



Pre-College Wassermans Recommended

Requirement of pre-college Wasserman tests for incoming students is the only practical method for making this anti-syphilis examination a part of Alfred University's health program at present, Dr. Raymond O. Hitchcock, university physician, told the Fiat Lux today.

The overloaded budget of the infirmary at the present time would prevent the inclusion of the Wasserman test in the regular freshman health examinations, he said.

"We might follow the example of many other colleges and universities, and require all freshmen to have their home physician fill out a detailed health report before entrance, suggested Dr. Hitchcock, whose services are employed only part-time by Alfred University.

The cost of the Wasserman test is the physician's usual office fee. The State Health Department furnished to doctors the material for taking blood samples, which are mailed to the department headquarters at Albany. There the tests are made and reports are returned to the physicians.

Early Treatment Important

Knowledge of the disease is important and can best be obtained by anti-syphilitic education, he said. An early diagnosis and early treatment will often cure syphilis before the patient ever gives a positive Wasserman.

The "dark field" examination is used in early diagnosis. The Wasserman test is positive after the disease has been at work six or eight weeks.

Without the services of a full-time physician, the time necessary for tests for all incoming students would be prohibitive, he believed. Despite the low rate of syphilis infection among college students, the use of Wasserman tests in his opinion would be a valuable addition to the university health program.

Meanwhile, work is going forward at other colleges and universities of the Intercollegiate Newspaper Association which the Fiat Lux recently joined in an anti-syphilis campaign. George Washington University, out of which sprang the movement for the college campaign, has arranged for free Wasserman tests for senior medical students under arrangements with the District of Columbia Public Health Service.

Speakers Film Coming

Blood samples will be numbered according to the standard Public Health carding system and will be kept absolutely confidential. Students taking the test will be notified privately of the result, according to the George student newspaper edited by Howard Ennes, president of I.N.A. and leading force in the campaign.

Speakers on social disease, a moving picture film, a display of photographs and information, and further publication of facts about syphilis are planned by the Fiat Lux in the near future.

I. R. C. Discusses Foreign Relations

Control of foreign relations will be discussed tonight at the meeting of the International Relations Club at 7:30 in the Physics Hall. The program committee will present the program.

Chairman Samuel Sverdluk will discuss the position of public opinion, Kenneth Getman will discuss the position of the President, and Ruth Davie will discuss the position of the Congress.

Dr. Lund, from the American University at Beirut, Syria, will be the speaker at the meeting in January. He will discuss some of the problems of the Near East.

Shoufu, Former Student, Sends Japanese Books

Katei Shoufu, a former student of Alfred and native of Japan, has sent to Alfred several booklets on the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Mr. Shoufu hopes by this means to give his friends a better understanding of Japan's side of the eastern war and to give them a better picture of the situation in China today.

Anyone who is interested in reading this pamphlet can get one in the library.

Math Is Necessary In High Schools, Teachers Feel

The place of mathematics in the high school curriculum, with the growing emphasis on social science courses for high school students, was discussed at a meeting of the Tri-County Mathematics Teachers' Association at Physics Hall Wednesday evening.

Members of the newly-organized Math Club of Alfred University were guests.

Hinting at the possibility that a four-year social science sequence for high school students may be inaugurated, Prof. Taylor of Rochester pointed out the necessity of math courses in preparing students for college engineering courses. Taylor's speech was read, in his absence, by President Pelz of Hornell, head of the Tri-County Association.

Any social science unit must include the study of statistics and graphs and hence will entail a knowledge of mathematics, it was averred. That mathematics is the best basis for sound reasoning, the starting point of all educational advance, was also pointed out.

Reggie Childs Signs To Play For Interfrat

Reggie Childs and his 18-piece broadcasting band, has been engaged for the Interfraternity Ball Thursday night, in place of Carl "Deacon" Moore, who will be unable to come, Roger Jewett, chairman of the dance, said today.

Reggie, now playing at the Newport, Ky., Country Club, broadcasts nightly over WGN. He is noted for having a "real" swing band, which was recently augmented by the addition of Hal Kemp's three first trumpet players.

Childs and his band recently were engaged for the Sugar Bowl Ball at New Orleans on New Year's night following the Sugar Bowl game. They are receiving \$2,000 for this dance.

The ball will be from 8:30 to 1:30 Thursday evening in the gymnasium. The Interfraternity Council announces that no men on the campus except those connected with a fraternity will be admitted to the dance, even if invited by fraternity men.

Senate Constitution Revision Is Ready

At the regular meeting of the Student Senate tomorrow evening the Student's Association constitution will be revised, stated President Raymond Baschnagel in a recent interview.

"Since campus sentiment seems to believe that the present system of electing campus officers is unfair, the Senate will endeavor to adjust this matter satisfactorily and also to delegate the powers of campus officers more definitely. As this revision is coming about through the agitation of students, the senate expects the co-operation of the student body in sending suggestions to Leonard Lernowitz, or any student senate member before tomorrow night," continued Mr. Baschnagel.

Five Fraternities Pledge 81 Men As Month Of Rushing Closes

Fraternity rushing ended Nov. 23, when eighty-one eligible men were pledged by Alfred's five fraternal organizations.

Their names follow:

Theta Kappa Nu—Ernest Brice, Maurice Crouse, Bruce McGill, Edward Nowak, Robert Clark, Robert Humphrey, James Lynch, George Millman, Morris Musgrave, George Ploetz, James Rumsey, Eldyn Washburn, Robert Whitwood, James Wygant, Taber Clausen.

Kappa Nu—Arthur Kaiser, Sanford Davidow, Allan Friedlander, Joseph Shapiro, Ernest Nadelstein, Martin Phillips, Robert Nemoff, Charles Rodenberg, Richard Feinman, Carl Kahn, Alfred Katz, Jacob Wittenberg, Jerome Jacobs, Herbert Berger, Seymour Barr, Mortimer Weinberg, Sanford Glass, Harry Pariser, Seymour Schulner.

Kappa Psi Upsilon—Richard

Blanche Yurka, Screen Player, Wednesday

Blanche Yurka, radio and screen actress, best-known to Alfredians for her portrayal of Madame Lafarge in "A Tale of Two Cities," will be in Alfred tomorrow night. She will act several of her most successful roles starting at 8:15 o'clock in Alumni Hall. Her program will be the fourth in the 1937-38 forum series.

Miss Yurka speaks with pleasure of the contact with new audiences which her venture as a "one-woman theatre" has given her.

"There is real joy," she says, "in bringing to new audiences—alert, eager audience—the 'cream,' so to speak, of the great plays I have studied and appeared in. To make university students realize the creative function involved in the professional interpretations of a play is to give them real impetus toward developing a creative imagination in themselves."

Applause on Movie Set

As Blanche Yurka finished the blazing speech of Therese Lafarge, the peasant who had waited a lifetime for her revenge, a spontaneous roar of applause swept the vast room.

Two thousand extras, electricians, sound men, hairdressers, even visiting stars from other sets, gasped, wept at the poignancy and beauty of the powerful scene the woman had just played. The director leapt up on the steps and embraced her.

The hollow-eyed, begrimed woman graciously "took her bow." She flashed a white, breathless smile to the applauding actors and left the set. Mme. Lafarge dropped from her like a cloak, and instantly emerged the greatest of troupers—Blanche Yurka.

History had been made on that set; old timers said that never before had such an ovation been accorded to anyone on a set. And this was Blanche Yurka's first appearance in motion pictures!

Likes Versatile Parts

"I believe in being versatile," says Miss Yurka. "Some people make enormous successes playing themselves over and over again. More power to them! But I shouldn't enjoy doing that."

"I assure you it was a wide leap from the joyful, comic, fat old nurse, in 'Romeo and Juliet' to the gaunt, ruthless, French peasant in 'A Tale of Two Cities.' It was a difficult task to try to convey to the public the pathos of this woman's darkened soul."

"The character has an epic quality. She is a symbol of people's suffering; suffering which has crystallized into a capacity to endure stoically, to wait endlessly, if need be, for the doom of those she hates."

Sensational Education Attacked By Teacher

"Often in our attempt to get away from a bad practice at one extreme, we rush into an equally bad practice at the other extreme," said Dr. Joseph Seidl in his speech, "Sensationalism in Education," which he gave before a conference of teachers and principals in Wellsville, Nov. 29.

Dr. L. L. Lowenstein spoke before the mathematics group Nov. 30, and the discussion was led by Dr. Seidl.

Humphrey, Victor Laskoski, Richard Vernoo, Harold Funk, Robert Boss, Russell Pardee, Franklin Morley, Philip Burdick, Peter Keenan, George Brown, Winthrop Davis, Franklin Daiber, Donald Belden, Robert Weidel.

Delta Sigma Phi—Fred Yehl, Edward Schleiter, Francis O'Neil, Robert O'Neil, Howard Paquin, Wayne Hartman, John Park, Elroy True, Richard Heasley, Jack B. Moore, John Casamo.

Klan Alpine—John Trowbridge, John Lynn, Morgan Potts, Max Reynolds, John Peterson, Carl Wdowka, Edward Gerhke, William Lawton, Fred Cuneo, John Haecker, Richard Haecker, Alfred Robbins, Robert Robinson, Cranston Shelley, Huber Watson, Gerald Beaven, Farnam Pope, Merle Parker, Stanley Stanislaw, Charles Casamo, Robert Walker, Vincent Pettit.

New Political Alignments Coming, Says Wadsworth

Speaker Gets Honorary LL.D. Degree

An honorary degree, doctor of laws, was conferred upon Assemblyman James J. Wadsworth of Geneseo this morning following his Founders' Day address, "Our Choice."

The candidate was presented by Dean M. E. Holmes of the New York State College of Ceramics, and the degree was conferred by President J. Nelson Norwood, representing the Board of Trustees.

An academic procession opened the 102nd annual Founders' Day, members of the senior class appearing in cap and gown for the first time. Marshals of the procession were Professors Clifford M. Potter and Charles R. Amberg.

Before the convocation, and immediately afterward, Prof. Ray W. Wingate played selections on the Davis Memorial Carillon. Other music was supervised by Mrs. Ada Becker Seidl and Mrs. Virginia Bond Spicer. The Women's Glee Club sang immediately before the address.

The invocation, scripture reading, prayer, and meditation for Founders' Day were by Chaplain James C. McLeod. President Norwood gave the benediction.

Eight Alfred Seniors Listed In "Who's Who"

Eight Alfred seniors will be listed in the 1937 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," they were notified by the publishers this week.

Members of the college administration selected the eight.

This "Who's Who" includes approximately one per cent of the students in the more than 600 American colleges, selected for scholarship and prominence in activities.

Alfred students to be listed are: John Albright, president of the senior class, of Kappa Psi Upsilon fraternity, and of the Blue Key, and manager of the 1937 football team.

Raymond Baschnagel, president of the Student Senate and a member of the varsity track team.

Betty Jane Crandall, former president of the YWCA, officer in several clubs, president of Pi Alpha Pi sorority, member of several athletic teams.

Edward F. Creagh, editor of The Fiat Lux, member of the Student Senate, Saxonian and Kanakadea staff member.

Jud Gustin, president of the American Ceramic Society, chairman of the 1938 St. Patrick's Festival, varsity football player.

James Hodnett, president of the Interfraternity Council and of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, member of the varsity track team.

Margaret Reiley, president of Interfraternity Council, the Women's Student Government, and Sigma Chi Nu sorority.

David W. Veit, chairman of the University Forum committee, editor of the 1937 Kanakadea, president of Kappa Nu fraternity.

Christmas Carols Slated For Sunday

The annual Christmas Carol Service will be presented by the Union University Choir, Sunday, December 12, at 7 o'clock in the Village Church.

The service will open with a procession by fifty members of the choir carrying lighted tapers and singing, "O Come All Ye Faithful." Traditional carols and Christmas hymns which carry through the Christmas story of the Nativity will be sung by the choir alone and by the choir and congregation. A recessional with the choir carrying the lighted tapers and singing, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", will conclude the service.

Defends Capitalism



James J. Wadsworth

Sean O'Casey's 'Juno-Paycock' In Production

Created from a background of revolt and social upheaval "Juno and the Paycock" to be presented here in January will bring a new theme to Alfred audiences.

Built around the trials of a man who disliked work, this play has an additional center in the struggle of Ireland to attain political freedom.

Author Sean O'Casey, reared in a Dublin tenement district, deprived of an opportunity to attend school until he was twelve years old, later hod-carrier, coal heaver, and stone breaker, aroused by the surrounding conditions of poverty and privation, and aided by observation in the Dublin Abbey theater, wrote "The Shadow of a Gunman". An immediate success, this play made a reputation for O'Casey as a writer of plays of the struggles of the underprivileged, working classes.

"Juno and the Paycock," O'Casey's third play was awarded the Hawthorn prize in 1936. This prize is awarded each year to the author under forty of the best imaginative literature.

Other plays by Sean O'Casey include: "The Plough and the Stars," "The Silver Lassie," "The story of the Citizen Army," "Kathleen Listens In," and "Nannie's Night-Out."

The cast for "Juno and the Paycock" includes:

Captain Jack Boyle . . . Robert Beers
Juno Boyle, his wife . . . Winifred Winikus
Johnny Boyle . . . Maynard Noble
Mary Boyle . . . Jean Van Strein
"Joker" Dale . . . Joseph Dauchy
Mrs. Masie Madigan . . . Ruth Evans
"Needle" Nugent, tailor . . . Joseph Capello

Mrs. Tancred . . . Barbara Corsaw
Jerry Devine . . . John Casamo
Charlie Bentham, a school teacher . . . Wayne Rood

An irregular mobilizer John F. Bryan
1st Irregular . . . Edward Creagh
2nd Irregular . . . John Dougherty
A coal block vendor . . . Robert Nemoff
Neighbors—Margaret Chester, Mildred Wesp, Margaret Chambers

Production:
In charge of incidental singing: Mary Hoyt and Nelda Randall.
Scenery designed by David W. Veit.
Directed by C. Doryea Smith.

Union Musicians Threaten Klan Party When Wexel Hired; Difficulty Avoided

Lewis has his C.I.O., Green has his A. F. of L., but Klan Alpine fraternity had labor troubles of its own this week.

When the Klan signed Art Wexel and his orchestra from Corning to play for an informal dance at the house Saturday night, union musicians sprung into action. They protested against the engagement of an off-campus, non-union band when several campus musicians are members of a union orchestra operating out of Hornell.

A "picket line" of five husky union musicians paraded before the

Capitalism Upheld By Speaker

A realignment of the political forces in the United States, away from Democratic and Republican labels and toward Conservatism on the one hand and Liberalism on the other, was predicted in the Founders' Day address this morning by Assemblyman James J. Wadsworth of Geneseo.

When this realignment takes place, Wadsworth said, "we must make our choice as to what principles and what leaders we want to follow. Reactionaries of my type generally think more of principles than they do of leaders, and our task will be to select those leaders whose principles are not too volatile."

Defines "Reactionary"

A political reactionary, according to the "Powers that Be in Washington," Wadsworth continued, "is a queer and malignant sort of beast who believes only in the old order of things and scorns everything which is labeled progressive or liberal. He is a political ostrich who has buried his head in the sands of antiquity and refuses to consider any ideas but those hallowed by fusty tradition."

But Wadsworth said he regards himself as reactionary "only in the sense that I still hold firm to rock bottom principles. I do not now, and never will, object to the application of these principles in new and progressive directions as long as these directions are definitely constructive. I am reactionary in that I believe in looking before I leap. I do not believe in haphazard experimentation or in taking a step before pondering thoroughly the consequences of such an action."

Americans "Emotional"

"Our political history," the speaker continued, "shows that we are a most volatile and emotional people. Large factions of us leave the broad highway to follow whichever Pied Piper seems the most attractive at the time. We worship the golden calf of sloganism, and a golden radio voice may be more important to us than integrity, sincerity, and sense."

Wadsworth reviewed the economic catastrophe of 1929, and emphatically said, "In the face of rather unanimous opinion as to the weaknesses shown by capitalism during the last 10 years, I would respectfully suggest that the weakness does not lie in the capitalistic system."

"To my mind there is nothing wrong with a system which has brought about the position which this country now holds in spite of a series of depressions and panics. There is nothing wrong with a system which has provided homes, automobiles, radios, and washing machines to that stratum of society which in other countries is still living on a scale which would shock most of our generation."

Blames Individuals

"Yet since we must admit that there is something the matter, it is perfectly proper for you to challenge these rash statements and ask if the system is not at fault, what is at fault?" (Continued on page four)

ternity house Thursday evening. The fraternity men, curious about the source of the trouble, summoned the alleged agitator of the trouble, and the trouble was smoothed out.

There were threats that Wexel's orchestra would be prevented from reaching Alfred for the dance.

Came Saturday night. Wexel arrived, set up his band, and the dance went smoothly. The union men did not molest the band.

Speculation today centered around the possibility of further agitation by union musicians against the engagement of non-union orchestra men.

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Founders' Day Address

It is not often that a speaker at a solemn college function such as a Founders' Day breaks the bonds of tradition—removes his head from the sands of antiquity, as it were—and delivers a rip-roaring political speech. By doing exactly that in the Founders' Day address this morning, Mr. Wadsworth clearly demonstrated that he is not one to be constrained by "fusty tradition".

Almost any other speaker we could name might have felt oppressed by the thought that Founders' Day is merely a time for honoring the memory of the dead, but Mr. Wadsworth made the most of his opportunity and uncorked a defense of capitalism and an indictment of the New Deal that will make headlines in every paper in the state.

There was no shilly-shallying in Mr. Wadsworth's address, no hiding behind pedantic subterfuge. He spoke directly and to the point. "I ask," he declared, "for the support of principles which recognize that 2 plus 2 equals 4; that what goes up must come down; that the law of supply and demand is inevitable; and that the law of diminishing returns is equally inevitable." Who but a communist would dispute him?

Pre-College Wasserman Tests

A statement by Dr. R. O. Hitchcock that present university facilities are not broad enough to handle Wasserman tests for all Alfred students today is coupled with a suggestion that students be required to take health examinations containing the Wasserman test before admission.

Facing the present conditions, we believe the pre-college Wasserman test is a likely solution to Alfred's problem of the war on social disease, now under way through the colleges and universities as well as the health centers of the nation. Many colleges have required pre-admission examinations by the family physician for years. The inclusion of a precautionary measure against the spread of syphilis would be a mighty step forward in student health control.

The Fiat Lux welcomes comments on this plan through the opinions column.

Meanwhile, broad-minded young men and women must face a general problem in an attack on venereal disease. Says B. B. Tolnai, student of social problems and a well-known magazine contributor, "The first step in any effective program of venereal control must be to remove syphilis from the field of morality."

The shut-my-ears-to-syphilis taboo, which held back the drive against this disease for years, must go. Even the conservative New York Times carried a headline when syphilis was first mentioned on the nation's air waves.

Free discussion by students, by faculty members, by the general public, and a little serious thought should make clear that syphilis itself, whatever its unsanctified origin, is not a moral sin, but is a contagious disease which can be controlled.

In One Ear —

Along with the Art of Being Bored, one accomplishment that should certainly be mastered by all young seekers after culture is the Art of Not Listening.... Perhaps the two go hand in hand.

The consciousness of all persons living today in what we call civilization is affronted at every turn by sensations which are related to culture much as bird-shot is related to pheasants. To the astounded bystander, the wonder is not that so few persons attain culture in a world apparently hostile to it, but that even a few manage to keep their heads above the waves of mediocrity.

Consider the college student, how he lives: the conversations that he hears and is drawn into, the motion pictures through which he "escapes" into the world of fancy, the radio programs that he listens to. Oh, the radio programs.... "Countless women have written in to tell us that the day they changed to Lady Esther was the beginning of love and romance for them."

Edgar Guest and his ilk by the hour and Shakespeare three times a week—Fats Waller with the stops off and Stokowski when the radio is bad—sex with meals and gossip at bed-time.... Question: Should or should not every parent who sinks a hard-earned dollar into an education for a boy or girl insist that the offspring be required to wear ear-muffs until he or she mastered the Art of Not Listening?

Social Notes

Containing News and Comments on Dances, Parties and Such.
By Kathryn Borman

Sigma Chi shuffled a Nu Deal in dances Saturday evening.

Wall silhouettes suggested various card games, and playing cards formed the programs.

Two novelty numbers, Deuce's Wild and Mis-deal, scored high in the evening's entertainment. At intermission all hands were on deck for refreshments.

Musical bids were made by Palmer. Guests included Irma Komfort, Belle Deet, Jeanne Woodard Green and their escorts.

Dr. and Mrs. G. Stewart Nease, Prof. and Mrs. Kasper O. Myrvaagnes, Miss Eva Ford, and Mr. Burton Crandall, Miss Lydia Conover and Miss Ruth Stanton were the faculty guests.

Nelda Randall, chairman of the dance, was assisted by Hilda Thomas, Nona Wright, and Agnes Benjamin.

The following events have been scheduled on the Social Calendar through the first semester:

Dec. 8—Forum
Dec. 9—Interfraternity Ball
Dec. 11—Bartlett Christmas Party
Dec. 15—Ceramic Guild Sale
Jan. 8—Frosh-Soph Dance
Jan. 12—Forum
Jan. 14—Newman Club
Jan. 15—Pi Alpha Dance
Jan. 15—Kappa Psi Dance
Jan. 21—Kappa Nu Dance
Jan. 22—Sigma Chi Dance

Mrs. Vida S. Titsworth, Dean Dora K. Degen, and Mrs. Eva B. Middaugh will be the guests of honor at the Brick Christmas Dinner Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Red candles, Christmas greens, and flowers will decorate the dining hall. Gifts are to be exchanged at dinner. Dorothy Elve and Nan Elmendorf are in charge of the party.

Lucius Washburn, Franklin Shepard, Russell Barreca, Joseph Cutrona, and R. Phillips Greenman were initiated into Kappa Psi Upsilon fraternity on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Blanche Yurka will be the guest of honor at a dinner tomorrow evening to be given by Miss Eva Ford at the Coffee Shop. The guests will be: Miss Leila Tupper, Miss Ruth Greene, Helen Ehrhorn, Prof. C. Duryea Smith, Prof. Wendell Burditt, and Cameron Paulin.

French Club met at the home of Odette Anderson on Wednesday evening.

The following new members were chosen: Nelda Randall, Adrienne Owre, Lillian Sweeney, Mildred Wesp, and Rebecca Vail.

Three honorary members were also selected: Carolyn Evans, Mary B. Allen, and Mrs. Henry Anderson.

Following the business meeting, costumes were made. Songs and refreshments concluded the evening's program.

Sigma Chi Nu Sorority will hold its annual Christmas Party and Founders' Day Dinner Monday evening, Dec. 13.

While the moon shone through the palms at Delta Sig. Friday evening, about 85 collegians danced to the suave rhythms of the Alpha Zeta Sound System owned and controlled by Montgomery Joseph Shoemaker.

Supper was served during the intermission.

Small paddles suggestive of things to come were the programs.

Dean and Mrs. M. Ellis Drake, Prof. and Mrs. David Weaver, and Prof. and Mrs. John McMahon were the faculty guests.

Hank Bangert, Howard Cowan and Kenneth Wheeler were in charge of the dance.

At Klan Alpine pledges, members and their guests danced to the rhythms of Art Wexel's band Saturday evening.

Paper streamers and soft lights lent a festive air. Refreshments were served during intermission.

Registrar and Mrs. Waldo Titsworth, Prof. and Mrs. John R. Spicer, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Seidlitz, Prof. and Mrs. A. B. Crofoot, Prof. and Mrs. Charles Harder, Prof. Charles Amberg, and Mother King were the faculty guests.

Donald Gibbs made the arrangements for the dance.

Bartlett Dance, Saturday, Dec. 11. For Freshmen men. Music by Palmer—All new records! Price 40c per couple—No stags. Dancing 8:00 to 12:00.

Campus Camera:

By A. C. P.



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OPINIONS

"—ONLY THROUGH THE OPEN AND UNHINDERED CLASH OF CONTRARY OPINIONS CAN TRUTH BE FOUND."—Glenn Frank

McGill University
Faculty of Dentistry
Montreal, Que.

To the Editor,

The Alfred Alumni Club of Montreal had its annual meeting at the Cafe Monmartre and guest speaker for the occasion was Frank Gianassio, famed star halfback of the Saxon eleven and present holder of several varsity track records.

This month's gathering was climaxed by a banquet in celebration of Alfred's undefeated, untied and uninjured team. (Uninjured except for one slight case of acute indigestion suffered by one of the linesman; the meal at Potsdam was free and the hamburger steak was conspicuous by its absence.)

In his speech Mr. Gianassio regretted very much that Alfred could not play any post-season games, thus making it impossible for us to accept the Rose Bowl invitation this year.

(Ed. Note: Alfred was nosed out by Alabama anyway.)

Following the banquet there was an election of officers for 1937-38. The following were elected: President, Harold M. Syrop '36; Vice-president, William Godfried '36; Secretary-treasurer, Frank Gianassio '36. All perfect 36's. (Ed. note: Total membership of the A.A.C. of M. is three.)

The club would be very glad to hear from other similar organizations and of any activities going on at present at Alfred. Address all communications to Mr. Gianassio at 521 Prince Arthur West, Montreal, Que.

Expenses of the banquet were shouldered by Mr. Syrop as Mr. Godfried and Mr. Gianassio were suddenly called to the telephone.

Yours truly,
Harold M. Syrop '36
President

Alfred Co-op Movies

Varsity Show—Thursday and Friday evening, Dec. 9-10. Starring Dick Powell, Ted Healy, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians.

College tradition and enthusiasm inspire a bunch of talented kids headed by Dick Powell to dope out a new deal for colleges. New songs and dances with music furnished by Fred Waring make this one of the snappiest pictures of the year.

The short subject is Xmas Comes But Once a Year.

Trader Horn—Saturday evening Dec. 11. Starring Harry Carey, Edwina Booth, Duncan Rinaldo and Olive Golden.

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Love And Fatigue
Biggest Worries
Of College Men

Lafayette, Ind. — (ACP)—

Weighty problems of college students usually can be traced to love, economic worries, or fatigue, Prof. E. S. Conklin, director of Indiana Universities's psychology department, told the annual Purdue University vocational guidance conference last week.

Conklin asserted that students average only about six hours sleep a night, adding that fatigue and worry caused by low grades often bring about drinking on the part of the student.

Another speaker at the conference, Dr. Homer P. Rainey, director of the American Council on Education's Youth Commission, said needs of youth are not being met either by the schools or by the employers of labor.

Book

of the
WeekBooks Which Are Popular
With Alfred Readers

Fiction

"The Citadel" by A. J. Cronin
"Northwest Passage" by Kenneth Roberts
"The Rains Came" by Louis Bromfield
"The Turning Wheels" by Stuart Cloete
"And So — Victoria" by Vaughn Wilkin
"Enchanter's Nightshade" by Ann Bridge

Non-Fiction

"The Arts" by Hendrik Willem Van Loon
"How To Lose Friends" by Irving Tressler
"Andrew Jackson" by Marquis James
"New Frontiers of the Mind" by J. R. Rhine
"Four Hundred Million Customers" by Carl Crow
"The Return to Religion" by Henry C. Link

millions of people flock to see it only a few years ago. This picture, based upon a famous book of the same name was actually filmed in Africa, where a whole village of natives hired for some of the scenes, furnished an authentic background for the acting of the White Goddess of the Jungle, Edwina Booth. Harry Carey ably fills the role of Trader Horn.

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Speaks Off the Record.
By the Editors

(Chided by many for reprinting part of an article from a "cheap" magazine a few weeks ago, we stick out our neck again, this time cribbing (with permission) from 25-cent "Scribners", and from Don Herold's sarcastic little piece, COLLEGE "MEN". Comments as always, are welcomed—Editor.)

One of the first things that should be taught college freshmen is not to act college. Perhaps the first week of their college year should be devoted to boiling the little fellows in oil and otherwise torturing them to get out of their system all desire to wear monkey caps and do snake dances. Then, if they persist in acting conventionally college, they should all be shipped to the Warner Brothers studios in Hollywood to cut up in motion pictures about college life—a doom worse than Siberia.

In short, this period of chastening would be a most excellent chance to wean college youngsters, as possible candidates for the intelligent Americanism, from our all-too-prevalent American weakness for labels, and for acting and dressing the part.

There are, of course, in every college a few lusty little nitwits who lead in this collegiate babbittity. They should be smacked to earth by their more embarrassed classmates. It is the embarrassed who are right, but it is the healthy little babbitts who prevail.

This goes, too, for after life, and I think that I have suggested a bit of pedagogy here by which the colleges can eventually improve American life as a whole. What America needs, for one thing, is fewer joiners.

The best actors I know look like businessmen. Only the hams look like actors. The best writers and artists I know look like brokers or storekeepers. Only the phonies wear long hair and Windsor ties. The best musicians might be mistaken for chemists. The best college students ought to look the least college.

If we can't get intelligent people from our colleges, we ought to close the colleges. And I think it would help a lot toward this end to smack all that is collegiate out of the freshmen before they are a week old.

On Light Verse

Is sorrow, then, so very rare?
Are tears so sweet to see
That verse of merriment and lilt
Is not true poetry?
—Charlotte Avrutis

What is the most difficult college course?

Organic chemistry. The bureau of Educational Surveys in New York City has found that the use of college outlines and other supplementary aids to study is in direct proportion to the difficulty in the subject experienced by the student.

The number of students in organic chemistry using college outlines far exceeded that of any other course.

According to the study, science courses as a group are a major source of difficulty with history, particularly ancient, medieval and European, not far behind. Study of Shakespeare's plays rates "hardest" of the English literature courses.

Betty Coed has rhythm, but Joe College has almost twice as much. Tests given at Miami University showed that while the women's score was a bare 39—or eleven points below an average struck on the basis of 10,000 similar studies throughout the United States—men students achieved a rating of 67.

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Courtsters Point To Cornell Clash After 39-36 Hartwick Win

Mat Schedule Announced As Practice Begins; Rodney Jones Is Manager

Bizet and Glynn Set Scoring Pace in Initial Win Saturday; Saxons Stop Last Half Drive

Alfred's courtsters this week are pointing their guns at the Big Red of Cornell University, whom they meet at Ithaca next Saturday night, following a close 39-36 win over the Glenn Johnson's Indians from Hartwick College Saturday night on the hardwood of the gymnasium. The game, the season's opener for both teams, was played before what was termed a record opening-night basketball crowd for Alfred.

Side Lines

Tough Court Season Ahead; Possible Alumni Game

By Jack B. Moore

Last Saturday night the Alfred-Hartwick game wiped the last vestige of Alfred's football season from the tongues of Saxon fans and focussed their attention on King Winters' sport—Basketball.

Before the Purple and Gold courtsters is a good, hard and interesting season. Beginning with this Saturday's trip to Ithaca to face the Big Red of Cornell, right up to the final game on the schedule—against Mike Reilly's Indians of Saint Bonas on the hardwood of the Gym next March 5th in the year 1938, the Saxons will have a tough grind as they go through their sixteen-game schedule.

Four new teams have been tacked on the Saxon's list this year. Brooklyn Poly out of the Big City, Grove City, Buffalo and Rennselaer Poly of Troy will match wits with the first court machine to be put out by Alfred's New Deal coach, Alex Yunevich.

Buffalo returns to the schedule after a year's absence.

Following Christmas recess, the courtsters have a three-game travelling spell before they return to the home court. On successive nights, January 14 and 15, the hoopmen will face Grove City and Allegheny down in Pennsylvania while the following week will find them on the Saint Bonas hardwood at Olean.

Their big trips will take them up north where they will face Hartwick again at Oneonta, Tuesday, February 15, and Cortland the next night at Cortland. Later in the month the schedule has them pitting their strength against Colgate on a Friday night and R. P. I. the next night at Troy. Then will come the Bonas game and the end of the season.

The question that is on perhaps the majority of the fans lips is just what this year's five can do to compare with the feats of last seasons super-quintet. Will the Purple and Gold be able to duplicate a feat equal to last year's 39-36 victory over Niagara when they smashed a brilliant home floor record of the Purple Eagles; a record that had stood for four years?

The Hartwick Massacre
Last year Hartwick, the Saxons' initial foe this year, fell before a terrific onslaught centered on them by the S. O. S. trio—Schachter, Oberhanick and Shoemaker. After the smoke blew away Hartwick held the short end of a 61-26 score.

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The Saxons chalked up their win over the Oneonta boys only after staving off a vicious last-half offensive drive of the visitors. Trailing 25-13 at half-time, the visitors scored 23 of their 36 points during the last half to creep within three points of the Saxons' lead.

Church High Scorer

Church, hefty Indian guard, led his teammates' offensive, brushing the nets for fifteen points, the high for the evening. Five field goals and five free throws accounted for the total. Church made good on all free throws given him during the evening.

High for the Saxons were Larry Bizet and Bobbie Glynn with eleven each. Dick Brownell, captain and center, trailed Bizet and Glynn by two points, making good four buckets and one free throw for a nine total.

Mulligan, brilliant Hartwick forward, did not live up to the advance publicity given him. Buckley and Johnson kept him in hand, allowing but three baskets. He failed on two free chances.

Larry Bizet and Glynn shared offensive honors with Bizet, giving the crowd several thrills.

Dick Brownell and Ray Buckley starred defensively for the first court edition to be turned out for Alfred by Alex Yunevich, New Deal coach.

New Rules Observed

The game was the first to be played with the elimination of the center jump observed. A faster, wilder and tougher game was the result. There was no rest for the players and each team took three time-outs.

The Oneonta team's height gave it an advantage over the Saxons, despite the elimination of the center jump. Offensively, the Purple and Gold had to rely on fast breaks and deceptive moves, rather than sheer power to break through the Indians' defense. The majority of Bizet's points came from quick breaks down the court.

Alfred stepped into the lead from the start, piling up a 4-0 lead. Baskets by Buckley, Brownell and Bizet soon

terialize, Alfred is very likely to see another court fray added to its schedule, with the Alumni meeting the Varsity in a home game. Last year the courtsters trimmed the Alumni 54-14 in the first game of the season.

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Pretty Close Call

| Alfred (39) | FG | FT | T |
|---------------|----|----|----|
| Bizet, f. | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Glynn, f. | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Brownell*, c. | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Buckley, g. | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Johnson, g. | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Keefe, f. | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Greenman, g. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 17 | 5 | 39 |

| Hartwick (36) | FG | FT | T |
|-----------------|----|----|----|
| Mulligan, f. | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Boisvert, f. | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Dascomb, c. | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Heavener*, g. | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Church, g. | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| Terry, g. | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Martiscullo, g. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 14 | 8 | 36 |

Officials—Paltrowitz, Elmira, referee; DeSocio, Elmira, umpire.

Score by periods:
Alfred 15 14—39
Hartwick 13 23—36
Personal fouls called: Alfred, Bizet 2, Glynn 3, Brownell, Buckley 3, Johnson 2, Hartwick, Church 3, Heavener 1, Dascomb 2, Boisvert, Terry, Martiscullo.
Attempted field goals—Alfred 68, Hartwick 66. Completed field goals—Alfred 17, Hartwick 14.
Time outs—Alfred 3, Hartwick 3.
Foul shots—Alfred, five out of ten; Hartwick eight out of twelve.

* Captain

gave them a 13-5 advantage. A series of counts by Glynn, late in the period, in one-two-three order left the visitors trailing behind Alfred's offensive wake, 25-13 by half time.

Hartwick Rallies

Hartwick was quick to rally, however, in the second period. With thirteen minutes left to go, Heavener's heave sent the Hartwick's on Alfred's tail, 30-25. Church added another as Dascomb came up to counteract Bizet's bucket. Glynn's foul shot gave the Saxons a four-point edge, 32-29. Glynn and Brownell each dropped one in to make it 37-29 with seven minutes to go in the game.

Terry, substitute Hartwick guard, sank a free one, and Church followed up with a quick short shot, making it 37-31, Alfred. Brownell made up for two free ones missed by Glynn to give the Saxons an eight-point lead with but two minutes and twenty-five seconds to go. Terry sank two more fouls and Church again swished the nets as the scoring ceased.

With but forty-five seconds left of the game, Alfred froze the ball and had possession of it in the middle of the court when the final gun went off.

Thirty-Two Seek Berths On Squad

Thomas, Captain-Elect, Fails To Report Because Of Injuries

The wrestling season got under way last Friday when thirty-two candidates reported for the initial practice. Coach Joseph Seidlin was greeted by almost all of last year's veterans. Richard Thomas, elected Captain for 1937 season, did not report for the first meeting, and it is doubtful if he will be able to participate this year.

Jones Manager

Rodney Jones, a senior of last year's squad, was appointed manager of the team. His junior managers will be Ed Adams, Hank Bangert and Don Faulkner.

The wrestling schedule was released last week by Director of Athletics McLane. It is one of the most difficult ever essayed by any Alfred wrestling squad.

The schedule:

Feb. 5—Colgate at Alfred
Feb. 12—Toronto at Alfred
Feb. 16—Buffalo at Alfred
Feb. 18—Rochester Mechanics at Rochester
Feb. 26—St. Lawrence at Canton
Mar. 5—Buffalo at Buffalo

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| Alfred | g | f | p |
|------------------|----|---|----|
| Humphrey | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Novak | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitwood (capt.) | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Shine | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Musgrave | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pardee | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| McGill | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Edwards | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 16 | 5 | 37 |

Theta Nu Holds Thanksgiving Feast

Theta Nu entertained 50 members and guests at a banquet at the house Tuesday evening, November 23. Turkey with all the trimmin's made a

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"Little" Alfred is one of two undefeated and untied collegiate gridiron elevens in the East, according to Associated Press compilations. Their record of seven straight wins, made this past season, is second only to Lafayette's record of eight wins. Lafayette scored 93 points and held their opponents to six while Alfred scored 168 to their opponents collective total of 31.

double feature of Thanksgiving for those present. After dinner, the 15 new pledges were introduced to the guests in an informal reception.

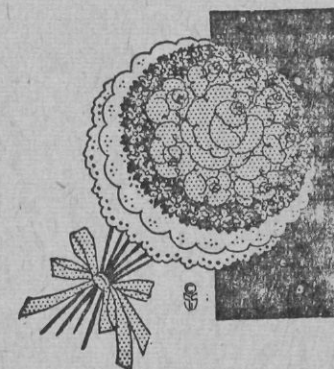
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The co-business managers of The Fiat Lux are pictured here with the cup awarded to them recently at the Intercollegiate Newspaper Convention, when The Fiat Lux was awarded first place for advertising.

Advertising in The Fiat Lux, according to one of the judges, "is well-written and clean, and makes good use of white space".

High praise was given the paper's business staff for originality in advertising, and special mention was made of the ads in a recent issue in which photographs of football players were used.

Papers from colleges larger than Alfred were among those which The Fiat Lux edged out.



High Schools Aid Practice Teaching

"I feel that the nearby high schools are helping vitally in our job as a teacher-training institution," remarked Dr. Joseph Seidlin in a recent interview concerning the aims, means and results of practice teaching.

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The practice-teachers who were out have returned and most of them have completed their work. While they were out, Mrs. Beulah Ellis, Dr. Willis Russell, Dr. G. Stewart Nease, Miss Eva L. Ford, Prof. H. O. Boraas, and Dr. Joseph Seidlin observed them.

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Chemical, Glass Books Donated To Library

Several gifts have been donated to the library according to a recent interview with Miss Ruth Greene, head librarian. An alumnus of Alfred, Dr. Leon I. Shaw of the class of 1907, presented us with a set of publications of the American Chemical Society from about 1911 to date. He also gave several publications of the American Ceramic Society and some other scientific journals and books, continued Miss Greene.

Dr. Scholes gave us autographed copies of his own books, "Glass Tank Furnaces" and "Modern Glass Practice."

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"Don't blame the system," the speaker advised. "You would have the same human weaknesses on the same scale under any other system. It is idle to suppose that under socialism, fascism, communism or any other isms human beings would be any different here than they are today.

"Let's debunk this time-worn cry against capitalism. Capitalism is not a way of life or even a theory of economics. Capital is the reward for energy, effort, and thrift, and capitalism is the only medium whereby capital can be earned. It is a flexible, pliant economic medium that can either build a people or destroy them. It all depends on those who use it and the manner in which they use it."

Armed Thugs Guard Student Bus Trip

Thirty-six Alfred students rode to New York for the Thanksgiving recess in a Greyhound Bus, specially chartered by Kappa Nu. In Scranton they paused long enough to enjoy a turkey dinner and then continued, reaching the city at eleven P. M.

The return trip was considerably affected by the sudden advent of the Greyhound strike. In the front seats sat armed guards, beside the driver lay an axe and a hose, and behind the bus came two armed cars. The danger was considered greatest from New York to Scranton. Between Scranton and Belvedere a Greyhound bus had been attacked and its driver shot.

Therefore this bus avoided its usual stations and, wherever it did stop twelve armed men surrounded and protected the students. A large flashlight was used while the bus was coming through the hills to detect possible hidden attackers. Alfred was reached shortly after eight A. M., followed by a wild dash toward morning classes.

Kirchgassner Named Red Cross Nurse

Miss Mollie K. Kirchgassner, infirmarian nurse, was appointed a Red Cross Nurse, Friday.

As a member of the National Red Cross Nursing Service, she may volunteer or be called for service in any disaster.

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