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## Scots Meet Kazoo, G.R.J.C., and Albion

Scots Will Be Busy Friday, Saturday and Monday.

The Scots with the 1936 basketball season nearing a close, will have plenty of play ahead this week-end. Friday the Scots plan to meet the Kalamazoo Hornets in a battle to decide the bottom rung of the MIAA ladder. Saturday night Grand Rapids is the scene of action with the Grand Rapids Jaycees. Coming back to Alma, the Scots will entertain Albion here Monday evening.

Albion rang up a new MIAA record last week when they went on a scoring spree against Kazoo with 70 points against the half-crazed Hornets. In spite of the burst of offensive strength, little Wally Survilla of Kazoo dropped in 14 points. Bob Koestner, another Hornet, is another dangerous man at times. And they are pointing at the Scots this Friday.

Albion brought forth Paul Santini at Albion against the Scots last semester, and saved big Russ Kroeze for the Kalamazoo game. Leigh Prettyman and Eddie King, both good shots, have held themselves in reserve.

However, the Scots want the Kalamazoo game, and insist that Santini and Kroeze will not go on any scoring spree here next Monday.

## Dean Mitchell's Talk to IRC Is Postponed a Week

The meeting of the International Relations Club, which was originally scheduled for this Thursday, has been set ahead a week to February 27th because of the local oratorical contest occurring on the first date.

A special feature of this meeting will be a talk by Dean Mitchell, Head of the History Department, on the topic, "Europe Today."

In a recent meeting of the club, the topic "Rivalries in Ethiopia" were discussed. The president, Claude Knight, began the discussion with a brief historical review of the partition of Africa and the growth of colonial rivalries leading up to the present East-African crisis.

## 'Buzzer Board' Romeos Do not Appear in the Early History of Wright Hall

Those "buzzer-board" Romeos who clutter up the reception room of Wright Hall every afternoon and evening in the present time were not of any noticeable importance in the early history. Two great catastrophes occurred in 1914: the buzzer system was installed in Wright Hall and the war began.

How you got in touch with a girl in her room without the startling buzzer is one of the mysteries of the past. But on the other hand, since this was during the days when students made resolutions that no student who played Sunday baseball could represent Alma in any athletic contest, maybe dating the females was taboo.

At any rate it was not until Mrs. Lancashire installed the bell system in 1914 that the modern Romeos summoned the girl-friend by a slight push of the hand and then stood with their head resting between their shoulder blades waiting for the fair one to show her face over the railing.

The history of Wright Hall really starts with a gift of over \$47,000 from A. W. Wright. January 2, 1902 marks the opening of this institution within an institu-

## Oratorical Contest to Be Held This Thursday

The oratorical contest of Alma College students, which was postponed last Thursday, will be held this week on Thursday, February 20th. The women's contest will be at 4 o'clock and the men's at 7:30 in the College Chapel.

There is no word limit to the orations, but none are to exceed fifteen minutes in length. The winners Thursday, in addition to winning a twenty dollar prize, will meet the winners of the local contests of Calvin, Central State, Hope, Kalamazoo, Michigan State, and Western State at the District Meet on March 6th.

## Seniors Carry Off Honors in Campus Group Ratings

Philos Have Highest Ranking of The Literary Societies.

The supremacy of the Royal Class of '36 was even more firmly entrenched when they carried off the top honors in the scholastic ratings of campus groups. Phi Sigma Pi, made up of four seniors, was first with a 2.72, while senior women, all seniors, and senior men followed in order.

The Philomatheans led the societies with a 1.96. Alpha Theta was second and then Kappa Iota. Phi Phi Alpha men were ranked fourth among all the societies but were the highest of the two fraternities.

On the whole the groups averages were higher than last year. The freshmen men were above the rating of a year ago, and the first two places of this year were both better than the highest of last.

The standings of the various groups are as follows:

Phi Sigma Pi	2.72
Senior Women	2.21
All Seniors	2.08
Senior Men	1.98
Philomathean	1.96
Alpha Theta	1.89
All Sorority Women	1.86
Wright Hall Women	1.85
All Women	1.78
Kappa Iota	1.78
Junior Women	1.71
Women Specials	1.71
Women Outside Wright Hall	1.70
All Juniors	1.66
Sophomore Women	1.65

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## Knight Has Highest Average of Seniors

Luther Evans Is Only .002 Behind for Second Place.

Of those seniors attending Alma for all four years Claude Knight, senior from Boyne City, is number one man of his class with a four-year-average of 2.909, leading Luther Evans by .002. Lester Dankert has a three point average, but he did not attend Alma all four years.

Besides these three, those included in the first ten of the senior class are as follows: Constance Clark, 2.8; Arthur Boynton, 2.74; Helen Kellogg, 2.58; Wilma Wright, 2.57; Arby Lee Bailey, 2.55 (only one year); Mae Nelson, 2.49; and Fred Battles, 2.48.

It is possible for eight of this group to graduate with a summa cum laude. A "summa" requires a four year average of at least 2.75, the "magna" is given to those with a 2.5 average, and a cum laude goes to those students with an average of at least 2.25.

## 13 Seniors Are Practice Teaching This Semester

Ranging from elementary work in the grades to high school and including nearly every department in the curriculum, thirteen seniors began practice teaching under critic teachers, Monday, February 10.

There are six prospective pedagogues practice teaching in the Alma High School, three in the junior high school, and four teaching in the lower grades at the Wright Avenue and Republic schools.

Those who are doing practice teaching are: Lois Beardsley, Wright Avenue School, fifth grade; Mary Catherine Craig, high school, American literature; Florence Pierson, Republic School, music; Maxwell Dean, high school, plane geometry; Fern Erickson, junior and senior high school, physical education; Lester Eyer, high school, biology; Cyril Lewis, Junior high school, vocations; George Long, junior high school, general science. Katherine McKay, World history, high school; Wilma Wright, high school, French; Isabella Palmer, Republic school, primary grades; Gretchen Wilson, Wright Avenue School, fifth grade; and Bruce York, high school, chemistry.

## 2 New Students Arrive on Campus Last Week

With the arrival of two more students on the campus last week, the number of new students for this semester is now thirteen. Harper Camp and Collin Alexander are the new students.

Harper Camp, who has many times been on the Alma campus with his orchestra, hails from Midland and will continue his college course as a sophomore. He previously attended M. S. C. Collin Alexander comes to Alma after two and a half years at Albion, which is his home.

## Edward Carpenter Pledged By Zeta Sigma Last Week

Edward Carpenter, freshman from Detroit, who entered Alma College at the beginning of the second semester, was pledged to the Zeta Sigma Fraternity on Monday, February 10th, following the regular meeting of that society.

Ann Arbor must have a vacation. We see Jane Allen and Opal Hines going around with smiles on their faces again.

## NYA Brings Financial Aid to Many Students

The National Youth Administration is paying 118,889 undergraduate and 4,781 graduate college students so as to enable them to continue their education, it was announced by Aubrey W. Williams, Executive Director.

While funds were allotted colleges and universities on the basis of \$15 a month per undergraduate student, Mr. Williams pointed out that in some instances college officials have been able to divide their allotments among a larger number. Graduate students are earning an average of from \$25 to \$30 a month.

## Close Scores Mark Fourth Week of Intramural Games

Three Teams Win by Two Points; Devaney's Frosh Lead.

Three games were won by two point margins, Fortino's Firebugs won their second game, Devaney's frosh romped over the Faculty team and Joe Bell's juniors won on a forfeit from Cash Lea's team in the fourth week of play in the boy's intramural basketball league.

Devaney's defeat of the loose playing faculty 36 to 16 put this team at the top of the standings with three wins and no defeats. Harold Stacey who was as hot as "The Bugle Call Rag" made 17 points for the frosh which was more than enough to beat the faculty single handed.

Adams 24—Schiefley 22

Playing for the first time with a full team present Bob Adams' team took the measure of Schiefley's seniors 24-22. The game was close all the way along and it took a basket by Adams in the closing minutes to cinch the contest. Adams with 13 points and Mapes with 10 led the scoring for the freshmen and seniors respectively.

The second game won by a two-point margin found the Bell and Schiefley outfits playing their second games in as many nights. The scoring in the second half was even with each team getting 6 points but by maintaining the two point lead they had at the half, Schiefley's bunch pulled out with a 16-14 victory.

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## Alma Debaters in Tournament Today

Meeting Was Postponed Last Friday Due to Snow Storm.

With only one practice debate behind them, the debating squad will send two inexperienced teams to Albion Tuesday, February 18, to compete in the annual tournament of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League, which was originally scheduled for Friday, February 14, but due to blocking of the roads by snow drifts, it was postponed until today.

William Hood, junior, is the only veteran to represent Alma at the tournament. Debating with him on the affirmative side is Ralph Daniels. Robert Sayles and Thomas Nurnberg represent the negative.

The question to be debated is "Resolved: that congress shall be empowered by a two-thirds vote to overrule decisions of the supreme court."

It is expected that about 200 debaters will compete in at least fifty debates. Included in the institutions which will send representatives are the 15 members of the league and Northern State Teachers College, which for the second successive year will enter the tournament as a guest.

Other debates scheduled for the year include debates with Michigan State college on February 28th and March 14th, and with Detroit Institute of Technology on March 13th.

## Hearts and Sweethearts at K. I. Valentine Dance

Last Saturday evening, February 15, fifty couples danced in a setting of hearts and sweethearts to the tunes of Addison Reid and his orchestra at the annual Kappa Iota Valentine party.

The party, which began at 8:30, was one of the peppiest dances of the year. The dining room of Wright Hall was skillfully decorated for the occasion. Under the soft glow of the over-head lights hearts in streamers and otherwise made up the decorations.

Chaperones and guests were Coach and Mrs. Campbell, Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Ewer, Dr. and Mrs. Schreiber, Miss Josephine Banta, Miss Houser, and Miss Gesner.

## A Sense of Humor Is What the Alma Co-eds Prefer in the Men They Date

Lines, good-looks, and the once-worshipped athletic physiques are no longer what Alma women want in the men they date; a sense of humor is the thing. In recent interviews with women on the campus it was found that besides having a sense of humor, the ideal man would be well-bred, a good conversationalist, dependable, intelligent, and one who knew what-to-do-next.

The two types that go over least are "smoothies" and moody fellows. The girls are not comfortable around the men with the "I'm Mr. God, who are you?" complex; they prefer the natural, wholesome type.

The man who is considerate, thinks of little things, and surprises the girl once in awhile is in demand. Girls particularly like little attentions they are not expecting.

Like Masterful Males

Most of the girls interviewed said that they preferred a masterful man rather than one they can just be awful mean to, and he'll come back for more. One girl said, "But he shouldn't be too darned masterful, because I like

to have something to say." It seems that a moderate degree of masterfulness is what they want.

As for clothes, to know how to wear them is the main essential. One point agreed on by all the girls was "absolutely no sweaters without shirts and ties." However, with most of them, personality rates higher than clothes.

Discuss Alma Men

The Alma men, in the opinion of the fair inhabitants of Wright Hall, go to extremes. One type is so studious that he is almost a bore, while at the other extreme they never study, skip classes, and sleep all the time. Then there are some who are a picture of neatness: hair brushed; clean and pressed clothes; polished shoes; and immaculate in most respects. Others wear any old thing, need a shave, etc.

In their choice of the ideal man the girls interviewed required everything but money. As one girl says, "he should have intelligence, cleanliness, politeness, neatness, humor, be a good dancer, and a good conversationalist. Is this too much to expect?"



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## Side Lights

### TO A CO-ED

Woodwinds sigh all through her hair;  
Her eyes sweet songs inspire.  
Romantic like a mandolin—  
But, boy, what a lyre!

Jane Allen — Dinner for one,  
please, James.

Kathryn McKay—Some one of  
these days—

E. A. Malcolm—Tell me, pret-  
ty maiden, are there any more at  
home like you.

Mae Nelson — Oh no, it isn't  
the spring, it's love in bloom.

Wilma Wright—Without a song  
the day will never end.

Betty Fraker—I'm a corn-fed,  
Indiana girl—

Pauline Donesse—I've (even)  
got rhythm in my nursery rhymes.

Vivian Harwood—Oh, my man,  
I love him so—so what.

Grace Mathews—Footloose and  
fancy free, that's the way I want  
to be.

Rhea Wark—A little bit inde-  
pendent in your walk—

Helen Dawson—Take me back  
to my BOOTS and SADDLE.

Jeannette Verplanck—We got  
a cow down on our farm e i e i oh.

Helen Jordan—I want to waho,  
wahoo, wahoo.

Dorothy Hannigan—That's what  
I learned at College.

Gretah Wilson—Two loves have  
I both of them for—who?

Margaret Campbell—Moon over  
Miami—

### SNOW, BEAUTIFUL SNOW OR ALL NIGHT IN A TUX

A beautiful alibi—  
Those banks of snow;  
Outside it was arctic—  
In the back seat—oh

Week's problem: Would those  
really fit Pat? Well, there is one  
way to find out.

And there I was with a bucket  
in one hand and a cow in another  
—Netzog and Carpenter.

### NOTABLE QUOTABLE QUOTES

Dave Smith . . . There's nothing  
like fraternity Hell Week to get  
a fellow up for breakfast.

Charlotte Temple . . . I've never  
hooked anything with my line.

Tom Spendlove . . . I don't think  
the girls understand me.

Clyde Duwe . . . You should see  
my valentines.

Atlee Gilbert . . . And mine too.

Elwyn Carter . . . If I could en-  
ly sing.

June Tindall . . . Did I ever get  
a swell valentine from DAN.

Ed Carpenter will give Parker  
and Jenkins a run for the title,  
Best Dressed (Man) on the Alma  
campus.

Seaville says Kay Fesek isn't  
half bad . . . Fellow students, we  
gotta do something about this.

Hank Tange, C. O. T. V. (Cus-  
odian of the victrola) is setting  
his cap for someone. Whooooo.

Then there's that weekend party  
at Moon's.

Did you ever hear the one about  
Gracie and Gardie? . . . Ask  
Gracie.

THINGS I LIKE TO SEE  
Mary Liz and Ronnie tenderly  
holding hands . . . Does Ronnie  
think he's playing monopoly?

Mary Alice Damon eat.

Betty Fraker dancing or walk-  
ing.

Miss Houser Smile.

DID YOU KNOW?  
George Reed was born during  
the annual Alpena, "Have a Baby  
Week"?

Dan Tenney is worth 200,000  
dollars. (No fooling, Chet).

Dorothy Hannigan and Floyd  
Clark are going steady.

Joe Elliot and Parson Carter  
were at the Dinner and we wonder.

Ludwig—you didn't used to al-  
ways go to church every Sunday!!

Surprise. Bunting and Mack  
Crooks were back together again.  
At least for Saturday night.

We close with an apology—  
When it comes to sparkling in-  
spiration.

We were born with mental consti-  
pation. O. Swish.

### Seniors Carry Off Honors in Campus Group Ratings

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Junior Men . . . . .	1.58
Phi Phi Alpha . . . . .	1.56
Freshman Women . . . . .	1.54
Varsity Letter Men . . . . .	1.51
All Students . . . . .	1.51
Non-Sorority Women . . . . .	1.39
Non-Fraternity Men . . . . .	1.36
All Sophomores . . . . .	1.35
All Men . . . . .	1.34
All Fraternity Men . . . . .	1.30
All Specials . . . . .	1.23
Sophomore Men . . . . .	1.16
All Freshmen . . . . .	1.13
Men Specials . . . . .	1.07
Zeta Sigma . . . . .	1.05
Freshmen Men . . . . .	0.92

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## Frosh Prove Too Much for Pellston Basketball Team

A flashy last quarter rally netted the Frosh a 29-26 victory over the Class D Pellston High five at Memorial gym last Saturday. Pellston, coached by Maxwell Nowak, former caretaker of the local gym, banked on big McRae for its scoring attacks and came close to a victory.

McRae's five baskets in the first half tied up the score, as the Frosh had opened it with baskets by Devaney and Mathews. However, the larger floor handicapped the tall lads from the North and the Yearlings easily pushed their way to a victory on the shooting of Bob Adams and George Purdy.

Bob Devaney led the Frosh in scoring with four baskets, although Pellston's big boy, McRae, topped all scorers with 13 points. Adams and John Mathews followed the former Arthur Hill guard with 7 and 6 points.

## Potwallopers Hold 4th Annual Banquet Friday

After Tenney blew the bugle twenty-four Potwallopers paraded into the dining hall for their fourth annual banquet last Friday, February 14th, all dressed in their finest for this very formal affair.

The table was decorated in the traditional Valentine colors with a birthday cake at each end, and cookies with names written on them with frosting marked each girl's place. The main course was chicken chow mein.

Gretah Wilson acted as toast-mistress, Edith Walker gave the senior will, and Elizabeth Ann Malcolm, as the oldest Potwalloper gave her "Grandma" speech. Others that were called upon were Helen Jordan, Betty Fraker, and June Tindal. In closing the Frosh sang the theme song "Just the girl that Men Forget."

Jenkins seems to be in circula-  
tion. Can't you make up your  
mind, Al?

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Dr. Sharp is Professor of Botany and Cytology in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He writes that he is planning a trip to the west coast and to Alaska this summer, and is looking forward with keen anticipation to the pleasure and scientific possibilities and interests of the journey.

**Close Scores Mark Fourth Week of Intramural Games**

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Vitek 19—Currie 17

Winning their second game Vitek's Vultures stayed out the last minute rally of Currie's freshmen and won, 19 to 17. Currie's team scored six points before the seniors were aware the game had started but as time went on the seniors played a good brand of ball and carried off the well deserved bacon. Cy Lewis' 9 points led the scoring of both teams.

With Don Johnson leading the way, Al Fortino's juniors beat Floyd Boat's sophomores by a score of 26 to 19. Johnny made 9 points. Jake Miller kept the sophs in the game with 7 tallies.

In the sixth game of the week Cash Lea had to forfeit his game to Bell's juniors by reason of his not having a full team present. Cash did fill in a team and a game was played and Lea's team won, 17-11.

**Model League Will Meet May 1-2 At East Lansing**

The Model League of Nations Assembly will be held at Michigan State College on May 1-2 according to an announcement of the Central Planning Committee made last week.

Several new features are planned for this year's meeting. In addition to the meetings of three committees of the League and the Council, there will also be a meeting of the Mandates Commission on Friday afternoon. The details of this discussion will be worked out later.

It was also proposed to have a model session of the International Labor Organization, but nothing definite was decided. This will depend on the amount of material available.

In line with a suggestion made last year, we decided to devote the program of the Saturday luncheon to reports from the Mid-West Conference at Bloomington, which comes four weeks before the Model League at East Lansing.

The Secretariat is now arranging for the representation of the member nations, but the final assignments will not be made until February 1st. About twenty-four colleges and universities will participate in this year's meeting. Each institution handles about three countries.

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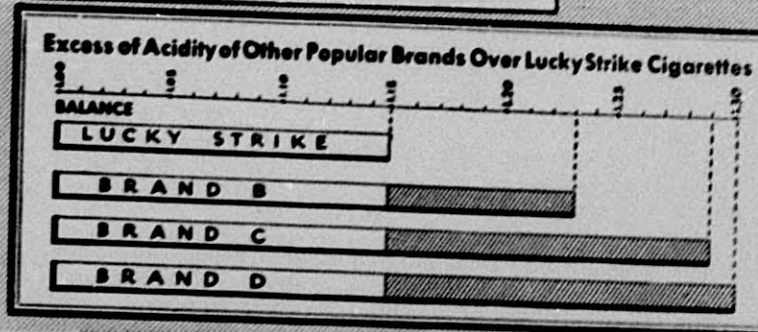
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**Dean Steward Speaks to Saginaw Group on Russia**

Dean Florence Steward of Alma College went to Saginaw Monday evening and was introduced as one of the outstanding speakers of the season to address the Saginaw branch of the American Association of University Women there. Dinner was served at the Home Dairy banquet hall at 6.00 o'clock and her interesting discussion followed, with a large audience in attendance.

Miss Steward, who traveled through Europe last summer on a criminological tour with psychiatrists and sociologists from throughout the United States, spoke on "Russia As I Saw It." In the lecture, the professor contrasted the old Russia of palaces and museums with the new Soviet Russia and told what the latter is attempting to accomplish. An open discussion followed the lecture.

"On the whole, Russians of today are happy," declared the speaker. "Of course there is some rebellion against the scarcity of food and the absence of any lux-

uries, but as a group, the people of Soviet Russia are enthusiastic and eager. There is the will to create behind communism and the people feel they actually are doing something for the good of their country."

**Vitek's Vultures Rout Lee's Team 30-15 Last Saturday**

Vitek's Vultures took another game under their wing when they defeated Lee's team 30-15 when they met last Saturday as a preliminary to the Frosh-Pellston game.

The Vultures led the whole way but opened up in the last quarter to score 14 points to their opponents two. Lewis was highpoint man for the victors with twelve points, which Gilbert led his team's attack with seven points.

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