

VANDALISM IN ALFRED

Editorial . . .

THESE ACTS OF THOUGHTLESSNESS

This special edition is aimed to better acquaint you, the students of Alfred University, with the increased vandalism which is occurring on this campus. This problem has reached increasing proportions in the past several weeks and will probably cost the University approximately four or five thousand dollars to repair the damages.

We have not compiled this special edition to lay the blame on any specific group or individual student. In a sense, we feel that only you can remedy this situation. We are confident that only a minority of individuals are responsible for the damage inflicted on University property since the end of Spring Recess.

This minority must be stopped by the majority who inevitably suffer the consequences of this minority's thoughtlessness. There have been too many changes beneficial to students to be jeopardized by the thoughtless actions of a few individuals.

We urge all students to carefully read and see what is transpiring on your campus. Only you can stop this vandalism from spreading. This is your campus and a great deal of the responsibility for its upkeep is yours.

Dean Powers has stated that any individual caught in the act of vandalism will be accountable under New York State Penal Law. In addition, such individuals, if they are students of the University, are also subject to University punishment.

Students form the best security force a University could have on campus. You have a responsibility to protect what is yours. We sincerely hope that the vandalism on this campus ceases to be a problem. If it does not stop, then everyone will suffer. We have gone too far to be stifled now. Vandalism on this campus must not spread; for if it does the University will take several steps backward.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

At the time that the Administration established the Pub and more liberal social regulations, certain alumni, parents, and community citizens criticized the Administration for these steps and predicted that such liberalism would result in undisciplined student behavior.

The current wave of vandalism on campus is playing directly into the hands of such critics. The Administration has kept faith with the student body in moving as swiftly as possible to modernize our way of life on campus.

We earnestly hope that the student body will keep faith with us by demonstrating to the public and to the other segments of the University family that students can generally conduct themselves with restraint and self-control.

Leland Miles

Hostility grows as maturity declines

By MARK MORRISON

Tech and University students have traditionally lived their Alfred years in conflict with each other—the antagonism being mutual. With the Campus Center Board's newly enlarged budget, there has been the hope of greater co-existence, community, and unifying of expanded activities for the benefit of all.

However, with the opening of the Saxon Inn, a productive union within the Alfred valley has been found unlikely, at least for now. Never before or so often have such numbers of Tech students shown an interest in the University, and at first, their "invasion" presented no problems.

The idea of new faces and more girls has its merit. But when lines begin forming at the door and University students must wait to enter their own pub, only to find no room to even stand, then objections are valid. Yet, the pub's license is public and outlaws discrimination of any sort, except, of course, to minors. At the present, there is little or nothing that can be done.

The only hope is that when Tech's newly remodeled pub opens in September, the crowds will stop.

But, meanwhile, hostility across the valley is rising. There have been numerous vandalous attacks on fraternities — the already infamous windshield wiper caper at Delta Sig, the attempted destruction of Tau Delta's new house sign, the fight provoking visits to Klan. This is not necessarily a specific case of Tech-University animosity, for the offender is often unknown.

The controversy is more important in the fact that the University, who opened a pub for the benefit of the student — to settle his qualms and give him someplace to go to get a beer — to work for his behalf — is getting slapped in the face by those students who misuse this opportunity, and also by those skeptical adults (faculty, parents, and towns-

people alike) who doubted the University's judgement in the first place.

The "I told you so's" about student conduct and the school's overestimation of it are colling in to the administration already. It is not necessarily so that the vandalism has been induced by sessions at the Pub, but the fact is that, regardless, the Pub will take a beating for it—OUR Pub.

The Campus Center itself has not faced too much trouble. Once, and I blame this on our students, a lack of nothing better to do in Alfred existence produced the broken glass and disappearance of various pole signs in the lobby. As a desk supervisor, I have never played the kindergarten teacher bit, waving a finger at those who prefer to turn the building into a zoo.

I have watched ping-pong exhibitions before the desk, hide and seek games, bonfire "sacrifices" in front of the building and the petty damage of assuming students who meddle with various items of decor that do not quite suit them.

All this has never truly bothered me and I do not deplore it.

My purpose in writing this

is to make students aware of what is going on outside their classroom. Vandalism has hit the Steinheim three times in one week, removing invaluable, irreplaceable items that are part of Alfred's pride and past. They have uprooted tape recorders and phonographs from Howell Hall and smashed windows of Allen Lab and the new Science Center.

Here, the logical blame has fallen on our students, right or wrong, and the sum of it all is a big zilch; zero; total waste of time and money.

I do not moralize, you understand. I only propose this question: How can we, as students, advance our status and privileges within the University and the community, how can we ask for adult responsibilities, such as no women's curfews, liquor in the dorm, and increased parietal rules (women in men's housing), and expect to get our way, if we can not affirm our maturity and maintain good faith on campus?

It is the old story of the few who hurt the majority, and they may feign indifference to my words or words of others here, but they must realize the defeat of their own purpose as students. Consider it.

Powers' statement discusses incidents of vandalism at AU

By DEAN PAUL POWERS

A group of concerned students, faculty members and administrators met recently to discuss the many incidents of vandalism and damage to the Alfred University campus. These acts include breaking into offices and buildings, disconnecting brakes on the University bus, broken windows, motorcycles on lawns, breaking into student vehicles and stealing tape players, tapes, and radios. Dogs owned by students are continually entering University buildings creating housekeeping problems.

Many of the above described incidents are in violation of

the New York Penal Law.

Burglary which is essentially entering of a building and stealing something of value is a felony, punishable by several years in State Prison.

The students of this University have asked for and received many more privileges than were granted in years past. The University therefore requests and expects that the students therefore measure up to the freedoms offered with an equal amount of responsibility. Those students who commit crimes, and intentional damage to University property will be held accountable for their actions when apprehended.



Historical items stolen from Steinheim Museum

By LARRY FEIBER

Over the past few weeks, there has been an increase of vandalism in the Steinheim Museum. Windows have been smashed and many of the historical items stored in the museum stolen or seriously damaged. Just last week a student was seen attempting to steal a statue from the first floor of the museum.

The Steinheim has been closed to the public for fifteen years. Many of the areas in the physical structure are unsafe and one can only promote his own injury by wandering unsupervised in the building. Yet, it seems that each time the grounds supervision or a member of the Steinheim Museum Committee inspects the building, additional names are found in the museum guest book.

The Steinheim Museum Committee was begun during the winter for the purpose of deciding the future of the museum. It is the objective of this committee to raise funds to revitalize the structure into a "working museum."

Hopefully, students and faculty will again be able to appreciate many of the fine collections stored in the museum. Yet, this will be an impossibility as long as these selfish acts of vandalism persist to the Steinheim.

Freshman Class President Thomas talks on vandalism, parietal privileges

By PHIL THOMAS

Vandalism has recently become a major problem facing our campus. By no means is vandalism a new problem on the Alfred University campus, but it has reached such proportions that both the Administration and the students must now take a long look at this present dilemma.

Valuable equipment has been stolen, artifacts are missing and projects from the design school have been destroyed. Who is responsible? Who is to be blamed? But most important what are the implications?

The University can be held responsible to a certain extent because of the present lack of a sufficient, effective security force on one count and the lack of efficient security system on another count. Nevertheless, and very tragically so, the students will be held responsible and to blame for the vandalism on campus.

The Administration understands and realized that this problem has been created by a small minority, but the fact remains someone must be held accountable. Regardless if the parties involved are fraternity brothers, independent University students or Tech students, who I personally feel are responsible to a great extent for the present wave of vandalism but not to the point where I would absolve students at the University of all guilt, the implications of these problems of vandalism may have far reaching effects.

As you all know, there are people in the hierarchy of the University who are vehemently opposed to liquor on campus. These people, some of whom it is interesting to note are parents, point directly to the Saxon Inn as the source; but on this point I shall let your own minds reach the logical conclusion.

There is another area that very well might be affected by this current problem and that is University policy. In this respect I am referring directly to liquor in the dorms and parental privileges. (Liquor in the dorms, at this writing, is scheduled to go into effect September of 1969.) Parental privileges goes before the Board of Trustees' Student Life Committee some time this summer.

Why vandalism in annex?

By TRACY HAGBERG

The pressure is on—the end is near—and vandalism seems to be the outlet. In the College of Ceramics, as in other areas of the campus, vandalism has increased. We know that the plans have been drawn up for the new design and library building and that the old annex will be torn down this summer. However, this does not give us the privilege of being the ones to start the demolition!

These buildings are still being used for classrooms and studio work—or would have been left open for students to use; if we students had taken the responsibility to act as adults (which by the way—we all make claim that we are!)

To break out windows, steal books from the library and force entry into studios is not the way to prove that we are responsible and no way to petition for extended hours for working in labs, studios and library.

If the custodians, watchmen and administrators can see by our actions that we respect the property of others; perhaps we can have more liberal working hours.

With a new building being planned and better facilities available, we will want to use them; however, if vandalism increases in the old facilities, the administration can only judge by past experience. So in the tide of frustration over exams and critiques and trying to get everything tied together—don't take it out on the facilities available to us as students!

If approved, parental privileges would be implemented sometime during the 1969-70 academic year. I need not tell you the effect that the present situation might have on University policy.

The majority of the students at Alfred University are responsible adults and deserve the proposed new policies. Nonetheless, the students at Alfred University must be prepared to accept the consequences for the actions of a few indiscriminate individuals.

The only way this situation can be remedied is by the cooperation of all students. You, the students, control the outcome. Stand up and make your displeasure with the situation known. Also, realize if you choose to be complacent and apathetic, you will suffer although you, as an individual, remain innocent of implementation.

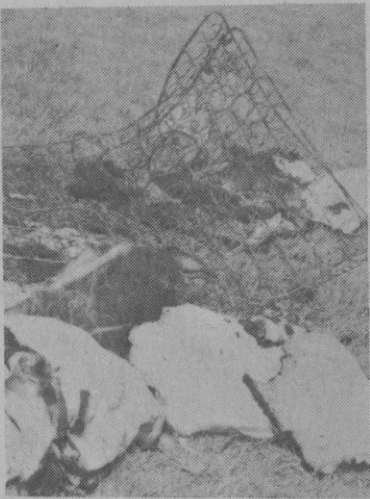
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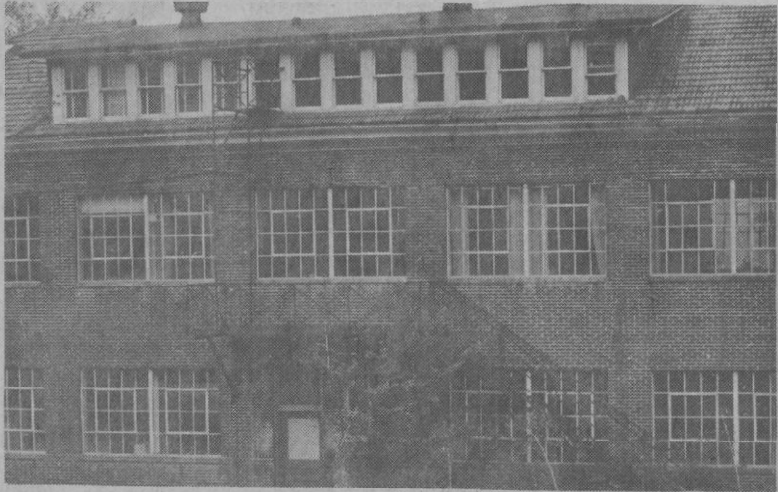
The Saxon Warrior stands ready to transport students, assuming the brakes are not disconnected.



Over this seemingly harmless bar, passes both beer and controversy.



A burned out mattress is the remains of the fire in Barresi. This was due to carelessness rather than vandalism.



Allen Lab windows provide a great deal of light for classes, and a target for vandals who broke over one hundred.

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