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Editorial

Sometimes we get angrier than others.
Or disgusted - however you will.

It all started when we were in grammar school where we learn about the various Inquisitions in Church history; where we heard and laughed about the ignorance inherent in the witch burnings which took place during the settlement of America by the various religious groups which were seeking some sort of 'freedom'; when we read about the ancient Hebrews, and how they wielded a large whip because they were 'God's chosen people' - only to be persecuted themselves when the other gang held the majority.

We thought, at this time, that this sort of thing took place only where intelligent people were not present. So we pondered the superstition and conceit of the ancients and felt so satisfied because we live in a time when this route is no longer taken for the glorification of the self.

Then - of course - we had to explain the racial and religious hatred right here in our own United States. But, we see, this is on the wane. It is being stamped out. Committees and clubs have been formed to counteract the KKK and corresponding organizations.

Fine!
And then again, we wonder.

We read a book a while ago, written by a man who said - among other things - that in modern times the State seems to be taking the place of the Church as the religion of the people. This seems reasonable. In fact, it seems true.

Whereas, in the past, the Church held sway at the BURNINGS, now the State performs the same proctoring function.
This must be qualified.

The State had its share of foibles in the past; and the Church is not yet through with its BURNINGS. The latter has, however - with the passage of time - become mellowed as regards its methods; the former appears to have evolved its technique to the point that it now expands in fervent fanaticism in inverse proportion as the Church grows more tolerant.

'Life' - so say the wise men - 'is just one damned thing after another.'

We also say this.

Take this guy McCarthy. He may be doing something worthwhile with his rain of accusations. On the other-hand we are growing weary of reading about people who are fired from their jobs - livelihoods - because they have been brought under suspicion, whether or not anything has been proved against them.

This age of book-burning and throat-cutting is taking on the proportions of the mass miasma of the later French Revolution.
How long can this go on?

With an eye to history we may expect this Road To The Degradation of Human Rights to lead to Mechanical Town, described so charmingly by Mr. Orwell.

Or, we may witness an outburst of revolt, touched off by a few prime assassinations.

Really - of course - we are not historians enough to say. Things have changed since Rome, France and Germany - to cite a few cases - took their respective falls to demented chaos.

Perhaps we were too impressed by the cartoon, some years back, presenting two monkeys sitting 'midst the rubble of the late World. The outline under the picture said something about 'Well, shall we begin again?'

Yes, this cartoon, we assumed, concerned atomic bombs, and we were talking about intolerance. Upon consideration, though, it could seem that a cosmic destruction brought about by a nice clean, hidden bomb is more desirable than another trip to the pit with the 'ste's Bed.'

Proponents of the Hysteria Society who have 'built a better Pro- maybe the whole matter will blow over.

Maybe, in twenty years, we will feel free, as we almost aren't now, to go over to the 'neighbor's for an argument without feeling it necessary to take police protection.'

We see characters in human individuals which lead us to believe that evolution has yet eradicated this musty smell of 'I'm different,' from the neck of humanity.

Finally in regards to what we print. To not like others. This is reasonable.

by people who say 'This was printed, then it, throw it out,' always assume the majority, by the majority,

these dicta. wrong, when

use of 'We the people' the chills

book-read-

Letters

The opinions published below are printed 'as is' and do not represent, necessarily, a sampling of the opinions of the FIAT LUX.

Town Commended By A Thoughtful Citizen-Advisor

Dear Editor:

It looks as though the town fathers have finally hit on a good idea. However, they just don't carry it far enough. In the new ordinance re: all quiet-on-the-home-front, the local moss-beards have the beginning of what might be a fine thing for the order and stability of the community.

Nothing can be more obvious than the premise that "All good little boys are tucked in their beddies at twelve o'clock" and those who are out on the prowl, blowing their noses and making other undue noise, should come under civil control.

Everybody knows that the REALLY moral people in the neighborhood fall strangely silent as the midnight bell tolls. It's only natural.

However, what the Solons have overlooked is that there are even more categories of behavior which may be defined. It naturally follows that old maid sand diabetics become inactive at approximately seven o'clock - for which a cannon might be sounded in the local square.

At eight o'clock a rocket might well be sent up to warn all persons over sixty that the time of silence has arrived. Later on, as the hour grows toward nine, a bell could toll to announce the retirement of University employees.

At ten, Chief Stebbins might drive through town with his siren blowing to indicate that the State University employees should be turning their thoughts toward saying their prayers (being careful not to omit Tom Dewey, from whom all blessings flow.)

I am a little stumped as to what signal to use at the eleventh hour - by that time the village will be so silent that perhaps a modest burp from Dean Gertz would be sufficiently raucous to send fraternity boys to their rest.

This leaves only the town drunks, lecherous old men, and the dope peddlers to be disposed of, and for this, I think, the village has made adequate provision. Like I say, they just haven't carried it far enough.

One might go on to suggest that perhaps whistling permits could be issued to deserving citizens who merit public approbation. Returned veterans and village officers might be invested with privileges to belch after ten o'clock and rattle their car keys upon entering the office.

But I leave this to wiser heads. It is enough that the village board has faced a vital real problem and faced it REALISTICALLY. But, for the sake of even greater peace and quiet, let's carry it to its logical conclusion!!

Yours for peace and peace and quiet,
D. Burdick Kenyon

Dear Sir:

I just found out about the Village ordinance announced by Judge Turk recently and I felt that I just had to express my sincere approval of Mr. Turk's attitude toward the whole thing.

For some time, we of the permanent residents of Alfred have had to put up with all sorts of monkeyshines and fracas committed by these fraternity boys. It would be alright if they were not living in a town of responsible citizens. As it is, though, those of us who are not being sent to college by our fathers can not afford to lie abed every morning, resting up from the wild doings of the previous night.

I know that I feel this way about it and my neighbor, who told me about the new law this morning, said that if this nonsense doesn't stop she's going to take all her shopping business to Hornell hereafter. She believes, and I agree wholeheartedly, that the Town of Alfred should protect its citizens from the attacks and vandalism of irresponsible college children; I call them children and that's exactly what they are.

I would like to continue and tell you something of just how we of Alfred feel about this matter, but I have WORK to do; I can not sit around in classes all day and drink gallons of coffee in the Student Union, and pretend to be an intellectual. I just wish to close by saying that I hope you, as Editor of the Fiat Lux and supposedly, a somewhat responsible student, will lead the campus in a sensible crusade for law and order in the Village of Alfred.

Yours in Christian Faith,
Mrs. Margaret Bickerstaff
R. D. 2, Alfred, N. Y.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, December 8
Student Senate, 7:30, Physics Hall
A. O. C., 8:15, Kenyon Chapel
Basketball - Brockport, Varsity 8:15, Men's Gym
Wednesday, December 9
Sodalites Latina
Thursday, December 10
Assembly Required
Newman Club, 7:30
A. C. S., 8:00, Binns-Merrill Hall
Friday, December 11
Jewish Services, 7:15, Kenyon Chapel
Interfraternity Ball, 9:30, Men's Gym

ers, illiterates, yokls, wags, egg-heads, fat people and thin people not only express their opinions but take upon themselves the holy office of chief firemen at the BURNINGS.

Ah, yes, we live in a wonderful age.

This is the age of 'Every man his own dictator.' The grief comes when some soapbox emperor presumes that it is time to cut things to their 'proper shape.' It is a humane gesture; they attempt to save the people's time by obviating the necessity of hashing over the old ideas.

To quote an old quotation: 'A few more such humanitarians and we are ruined.'

D. T.

Editor's Statement To The Subscriber

To Announce The COLLECTED LETTERS OF A. C. PLATT

COLLECTED LETTERS OF A. C. PLATT, Memorial Edition, collected and ordered by Joyce Jones, with an Introductory Critique by David J. McCormick and commentaries by others.

The eleven volumes include nine letters, published from Tuesday, February 17, 1953 to Tuesday, May 19, 1953, inclusively; also, replies by Bredell and Braunfeld, and two fraudulent letters formerly thought to have been authentic but now known to have been collusive.

by D. T. Earley

'I'm positive that Platt will rank!' This statement was made by one of the foremost literary and social critics in Alfred: Fred H. Gertz, Dean of Men and Adjudicator of Veteran's Affairs.

'In (Platt's) present state he only contributes to the fire that is roasting alive all kinds of "intellectual witches." ' These estimations, the latter by Marcel Braunfeld, illustrate the violent controversy which all but ravaged Alfred-

the University and the Village—from the inception of the series of the A. C. Platt letters on February 17, 1953, until the concluding epistle, published in the FIAT LUX on May 19, 1953. About The Edition

The FIAT LUX is as pleased as am I to announce the forthcoming publication of the Memorial Edition of COLLECTED LETTERS OF A. C. PLATT. The Letters have been collected and ordered by our Managing Editor, Joyce Jones—a noted critic in her field—and are to be presented to the public in eleven volumes: the first to be printed in the next issue of the FIAT LUX; a service for which we welcome the opportunity, inasmuch as the F. L. believes part of its mission to be that of introducing to its readers the best of current and classical books.

Each volume of the COLLECTED LETTERS . . . presented in serial form, will be accompanied by the critical estimate of one of the many different authorities who have done research upon A. C. Platt and his work, which writing has been called . . . the most stimulating and intriguing contribution to American Letters of our time.

The controversy over these letters, which were printed as Letters to the Editor (of the F. L.), ranged from polemical dialectics upon metaphysical principle to the most personal epithets—thrown from each side—to intensive discussions of contemporary freedom of the press.

The furor caused by these facetious letters—still discussed wherever veterans of the affair congregate—embroiled Platt, the FIAT LUX, students, A. U. employees, Village residents and alumni in a heated feud which for a time threatened to submerge all in imane chaos.

The Man

A. C. Platt, a 1953 graduate of Alfred University, became—during his matriculatory period—a paradoxically complete symbol to those who knew him, or knew of him; and few there were who were not, at one time or writings.

another, intrigued by the man and his Having had a modest acquaintance with Alfred myself, I believe that I may say: From his first intellectual encounter, with Kevin Bunnell (one-time A. U. instructor) and Civilization, until that day—Graduation Day, June 1953 1953 - when Alfred U. said 'goodbye' too A. C. Platt, amid the fascinating mental shadows of the Day's speaker, the author of these Letters presented, to all, such a forceful and inquiring mind as may never again be seen upon the Alfred campus.

David J. McCormick, of Johnstown, Pa., recently said: "A. C. Platt is destined to reside in both the annals of literature and in Alfred as a MAN. A man who knew himself and others, and was afraid to elaborate upon neither."

I believe that this summation of A. C. the man, by the reviewer of the first volume of the COLLECTED LETTERS OF A. C. PLATT, to be published next week, is the most accurate short description possible - not taking into account the lofty subject matter of the Works.

The Works

The Letters themselves?, perhaps. To grasp properly the complexity of these missives aimed at human complacency, I think we may consult the March 10, 1953, statement made by Frank Bredell (Class of 1952) in a Letter to the Editor: 'Is there a cry-

Saturday, December 12
Basketball - Ithaca, Varsity 8:15, Men's Gym
Music Club
Union Jam Session
Sunday, December 13
University Church 11:00 a.m.
Catholic Mass Kenyon Chapel, 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.
Episcopal Service, 4:30, The Gothic Christmas Concert, 4:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14
A. U. Womens Club
Spanish Club

Student Outlook

by Morton Floch

A representative of the Corning Glass Works will be on campus today from 10 this morning until 3 this afternoon. He will be in the Ceramic College conference room to interview interested students.

The United States Naval Air Station at Niagara Falls has announced that a special Navy pilot selection team, headed by Lt. Wally McNabb, USNR, is scheduled to visit AU tomorrow, all day, in the Campus Union.

Mr. Ernest Whelling, cashier of the Arkport bank, is interested in obtaining an assistant cashier, preferably a business administration student. The position is now opened, but Mr. Whelling says that the bank is willing to wait until the end of the semester, for students graduating in February. The bank will train the man for the position, the chief business of which is to handle loans on farms and farm machinery.

There are job opportunities for those students interested in professional Boy Scout work. There are executive positions to be filled, with starting salaries of approximately \$3,200 per year and up. Those interested should speak to Dean Gertz, or write to Mr. Robert Schultz, Scout Executive or Mr. O. B. Roberts, Scout Executive, Babcock Building, Bath, New York.

Theodore Anderson, Director of Yale University's Master of Arts in Teaching Program, announced today that applications now are being received from prospective students for the Yale-Reid Hall Summer Session in Paris, France. Dean of Men, Fred H. Gertz can supply further information on this topic.

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Rosenberg Cites Dementia

Georgia Editors Found 'Red' By Weekly Mogul

by Bruce A. Rosenberg

During the Thanksgiving vacation, I read a small back-page news item that raised my blood temperature about twenty degrees. The article quoted some southern writer who was upset because two students in his state had said something to the effect that they wouldn't mind having negroes in the same class-room.

The Red and Black, newspaper of the University of Georgia, was denounced as being "communist" and its student editors termed "little sissy boys" because of an editorial which it carried advocating liberal policies on racial segregation, particularly in Georgia's school system.

The charges came from the pen of Roy C. Harris, editor of an Augusta weekly - a political power in the state backing Governor Talmadge.

Victims of the name-calling were William Shipp, a sophomore, of Marietta, Ga., and Walter Lundy, a senior, of Cairo, Ga., managing editor and editor in chief, respectively. Both students have received support of their views in letters written them but do not wish to answer Harris or in any way enlarge the conflict because they don't want to involve the University in further controversy.

Harris has threatened to urge cutting off state support to the University if the Red and Black continues its anti-segregation editorial policy.

At the time that the "segregation" editorial was printed, only the students decided what material the paper should carry. This is certainly as it should be. Now Georgia's Board of Regents is considering a plan in which all editorial comment must undergo faculty revision. Although in a very small measure, this is a silencing of a free press.

Of more significance than the attempt to silence Shipp and Lundy is the method employed by Harris in answering his opposition. Harris' Augusta comment read "Every time I see one of these little sissy boys hanging around some college, the more I think that every one of them ought to be made to play football . . ."

"But the time has come to clean all these institutions of all communist influences and the crazy idea of mixing and mingling of the races. . ."

From these two sentences it is difficult to determine whether Harris meant that all college boys are "little sissys" or just those who believe in racial equality, or that college football players will not associate with negroes.

Whether "communist influences" refers to the race question in particular or the University in general, Mr. Harris prefers to keep obscure.

Unquestionably the most revealing statement discussed the "crazy idea of mixing and mingling of the races." In Mein Kampf one finds, "Far less nature desires the mixing of a higher race with a lower one." The similarity is too painfully striking.

Whichever of these views Harris meant to convey, he fell hopelessly short in his reasoning. The Georgian all but conceded his argumentative failings when he resorted to name-calling.

It will be interesting to observe how the University of Illinois will receive Harris' statement. It is at Illinois that negro halfback J. C. Caroline recently broke Red Grange's rushing record (and most of the other rushing records of the Big Ten) and is "Mister Big" on that campus.

Does Harris think that making the "sissys" play football will cure them of the "crazy idea" of race mixing? One might conclude from this that football players realize the wisdom of racial segregation; an absurdity.

Does communism mean permitting all races to enter our classrooms? If it does, then let us welcome it; but communism has nothing to do with this problem, except for its feeble injection as a device for slander.

For the Red and Black I can only offer our highest praise, if that is of any consolation, and hope that such opinions will continue to appear, if the editors so desire.

I would like them to know that their friends in Alfred will support them and any other writers who have the courage to print what they believe to be right.

Basket Ball Outlook

The Saxons opened the 1953 basketball season with a 71-56 loss to a strong Buffalo quintet. Jim Horne, who averaged 22 points a game last year, led the scorers with 30 points.

The game got off to a slow start with Alfred unable to drive against Buffalo's tight, shifting man-to-man defense, and Buffalo's losing the ball repeatedly to the hustling Saxons. The first quarter ended with Buffalo leading 17-15 with most of the points scored on foul shots.

In the second quarter the game began to open up as Jim Horne drove through repeatedly to score on lay-ups and short jump shots, and Johnny McNamara and Bill Balle hit on long one-handers to keep Alfred in the game. Bob Corbin was strong off the boards while Horne and big Steve Sklar excelled in that department for Buffalo. The half ended with Buffalo ahead, 30-25. Horne scored 18 points.

As the second half started it appeared as if the Saxons were off and away as Ryder sunk three fouls and Corbin a short hook shot to tie the game. Then the roof fell in. The Bulls started pressing and from then on it was no contest. The fighting but inexperienced Saxons repeatedly lost the ball and Buffalo pulled away. The third quarter ended with Buffalo ahead, 52-38.

The final frame continued in much the same manner as Lang of Buffalo put in three long one-handers and Horne racked up 8 points. The final score was 71-56.

Tonight the Saxon's meet Brockport State Teachers College at the Men's Gym. Brockport lost to Buffalo by a similar score in their opening game, so tonight's game promises to be a good one.

This Saturday night the Saxons meet Ithaca for the third game in the current home stand.

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There will be badminton for interested persons from 2:30 - 5 p. m. this Sunday in the Men's Gym. Raquets and birds will be available.

Clubs Incorporated

Newman

Professor Salvatore Bella addressed the regular meeting of the Newman Club which was held Thursday, November 19, at 8 o'clock in the Ag-Tech lounge.

He spoke of the need of having the club become more active on campus and encouraged the members to be thinking of some activity to take place in the future.

General discussion followed and refreshments were served.

A. P. O.

Two new members from Ag-Tech were pledged to APO at the meeting held on November 23.

At last Tuesday's meeting it was decided that the election of officers will be held sometime in January. The new members will also be initiated in January.

The last meeting before Christmas vacation will be held on Tuesday, December 8.

Latin

The next meeting of the Latin Club will be held tonight at the Community House at 7:15 p. m.

The theme of the meeting will be the Saturnalia, the Roman Christmas holiday. There will be a play entitled "Saturnalia on the Sabine Farm" after which the members will exchange gifts.

There will also be an initiation of new members.

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Senate

Pi Delta Epsilon, the honorary journalism fraternity, has agreed to compile the Senate sponsored "Alfred Composite," a list of students, their addresses and other pertinent information.

The Senate has approved the constitution of the ROTC "Eyes Right" club and Pi Delta Epsilon.

Doug Meader and Howard Lind have been appointed to the Athletic Governing Board.

English

The next meeting of the English Club will be held at 4:30 Friday, December 11 at Miss Tupper's house, 7 South Main Street. Rona Osterweil is in charge of the program which will include readings of some contemporary one-act plays.

There will probably be a brief business meeting following this and then refreshments will be served.

Spanish

The Spanish Club had a social meeting on Sunday, November 22. It took place at Omicron and was strictly Spanish in flavor. Spanish games, music and songs were the entertainment.

Fencing

For those interested in fencing, instruction will be given in the girls' gym on Wednesday, December 9, at 7 p. m.

Bring along your sneakers!

Student Outlook

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life insurance business, should write for information to The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York.

State of New York Department of Civil Service has announced that its next series of examinations will be given on January 16. Deadline for applications for these exams is December 11. Exams will be given for psychology, journalism, law, library science, engineering or architecture, biology, chemistry, physics, accounting, economics, administration, mathematics, and statistics. Dean of Men, Fred H. Gertz has full information on all of these tests.

The Institute of International Education has issued an announcement concerning permission to work for foreign students on program numbers G-1 and P-6. Complexities of visa regulations for students holding exchange visitor visas have created confusion as to who has the authority to grant permission for work to foreign students. Students on Exchange-Visitor programs have been admitted to the United States for specific objectives among which are training in specific fields of study. A student may be permitted to work in part-time employment only when in the judgement of the sponsor such work will enhance his training.

The following criteria are supplied to assist in rendering this judgement: 1 - Work to be performed should be of such a nature that it is consistent with the purpose for which the student was admitted to the United States.

2 - If the student is engaged in a full-time academic program, outside work should be limited to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

3 - Remunerative employment should be college auspices with the approval of the foreign student advisor. If the be provided by or through university students secures employment through other sources such employment should

be permitted only after investigation and approval by the Foreign Student Advisor.

Students holding exchange-visitor visas are not permitted to accept employment on a full-time basis without approval of the sponsor and authority in this matter is not being delegated. Students affected by these announcements should speak to Dean Gertz for further instructions.

Federal job opportunities in the New York and New Jersey areas have been announced for engineers, supply cataloger, engineering draftsman, stenographer, tabulating machine operator,

messenger, hospital attendant (mental) (2), kitchen helper, and gardener. Requirements and instructions for applying for these jobs can be obtained from Dean Gertz.

New York State Civil Service Commission in Albany has announced that there are at present four vacancies in the Division of Parole, one each in Albany and Buffalo, and two in New York. For complete information obtain detailed announcements from the Civil Service Commission in Albany. Applications will be accepted up to December 28 for the exams to be given on January 30.



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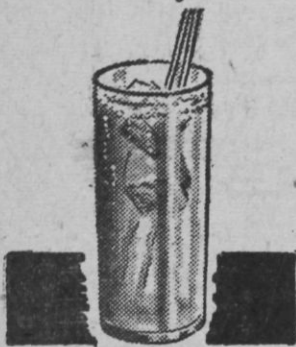
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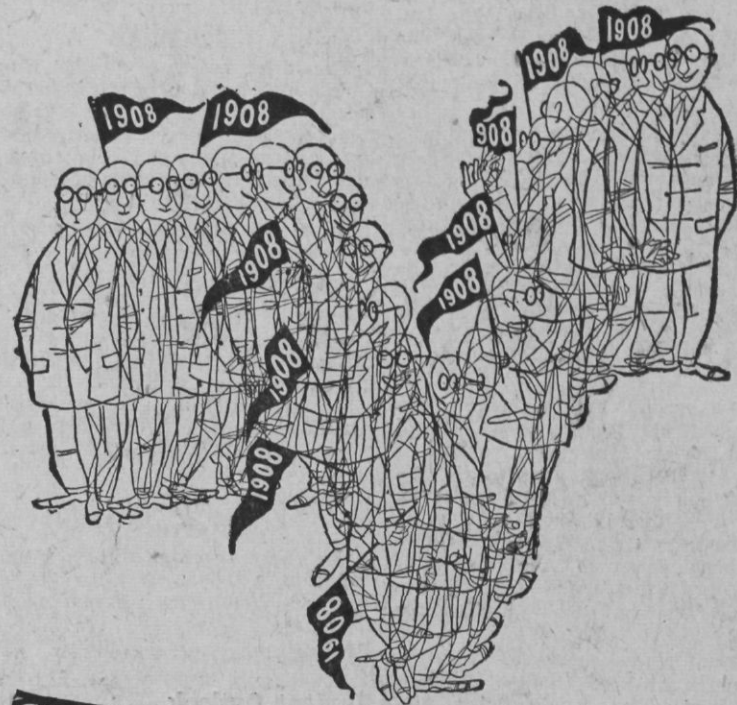
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