainder of

the semester's schedule is as

Oct. 20, Anthony Hepburn,

professor of pottery; Oct. 27,

Eric Hilton, assistant profes-

sor of glass design; Nov. 3,

Robert C. Turner, professor

Also, Nov. 10, William D.

of ceramic art.

Lecture At Harder Hall

signed before administration of the vaccine.

Some more commonly asked questions:

Q. Why should I get the Swine Flu Vaccine?

A. The Vaccine is the only proven means of protecting yourself from the dreaded Swine Flu. In 1957 and 1968, millions of Americans were sick with influenza in a period of a few months.

Q. How safe is the vaccine? A. The U.S. Public Health Service has exhaustively tested this vaccine and found it to be the safest and most effective vaccine ever produced. Side effects are rare and when they do appear, are usually mild.

Q. Can I get Swine Flu from the vaccine?

Q. Who should not be vaccinated?

A. Persons who are allergic to eggs (1 in 100,000) as well

Thomas Lacagnina, assis-

tant professor of design; and

Dec. 1, Daniel J. Davidson,

assistant professor of paint-

Dr. Douglas F. Johnson,

assistant professor of psych-

ology at Alfred University,

was a participant recently at

the annual meeting of The

American Psychological

Association, in Washington,

D.C. Johnson served as

chairman of a panel discus-

sion dealing with children's

acquisition of linguistic

Johnson

Participates

as those with a fever. Also, persons who have received any immunizations within the past 14 days should not be vaccinated.

Q. Will other flu vaccines protect me against Swine

A. No. However, high risk and elderly persons will receive a "bivalent" vaccine that will provide protection against Swine Flu and the A/ Victoria strain of flu prevalent in 1975 outbreaks. Q. Why shouldn't I wait until

flu outbreaks occur before I am vaccinated?

A. It takes at least two weeks after the vaccine has been received until protection is acquired. Any outbreak before that time will leave you susceptible. Also, this one day clinic will be the only one held on campus. The vaccine and its administration is provided free to all students, faculty, and staff.

Alfred University's School of Business and Administration will hold a special seminar on tax reform proposals Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon in Myers Hall, on the

The principal speakers will be Dr. James E. Wheeler, former chief accountant for the Joint Congressional Committee on Internal Revenue, and Ralph C. Ganswindt, a partner in Arthur Andersen and Co., Roches-

Dr. Ernest L. Enke, associate professor of business and administration at Alfred, is

ter, a firm of accountants.

Business School To Hold Special Seminar On Tax Reform

campus. The public is invited to attend without charge.

in charge of arrangements.



Progressive Music In Alfred

THIS WEEK: Wednesday, October 20, at 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday at 10 p.m. PRIME CUTS

Student Government Agenda For Oct. 21 Meeting

The following items are on the agenda of the organization meeting of the Two Branch government on Thursday Oct. 21st at 9:30.

1) Introductory Speeches by the executive branch. Major objectives will be stated.

2) Nominations for Treasurer, Secretary, and Publicity Director.

3) Addressing the Fraternity and Sorority Representation issue.

4) New Business (Items submitted as of 10/14/76). A. Voting on proposals 1 and

B. Financial Committee: i. Financial guidelines and standards resolution

ii. Finance committee establishment resolution

iii. Membership of the Committee resolution

C. Establishment of a Constitutional Committee. D. Financial Proposals:

i. Cross-country club ii. People's Campaign

E. Open floor for additional concerns. (Note: if possible a written resolution should be submitted to Jeff Lerman for the purpose of making copies for all persons present at this meeting.

The following resolutions have been submitted:

i. Financial guidelines and standards resolution:

The Financial Committee shall investigate and make recommendations to the Assembly regarding the monetary proposals that the Student Assembly has jurisdiction over.

MEMBERS: four (4) of the seven(7) members of the Financial Committee, the Financial Committee Chairperson, and the Student Assembly Treasurer shall make up a quorum.

In the case of a tie vote and the Financial Committee is unable to come to a decision, the issue is brought before the Assembly for a vote. The Financial Committee forfeits its authority of a deciding vote in such matters.

DUTIES: The Financial Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurer, shall only approve of funds allocated to the items budgeted for by the organization. Additional or new expenditures of the organization must come under a new monetary proposal.

The Financial Committee shall treat each organization equally by:

1. making all organizations fill out standard forms requesting pertinent information.

2. requesting an itemized budget from the organization.

3. holding a meeting with the organization's representative and the Financial Committee whereby the organization is given a chance to explain all items budgeted for and answer any questions of the Financial Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS: All groups in existence throughout the school year, receiving funding from the Student Assembly, shall publish in the Fiat Lux, in the third issue of each month, a

financial report; and a schedule of events must be submitted to the Fiat Lux, WALF, and This Week at Alfred for publication or the Financial Committee of the Student Assembly will be in power to declare the group ineligible for funding in the following semester and withdrawal of supporting funds from the group during that present semester, may occur with a vote of the Student Assembly.

All groups receiving funds from the Student Assembly shall make public by advertisement and include on all published literature the endorsement of the Student 4 Assembly (i.e., funded by the Student Assembly).

To obtain better accessibility of events for the student population of Alfred, Student Assembly requires that all groups that are Student Assembly funded have their meetings open and in university facilities.

The Student Assembly may not grant approval of monetary applications except in he academic year in which it is functioning. No student group may bind the hands of the Student Assembly in the next (or any future) academic year by committing it to a monetary allocation.

The waiver of Constitutional laws concerning allocation of Student Assembly funds exist for the Financial Committee to exercise. If the group in question can show concrete reasons for waiving such rules, the waiver shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the Financial Committee (i.e., Debate Team, 74-75.)

Financial Committee investigations of monetary proposals shall automatically disqualify any organization from receiving Student Assembly funds if that organization...

1. is sanctioned by the University in the form of academic credit.

2. has already had a monetary proposal defeated by the Financial Committee and/ or the Assembly during the semester.

3. does not look into the Financial Committee's recommendations of alternative funds and does not report back to the committee its findings.

4. is a non-charitable organization created for the purpose of making a profit on behalf of the members, producers, or promoters of that organization.

The Financial Committee shall make sure all charitable organizations, whether funded partially or wholly by the Student Assembly, submit to the Student Assembly Treasurer, all expenses and profits.

ii. The Finance Committee shall consist of 7 members: the treasurer, chairperson, and 5 members at large, of which 2 must be senators of a representative group, and 3 members are from the campus at large, or from the senatorial group.

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Budget Group Hears Of Hard Times And



Dr. Kohler continued from page 1

A faculty member suggested that some of the University's actions to date have been counter-productive. The music department has been severely reduced. The University will no longer offer French language studies. Won't the lack of such offerings add to the attrition rate, he wondered. Won't it be more difficult to attract top students without these courses? The faculty member surmised that if the University receives, on the average, \$4,000 in revenue per year from each student, and that if only four students per year decide not to come to Alfred because of the lack of a French department, after four years, the University would be losing \$64,000 per year in revenue, more than enough to pay for a French instructor.

The actions in music and language are final according to the President. Admissions standards will remain at their current level. No new debt will be undertaken. Only about \$10,000 of the Univerpaltry \$5 million



Dr. Navarette-Saunders

endowment can be converted into spendable cash. The University is committed to a \$400,000 Library expansion. Attrition levels remain intolerably high, and there is talk, once again, of raising tuition.

Yes, there are planning problems for the future. But the limits of the University's actions are being defined now during the "transition"

high, and there is talk, once again, of raising tuition.

A cynic might claim that the budget meeting was held so that blame for the inevitable, unpopular decisions can be spread beyond the few top members of the administration. An optimist might assert that the meeting was held to give a broader segment of the University direct input into the budget process. The public relations value of such a meeting is obvious. But as it is held after most decisions have already been made; since the participants have been given little factual data on which to base criticisms, evaluations and suggestions; and since assu-



Mr. Sich

rances of last spring that no academic areas would be completely phased out have been negated by the removal of French, thereby raising questions about other assurances concerning the future of academics at Alfred: the value of the budget meeting is not so obvious.

The next, and according to schedule, final meeting of the budget group, is to be held Wednesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. in room 114 Seidlin. The topics for discussion at that meeting that have been suggested by Dr. Rose at the end of the October 12 meeting, are: the degree of risk associated with raising salaries in the current fiscal year; the possibility of a new tuition rise; and ways of raising revenue and holding down spending. In all fairness, the administration is in a tough spot. And there can be no doubt that Dr. Rose would gladly welcome any new suggestion that would get Alfred out of its financial turm oil without sacrificing the academic integrity of the institution. But whether or not changes in basic policy strategies will evolve from these budget meetings is a question whose answer is mired in a history of late disclosures, murky premises, and too few publicly posted, well-placed warn-

Smoke Detector Sale To Benefit Fire Dept.

by Dick Sands

Crandall Hooks started a non-profit sale of smoke detectors during Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9. 1976) We have Honeywell detectors which are either plugged into a regular house outlet (total cost to you \$23.43) or wired into a house by the buyer (cost of detector \$21.63). Note that the detectors are not battery operated. These instruments normally retail for nearly \$50.00 each.

While the fire department cannot assume responsibility for possible failure of the detectors, we are undertaking this project because we feel that these detectors should offer members of the community a degree of protection and might well prevent a real tragedy.

The fire department has already purchased six of these smoke detectors for demonstration. Arrangements to see them can be made by calling 871-2201. If you like our price and want to buy without a demonstration, call the number or write to the A.E. Crandall Hook and Ladder Company, Alfred, New York 14802.

Our supplier says he has about two gross of these detectors on hand. Delivery should be almost immediate. If we can't sell at least a gross, the unit price will have to be \$3.00 more than the above quoted prices.

You might even consider these smoke detectors or alarms to be valuable Christmas presents for friends or relatives.

On Nov. 8 and 9 Harman-Kardon International will conduct an audio clinic at the Alfred State College, Student Activity Building. At the clinic you will be able to bring your amp or receiver for 2 purposes. (1) To determine square wave pattern which in turn determines how musical your receiver is. (2) Should your receiver be malfunctioning. the technicians will tell you what's wrong with it. This service is free. They will also hold a clinic to point out to you how to select a speaker. Harman-Kardon International's subsidiary James B. Lansing Sound will be here in full force to demonstrate how their speakers are made and show you what to look for in speakers components. Please reserve these 2 days. If you plan to bring your receiver in to the clinic, please write me. First come first served. I will set up appointments.

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Enke Completes Examination In Management Accounting

Dr. Ernest L. Enke, associate professor of business and administration at Alfred University, has successfully completed the examination for the certificate in management accounting awarded by the Institute of Management Accounting, an arm of the National Association of Ac-

L.A. Faculty Minutes

114 Seidlin-Friday, October 22, 1976--4:00 p.m.

I. Minutes of the September 8 meeting (previously circu-

II. Announcements

Result of election to Grievance Committee (Ohara) Requests for leaves for 1977-78 are now due. Other announcements.

III. Committee Reports (motions to be included under new basiness)

IV. Old Business

V. New Business: (1) Motion from the Curriculum Committee to increase the number of credit hours required for graduation from 120 to 124, effective September 1977. (2) Other new business.

According to Enke, management accountants have responsibility for developing and analyzing fiscal data that bear on a company's business decisions. Certified public accountants, of which Enke is one, are outside experts who provide an advisory service to companies or institutions on their yearly financial statements.

Enke holds a doctorate in accounting from the University of Illinois and master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Nebraska.

A faculty member at Alfred University for the past three years, he previously taught accounting at the Universities of Illinois, Missouri and

He is a contributor of articles to professional journals in his field.

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Why Cutbacks?

In the closing of his "President's Address" in the September issue of The Alfred Reporter, Dr. M. Richard Rose wishes students "a successful and satisfying year." How can it be truly successful or in any way satisfying when languages and music, two essential components of a sufficient liberal arts education are being mamed mercilessly by the elimination of most of their faculty?

Alfred University's liberal arts college is seeking students with higher academic abilities and at the same time reducing the quality of education it has to offer. Who are we kidding? As Dr. Rose points out, our biggest problem is not reduced enrollment but increased attrition. How can this University expect to attract students who can truly contribute to the academic climate of this community when its liberal arts offerings are less than sufficient, thereby causing many students who are interested in a well-rounded liberal arts education to leave?

The following is a direct quote from President Rose taken from last June's edition of The Alfred Reporter:

'I want to say that I do not consider the balance sheet at the end of the year to be a measure of our success of failure as an institution. Academic success turns on other issues: the quality of the education we provide, and how this education affects the lives of our students.' "At the same time we cannot ignore the debilitating effect on the

institution of repeated deficits.' Since, by the University's own figures the '77-'78 budget will be in the black; and since the University is more than likely to lose revenue (through deceased enrollment) by the reductions in both the music and language programs: Why have these cutbacks been made?

On The Agenda...

The above is somewhat alarming in itself, but what is even more alarming is the fact that no one seems to care.

This refers not only to the student body, but to the faculty as well-they have demonstrated a distinct lack of cohesiveness, and it seems as though no outcry from any one individual is heard until that individual, or his/her particular department, is next in line for the chopping block.

The students and faculty are not the only ones suffering. President Rose has said that "the attrition rate is hurting [the university] more than the drop in admissions." It appears that by raising admissions standards, Alfred has attracted to stay (providing, among other things, needed revenue) when the music and language departments are decimated? The opportunity for a good liberal arts education is in peril-and something must be done. Everyone's future is jeopardized.

Student government is the supposed voice of the entire student body, including the liberal arts students. Student rights are important, but so is the welfare of the liberal arts college-to all persons at the University--and it should be a major concern of the student government. Therefore, we strongly suggest that the future of the liberal arts college should be included in the agenda of the first session of the Alfred University student government.

. Environment

"You said, Mr. President...that "This is a battle which involves all of us. Working together, I know we can conserve and restore the quality of our total environment.'

"We're ready to work with you, Mr. President. Isn't it time we really

(From a letter to President Nixon, from the National Wildlife Federation.











To the Editor:

Whom, then, do I call educated? First, those who manage well the circumstances which they encounter day by day and who possess judgment which is accurate in meeting occasions as they arise--next, those who are decent and honorable in their intercourse with men, bearing easily and good-naturedly what is unpleasant or From Harvard Magazine, offensive in others and being themselves as agreeable and reasonable to all their associates as is humanly possible, encourages letters to the to be furthermore those who editor. Students may submit hold their pleasures always letters at the Campus Center under control and are not desk or mail them to our post unduly overcome by their office box.

misfortunes, bearing up under them bravely and in a manner worthy of our common nature. Finally, and most important of all, those who are not spoiled by their successes and who do not desert their true selves but hold their ground steadfastly as wise and soberminded men, rejoicing no more in the good things which have come to them through chance than in those which, through their own nature and intelligence, are theirs since birth. Those who have a character that is in accord, not with one of these things but with all of them, these, I maintain, are educated and whole men, possessed of all the virtues of

Jarvis Farley Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Nov. 1974.

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Last year thousands of people died of cancer who didn't have to die of cancer.

They died because they didn't know that there are seven things you can do to help protect yourself from cancer.

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If you're a woman make sure it includes a simple, easy Pap test.

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Ask your dentist to check your mouth when he checks vour teeth.

6 When you're out in the sun cover up and use screening lotion.

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These seven safeguards are saving lives every day. They're easy to follow. The next life they save could be your own.

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by Phil Frank



INTO HOARDING PENNIES."

Notes From Tibet

"HANK THE YANK"

by Ch. Shon-a-sokan

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was interviewed by Howard Cosell during the third game of the American League playoffs, in which the New York Yankees were squared off against the Kansas City Royals.

"Who's going to win the game tonight, Mr. Secretary," drooled Cosell.

"Vell, I hope de Yankees. I haf been a Yankee fan all my life," replied the Secretary. Of course, as a young boy growing up in Germany, this leaning towards the Yankees may not have seemed as ordinary as it would have been for a boy growing up in the Bronx.

I can imagine, for instance, the scene that might have taken place between Henry and his mother as Henry arrives home from school.

He is wearing shorts, with suspenders, a little polo shirt, knee socks, hiking boots and glasses with thick black frames. He skips through the door into his mother's waiting arms.

"Ach," says Mrs. K., giving Henry a big hug,"und how iss my little boy? How vus school today?"

"Ace usual," little Henry sighs. "I am alvace shuttling back and forth between my desk, und my teachuss desk."

"But why, my dear childenstaat?"

"I am attempting to reach a detente between my interests und my teachuss interest."

"About what?"

"Lonk division. I am trying to convince her to de-escalate before we reach fractions." Henry's mother is used to

Henry's mother is used to this and is at first amused. "Und vat duss de teachuh say?" she asks with a little

"She says no agreements can be reached until I

withdraw my baseball mit, bat und ball from de top of my desk."

"Oy," says Mrs. K., the smile dropping from her face, "you und your baseball. Vy can't you be like all de uddah boys und play de accordian?"

"Please," Henry answers,
"ziss area iss not open to

negotiation."

Mrs. K. shakes her head in frustration and starts ushering Henry over to the kitchen table. "Here, little stubbornkopf, have some shtrudel."

"Nein, momma. I don't haf time. Little Ziggy has agreed to pitch balls to me so I can practice batting."



"Vy do you waste your time like ziss? You should be studying."

"Someday, momma, you vill see. Vot I am practicing today vill be a big help to me in da future."

"Und vot iss it dot you practice?"

"De squeeze play."

"Sometimes I chust don't understand you. But tell me one thing. Vy do you haf to root for de Yankees? It sounds so, well, American. Why don't you root for de Vite Shtockings or de Braves?"

"Well, I chust couldn't root for de Senators. Und I am definitely against de Reds."
"So vy not de Giants or de

"So, vy not de Giants or de Dodgers? Do you haf to root for de Yankees?"

"Root for dem. Someday, momma, I'm gonna play for dem"

"Centralize Vend Refunds"

by Melody Campbell

In the investigation involved with my previous report on vending machine refunds, I inevitably stumbled onto another foul-up in the everyday workings of the System; namely, the unnecessary complexity of the methods of obtaining vending machine refunds from classroom-building machines. The entire system now maintained to refund/ report-damages-tomachines seems tangled. Not only is it frustrating to the point of acquiescence to attempt to remember who to go to in each classroom building; but the system is equally as frustrating, if not more so, for the men who supply/ maintain the machines. In talking with Ed Hedlund from United Vendomatic, I learned that his maintenance men spend the majority of their time not in doing actual repair work or reimbursing for refunds, but in tracking down the Head Residents or the individual

people in classroom buildings with whom they need to deal on these matters. "We want happy customers," said Mr. Hedlund, but the present disorganization makes their attempts towards satisfaction and efficient maintenance discouraging, if not futile.

I propose the establishment of one individual (perhaps the receptionist in Carnegie Hall, as suggested to me by Mr. Hedlund) to whom the Head Residents would report damages/ malfunctions and from whom they--and individual students who are "ripped off" by machines in classroom buildings--would receive reimbursement or refunds. This is one area of the System at Alfred University which could be improved through a minor revision in job responsibilities, thus making the entire vending machine situation run more smoothly and beneficially for all concerned.

GARBAGE IN SPACE

by Crystal Palmer

Space can be thought of as part of our environment, since we have begun to interact with it. Already the contact has had effects in nearby space. According to an Air Force count made on August 8, 1976, there are some 3.097 pieces of humanmade debris, ranging from rocket stages to nuts and bolts, orbiting the Earth. Another 46 pieces of Earth debris were in orbit around the sun. (These numbers vary from day to day, as old debris is destroyed and new objects are left in space.)

It would be too severe to say that we are using nearby space as a dump; expense alone has required that every kilogram of mass we launch serve some purpose. Technological considerations have made necessary the use of non-reusable rockets in all space launches to date. However, the people involved have worked to maximize the usefulness of disposable rocket parts, even in the act of throwing them away. The S4B Saturn stages from the last five Apollo moon missions were crashed on the moon, and the effects recorded by the seismometers left there on previous voyages. The unusual shock-wave patterns produced by the impacts gave Earth's scientists surprising new information about the moon's interior composition and struc-

Litter from the Heavens

Some of the debris in space stems from accidents and malfunctions, just as Earth's oceans contain the hulks of foundered ships. The wooden ships of earlier centuries were biodegradeable; space debris in orbit is also degradeable--not biologically, but thermally. Unless it has been carefully placed in a very stable orbit, an object orbiting the Earth will gradually lose altitude until it enters the atmosphere and burns up. The Air Force lists 4,132 debris objects as having disappeared in this manner. Objects orbiting the sun are also headed for a fiery end.

In rare instances a piece of space debris does not burn up completely, but survives to crash or splash on the Earth's surface. Unfortunately, one such survivor was the very object we might not wish to fall onto our planet; an 8.36 pound package of highly radioactive plutonium-238. That plutonium went into space in the lunar module of the ill-fated Apollo 13, intended to provide power for some scientific experiments. The Apollo 13 astronauts had to use their lunar module, Aquarius, as a lifeboat on their return to Earth, abandoning it just outside the atmosphere. Aquarius burned up; the Pu-238, sealed in a thickwalled graphite container, apparently did not. Space scientists believe that it fell into the Pacific Ocean, but no one knows for sure.



The Apollo 13 accident is, so far, the only in-space mishap which has brought such a hazardous piece of debris back home to earth. It may not, however, be the last if the United States Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) follows through with some of its plans for radioactive waste disposal.

The National Auronautics and Space Administration (NASA) made the early feasibility studies of outer space disposal of radioactive wastes; the concept is now being explored in more detail by ERDA. ERDA is consi-

dering several different extraterrestrial destinations for the wastes, including high earth orbit, solar orbit, impact with the sun, and complete escape from the solar system. Three of these alternatives are considered feasible, pending the completion of the space shuttle and the development of more reliable containers for the wastes. Disposal by solar impact would require much further advances in rocket technology, since the necessary velocities are beyond the power of current rockets.

ERDA is aware of the dangers of aborted flights, and the subsequent re-entry of radioactive material into the Earth's atmosphere. So they have begun to design re-entry heat shields and multi-layer containers to prevent the escape of radioactive wastes in event of an aborted mission. There are also plans to develop new location and retrieval methods for the recovery of lost radioactive materials. Because of the need for these new technologies, the possibility of using space for radioactive waste disposal lies, according to ERDA projections, at least 15 years in the future.

In the meantime, NASA's reusable space shuttle is scheduled for its first test flight in 1977 and an initial manned flight in 1979. The shuttle, if it fulfills expectations, would reduce the average amount of debris per launch. It would alwo make possible an increase in the number of such launches.

"The natural condition of the upper atmosphere changes daily," says space scientist Gunter Paul in his book, The Satellite Spinoff. He notes, "So far, it is not clear how these changes affect the balance of nature. Let us consider only the upper atmosphere: every launching of a space rocket, every launching of an intercontinental ballistic missile changes the electrical properties of the atmosphere ... So far, such effects have not done any noticeable damage. They are, however, deserving of study.

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Film View

"Seven Beauties" Beyond Acceptable

by Dr. Paul Kohler

Sitting through the stunning and macabre experience of watching the deadhouse comedy "Seven Beauties," one asks oneself what the meaning of art is. To let one's imagination run wild Neapolitan fashion by making fun of the serious and contorting historic facts into a willful perspective that brings out in man the most basic if not basest tendencies is one thing, but to do away with man's reasoning powers through a calculated arrangement of impossible picture-sequences that literally rape you by unrelenting emotional shocks relieved by funny effects, is quite another. The Spanish picaresque novel has developed this "art" for the sake of titillating the fatigued palate of a decadent literary age, and little harm was done thereby when it was meant to be critique of society. Wertmueller's "Seven Beauties" tells us something similar by showing that rape and murder are not the privilege of Nazi concentration camps, that survival at all cost is the unwritten law of society and that the Allied victory was in sum the restoration of the law of the jungle from the most efficient Nazi death organization to the littlest man in the street. Believe it who may, the overall reaction of the spectator being hardly rational anyhow in this shower of extreme contrasts that make death appear like a joke and the funny lugubrious. The psy-

chological result is somewhat similar to "Jaws" in which the sensational and terrifying element is constantly played up beyond human control with its annihilating after effects. The difference between the two movies is that "Seven Beauties" goes far beyond the acceptable by representing characterlessness as superior to moral decision-making and above all by thematic contradictions and by falsifying historical facts concerning the Nazi camps. Perhaps the worst of all is its use of the death of millions of people for comic entertainment and the underlined meaninglessness of surviving this holocaust. I strongly encourage those who want to come to grips with this farce to read Bruno Bettelheim's analysis of the film in the New Yorker from Aug. 2, 1976, p. 31. Bettelheim, as an ex-inmate of such a camp, takes a different view from that of the new generation elite who praised the film as "philosophical" and "vital". Quite on the contrary, his critique shows the fallacity of judgement built on artistic shock treatment and that "to live by the body's crude claims, beyond the compulsion of culture" is not the lesson to be learnt in concentration camps but was altogether the leitmotiv of Nazism which we have attempted to overcome. Not so, it seems, in the Italian mind. But is Naples and the Mafia all there is in Italy?

On The Record

New Arlo: A Little Repetitive But Good

by Bruce Frank

Being a firm believer in the idea that it takes time to create a record from the planning stages to the final mixing and editing, I was quite amazed to find out how long it took Arlo Guthrie to record his new album Amigo. Guthrie walked into Warner Bros. studios on June 24, and walked out with the finished product on June 29.

There are six good cuts on this album, the best three being: "Darkest Hour", "Massachusetts" and "Ocean Crossing." "Darkest Hour" is a pretty melody, which combines good lyrics with beautiful background music, specifically Jai winding on piano and Arlo on harp and accoustic guitar. "Massachusetts" is my favorite cut, because the lyrics are sweet and Arlo sings with feeling and emotion. The song is essentially a ballad, the kind that Guthrie does so well. It really is beautifully put together. "Ocean Crossing" is just a very beautiful song which is also the best song on the album musically. The strings, piano, pedal steel guitar and Arlo's vocals, all come together to form a mellow sound that's rhythmically excellent and very tight.

The rest of the album is similarly good and if there's any one thing wrong, it's that Guthrie didn't take enough time for this album. The rhythm and melodies are slightly repetetive, even if they are pretty, and the album could have been a masterpiece, had the musicians been more familiar with each other. The album is unquestionably good, however, and is definitely the type of music that, the more you listen to it, the better you

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by Deirdre Daly

If you own even one plant, it's inevitable that sooner or later you're going to have to consider soil. It's impractical to go out and dig your own today, when pre-packaged soil is so inexpensive. The soil formula you use is crucial to the health of your plant. The roots need soil for protection, moisture, and nutrients, and unfortunately no potting soil can supply the correct conditions without some doctoring.

Some basic ingredients for adapting standard potting soil are: cactus sand, charcoal, sphagnum moss, and vermiculite (all are available in sterile packages where you buy soil).

Plants that require high moisture levels will want some sphagnum moss contained in the potting mixture. The moss will soak up water like tiny sponges, to keep the soil moist, yet still allow air to circulate (very impor-

Charcoal will help keep the soil clean and pure. It absorbs the impurities in the water which the roots don't really need.

Vermiculite is a must for all plants. It keeps the soil from clumping together, which is important because the roots need air almost as much as they need water. It also aids drainage of excess water.

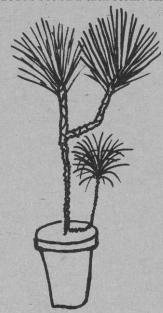
Cactus and most succulents don't like to have their roots very wet. It's important to let the water drain out quickly and completely after watering a succulent, so sand helps here. It allows the

water to drain through the soil and out the pot, while the soil retains what's needed for the roots.

Each of the above ingredients should be mixed one part to four parts soil. Adding vermiculite should be a habit for all plants except for succulents.

If you find yourself with a bag of soil that's been used before it might be a good idea to sterilize it before potting a new plant in it. To do this, spread the soil out on a cookie sheet and bake it in an oven at 325 degrees for two hours. That should kill most of the things you don't want your plant exposed to.

Dracena Marginata is an eerie looking plant. It has long, thin, red-edged leaves that are set on a thin stem. As



Dracena Marginata

the plant matures the lower leaves drop, and often the stem will bend and grow into a strange almost bonsai-looking shape. It grows relatively slowly, requires low light, and moist soil. Its sensitive leaves don't like to be touched very much, so you might want to place it where it won't get bumped into.

Next week, the hows and whys of repotting plants, and bottle gardens.

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We're looking for "The Great Pumpkin." A pumpkin contest. Categories are carved and uncarved. First and second prize will be given to both categories. The pumpkins will be judged on October 28. Details can be obtained at the Campus Center Desk.

Add to the interview schedule the following interview: U.S. Navy-October 21 and 22 in Bartlett Hall, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-law students will have

the opportunity to meet a faculty member of the University of Akron Law School who is also a recent Alfred alumnus, Robert Croyle '72, on Friday, October 29th.

Croyle will be available to speak directly about Akron's law school or about law schools in general. This is a good opportunity to obtain first hand information about law as a profession and about law schools.

Appointments can be made at the Career Planning Office in Bartlett Hall or by calling 2164.

Student initiated Allenterm projects are to be submitted to the Allenterm Coordinating committee by November 1. Registration for Allenterm will take place sometime

between November 1 and 22.

Rosamunde would like to thank all the people who have shown interest in planning for the Underwater Breathers' Club's annual Halloween picnic. Liza Lou has offered to bring her portable pingpong set, but needs transportation...and several people have volunteered to pop corn. It's shaping up to be the best ever, so keep watching for further news. Also, anyone bringing guests, please notify Shirley B.

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10:00 a.m. Rummage sale at the Cuba Methodist Church. Thurs 21

10:00-? Yard sale. Clothes, windows, skis, boots etc. 391 Fairview Avenue, Hornell.

Fri 22

9:00-9:00 2nd Annual Country Cross Roads Bazaar. Wheel and Deal shop, Farmers Market, Sweet and Sour shop, Plant and Candle shop, and more. U.M.W., South Dansville.

11:00-? Garage Sale. Household items. 23 West Genesee St. Hoonell.
Sat 23

11:00 a.m. Auction; antiques and household items. 170 Madison Avenue Hornell.

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Sun 24

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iii. The following people shall exist as members of the Finance Committee: Chairman Jeff Gonzales, Daryl Murry, Bill Pulos, Tom Kelly for the following reasons:

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2. A nucleus of experienced personnel to start the financing process and teach new personnel budgeting practices.

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Warriors Pull Two Upsets Soccer Beats Eisenhower

by Gary Esterow

Locally...The Saxons have pulled off two big upsets in the last two weeks against their opponents. On October 2nd, they tied Ithaca 3-3, and last Saturday, in the rain at Canton, defeated highly favored St. Lawrence, 3-2. In each game the Saxons were the underdogs by at least 2 or 3 touchdowns.

Jon Ewanich recovered a St. Lawrence fumble, and Mark Edstrom kicked a 42-vard field goal.

St. Lawrence's only score came when Alfred quarterback Kevin Pezze was sacked in his own end zone for a safety.

Alfred won the game without the benefit of a first down as it ran its record to 2-0 -2. St. Lawrence came into the game undefeated and 8th ranked on the NCAA Division III national ratings. In 3 of the Saxons' 4 games, the team has only scored a total of 6 points.

The punting of Jay Ewanich continues to stand out in the Alfred games. In the St. Lawrence game he had 3 kicks of 53 yards apiece and is averaging 39.9 yards per kick on the season.

The Women's Volleyball team suffered its first defeat of the season against Keuka. The team lost the first game of the set, 16-14, but came back to take the next two games, both by the score of 15-13. Keuka then took over and won by scores of 15-5 and 15-9. Next home game is October 18 against Mansfield. Game time is at 7:00 p.m.

The soccer team recorded its first victory of the season with a 4-0 victory over Eisenhower. The team will have a chance to keep their winning streak going during Homecoming Weekend, when they face both St. Lawrence and Hobart at

Professionally Speaking ... In the American League Playoff opener, Catfish Hunter pitched a 5 hitter, as the New York Yankees defeated the Kansas City Royals 4-1. The Royals came back to beat the Yanks 7-3, in the 2nd game. That series moves back to New York for the final 3 games.

In the National League Playoffs, the world champion Cinncinnati Reds head back to Riverfront Stadium with a two-game lead over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Japanese slugger Sadaharu Oh surpasses Babe Ruth's career home run total when he blasted his 48th homer of the season. It was his 715th career home run.

The defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers will have a tough time earning a return trip to the championship game. The Steelers are in the cellar of the A.F.C. Central Division with a 1-4 record. To make matters worse, Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw was hospitalized with back and neck injuries. He will be out of action for at least two weeks.

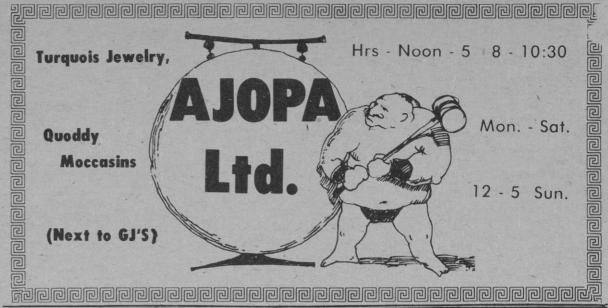
The Seattle Supersonics said they will make an offer for 6' 9" forward Sidney Wicks, who had been returned to the Portland Trail Blazers by the New Orleans Jazz, after the Jazz were unable to sign him.

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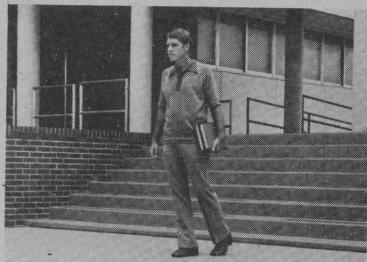
continued from page 1 have an international flavor. Dr. and Mrs. David Ohara who originally come from Hawaii, will entertain the group with Hawaiian dances. Dr. Ohara is professor of English and Chairman of the Division of Humanities at Alfred University.

Mr. Jon Jay De Temple, Vice President for administration at the State University, will be the guest speaker. Mr. De Temple is originally from Sydney, New York, is a graduate of Cornell and Syracuse Universities. He and his wife, Karen, have seven year old twin boys.

Miss Christobel Akman from Turkey will be the M.G. Miss Akman is the daughter of Dr. P.C. Akman, of Wellsville, and she is a Ceramic Engineering major. International students plan to prepare dishes typical of their country, but guests are also asked to take a dish to pass, if possible. Mrs. Merrill Rice of Waterwells Road, Alfred, is the food coordinator, and she requests that those planning to attend notify her by the 21st October.



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