

## Editorials—

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## News—

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STUDENT BOX HOLDER

## Soldiers Studying In Twenty-Seven Colleges

### Need For Trained Men Results In Academic Military Training

Soldiers are now studying under the Army Specialized Training Program at 27 colleges and universities in the Second Service Command. Because winning this war has become a job for trained men, Army Service Forces has placed Army personnel with special qualifications in a program of academic military training, utilizing the faculty and facilities already available in educational institutions throughout the United States.

An improvement in physical efficiency, up to 50% in one Army Specialized Training Unit, has been general throughout the Service Command. Records of performance of soldier-trainees were made at the beginning of a term, and then repeated about 3 months later, checking them in 7 events, including push-ups, sit-ups, sprinting and similar conditioning exercises. Trainees spend 6 hours weekly in physical training.

The colleges and universities in this Service Command who are cooperating with the Army Specialized Training Program contract to supply academic instructions, housing, and messing facilities for the units stationed on their campuses. Each unit has an Army Officer in command, a staff of Officers and enlisted men to administer each unit. In most cases medical and dental services are supplied by the Army, although school infirmaries are used where they are available.

Army Specialized Training is open to all enlisted men of any grade who possess the general qualifications necessary. Chief among the qualifications for recommendation are: exceptionally high score in the Army General Classification Test (given to every enlisted man in the Army) and knowledge through education or civilian employment of a technical skill of military importance. Courses include studies in engineering (all branches); area and language studies; psychology; transportation; professional and pre-professional (medical, dental and veterinary) and preparatory courses for entry in United States Military Academy at West Point.

After completion of AST courses, a soldier is either recommended for further study in Army schools, or for immediate assignment to military duty. He may also be considered for Officer Candidates School if he possesses other requisite qualifications for commissioned personnel.

Army Specialized Training Courses are divided into terms of twelve weeks each, four terms in a calendar year. The terms are numbered progressively, each number indicating a different and higher level in point of training. After a man has been selected for training by a board of examiners (any time after he has completed his basic Army training), he is sent to a Specialized Training and Reclassification unit, (known as a STAR unit, and also located at colleges and universities) where tests are administered to determine the proper level at which his training should begin, as well as the field of study for which he is best qualified. Here a selected trainee might be held anywhere from two to three weeks, depending upon the time required to administer the necessary tests and the availability of accommodations for him at the institution offering the course of study indicated in his case.

#### Dating Privileges Granted

Announcement was made by Margaret Hopkins '44, president of the WSG that after consultation with Pres. J. Nelson Norwood dating in privileges between 6:30-7:30 p.m. would be granted to women on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

On Monday and Thursday evenings Social Hall will be open to all regular and military students.

## Assembly Guest



Earl Spicer

## Noted Baritone Gives Assembly Program Nov. 2

Mr. Earl Spicer, noted baritone and balladist, will appear on the assembly program to be presented on the evening of November 2. Mr. Spicer is well known for his singing of traditional English and American ballads.

The greatest asset is his personality and his ability to establish a responsive chord with his audience. His performance is marked with informality and his explanatory notes prove as entertaining as his songs.

Mr. Spicer has been guest artist with the New York Symphony, the London Symphony and many other outstanding orchestras and choral groups. His program has been presented at one of Mrs. Roosevelt's musicales at the White House and he has sung at many outstanding colleges and universities, his programs proving to be particularly popular with students.

"This program should prove to be a hit with Alfred students and everyone will wish to attend," stated Dean Drake.

## Intersorority Rushing Rules Made Clear

Due to a linotype error, there was an error in the last issue of the Fiat regarding the dates for sorority rushing.

Rushing will begin Monday, November 8 and last through Sunday, November 21 at 2 p. m., when silent period will begin. Silence will last until the following Tuesday when the bids will be issued.

## Junior, Senior Ceramic Students Leave On Plant Inspection Trip

Thirty-two juniors and seniors of the Ceramic College left yesterday morning on a plant inspection trip, with Professors R. M. Campbell and C. W. Merritt in charge. A full schedule will occupy most of this week, with the last inspection at Olean at 10:30 Saturday morning.

Participation in the plant trip is required for graduation in the Ceramic Engineering and Glass Technology courses. Upon return, each student will write a report on each plant visited during the course of the trip.

Following is a list of engineering students of the New York State College of Ceramics who are taking this year's plant trip:

John H. Busch '44, Cory V. Campbell '44, Robert L. Collin '44, George Cornish '44, George Cornwell '44, Richard D. Faulkner '44, Ernest H. Faust '45, Elmer S. Fitzsimmons '44,

## Seniors Chosen For 'Who's Who'

Ten Alfred University seniors have been chosen for inclusion in the 1943-44 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges".

They are: Doris E. Cunningham, Elmer Fitzsimmons, Margaret M. Gibbo, Margaret E. Hopkins, Mary Lou Jeffrey, Fred Kaplowitz, Lou Kelem, Margaret K. Lord, Robert S. Meyer and Maurice S. Wilson.

These students have been chosen by a faculty committee on the basis of scholarship, extra-curricular activities, character, personality, loyalty, and promise of future usefulness to society.

"Who's Who" is an annual publication including the names and activities of students in the leading colleges and universities of the country, and selection is a very real honor.

At Alfred the distinction is usually given only to seniors, who are chosen in proportion to the enrollment.

## William J. Russell Addresses Ceramists

Mr. William J. Russell of the New York State Division of Commerce was the guest speaker at the tenth annual meeting of the Ceramic Association of New York on October 16.

The meeting was attended by a capacity crowd of association members, visitors, and students of the New York State College of Ceramics. Grant S. Diamond, president of the association, presided at the meeting and gave an opening address of welcome.

Mr. Diamond introduced Prof. H. G. Schurecht, director of the experiment station of the New York State College of Ceramics, who took charge of the technical part of the program. He presented 24 reports on the extensive investigations of New York State Products which have been carried on at the station, and on new processes and methods of manufacture.

In the course of his address, Mr. Schurecht pointed out that there are now six outstanding fellowships in operation in the college, and that three more would begin when men could be found to do the work. He also mentioned that the experiment station was started with a three-man staff, but that through growth and expansion, eleven full-time workers and four part-time workers are now carrying on research at the college.

The afternoon portion of the meeting opened with an address by the guest speaker. The subject of Mr. Russell's talk was "New York State Industry Looks to the Future".

## Position Of Student Government Is Topic Of ACF Discussion

### Clarification Of Powers Of Governing Groups Necessary

The A.C.F. brought a very acute problem to the attention of the entire campus Sunday night when it presented at Kenyon Memorial Chapel a panel discussion and open forum on the position of the student government at Alfred University. Members of the panel were: Helen Dreher '45, editor-in-chief of the Fiat Lux; Margaret Hopkins '44, president of the Women's Student Government and Professor John Reed Spicer, Counsellor to Prospective Students.

#### Ration Books To Be Issued

Ration Book 4 will be issued to students Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Firemans Hall.

A representative from each house on the campus will be able to obtain the books for the people in his house by presenting each person's No. 3 book.

Students living in private homes will have to apply for their own books.

## Four Women To Fill Frosh Offices

Four girls from Delta Sig were chosen to fill the offices of the freshman class in the elections which were held through the Fiat two weeks ago.

The officers are: president, Mary Louise Teta; vice-president, Barbara Hyde; secretary, Janet Wright; and treasurer, Ann Rusch.

Because of a misunderstanding on the part of the Student Senate the results of the first elections, held after the opening assembly, had to be destroyed, and another election held.

## Army, Navy Exams Scheduled Nov. 9

Attention is again called to the fact that qualifying examinations are to be given at Alfred on November 9 in connection with Army and Navy College Training programs. Any college man between the ages of 17-20 who is morally and physically qualified is eligible to take the examination and may apply either to Army or Navy. Students between 20 and 22 may apply only to the Army.

An announcement regarding the place at which the examination is to be held will be made later.

All students interested should see Dean M. Ellis Drake immediately and obtain the credentials necessary for admission to the examination. Dean Drake stated that all who can meet the qualifications indicated should take the examination since there are no obligations attached and in some cases there is much to be gained.

## Dr., Mrs. Seidlin Appear At Keuka College Today

Dr. Joseph Seidlin is addressing three groups on the Keuka College campus today. They are the Public a.m., the Penn Yan Rotary from 12:00 a.m., the Pen Yan Rotary from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and the Keuka College Faculty from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m..

Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin will give a piano recital for the Keuka College Forum at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

Miss Dreher was the first speaker of the panel and stated that it is quite apparent that dissatisfactions crop up among students at times, but that the fundamental question of a student government that could settle these differences has never been brought to light because of the lack of interest. Miss Dreher explained the need for clarification of the powers of the various governing bodies of the campus and of the rules of the administrative officers, and a definition of the inter-relationships of these groups. She suggested the creation of an intermediary body composed of both faculty and student members who would have no authority to pass rules or make judgments, but who through a system of reciprocity could iron out difficulties and problems that might arise between the governing groups and the administrative officers.

Robert Meyer spoke secondly and expressed the opinion that students now have a farcial government, not because school officials have refused to allow a better one, but because the students have never taken the responsibility of accepting a better one. Meyer advocated that the power of the Student Senate be expanded so that it would have authority over all other governing bodies and could successfully bridge the gap between the views of the students. He did not advocate absolute power for the body, but suggested that disputes could be taken to the Senate which could take the most important matters to the president. To bring about results Meyer recommended a new constitution for the Senate that would be ratified by both students and faculty.

As third speaker Miss Hopkins explained the WSG and the powers of its council as they are constitutionally set up. She stated that since the self-abolition of the Student Life Committee the WSG has lost contact with the administration and has only to look to the Student Senate for approval of its work. She made it clear that the WSG has the power to enforce only those rules that have been passed by two-thirds of the women on campus and that it is imperative that an organization similar to the SLC be formed in order to make possible better contacts with the administration.

Mr. Spicer spoke last as a member of the University staff who is interested in student affairs and problems. He maintained that the students are future members of the general public and professions and are also human beings, and that the problem is to find a means of presenting the views of the conflicting elements. He suggested a representative body of faculty and students, half of the faculty to be chosen by the students and half of the students to be chosen by the faculty. Such an organization, according to Mr. Spicer, would help all of the campus to recognize that an-  
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## Two Different Things

The problem of the inadequacies of the present Student Government on the Alfred University Campus has at last been openly and coolly discussed by both students and representatives of the faculty and administration. Just because the problem has been recognized and its solutions have been put forth, we must not be led to believe that it no longer exists. It exists in a more real fashion today than it did last Saturday for the focus of attention has been shifted from a minor issue to a more fundamental one.

It is a fairly well established fact that the student governing bodies of Alfred, as they stand today, are little more than polished exteriors which have led some students and some members of the administration and faculty who hadn't detected the veneer to believe that the real student government was being carried on. The same exteriors viewed by others who saw full well their falsity, gave way to the belief that Student Government could be little more than sham.

Real Student Government, acknowledged by the faculty and supported by all the students, is the best possible thing for the university as a whole. It is what Alfred must have if she is to progress.

The plans which were offered last Sunday evening for obtaining and maintaining efficient, representative Student Government were only a few of the possibilities. Others have undoubtedly arisen and should be brought to the attention of the different governing bodies and the Administrative Council for consideration along with the notes from the forum discussion which they will soon receive.

Action from within these bodies or from an elected investigating committee must be forthcoming if the value of recognition of and open consideration of the problem is to be realized. It is one thing to talk; another to do.

## More Than Book Larnin'

Marks and grades and what was at one time referred to as "book learnin'" still constitute a large part of our education. We cannot learn everything from first hand experience. Through books and class lectures the experience of others is made available to us. From if we can make up in some measure for the limitations of our own experience. Since we must learn from books, we must have some means of judging the absorption of this material by individual students. Hence the need for marks.

Important as these things are they are by no means the whole of what we term a college education. There are other things; a sense of appreciation of the human personality, an understanding of present day events and thinking in terms of history, an understanding and an acceptance of our roles as adults in our particular society, a foundation on which to build our code of values.

When we look at ourselves objectively, we wonder if perhaps we are not slighting this process of growing up which seems to embody all these elements just enumerated. We find ourselves delighting in petty gossip about people, not respecting the right which others have to express their viewpoints, hindering others from enjoying what is lovely to them, even though it is worthless or at least boring to us.

A good example of this last thing occurred at the Dougherty and Ruzicka concert last Wednesday evening when two supposedly mature couples, obviously uninterested in the music, amused themselves in a game of note passing.

They cannot be censured because they did not enjoy the music; that is their right which we should not infringe upon. But just as it is the right of that couple to have been bored with the concert, it is the right of some three hundred other people to have appreciated it. And their opportunity to enjoy it should not have been marred by the selfishness of a few.

College educations are precious these days. Surely we should get all that we can from them—a few manners and a little common courtesy included.

## Class Of '46 Win Hockey Contest

Despite a cold and damp atmosphere, the Sophomore-Upperclass hockey game was played Saturday morning, the Class of '46 coming through for a 2-1 victory.

Penny Heebner and Alice Clemens accounted for the winner's goals while Peg Long tallied for the Upperclassmen.

Although they were outnumbered, the losers displayed good team work, a factor which may turn the score if the two teams meet again on an even basis.

A bit of humor found its way into the hard fought battle when on one occasion the ball was hit to Sophs Imke and Bovee. Neither could decide who should take over when Senior Gibbo rushed up in Lone Ranger style and rambled off with the ball. It was difficult to decide which of the three was most surprised.

The line-ups were as follows:  
**Upperclassmen**

Rhoda Large, Peggy Long, Doris Cunningham, Midge Muenzenmaier, Margaret Gibbo, Helen Simms, Peggy Lord, Bobbie Bloss.

**Sophomores**

Penny Heebner, Sylvia March, Marie Basciani, Alice Clemens, Ada Egbert, Betty Banks, Billie Folts, Gladys Imke, Maria Becerra, Fran Bovee, Jean Barber.

**Substitutes:** Cynthia Leban, Carolyn Torrey, Waite Tefft.

**Tournament Starts Tonight**

The table tennis tournament for the month of October will take place tonight at South Hall starting at 8:00 p. m. Both singles and doubles will be played.

Everyone who is interested may participate and the winner of every month will be eligible to play in the Spring Championship Tournament.

**Volleyball Captains Chosen**

The inter-class volleyball games started Monday with the following girls as class captains for their teams:

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Sophomore class—Maria Becerra  
Junior class—Grace Kobernuss  
Senior class—Rhoda Large

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## KAMPUS KAPERS

By Jeanette E. Milnes

Witches and goblins danced at the all college-cadet dance Saturday night from nine till twelve. A thirteen piece orchestra thrilled dancers with new musical arrangements. And, during the evening a dancing contest was conducted. Prizes were awarded to each couple showing the greatest dancing skill from Bartlett, the Brick, the faculty, student body, and the townspeople. Judges selected the winners by the process of elimination.

The Brookside Nurses entertained the Delta Sig Nurses Friday evening from 7:30 till 10:00 P. M. The event was a Halloween party. Dancing and games provided the entertainment for the evening. Refreshments of cider, doughnuts, peanuts, popcorn, candy, and apples were served.

Mrs. Dora K. Degen, Mrs. Charles Harder, Mrs. Edna Lathrop, and Mrs. Grace Eggleston were invited as guests.

Charlotte Leadley '47 and Ann Rusch '47 were in charge of the party. The decoration committee consisted of Adella Dice, '47, Ann Garside '47 and Carole Smallbach '47. Isabel Hughes '47 and Catherine Lyke were on the refreshment committee. In charge of entertainment were Madeline Jones '47, Louise Hoyt '47, Lois Roe '47, and Doris Higbee.

Big Little sister dinners were concluded last week. Pi Alpha entertained Lynn Searles '47, Renee Suchora '47, Corinne Herrick '47, Naomi Zeamans '47, and Eloise Burdick '47 on Wednesday evening.

Dinner guests Thursday evening were Nancy Wickham '45, Minnie Negro '45, Virginia Larson '45, and Beverly Longfritz '47.

Sigma Chi entertained their little sisters Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Tuesday evening guests were Lillian Kelley '47, Nickey Pernikoff '47, May Green '47, Hazel Kreutter '47, and Shirley Lane '47.

Wednesday dinner guests were Beatrice Rennell '47, Barbara Hyde '47, Barbara Wells '47, Eva Rodies '47, and Anita Singer '47.

Tuesday evening Theta Chi enter-

tained Joan Deikman '47, Ruth Adams '47, and Isabel Hughes '47.

Wednesday dinner guests were Hannah Saunders '47, Mary Jane Wright '47, and Barbara Guillaume '47.

Thursday evening Doris Hughes '47, Esther Lewis '47, Doris Connally '47, Edith Foster '47, Julianne Sanford '47, and Abbe Garside '47 were dinner guests.

Mrs. Harold Reed entertained at a stork shower for Mrs. James Patton, the former Jane Tooke ex '44. Juniors and Seniors from Sigma Chi were invited.

Mrs. Walter Last and Ruth Van Wie were guests last weekend at Sigma Chi.

Douglas Beals '41 was a weekend guest at Kappa Psi. Beals has just received his Masters Degree from Penn State.

Mrs. James Gardner was a weekend guest at Theta Chi.

Rickey Van Gaasbeck was visiting Theta Chi from Wednesday through Saturday.

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## Student Government

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tagonistic elements often have much more in common than in conflict, and that it would help each element to share in keeping Alfred the kind of a place we want it to be.

Following the discussion several of the audience expressed their views and asked questions. The purpose of the discussion was to bring the problem of student government before the students and faculty. A complete stenographic report of the entire discussion and forum will be prepared and sent through the ACF to the heads of the Senate and WSG and to the various members of the Administrative Council for further action.

**Movie Time Table**  
Wednesday, October 27—"Spitfire" starring Leslie Howard and David Niven. Shows start at 7:00 and 9:28. Feature at 7:58 and 10:26.

Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30—"Tennessee Johnson" starring Van Heflin and Lionel Barrymore. "Mister Big" starring Donald O'Connor and Gloria Jean. Show starts at 7:00. Last complete show at 8:29. "Big" at 7:15 and 10:27; "Johnson" at 8:29 only.

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