

Fraternities' Champion

IS CHARLES ROSENBERG '41 president of Kappa Nu and author of the lead Letter-to-the-Editor this week. "Leave well enough alone" Says Rosenberg of current attacks on the Greeks. Read his letter on page two.

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GREEKS WILL TAP 57 NEW MEN TONIGHT

Saxon Runner Finishes Twelfth as Manhattan Takes Meet; Lagasse 23rd

Gamble, Tuttle, Hall Complete Scoring

IN THE CHARMED inner-circle of intercollegiate cross-country competition for the second straight year marched little Alfred University's hill-dalers as they nabbed fourth place in the annual I.C.4-A. meet Monday afternoon at Van Cortlandt Park, New York City, right behind Manhattan, Michigan State and Penn State.

Bradley Rendell of Falconer, number one Saxon harrier, led his teammates in their near-conquest of the country's cream of harriers, taking twelfth place. Ed Lagasse of Schenectady, was second Alfred man in, taking 23rd. Wee Willie Gamble of Niagara Falls, took 26th; Milton Tuttle of Almond finished 27th; and Ira Hall of Phoenix completed Alfred scoring with 37th place.

It was the second straight year that Alfred has taken fourth place. A five-man squad will leave Alfred, Saturday for East Lansing, Mich., to enter the National Collegiates on the campus of Michigan State. Last year the Purple and Gold took fifth place.

Manhattan took first team honors with 42 points; Michigan State second with 70; Penn State third with 118 and Alfred, fourth, with 127. They finished ahead of NYU, Cornell, Rhode Island, Maine, Fordham, Syracuse, Princeton, Yale and Pittsburgh, in that order.

Running for Alfred were Rendell, Lagasse, Gamble, Tuttle, Hall, Gene Burgess, and co-captain Lennie Dauenhauer. Frank Morley, promising sophomore who has been up in the first five Alfred men, failed to compete because of a severe toothache. Dave Nordquist, ninth Alfred runner on the five-day trip which saw the Saxons take R.P.I. Saturday by a perfect score, did not run in the meet.

Theta Gamma Pledges to Face Hell

FIFTEEN NEW PLEDGES of Theta Gamma will go through their Hell Week initiation directly after their return from the Thanksgiving vacation announced President Walter Kozak '40, today.

The new pledges, tapped last week by the Ag School fraternity, include Frank Dutkowski, Frank Sexton, David Shirkey, Steve Reed, Parker Grinnel, Lorne King, Morris Emerling, Loren Phippen, Ralph Wycoff, Charles Conine, Robert Abbott, Harold Coleman, Rowland Smith, Roy Parady, and Fritz Seegert.

In their honor, a pledge dance will be held on December 1 at the Ag School Library.

Orchestra Composes Constitution

A CONSTITUTION for the University Orchestra has been drawn up and will be presented to the Student Senate for approval at their next regular meeting.

The Orchestra has acquired some new music and after some rehearsals, will make a public appearance. More parts, particularly strings, are still needed.

St. Pat Board Named

A FOURTEEN MAN St. Pat Festival Board was named by senior engineers at a class meeting held Monday evening in the lounge of the new ceramic building, first step toward the realization of the annual celebration.

Chairman Frank Arrance '40, will direct a board composed of Floyd Oliva '40, Bernhard Gentsch '40 and Donald Bissell '40, formal ball committee; Dave Thomas '40, and Robert Bennett '40, parade; Charles Casano '40 and William Kunes '40, souvenirs; Norman Kendall '40 and Wayne Brownell '40, open house; Harold Myers '40, play and movies; William Drohan '40 and Raymond Zurer '40, publicity and business; and Anna Pakula '40, tea dance.

Junior members to the Board were not selected at Monday night's meeting, but will be named at a later date, Chairman Arrance pointed out.

Ag Mid-Semester Grades Out Dec. 6

MID-SEMESTER grades for the Ag School students will be turned in to the Office during the Thanksgiving vacation, but will not be mailed out until December 6.

Thanksgiving vacation starts at five o'clock this afternoon for Ag students and classes will be resumed Monday morning at eight o'clock.

Man-On-Street Views to Be Given Students

JIM WILSON'S report on the views of the man in the streets of the world in trouble areas will be given in the University Assembly in Alumni Hall, Thursday, November 30.

Wilson has seen and heard the news on the spot through the eyes and ears of the ordinary man, who is not, as other observers would have us believe, worried and fearful over his plight. His latest tour took him through the Mediterranean, the Suez, and past the key spots of the Pacific.

Chisholm, Meyer Take Archery Tourneys

JUNE CHISHOLM '42 and Harry Meyer '42 placed first in the women's and men's divisions of the archery tournament Saturday morning. The sixteen archers who participated shot four ends at 40 yards and four at 30 yards.

Second place in each division was taken by Lois Creighton '43 and Arthur Crapsey '42, and third by Frances Fist '41 and Carl Heeseler '43.

Ag See Magician

JOHN W. FRYE, a magician, entertained the Ag School student body, Friday in Assembly.

Singers Feel at Home in America



Campus Agents Named For Cossack Recital

EXILED FROM RUSSIA for nearly a decade, the Serge Jaroff Don Cossack Chorus, to sing here December 13, has no foster homeland, although they hope to become citizens of the United States, according to a recent announcement by their manager Paul H. Stoess.

Traveling, after the war, with Nansen passports issued by the League of Nations, these world-famous choristers feel that "since the Russia which we knew and loved is closed to us, we would like to become American citizens, for here we feel most at home."

The chorus was organized by Serge Jaroff, pre-war choir master, who discovered and drilled these thirty-three singers while they were all prisoners near Constantinople after the red revolution. The Cossacks were exiled because of their close association with the Czarist regime.

After the group was released in Bulgaria, the chorus, trained two years by Jaroff, remained intact. Although they all worked in the mines and factories, they sang in the choir of the St. Sofia Cathedral, and were offered an opportunity to tour the cities of Europe "singing for a living".

The program of the Chorus includes sacred music, folk songs and military songs. Their appearance here is through the efforts of the Alfred-Hornell-Wellsville branch of the American Association of University Women.

Tickets may be obtained from Eleanor Driscoll '41, Pi Alpha Pi; Jean Van Strien '41, Theta Chi; Anne Wasson '42, Sigma Chi Nu; Robert Beers '40, Delta Sigma Phi; Dan Freed '40, Kappa Nu; Joe Cutrona '40, Kappa Psi; William Drohan '40, Klan Alpine; Edwin Wessels '40, Lambda Chi Alpha; Margaret Lawrence '40, Mildred Pivetz '42, Josie Procopio '42, and Gail Rasbach '43, of the Brick; Stuart Thomas '40, Roger Marks '43, Robert Starr '43, and William Woods '43, in Bartlett; Robert Ayres '40, Burdick Hall; and John Hallock '42, at large.

Acquires Position

MOE CUTLER '36 recently acquired a position with the Keystone Glass Company of Hicksville, Long Island.

'Sonata' Next Movie Forum Attraction

IGNACE JAN PADEREWSKI, brilliant Polish pianist, in the musical "Moonlight Sonata" will feature the next Movie Forum program on Tuesday, November 28.

A "March of Time" and three educational shorts on The United States Weather Bureau, the Congressional Library at Washington, and "One Against the World", complete the program.

Jascha Heifetz and his magic violin in "They Shall Have Music", will follow "Moonlight Sonata" in the series. The balance of the Forum pictures have been only tentatively decided upon and are subject to change in the event that even more appropriate pictures are available, Professor W. Narick Nevins III has announced.

Addresses Psych Students

DR. H. O. BURDICK, head of the Biology Department, lectured on the "Nature of the Nerve Impulse" to students in Professor H. O. Boraas' General Psychology course, recently.

Delta Sig to Propose Sadie Hawkins Week

A SADIE HAWKINS week will be proposed to the Interfraternity Council for consideration when that group convenes following Thanksgiving vacation it was revealed today by Floyd Oliva '40, senior representative from Delta Sigma Phi, instigators of the movement.

"We've unofficially contacted other groups on the campus, both men's and women's, and they all approve of the idea," Oliva said, in making known the movement. "Delta Sig's object is to offer the campus something novel in the way of entertainment and to afford a lot of fun for all concerned."

Five Weeks' Rushing Climaxed as Houses Tap New Men Tonight

Klan Alpine Takes 21 to Top List; Lambda Chi Next With 15; Delta Sig to Tap 11; Kappa Psi Gets 10

CULMINATING an intense five-week rushing period, the four competing Greek houses will pledge 57 new men who will be waiting in their rooms tonight for fraternity men to call for them and conduct them to the various houses. The list of pledges, released to The Fiat Lux by Professor Lelia M. Tupper, referee, shows Klan Alpine in the lead with 21 pledges, including six upperclassmen. Lambda Chi Alpha followed with 15, Delta Sigma Phi with 11, and Kappa Psi Upsilon will pledge ten.

Convalescing Grand Old Man Recovers from Operation

CONVALESCING from two major operations, John J. Merrill, Alfred's Grand Old Man, celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday last Tuesday in the Buffalo General Hospital.

Since his retirement from his position as State Tax Commissioner in May of this year, Mr. Merrill has been living in Alfred, where his interests have been centered all his life, in spite of the many years that his home has been in Albany or elsewhere.

Long a familiar figure at football games, and a regular attendant at practice sessions this year, his refusal to leave for the hospital until the home schedule was completed was so appreciated by the team that a time-killing correspondence has been carried on between the squad and their No. 1 fan since he entered the hospital.

Even the after effects of two major operations were forgotten as Mr. Merrill enjoyed a small party flavored with congratulatory wires and letters from his many influential political friends from all over the state.

Rochester Students Plan Get-Together Party

PLANS FOR A GET-TOGETHER in Rochester during Thanksgiving recess are being made by Rochester area students, it was revealed today.

Rochesterians and students from the Rochester area will gather in the Seneca Hotel taproom and in the Collegiate Club some evening this week, according to tentative plans.

Discuss French Press

THE FRENCH PRESS was discussed by members of the French Club at the regular meeting Wednesday evening in Social Hall.

Pound-by-Pound Account

OF THE BRICK and Bartlett Dorms' appetites is given this week in an interesting feature appearing on page four this week. Fiat Lux staff reporter Rhoda Ungar '43 here has put cold, uninteresting facts together into a clever story.

The quota of Freshmen and transfers allowed by the Interfraternity Council is 17. Although Klan Alpine will pledge 21, only 15 of the pledges will be new students and included in the quota. Klan Alpine pledged 17 last year. Kappa Psi dropped five from last year's pledge total of 15. Lambda Chi gained two over last year's 13 pledges, and Delta Sig's 11 is two below its total of 13 last year.

The list of pledges to be tapped tonight by the various houses follows:

Delta Sigma Phi—E. Steven Berger, Gilbert Brinnier, Wilfred Clay, Robert Golden, Donald Griffin, Earl M. Lippert, William H. Nichols, Mel Perlmans, Albert Regenbrecht, Gordon Weaver, John W. Young.

Kappa Psi Upsilon—John Armstrong, Lawrence Bickford, Robert Burgess, Richard Dickinson, William Ellis, Keith Elston, Franklin Hensley, James Lippke, Guy Rindone, Dodsworth Rowe.

Klan Alpine—Selbert App, Jr., Robert F. Brown, S. Rowland Burk, Forrest Burnham, Howard D. Fink, Charles J. Kucera, John G. Ledin, Robert A. Lewis, Clifford Madson, A. Lawrence Maffei, Jack E. Mills, R. Winston Repert, Russell Stein, Robert Starr, Zeno Zabawsky.

Upperclassmen—Burton Baker, John Breitenstein, Anthony Cimino, Charles Rushmore, Alden Smith, Luke West.

Lambda Chi Alpha—W. Scott Burk, W. Ellsworth Heath, Donald Hoedler, Kola Kipp, C. Alan Lindquist, Jr., Roger E. Marks, Raymond Milton, C. Robert Moebus, Paul Bruce Pettit, Robert R. Sinclair, Robert Timke, L. Sherman Watson, William B. Woods.

Final Frosh Vote Held

FINAL ELECTIONS for Freshman officers were held this afternoon in the Publication Office of Burdick Hall.

As a result of the preliminary voting held after assembly Thursday, Nov. 16, Bob Starr and Bud App were competing for the office of president; Scott Burk and Eugenie Reb for the vice-presidency; Margaret Ames and Frank Cernak for secretary; and Winston Repert, Jane Lawrence, and John Young, for the position of treasurer.

German Youth Slides Seen by Club

A SET OF SLIDES on "The German Youth Movement" accompanied by a talk by Anna Pakula '40 was the feature event of the German Club meeting on Wednesday at Sigma Chi. Refreshments were served and singing in German completed the events of the evening.

Addresses Faculty Meet

MR. KENNETH B. FLOYD of the Department of Agronomy and Fruit Growing of the New York State School of Agriculture spoke on "Recent Trends in Methods of Distribution" at the monthly meeting of the University faculty Monday evening at Social Hall.

Constitution Vote By Mathematicians

DR. ROBERT J. WALKER of Cornell presented a talk on "Diabolic Magic Squares" to more than forty students and members of the faculty Wednesday evening.

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Congratulations

●THE BIG SHOW IS OVER. Pledges are firmly secured and the Greeks can relax and go back to normal living. The rushee has lost his halo and the rushers are now making plans to subject the new pledges to those indignities and quaint old customs of paddling and discipline which prepare the pledge for entrance into that upper crust of collegiana—the charmed circle of Greek letter men.

To those men who have been newly pledged—congratulations. You have measured up to certain standards set by the individual houses and have been found acceptable.

And to those men, who either by their own choice or by the choice of the fraternities, have not “made” a house—congratulations. Don't accept sympathy from others or feel let down yourself because you “haven't made the grade”. It isn't necessary.

Look about you—you men who have not pledged. You can get along on your own. At Alfred, it is not essential that you have fraternity “push” behind you to get ahead.

Proof? Among the positions on the campus which are held by non-fraternity men this year are the presidencies of the Senior Class, International Relations Club, American Ceramic Society, Keramos, and the A. U. C. A.; the editorships of the Kanakadea, Fiat Lux, and Alfred Engineer; and the Chief Judge of the Freshman Court.

Congratulations, again—to those who “made” a house and to those “who didn't make the grade”.

Brainstormers okay

●A PAT ON THE BACK is due the Forensic Society for their current Brainstormer quiz contest. They are sponsoring a project which affords an opportunity for a large number of students to take an active part in. And they are running the contest well despite a letter-to-the-editor to the contrary.

Although the Professor Quiz idea is not a new one, The Forensic Society deserves credit for planning something—and then going right ahead and carrying out the plans. Too many of the organizations on the campus just plan.

Thanks for the freedom

●THE MAILED FIST of German might has clamped down on the educational facilities of Prague. As a result of college student demonstrations in this still-Czechoslovakian city, though German controlled, some 1200 collegians were arrested, many executed, and as a final result—the Prague universities will be closed for a period of three years.

A free University has always been a safeguard against oppression and dictatorship. The great universities of Paris and Sorbonne, of Oxford and Cambridge, and the Harvards, the Yales, and the Alfreds of our own country—these are the centers of free and balanced thoughts. While they live, unfettered by centralized control or interference, the freedom of these democratic countries is guaranteed.

And so now, we see that the last outpost of civilized thought in a conquered nation is destroyed. The University is no more in Prague.

Youth can no longer congregate to learn, to discuss, and to question the structure of civilization.

They have but one road to follow. The road is straight and narrow. It leads to blind allegiance to the Swastika. To stray from the road means—death or concentration camps.

With such an example in mind, it is appropriate that the American college students give thanks on this Thanksgiving—for the American way.

Variety show for Alfred

●A CAMPUS VARIETY SHOW seems to again be in the offing. In the past, many plans have been brought forth to put on an all-student show with Alfredians doing the direction, staging, and entertaining. However, not since the old Junior Follies of 1935 has any such plan been carried through.

Last week, at the request of Mrs. John R. Spicer, a meeting of those who might be interested in such a venture was held. Plans and possibilities were discussed. Further action is planned.

There seems to be no reason for any checkmate in such an undertaking. The time, the energy, the leadership, the direction, and the talent are present on the campus. Financial backing could certainly be secured. It is, then, simply a matter of correlation and cooperation. And of course—hard work.

The show might well be tied in with the St. Pat's Festival. For the past few years, certain of the entertainments of the Festival has been in the hands of hired professionals. A good job was done, but how much more enjoyable it would be to have a show by, for, and of Alfred.

Mrs. Spicer is to be thanked for her participation as the moving spirit behind this new enterprise. Until the time when organization of the undertaking has been reached, The Fiat Lux offers its facilities as a clearing house for suggestions and opinions. We hope to hear from you.

College TOWN

Doughnut dilemma – Brick quiz team goes home – boys break “high sassiety”

BY THE EDITORS

●IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN our desire to write an essay on the unequal distribution of Collegiate coffee and doughnuts. This week, the columns of College Town are particularly void of contributions. Therefore, we'll give coffee and doughnuts the floor.

The time-honored custom of the Collegiate Restaurant, Alfred's busy food emporium, has been to serve one cup of coffee at five cents per with an order of doughnuts, three to the order and at ten cents per order.

This departure from regular doughnut and coffee procedure, which usually sells at ten cents for one cup of coffee plus two doughnuts, has been the source of much worry on the part of many of the student body.

Take the case of the thrifty student. He has finished his cup of coffee and he has one doughnut left over. For three doughnuts are just too much for one cup of coffee. He is loathe to leave the doughnut because he has paid for it. Therefore, he must either eat the morsel dry or buy a second cup of coffee. If he chooses the latter procedure, he is left with a half-cup of coffee and no doughnuts.

Additional investment to the total extent of three cups of coffee and two orders of doughnuts will even matters up. But, there the health factor enters. Three cups of coffee will make the drinker nervous and the weight of the six doughnuts will make the eater sluggish.

So, the matter is serious. It is one that has threatened the health and finance of the student body. A readjustment is necessary. Perhaps this will be the instigation of a campaign or new organization for the “protection of unadjusted coffee and doughnut eaters”.

●FROSH FEMS are still in the dark. A few weeks ago, College Town featured an article concerning the adventures of Dodo Ungar and MacAllister who were duped into the belief that the P. O. would open at 7 p. m.

Ailsa Jonstone and Lee Linhof, both residents of the Brick and members of the Class of 1943, were victims of a case of either just plain stage fright or of another hoax.

Both being very bright Brick residents, they were chosen to represent the Brick in the Brainstormer's Quiz. The hitch was that they were not told that they were to appear in this contest—they were merely told to appear at the Green Block, room 2, at p. m. The nature of the meeting was not divulged.

The girls were pretty much surprised when they arrived at the Green Block and found quite a congregation, spectators and all. They didn't wait to find out what it was all about but went back to the Brick. As a result, the Brick team performed and lost without the services of first string quizmen, Johnstone and Linhof.

●HIGH SASSIETY—that's how Alfred men Awney Ohmittie, Jack Wall, and Floyd Oliva are going. We noticed their name in the society column of the Hornell Evening Tribune recently. They were listed as “Alfred students visiting Hornell, Saturday”.

Rosenberg defends fraternity system; flays spectacular exaggeration by foes

To the editor:

“Fraternities shall not be allowed to entertain more than five eligible men on Monday and Wednesday nights. No man is allowed in a fraternity house except for the time allotted each Monday, Wednesday or Friday night. Fraternity men may not speak to eligible men during the silence period as defined by the Interfraternity Council.” All of which boils down to “Fraternities shall not influence the freshman's mind during closed season as to whether or not he should join a house.”

Each year, about this time, an attempt is made to start a movement against the Greek houses. Ghastly pictures of cruel initiations are drawn, exaggerated tables of enormous expenses are dug up, and absurd tales of the obligations of a fraternity man are spread. With the aid of Life, Look, and other spectacle-seeking magazines, these exaggerations are impressed on the mind of the freshman, and he is then sent forth to the fraternity and sorority houses with an “unprejudiced” opinion.

Never once has he been given any picture of the “raison d'etre” of fraternities. He has never been told about the home, the social activities, the scholastic aid, and the contacts that the fraternities provide. He has been given no insight into the spirit of brotherhood, cooperation, loyalty, friendship, unselfishness, welfare, and

altruism that are present only in the fraternity houses.

Frats Abolished

At Harvard, Princeton, and a few other universities, fraternities have been abolished by the school authorities. At these places, a new order has arisen. Instead of houses with Greek names, clubs have been formed consisting of men living in a single building. These clubs provide the same home that their former fraternity houses afforded, but the all-important spirit of brotherhood is gone. There is no longer a group of twenty or more men working as a single unit; they are now twenty individuals, each striving for his own selfish gain.

A favorite argument of the Independents, after realizing that the spirit of cooperation is lost in a common club or group, is that the fraternity man is deprived of all sense of individuality. What more need be shown, in refuting this point, than the fact that most of the higher positions of individual responsibility are usually held by fraternity men? The houses have always taken pride in the man who shows enough initiative to make a name for himself on the campus and in the community.

We must also remember that the fraternities and sororities play an extremely important part in the sponsoring and in supporting of social activities on the campus.

Charge movies raise war spirit

To the editor:

While I was attending the movies at Alumni Hall recently, an interesting thought came to my mind during the projection of a cartoon.

The story was an animated conception of America's struggle for freedom. I depicted Uncle Sam showing Master Pig the patriotism of our forefathers.

Hollywood is releasing several American history dramas, carefully plotted to keep far enough back to be indisputable. We have inspiring radio plays, articles, speeches—all for what?

Since the World War, the average American has either lost or failed to gain any personal enthusiastic desire to defend the flag at the cost of life.

The present trend toward subjects of American patriotism is an attempt to arouse us to the point of accepting a war if it comes.

That little evil—propaganda. Ah—we sentimental Americans.

R. C.

Rosenson hits quiz methods

To the editor:

The Forensic Society had a good idea in the present quiz that they are running, but the idea does not make the contest a success. There is no earthly reason for the questions with incorrect answers or data to be used. This has come up at least twice in the present quiz and the value of the contest is thus lost.

Ag student scores conduct

To the Editor:

Friday morning the Ag School assembly had for its guest, Frye, the famous American magician. Mr. Frye's program was very amusing and entertaining. I enjoyed the assembly and so did many others. However the assembly conduct was deplorable. If only the frosh had been responsible for the hooting and whistling that followed everytime the magician's helper appeared on the stage, there might be some allowances made, but the seniors were also employing this means of childish unruliness.

It seems to me that both frosh and seniors are old enough so that the mere sight of an attractive young lady shouldn't incite such boisterous comment.

It's a shame that Mr. Frye left Alfred with the impression that he has obviously taken with him. I hope that this publication will serve its purpose in awakening some much needed respect in future Ag assemblies.

AN AG STUDENT.

●COMMUTING students at Massachusetts State College travel a total of 18,024 miles a week.

I know that if in the future the Forensic Society will have their questions checked by a competent person instead of having them submitted in the hap-hazard manner that was used this time, the Society will not have the troubles that it had with the contest of the Independents vs. A. U. C. A. H. BERTRAM ROSENSEN

Campus Camera



The Interfraternity Ball, the St. Pat's Parade, the Intramural Games, and many other highlights of our school year could not be run without the support of the fraternal groups. Ordinary clubs might substitute for them, but would never provide the competitive spirit achieved by our present fraternity system.

Lead in Scholarship

And of course, we do not have to contend with the age-old argument that life in a fraternity house is prohibitive to studying. It does seem to be a peculiar coincidence, however, that the fraternities and sororities have always been at the head of the list of those in competition for the scholarship cup.

Right through the course of history, man has always banded together in fraternal groups. Primitive man had his tribe, the Greek had his clan, the Frenchman had his fraternite, and the German has his gruppe, but in any age and in any language, the name stands for the same standard—a brotherhood backed by high idealism.

Of course, we realize the necessity for an Independent group. In any community, there will always be some men and women who, for various reasons, have not joined a fraternal order and provision must be made for them. All we ask is “Leave well enough, alone”.

CHARLES ROSENBERG.

Tag: GLEN ALTY.

SOCIAL NOTES

Costumes, skits feature AUC-A-YWCA all-college dance

— BY BECKY VAIL

●COSTUMED CO-EDS will test the danceability of the new gym floor tonight when the annual A.U.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. all-college dance will be held from 8-12.

Highlight of the evening will be the skit contest. Eight organized groups will compete for the cup which was won last year by Sigma Chi Nu. Prizes donated by the Alfred merchants will be awarded for the most original costume.

Glinsky and Gehrke's Sound System will furnish dance recordings. Refreshments may be purchased at Cronyn's Concession.

Chaplain James C. McLeod will act as master of ceremonies and a faculty committee will judge costumes and skits.

Chairman of the dance committee is Grant Tucker '41. Members include Archie Cameron '42, Dick Humphrey '41, Frank Morley '41, Alan Parks '42, Glenn Alty '40, Jean Collier '42, Nettie Ann Rapp '41, Anne Wasson '42, and Jane Morris '42.

●DARKTOWN STRUTTER'S BALL became a reality at the Brick last Saturday evening. Dormitory halls were changed into Harlem streets on which were located such hot spots as the Cotton Club and the Savoy.

Night life in Darktown swung into action with Ed Gehrke's sound system providing the musical effects. Specialty dance and piano numbers were given by Daphne Simpson '43 and Evelyn Collins '43, and Ray Buckley '39. Cider and doughnuts were served to refresh the “strutters”.

Kay Kastner '41 was chairman of the dance. She was assisted by Myra Whitney '42, Jean Brockett '42, Kay Francis '42, and Lennie Cole '41.

●ALL ABOARD—last call for the Roller-coaster Rhumba, Lindy Hop, Snake-Charmer Shag was given at the Pi Alpha Pi carnival Saturday evening at Social Hall. Dancing to the music of Walt Benedict's sound system was followed by refreshments of cider, doughnuts and ice cream cones served in the main tent downstairs.

Betsy Ryder '40, chairman of the dance, was assisted by Marjorie Russell '42, Lillian Sweeney '40, Virginia Engbers '40, Ann Pakula '40, Betty Curtis '40, and Jane Colberg '41.

●Lambda Chi Alpha will hold a Thanksgiving Dinner for its honorary members tonight at the chapter house.

RECORD-BREAKING DALERS WHIP RPI, 15-40

Saxons Close Dual Meet Card Unbeaten; Break 28 Year-Old RPI Mark

Rendell, Gamble Tie As Harriers Chalk Up Fourth Win

● A RECORD of twenty-eight years standing fell before the onslaught of the powerful Saxon harriers as they buried Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute cross-country runners beneath a perfect 15-40 score at Troy Saturday to close their 1939 dual meet season with a clean slate—three of the four wins by a perfect tally.

The defeat was the first time that R.P.I. had been shutout in a harrier meet in twenty-eight years.

Record breaking time was turned in by the first five Saxons as they ran over the four and six-tenths mile course.

Brad Rendell and Wee Willie Gamble broke the tape in a dead-lock, slicing thirty-five seconds from the course record. Gene Burgess came in third, three seconds under the course record, while Milt Tuttle, bespectacled climax runner, and lanky Frank Morley, finished the Alfred scoring shoulder to shoulder, just edging under the course record.

Course record had been 24 minutes, 28 and eight-tenths seconds. Rendell and Gamble turned in a twenty-three minute fifty-three second clocking. Burgess made the course in 24 minutes, 25 seconds, while Tuttle and Morley tied at 24 minutes, 26 seconds. Co-Captain Lennie Dauenhauser moved a little ahead in the team standing, coming in sixth man while Ed Lagasse was seventh.

Losing out on the chance to run in the I.C.A.A.'s Monday were eighth and ninth men in, Ira Hall and Dave Nordquist. Coach James McLane planned to run only the first seven men in the R.P.I. meet, in the I.C.A.A. run.

Lagasse and Hall tied for ninth. The perfect Alfred scoring was shattered after Dauenhauser, sixth man in, crossed the line. Head was R.P.I.'s first man in, turning in time nearly a minute slower than the winning clocking.

The team arrived in Albany Friday evening, spent the night at the Hotel Wellington, ran in Troy and left for New York Sunday.

Following the I.C.A.A. meet Monday afternoon, the team spent the night in New York and left for home Tuesday morning, arriving in Alfred last night.

The nine runners, Coach McLane and Manager Don Nesbitt made the five-day trip.

Individual scoring:
Rendell (A) and Gamble (A) 23:53; Burgess (A) 24:25; Tuttle (A) and Morley (A) 24:26; Dauenhauser (A) 24:31; Head (RPI) 24:34.5; Truop (RPI) 24:56; Lagasse (A) and Hall (A) 25:02.5; Nordquist (A) 25:31; Nelson (RPI) 25:34; Burns (RPI) 26:07.5; Huntley (RPI) 26:25.

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Harriers Leave For N.C.A.A. Meet Saturday

● COACH McLANE'S HARRIERS will attempt to gain national recognition at East Lansing, Michigan next Monday when they compete against the nation's best cross-country squads in the National Collegiate A.A. cross-country championships.

The squad will practice all week over the home course. Time trials at the end of the week will determine the team that will make the trip. The race will be run over a four mile course on the Michigan State College campus.

Last year was the first time Alfred was represented in this national competition. Although running out of their class, the Saxons finished a strong fifth behind Indiana, Notre Dame, Drake and Michigan State.

The competition is stronger than at the I.C.A.A.'s in New York City, Michigan State, runner up in the Eastern meet last year, finished fourth in the Michigan meet.

Such harrier powers as Indiana, Notre Dame, Drake, Iowa, Oklahoma, Michigan, Michigan Normal, Michigan State, Purdue and a host of others complete the field.

Ag Hill-Dalers Close Dual Season Saturday

● ALFRED'S AGGIE HARRIES will close their current dual-meet season Saturday afternoon at Western Ontario where they will meet the University of Western Ontario dalers. The Aggies are undefeated in dual-meet competition having wins over the Canton and Albany State Teachers squads. In a pentagonal meet two weeks ago the team finished in second place.

The entire squad is expected to make the trip, leaving Alfred by car on Friday. The only injury on the squad is Lee Guilford who hurt his leg recently. Capt. Herb Beyea, Frank Cronyn, "Hurry" Kane, Bill Finn, Bert Riccione, Bob Nestell and Finn, Bert Riccione, Bob Nestell and Gold, striving to beat the Canadian team and finish an undefeated season.

Juniors Whip Frosh In Hockey, 2-1

● THE JUNIOR HOCKEY team defeated the Freshmen 2-1 in a closely contested game Saturday morning on the practice field.

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Ye Sports Editor Has an Interview

Minnick Explains Court Rules..Praises School Spirit

Al Friedlander
Fiat Lux Sports Reporter

● WE WERE CHATting with Danny Minnick, basketball mentor, in the cozy confines of his office down at the gymnasium last week. Danny was a bit tired—he'd just finished a three-hour session with his Varsity and Frosh courtsters.

Conversation was lagging when we ventured a sly question. "What do you do with your spare time Danny?" He smiled, brushed back a lock of his coal-black hair from his eyes, and pointed to a small booklet lying on his desk. "I catch up on court tactics and the season's new rules," he admitted.

"Are there any new ones," we

asked, grabbing at a conversational straw.

"You bet there are," retorted the former Saxon court star, "And some darn good ones, too".

"Take for instance the situation when a personal has been called," he said, warming up to the subject. "The offended team has the choice of shooting the foul or taking the ball out at mid-court and putting it into play at that point. If two shots are awarded on the foul, the team may shoot one and then put the ball in play from mid-court."

We couldn't grasp the significance of this rule. We said so—"It means just this," explained Danny. "The rule was drawn up to prevent intentional fouling in the closing minutes of a game in an attempt to gain possession of the ball. The technical foul rule which gives the ball to the offended team after the foul shot was also drawn up with this point

in mind," added the youthful mentor.

"Rule makers have also made it possible for any player to call time out this year. This eliminates the possibility of an injured man playing on, unnoticed by the captain. Heretofore the captain was the only man allowed to call timeout."

Dan, paused, loaded his pipe, leaned back in his chair and then continued.

"Y'know of course, that the backboards have been moved in four feet, don't you?" queried Minnick. "That was done to make for a greater playing area under the baskets—many times the ball will seem to be out of bounds, when actually it isn't."

"That rule should make it tougher for the referees and easier for the stands to let loose with criticism," we pointed out.

"On the contrary," Danny re-

torted. "The referees won't have any trouble calling them. The Athletic Department hires only the most competent men for the home games....we've been generally satisfied with their work."

"As for the fans—in my three years of scouting both small and large universities, never have I run across a group of students as well informed on the rules and strategy of the game as the bunch of court fans here at Alfred," admitted Minnick.

"Naturally, there is always a bit of good-natured beefing but, on the whole, the enthusiasm and spirit of Alfred is far superior to that seen at any of the schools that I have visited in the past few years," asserted Danny, giving the student body a pat on the back.

"I'm sick and tired of hearing the student body here criticized for lack of spirit....To me, the bunch here deserves a lot of credit—not reproach."

Minnick Cuts Varsity Court Squad to 17 Men

● FORTY-FOUR HOOPSTERS

survived cutting as Coaches Dan Minnick and Ray Buckley slashed squads to a minimum as the basketball season entered its third week. Seventeen have found berths on the Varsity, thirteen Greenies are on the Frosh squad and fourteen comprise the Aggie outfit.

Of the seventeen upperclassmen chosen, ten will face Hartwick, Dec. 2, and seven will form the Jayvee squad that meets Frosh in a preliminary game to the season's opener. Head Coach Minnick intends to choose two or three from the Jayvees and place them on the Varsity before disbanding the Junior Varsitymen, after opening night.

Minnick Favors Screen
The Varsity has been scrimmaging all week. They are being drilled in the use of the "moving screen". Coach Minnick favors this type of offense but stated that he would also make use of four and five man rotation, the double pivot, and go as far as to use a three man zone and two man sleeper, if the need arises.

Veterans Mitch Corbman, Larry Bizet, Bo Johnson, Dick Brownell, Blip Greenman, Russ Pardee, Jim Hollingsworth, Bob Whitwood and Bob Humphrey were retained along with Bruce McGill, who played frosh ball two years ago and Sophomores Art Cohen, Ralph Rhodes, Jim Scholes, Lee Hoitink, all of whom played frosh ball last year. Mario Carota and Charlie Munger complete the seventeen.

Thirteen Frosh Selected
The thirteen frosh have been smoothing their ragged edges. Offensive and defensive tactics, have been stressed all week. Although green, the frosh are slowly rounding into a well drilled unit. The squad consists of Ellie Hauth, Phil DiSalvo, Tex Smith, John Young, Gordon Weaver, Ray Milton, Don Meade, Fred Terfuro, Risty Jamesson, Walt East, Don Hardy, Dave Broudo and Bob Golden.

The Buckymen average over six feet in height and are fast on the floor. Coach Buckley scrimmaged with the teams and gave them a few pointers on offensive and defensive court tactics. John Quarantiello, Herb Beyea and Floyd Ebbard continue to show last year's sterling form. Of the newcomers lanky Don Anderson and Chuck Conine show lots of promise. Herb Bense, Clyde and Ray Briggs, Pat Squillave, Morty McCursi, Bejoe Peote, Rowland Smith and Fritz Seegert are all quickly rounding into form for the opening whistle which will open the Aggie's

Spicer Rushes to Father's Bedside

● JOHN R. SPICER, counsel for prospective students and English professor, left Sunday night by train for Washington, where he will catch the plane to Miami, Florida, in an effort to be with his father, Clarence T. Spicer, critically ill in Miami.

season the week Thanksgiving recess closes and school resumes.

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Speed, Lower Costs Demanded in Chemical Analysis, Says Chemist

Lundell Predicts Spectrograph Will Replace Present System

●"GREATER SPEED and lower costs are demanded in chemical analyses," stated Dr. G. E. F. Lundell, chief chemist of the United States Bureau of Standards, in a talk before the American Ceramic Society last Tuesday night which saw a near record crowd of almost 200 jam into the Ceramic Lounge and sit on chairs, tables, and windows.

Dr. Lundell gave as an example the spectrochemical analysis procedure of the Ford Company, 48 steel analyses are made in 30 minutes. Samples from the plant are sent to the lab, a quarter-mile away, by means of pneumatic tubes.

Spectrograph Has Future

Dr. Lundell also predicted that in the future, the spectrographic analysis would probably replace chemical analysis to a larger extent. However, at present, he pointed out the great accuracy obtained by chemical means of analysis. Elements in amounts of .0001% can be and are determined in regular routine analyses of the Bureau.

Ten Voted Keramos

●KERAMOS, national honorary ceramic engineering fraternity, voted in ten new members at a meeting held Sunday night, announced President Norman Kendall '40, today. Seven juniors and three seniors were okayed by the organization.

Seniors who were voted into the fraternity were Walter Dlugozima, Wayne Brownell, and Wesley Curtis. Juniors were Lewis Kluth, James Wygant, Grant Tucker, Alden Smith, Frank Maxwell, Lawson Mason, and Joseph Utter.

Campus Groups Sign Pact

●ACTUAL SIGNING by the Student Senate of the contract with the American Federation of Musicians, Wednesday evening, terminated months of discussion by the campus organizations.

Essentially, the contract says that, aside from one dance a year by each group, music shall be furnished for dances by 100% union bands.

Following signature by Hornell officials of the A.F. of M. copies of the contract will be returned to Alfred and distributed to the respective groups which signed them.

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Frosh-Soph Contest Plans Made

●METAL BOOSTERS for the cars of Alfred students, faculty, and townspeople will be available in a short time as one of the service projects of the Blue Key, men's honorary fraternity.

The boosters, planned for at last week's meeting of the Key will read ALFRED UNIVERSITY in purple letters on a gold background. They will be 2x12 inches and will have a raised border.

Plans are also underway to purchase a six-foot pushball to be used in the Frosh-Soph Moving Up Day tilt. Dan Freed '40 was appointed to contact supply companies for information on the ball.

As usual, the Blue Key will usher at basketball games. Dan Freed will be in charge of the ushering.

Keymen Merle Parker '40, James Lynch '41, Stuart Thomas '40, Stephen Day '40, Floyd Oliva '40, and Russell Pardee '41 will act as ushers at the Don Cossack program, which will be presented at Alumni Hall on December 13 under the sponsorship of the A.A.U.W.

Varsity Five Whips Frosh

●THE SAXON VARSITY basketball team easily defeated the Frosh by a margin of fifteen baskets as the Minnickmen met in the first inter-squad meet of the season at the gym Saturday afternoon.

The season's new rules were given their first official test in the game. Aggie Coach Ray Buckley officiated in the hour and a half game. The varsity starting five was composed of four six-footers, Bo Johnson, Dick Brownell, Bob Whitwood, Blip Greenman, and Bob Humphrey.

The lettermen used their height and experience to advantage and dominated the play, scoring almost at will.

The frosh lead by Ellie Hauth, Don Meade, John Young, Gordon Weaver and Bob Golden gave the Varsity a game fight although outclassed. Coach Dan Minnick substituted both

Here's Pound-by-Pound Account of Appetites

By Rhoda Ungar

●"OH, I'VE GAINED 8 LBS.," groans a student. "I won't be able to wear that darling winter formal anymore," sobs another. Sad statements such as these, very seldom the other way round, issue forth from the mouths of residents of the Brick almost daily. Bartlett boys grow husky and strong, but don't seem to be as weight-conscious as are the girls. Considering the food the Bartlett boys eat, it would seem that they should have the avoirdupois worries, because looking at statistics from last year we discover many items worthy of mention.

Last year, according to statistics released by Mr. Allen's office, Bartlett boys ate 4477 loaves of sandwich bread to the Brick girls' 2,097, a total of 6,574 loaves for both dorms. The Bartlett boys liked pancakes and ate 136 lbs of pancake flour. The Brick girls, remembering their figures, ate 1880 loaves of whole wheat bread, 130 loaves of raisin bread, and 207 loaves of rye, whereas the boys ate 809 loaves of wholewheat, 1438 loaves of raisin bread and 5 loaves of rye. The boys ate twice as many hot cross buns, cinnamon buns, and graham crackers as did the girls.

Girls Like Peanut Butter

1300 lbs. of fat compounds were consumed by the boys in Bartlett and 550 lbs. were eaten by the girls. The girls showed a definite liking to peanut butter and ate 138 lbs. to the mere 42 lbs. of the boys. Potatoes were popular with the men, 325 bushels to the girls' 175. The wo-

men ate no dried lima beans nor did they eat any dried peas. Bartlettians ate 100 lbs. and 300 lbs. respectively. Macaroni, always shunned by the reducing female was only mildly received by the girls, 60 lbs.; Bartlett boys ate 260 lbs. Prunes ranked an even 250 lbs. for both dorms and dates ran high for the boys, 112 lbs to the Brick womens' 33 lbs.

Butter, eggs and milk, ran high in both dorms. Men ate 3100 lbs. of butter, the girls ate 2550 lbs; milk ran 3404 gals. for the girls and 7312 gals. for the boys. It seems that frequent contests were held in Bartlett to see who could drink the most milk, which might account for the high consumption down Bartlett way. Again the girls forgot their figures and downed 304 gals. of ice cream to the boys' 252 gals. Fresh cream ran 89 gals. in the Brick and 153 gals. in Bartlett.

Boys Eat Bananas

Bananas were enjoyed to the extent of 4772 lbs. for boys and 2838 lbs. for girls. The girls ate 8 water-melons and 70 quarts of strawberries and the boys 20 quarts of strawberries. Tomato juice was downed in twice as great a quantity over at Bartlett than at the Brick, but 578 lbs. more tomatoes were eaten by Brick girls than Bartlett men. Grapes and radishes were popular favorites with Alfred women, running 301 lbs. and 130 doz. bunches to 271 lbs. and 43 doz. bunches respectively.

The boys were very enthusiastic about cabbage, cauliflower, and onions, eating 1910 lbs. cabbage, 28 doz.

cauliflower, and 550 lbs. onions. The girls were more moderate, only eating 920 lbs. cabbage, 16 doz. cauliflower, and 358 lbs. onions. This may account for some campus idiosyncrasies.

Men Meat Eaters

When it comes to meat, men are always the heavy eaters. Girls ousted bologna entirely, ate little corned beef, but held their own in frankfurters. Lamb legs were 1741 lbs. for girls and 203 lbs. for boys. Bartlett boys ate 1862 lbs. of hamburger and the girls 838 lbs. 1927 lbs. of fresh pork, 622 lbs. more than the girls was eaten by Bartlett dorm. The girls showed carnivorous instincts, however, by eating 2237 lbs. of chicken fowl to the boys' 1547 lbs. Turkeys ran 590 lbs. for girls and 187 lbs. for boys. The last item, however, included two formal dinners at the Brick.

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