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STUDENT BOX HOLDER

Jr., Sr. Engineers Visit Ceramic Plants On Inspection Trip

Thirty-Two Ceramists, Glass Tech Men Participate In Yearly Event

The junior and senior students in the Ceramic College returned last Saturday afternoon from the Plant Inspection Trip, with which they were occupied all of last week. A total of 21 plants were visited, and the trip extended to most of the large cities and many smaller ones in western and central New York were included in the trip.

The complete schedule for the week is as follows:

The 1943 plant inspection trip consists of the following:

Monday, October 25th—7:00 A. M., leave Alfred; 9:00 A. M., Corning Glass Co., Corning; 10:45 A. M., Thatcher Glass Co., Elmira; 3:00 P. M., Onondaga Pottery, Court St. Plant, Syracuse—Yates Hotel, Syracuse.

Tuesday, October 26th—9:00 A. M., Onondaga Pottery, Fayette St. Plant (show-room only); 10:00 A. M., Pass & Seymour Co., Solvay; 2:30 P. M., Lisk Mfg. Co., Canadawaga; 4:00 P. M., Victor Insulator Co., Victor—Powers Hotel, Rochester.

Wednesday, October 27th—9:00 A. M., Pfaunder Co., Rochester; 10:00 A. M., Ceram-Ted Products Co., Akron; 1:00 P. M., Louisville Cement Co., Akron; 3:30 P. M., Wickwire-Spencer Steel, Tonawanda—Niagara Falls or Ford Hotel, Buffalo.

Thursday, October 28th—10:45 A. M., Exolon Company, Tonawanda; 1:30 P. M., National Grinding Wheel Co., Tonawanda; 3:00 P. M., Tonawanda Iron Company, Tonawanda—Ford Hotel, Buffalo.

Friday, October 29th—9:00 A. M., Buffalo Pottery, Buffalo; 11:00 A. M., Kelley Island Lime, Buffalo; 1:30 P. M., Acme Shale Brick Co., Buffalo; 3:00 P. M., J. H. Black Brick Co., Buffalo; 4:00 P. M., Buffalo Brick Co., Buffalo—Olean House, Olean.

Saturday, October 30th—9:00 A. M., Olean Glass Co., Olean; 10:30 A. M., Olean Tile Co., Olean.

32 students in the Ceramic Engineering and Glass Technology courses participated. The trip was supervised by Professors Campbell and Merritt.

Navy Cadet Program Brought To Close

This fall sees the termination of the successful Navy Cadet Program operated by the Ag-Tech Institute. W. B. Harrison was coordinator for the program which was conducted through the facilities of the Dansville Airport and the Physical Culture Hotel located at Dansville.

Starting in October 1940 as an extra-curricular activity on the Alfred campus with 10 enrolled, it was expanded and transferred to Dansville. At one time during peak registration there were 120 cadets being trained.

Over 300 flyers received their primary training in this program. As indicated in the Navy reports, it had a top rating both scholastically and in its flight operations.

Case, Leban, Fisher To Fill Indie Offices

Douglas Case '47, Cynthia Leban '46, and Sydelle Fisher '46, and Prof. C.W. Ringo were elected as vice-president, secretary-treasurer, social chairman and faculty advisor respectively at a meeting of the Independents October 23 at Social Hall announced Francine Robbins '45, president.

Plans for a Sunday afternoon open-house social were discussed. It was decided to have meetings the first and third Monday evenings of every month at 7:30 in Social Hall.

Senate Meeting Thursday

There will be a meeting of the Student Senate Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Physics Hall, stated Robert Meyer '44, president.

Former Instructor



Ensign Roland Warren

Dr. Warren Returns, On Naval Leave

Ensign Roland L. Warren, formerly Dr. Warren, professor of sociology and philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts, arrived in Alfred, Saturday afternoon, to spend a ten-day furlough.

Since he entered the service last May 1, Ensign Warren has been stationed at the Naval Training School at Harvard. He has been specializing in Naval Communication, and hopes to become a Signal Officer.

One notable event which occurred during his term at Harvard was the birth of a son at Chelsea Naval Hospital on July 28.

May Take Over Old Classes

"I'm mighty glad to be back and see all of my old acquaintances among the faculty, students, and townspeople," Ensign Warren stated. "I like the Navy very much, but I am looking forward to returning to Alfred when the war is over." During the week he plans to spend much of his time on the campus, and he will probably take over a few of his old classes.

As an answer to students who think that they have too heavy schedules, Ensign Warren noted that while at Naval Training School he was taking the equivalent of 42 semester hours per week.

To Address ACF Forum

It is highly probable that when his furlough expires, he will be assigned to active sea duty. Mrs. Warren and the children plan to remain here.

Ensign Warren will address the ACF Forum next Sunday. He will probably talk on his experiences of the last six months, and about the war and the peace to follow.

Coleman Appointed To Aviation Training Center

Lawrence E. Coleman ex-'44 was recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and was transferred to the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training.

Prior to entering the Naval service, he attended Alfred University as a Ceramic Engineer. He was a member of Klan Alpine fraternity.

Upon completion of the intensive course at the "Annapolis of the Air" Cadet Coleman will receive his Navy "Wings of Gold" with the designation of Naval Aviator, and will be commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Glee Club To Organize

An organization meeting of the Women's Glee Club will be held tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Music Studio of the Greene Block.

Artist Presents Music Program At AU Assembly

Earle Spicer, baritone, will present the second student assembly of the year tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Mr. Spicer is noted for his singing of traditional English and American ballads. In addition to his singing, he describes and gives humorous interpretations of his songs.

His program tonight includes three groups: Traditional English Ballads, Shakespeare and Gilbert and Sullivan, and Traditional American Ballads.

"The Cornish Dance" arr. by Ross, "Lord Randal" arr. by Scott, "The Bashful Lover" arr. by Johnston, "Barbara Allen" arr. by Quilter, and "Up from Zemeset" arr. by Sanderson will make up the first group.

Shakespeare and Gilbert and Sullivan selections include: "It was a Lover and his Lass" by Morley, "No More Dams I'll Make for Fish" by Smith, "Tit Willow" from the "Mikado", and "When I was a Lad" from H.M.S. Pinafore.

"The Little Mawhee 'Croline'" arr. by Bartholomew, "The Warranty Deed 'Vermont'" arr. by Hughes, "The Erie Canal 'New York'" arr. by Bacon, "The Tune the Old Cow Died On", arr. by Norfleet, and "The Arkansas Traveler" arr. by Freeland composes the last group.

Assembly Program Committee Formed

The Assembly Program Committee has recently been reorganized and is comprised of the following people: Dean M. E. Drake, chairman, Dr. S. R. Scholes, Chaplain W. H. Genné, Eileen Hannell '44, Dorothy Robbins '44, Gloria Burchell '45, Paul Cook '45, Richard Betts '46, and Dorothy Burdick '46.

This committee is a joint faculty-student committee responsible for planning assembly programs and the selection of guest artists and speakers. It is composed of nine members, three of whom are faculty members appointed by the President upon the nomination of their class presidents. Each class has two representatives.

This committee will be glad to receive suggestions at any time in reference to assembly programs.

Evelyn Grossman Wins Table Tennis Tourney

Evelyn Grossman '45 is the table tennis champion for the month of October, defeating Leah Raptis '46 by the scores 21-16 and 21-13 last Tuesday evening.

In the semi-finals Miss Grossman defeated Jewel Karpel '47 by 21-17 and 21-13. Miss Raptis won her way into this round by eliminating Eunice Adams '46, 21-11 and 21-18.

The tournament opened with Jewel Karpel defeating Janice Fulmer '47. In the second match Evelyn Grossman downed Gladys Imke '46.

In the two final preliminary matches: Eunice Adams and Leah Raptis eliminated Beverly Large '47 and Sylvia March '46, respectively.

Four-Inch Snowfall Recorded

Dr. Paul C. Saunders, local weather observer, announced that the fall of snow last Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. was four inches.

This was the largest single snowstorm for the month of October since 1917, when the snowfall was eight inches on October 24.

One Hundred Forty ASTP Men Moved As Semester Ends

Seventeen Year Old A-12 Reservists Will Begin Basic Work This Week

Approximately one hundred and forty ASTP trainees were moved from Alfred University last night after having successfully completed their first term's work in general engineering. These men will report to other ASTP units where they will commence their second term.

Trophies To Be Awarded

Faculty scholarship trophies will be awarded at assembly tonight to the group having the highest scholastic index for the spring semester of the last college year.

Sixteen Students Elected To Staffs

Eight students were elected to the editorial staff of the Fiat and eight to the business staff at the meetings of the editorial and business boards last Tuesday night.

Those elected to the editorial staff were: Gordon Swanson '45, David Powell '47, Corinne Herrick '47, Julianne Sanford '47, Renee Suchora '47, Shirley Lane '47, Esther Burdick '45, Emma Burdick '45.

The new members of the business staff are: Jean Moore '46, Edith Foster '47, Margaret Sutton '45, Ada Egbert '46, Gladys Heebner '46, Dorrit Last '46, Carolyn Torrey '46, and Martha Miner '46.

Students who tried out for the staff and were not elected as members have been given a two weeks additional trial period.

There will be no staff meeting tonight.

All assignments will be sent out by mail.

Upperclass Girls Top Frosh In Ball League

At the end of the first week of competition, the Seniors and Juniors top the league in girls' volleyball with two wins and no losses apiece.

In the first game of the season last Monday at South Hall the Juniors downed the Freshmen by a score of 41-29, while the Seniors came through for a 49-25 victory over the Sophomores.

Last Thursday Midge Muenzenmaier led the Juniors to a 42-27 triumph over the Sophs. Maria Becerra was outstanding for the losers.

The Seniors followed up for their second win, dropping the Frosh 54-24. Don Chapin set the pace for the winners while Isabelle Hughes helped keep the Frosh in the running.

Alfred Alumnus Dies In Atlanta Hospital

Sergeant Joseph E. Clavelle '28, Klan Alpine Fraternity, died of Hodgkins disease last Thursday at the Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. A delegation of Klan Alpine Alumni attended the funeral services.

While at Alfred Clavelle was manager of the cross country and track teams. He was business manager of the Fiat and asst. business manager of the Kanakadea. He was also an assistant campus administrator.

Twelve other cadets were dismissed last week for inability to cope with the academic requirements. The remainder of the unit stationed here were furloughed starting Friday and will report back for the beginning of the second term on Monday, Nov. 8.

Captain A. W. Smith announced that one hundred Army Specialized Training Program Reservists would arrive at Alfred during the week to start first term basic engineering. This unit will consist entirely of seventeen year olds who have qualified for the A-12 program by passing with high scores the nation-wide tests given last spring by Army and Navy headquarters.

At the time of this announcement, Captain Smith had not received detailed orders as to the procedure these trainees would follow. Whether these reservists will be in uniform or not is also unknown.

General replacements of regular army soldiers in the ASTP program throughout the week according to Captain Smith. A sufficient number will arrive to build up the Alfred University unit to its authorized strength.

The order involving the transfer of those trainees who had passed the first term's work came apparently as a surprise to both the commanding officers and to those soldiers involved.

It had been generally expected that the entire unit would be given a furlough and would then begin its second twelve-week term with replacements being sent here to make up for those who had failed academically.

Although the order for the transfer contained no reason for the move, it is understood that similar steps have been taken within ASTP units in other colleges.

War Food Production Courses To Open Soon

Opening November 8 in connection with the Ag-Tech food production war training program are courses at Hornell, Angelica and Alfred in farm machinery repair, maintenance, and construction. Farmers from this vicinity will bring their equipment to the machine shops and receive instruction from a member of the Ag-Tech staff two nights a week from 7-11 p.m.

In Hornell the Hornell Welding Company building will be used for these classes and in Angelica they will be at the high school with Principal William Farnsworth supervising.

No Damage!

No damage was done by the fire in the Brick last Friday morning.

The fire started in the waste disposal shaft in the south wing of the building. The cause has not yet been determined.

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Inconsistency

By Coreene Chapman

William Jennings Bryan once told the story of a merchant who reproved his son for not donating a large sum of money for the building of a new Baptist church in his community, saying, "Always subscribe to the building fund and then fight the location." It is much too easy for men to allege that they believe in some idea or scheme when the plan is being theorized—when they merely have to say, "Yes it would be nice to do away with poll taxes so that all men would have an equal right to vote," but they find it more difficult to remain true to this assertion when it comes to putting it in practice. We do not really believe in anything until we are willing to fight for it openly. The situation of having a thin, pretended veneer of beliefs covering our actual convictions—those things we would fight for—is much too prevalent today.

Here in America we complacently agree that we believe in democracy, but nevertheless we go on our blithful way ignoring, as completely as if we had blinders on our eyes, the many violations of this democracy. It is still a fact that white workers in a defense plant apparently disregarding the fact that the negroes were doing more skilled work than the lower paid whites, went on strike because two negro workers were receiving higher wages. It is still possible for positions and votes to be "bought" by money, threats or long-rolling. These incidents give evidence that in America we are not supporting our beliefs by our actions.

Here in Alfred students get together in bull sessions in the dorms, in the houses, and in the Collegiate and fully discuss the "evils" present in Alfred. We conclude that there really are too many superimposed rules for girls here in Alfred, since we feel that by the time we get to college we are mature enough to decide upon our own closing hours and just where and when we shall smoke. We would really very much like to see sororities judge girls by their own merits—as individuals—but we know this is not the case since the Jewish girls are all classed together as a race and excluded from sororities. We thoroughly believe in the honor system and would like to see it in effect.

When a few daring souls bring these issues out into the open—certain clamminess develops. We either are unwilling to lay ourselves open to criticism by the faculty or our fellow students by working for what we believe, or, we have no faith in our professed beliefs. Many of our attempted reforms have failed for just these reasons. Two years ago the attempt to allow Jewish girls in sororities was unsuccessful because the supposed backers lacked the courage to support their words by vote. The honor system does not work simply because the students who desire it are too passive to see that it functions.

This inconsistency between our beliefs and our actions is the danger that Dr. Seidlin warned us against in his talk in ACF when he said that, "hypocrisy is the fundamental barrier to human progress."

As long as men say one thing and do another, vote yes today and no tomorrow, and pretend to be something which in analysis they are not, we can never expect to have a peaceful world.

The Scottish historian Hume, more than a century ago, wrote, "all power, even the most despotic, ultimately rests upon public opinion." If we could only realize the truth of this statement—realize that what we, the people, want we can have—we would make up our won minds as to our beliefs and convictions and then, the more important thing, act in accordance with them.

A Single Order

By a single order from Army Headquarters a large proportion of the Alfred student body has been called away. Their departure has been a shock to everyone. Perhaps not so much to them as to the regular students. Military men are used to Army orders. They know that in less than a day an entire unit of men can be moved if it is necessary. The rest of us aren't accustomed to radical changes. Our placid, contented state allows us to accept none but the gradual changes without wrenchings.

Of course, we knew that the ASTP men would not be here more than one college year and that within that period of time there would be some shifting of personnel. But we expected that shifting to take place within a more or less unified group. We expected it to be an abbreviated edition of what happens when one class of regular students graduates and a new class enters in the fall.

It has required a considerable degree of adjustment on the part of everyone to make possible the proper alignment of the two groups within our student body. Some of them had to acclimate themselves to college; others had attended college before, to a different school. The regular students had to accustom themselves to having a military unit on campus and to accepting hitherto unthought of changes.

It will take clear thinking, sincere action and in some instances, courage on the part of all of us, both military and regular students, who are left at Alfred to bridge the gap left by the men who have been transferred, to maintain our equilibrium after the wrench, to make once more the necessary adjustments and to prepare ourselves for another possible radical change in our own membership.

Guest Column

By Robert Meyer

During the past few years there has been a vague but definite feeling among students of Alfred University that something is wrong with the manner in which we attempt to govern ourselves. Sometimes that feeling has resulted in outspoken and cynical criticisms of the WSG and the Student Senate but more often it has resulted, unfortunately, in an even more cynical indifference to the whole field of student government. This has manifested itself by the complete lack of interest in the doings of the elected representative bodies and by the complacent acceptance of the status quo by the bodies themselves.

In short, neither the student body nor its representatives have ever really joined together in an attempt to realize the full potentialities of a strong, aggressive Senate supported by student opinion and administrative co-operation. Consequently, leadership and power have been irrationally divided between various groups none of which knew where their authority began or where it ended and none of which apparently cared enough about it to make any attempt to find out.

Today as a result of this indifference and confusion, student government has reached a state of crisis which can be met only by swift and direct action. Last year the Student Life Committee fell by the wayside because it was unable to free itself from the deleterious effects of a tradition-enforced policy which could not keep abreast of current problems and which could not maintain an open channel of expression between students and the administration. This year if we do not succeed in establishing the remnants of our moribund student organizations on a firm foundation, we may find that we have given away both the prerogative of governing ourselves on even minor matters and the right to believe that we are emotionally and intellectually ready to accept the responsibilities of citizenship in the world at large.

Thinking students who recognize this danger have been quietly working for several weeks in an effort to clear up the entire situation before irreparable damage is done. Close cooperation between the WSG, the Student Senate, and the administration has brought an apparent solution to a campus problem which might well have been the decisive factor in an open break if arrangements satisfactory to all concerned had not been made.

However, this particular incident is only a symptom of the diseased condition of student government and of student-faculty relationships. The mere fact that such a minor thing as dating in for one hour a day could create such tension and ill-will on the campus is a sign that we need a complete reorganization of ourselves and our relationships to other individuals and interests.

This reorganization is already underway in the form of a new constitution for the Student Senate which, if accepted, will clearly define the realm of not only its own purposes and authority but also that of all other student groups. It also will

KAMPUS KAPERS

By Jeanette E. Milnes

Halloween, an indoor circus, and a gay nineties cabaret were the themes of the Intersorority Open Houses Saturday afternoon from 3 till five. Pi Alpha was the center of the Halloween merriment. A treasure hunt for refreshments and dancing were featured. Refreshments of cider, donuts, apples, and popcorn were served all afternoon.

In charge of the party were Helen Dreher '45, and Olivia Russell '44. Marie McDermott '44 was in charge of refreshments; Phyllis Little '45 had charge of decorations; Elaine Beckstrand '44 was head of the favor committee; Dorothy Robbins '44 saw to entertainment, and Jeanette Milnes '45 was in charge of the music.

Sigma Chi entertained with a cabaret. Red checkered table cloth, a bar, and costumes provided atmosphere. Cigarette girls, singing waiters and hostesses were featured entertainers.

Refreshments were cake, pop, pretzels, potatoe chips and popcorn.

Committees included Marian Mason '44, refreshments; Helen Sims '45 and Betty Banks '46 decorations and Norma Stockwell '44, favors.

Theta Chi's Open House was highlighted by a Circus Party. There was

provide a rational and effective means for settling all differences between conflicting parties and will give the students a medium of contact with the administration which will really serve their interests and give them a voice that will speak with clarity and confidence on all issues pertaining to student life.

This new constitution, the basic principles of which have already been approved by both the Student Senate and by various members of the administration, will shortly be published in the *Fiat* together with a series of commentaries explaining its provisions and showing its advantages over the present set-up. Then, after every student has had ample time to become thoroughly familiar with it, it will be either accepted or rejected by popular vote.

The basic problem, therefore, is clearly before us. Student government must either assert itself as a dynamic force willing and able to carry responsibility or it must become defunct. I am convinced that the first step in our revitalization is the adoption of the new constitution. As it appears in the coming weeks in published form, study it closely, make any recommendations that you may have to the proper persons, and then take that action which will make its success a certainty.

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fortune telling and also apple bobbing. Refreshments were appropriate and popular. They consisted of pink lemonade, and popcorn balls.

Jean Gardner '45 was in charge of the committees. Assisting her were Marilyn Fitzroy '45 in charge of decorations, and Margaret Lord '45 who headed the refreshment committee.

Theta Chi held a formal pledge service Sunday afternoon for Ruth Ann Weitz '45, Gloria Burchell '45, and Katherine Swanson '45.

Formal pledge service was held Monday Night by Pi Alpha for Doris Beswick '45.

The engagement of Isabel Smith '45 Sigma Chi to Corp. Albert Baker ex '44 Klan Alpine was recently announced. Baker is stationed at Camp McCall, North Carolina.

Movie Time Schedule

Wednesday, November 3—"Bataan" starring Robert Taylor. Shows start 7:00 and 8:27. Feature at 7:33 and 10.

Friday and Saturday, November 5-6—"Salute to the Marines" starring Wallace Beery. Shows at 7:00 and 9:30. Feature at 7:45 and 10:19.

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Sophs Down Freshmen In Class Contest

Before a large turnout of both soldiers and civilians, the Sophomores captured the Interclass Hockey championship last Saturday morning as they shutout the Freshmen 2-0.

But this defeat meant more to the Class of 47 than the loss of a hockey game. It also meant that the Greenies must continue to wear their hats and must act as stooges to the Sophs. Rules governing this setup will be made by the WSGB this week.

The Sophs tallied one goal in each half, as the fast moving Frosh kept close guard throughout the contest. Ada Egbert came through with the first goal to set the winners on their way to championship, and Marie Basciani followed up in the second period to sew up the contest.

Basciani and Imke were the bulwarks of the Soph offense. Mary Teta and Lois Roe were the main cogs in the Frosh operations.

As a sideline, with the exception of two from Brookside, all of the Frosh players were from Delta Sig.

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