

District Tournament
For C and D Schools
Starts Here Thursday

H TAKES LEID

The College will again act as hosts to high school basketball teams and their fans, as the District C and D basketball tourney will again be held here, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The line-up of the teams is practically the same as last year, with one exception. St. Louis has moved from Mass C to Class B with increased enrollment. St. Louis will compete with Alma High in the Regional at Mt. Pleasant.

In Class D, McBrides and Rivoidale are the leading contenders, although Vestaburg, Merrill High, and Merrill Sacred Heart Academy might surprise the former teams.

Stanton, Perrinton, and Edmore will comprise the teams in Class C. as Breekenridge and Ithaca have no teams. The games ought to be closer in this class, as the teams are more evenly matched.

As in previous years trophies, width are exhibited in the window of the Varsity Shop, will be awarded by the College to the winning teams Saturday night. Coach "Aigyle" Campbell is the manager of the tournament, Ralph Proshaw of Ithaca and Lyle Bennett of Alma were selected as officials for all the games.

Lau Wins First Game This Season; Games on Wednesday This Week.

Walker's Walruses lost the lead in the intramural league for the first time since the season began by losing to Day's Dragons in a real thriller last Wednesday night that ended 22 to 23. Hurosky (W) was the high scorer of the game with fifteen points, while Fisher led his team with three field goals and three free throws.

In the second game of the evening Sayles' Slaughterers pinched Purdy in a game against Lau's Leopards but lost 15 to 16. Sayles and Corl (L) both dropped three field goals through the hoop, but Corl missed being high scorer by failing on seven free throws.

In the final game of the evening the Seniors were handed a 21 to 17 defeat by Fortino's Firebugs, though the latter team played with only four men. James Day (S) was the high scorer with nine points, while Mann (F) was next with eight.

This week the Central State game and the district tournament leave only Wednesday open for intramurals, and the same teams that were to play last Thursday will meet at this time. The only change will be that Purdy will meet Lau instead of Sayles as previously scheduled.

Wednesday
7:15- Vitek vs. Day.
8:15- Ludwig vs. Carter.
9:15- Lau vs. Purdy.

STANDINGS

	w	L	Pct.
Dav.....	5	0	1.000
Walker.....	4	1	.800
Ludwig.....	4	1	.800
Vitek.....	2	1	.667
Fortino.....	3	3	.500
		2	.500
Seniors.....	1	3	.250
Carter.....	1	3	.250
Lau.....	1	4	.200
Sayles.....	0	5	.000

"As Thousands Guff" to Be Given by Band Soon

Hugh Brennehan, student president of the Band, has announced that that organization will sponsor a musical comedy entitled "As Thousands Guff", sometime in March. The proceeds will go to finance a proposed Band trip during Spring vacation.

Organizations on the campus have volunteered their services. Floyd Clark threw in his song successes including, "My Taxi De."

VOTE IN THREE

Walker, Kendall, and Boynton Meet Requirements for Membership.

In the last meeting of the Phi Sigma Pi held on Wednesday, February 20, Miss Helen Walker and Mr. Emery Kendall from the senior class and Mr. Arthur Boynton, junior, were voted into the society.

Phi Sigma Pi is the scholastic honor society of Alma College. Juniors and Seniors who rank in the upper eighth of their respective classes are eligible to membership but a favorable vote of the society is necessary before a student may become a member. These elections for new members are held at the beginning of each semester.

The present members in addition to those just taken in are: Gordon Clack, president, who was voted in last year, Constance Clack, Claude Knight, and Luther Evans— all three juniors, who became members last fall. Last year there were only four members in the society and three of those graduated.

ZETAS INITIATE 14 DURING PAST WEEK

The Zeta Sigma Fraternity initiated fourteen new members on Wednesday, February 20th. At the same time pledges were given to two new freshmen.

The new Zetas are Pat Riley, Chester Hardt, Tex Walker, Chris Lau, Ed. Fisher, Dan Tenney, Bud Stephens, Francis Seavitte, Atlee Gilbert, Hanel Munro, Fred Meyer, Louis Schneider, Josiah Scribner and George Walker. These men have been pledged to the fraternity since last November, but it was necessary for them to wait one semester before being initiated.

The two new pledges are Frederick West and Lionel Gibb, new freshmen to the campus this semester. Both men received their school training at Central High in Detroit.

Thetas Initiate New Pledges Last Monday

The Alpha Theta Literary Society initiated nine new members into their sorority last Monday, marking the close of the required pledge period. The new members were given a special dinner before the initiation, and in addition the girls were presented with gifts of pictures.

Those initiated were Aletha Hapner, Ruth Westendorf, Pauline Chick, Grace Mathews, Betty Dickinson, Makeline Bale, Eleanor Burgess, Charlotte Temple, and June Tindall.

After the initiation ceremony was completed the girls went down town to treat their new members.

Mt. Pleasant Seeks Revenge for Defeat Earlier in the Season.

Tonight the curtain closes on the collegiate careers of John Volk, Stan Bussard and Lyle Bennett as far as basketball is concerned. These three made things interesting for M.I.A.A. foes even though the team failed to win half of their games.

Lyle Bennett will meet his old "hot" tonight in the Memorial gymnasium. Bennett got only one basket when playing against the Bearcats of Central State at Mt. Pleasant, but promises to be on hand tonight. John Volk, the other "father" on the squad, has scored more points in the M.I.A.A. in his three years of competition than any other eligible player. His 15 points against the Bearcats in January earned him respect from that fair city. Stan Bussard's record of competition must go back to last year when he started the game. However, in the last two games, Buzz has turned in games that no player is ashamed of.

Saturday night the Bearcats took the Hope Dutchmen at Mt. Pleasant, with a revamped lineup, other than the one the Scots heat. Ben Ewer, Mel Fuller and Riley Block meet old foes in Grimm and big Ed Bonnell, Don Wattrick, Celcstine VanDalen, Young, Ross and Ramsey make up the rest of the probable starters.

The Scots hope to break the losing streak of six games with the second victory over the Bearcats.

Male Musicians Make Marks With Melodies

The professors must like recitations in the melodious tones of a male baritone, bass, or an occasional tenor, for last semester the men of the Music Department carried off the group honors with an average of 2.13, according to the statistics compiled by our poet-registrar, Prof. Clack.

The Alpha Theta sorority and the Beta Tau Epsilon fraternity led the campus societies, though the C. P. I. returns have not been submitted yet. The standings of the various groups are as follows:

Music- Men.....	2.13
Senior Women.....	1.95
All Music Students.....	1.91
Junior Women.....	1.89
Tau Sigma Gamma.....	1.89
All Seniors.....	1.82
Music- Women.....	1.77
All Juniors.....	1.76
Alpha Theta.....	1.76
Philomathean.....	1.71
Senior Men.....	1.69
All Sorority Women.....	1.68
Junior Men.....	1.66
All Women.....	1.65
Beta Tau Epsilon.....	1.60
Kappa Iota.....	1.55
Freshmen Women.....	1.54
Non-Sorority Women.....	1.52
Sophomore Women.....	1.47
All Students.....	1.39
Phi Phi Alpha.....	1.38
Varsity Athletes.....	1.33
All-Fraternity Men.....	1.23
All Men.....	1.23
All Sophomores.....	1.23
Non-Fraternity Men.....	1.22
Specials- Men.....	1.22
All Freshmen.....	1.13
Sophomore Men.....	1.05
Zeta Sigma.....	1.04
Freshmen Men.....	.91

Drama Club Takes In Six New Members Wed.

Six new members and three associate members were taken in the Alma College Drama Club after the try-outs which were held last Wednesday in the chapel.

The new members are Anne Campbell, Pauline Dionese, Madeline Bale, Betty Dickinson, Joe Kennedy, and Gordon Mann. The associate members are Molly Par-nsh, Tassie Jordan and George Kessel.

REV. GELSTON TO GO TO HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH
Rev. W. L. Gelston, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Alma, has accepted an offer to come to the Highland Park Presbyterian church in Detroit. Though it is not definite, he plans to leave Alma about April 1st. This will be a loss of a real friend and advisor to many students, and we will also miss the parties that Rev. and Mrs. Gelston gave the students throughout the year.

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EVERY STUDENT GET A STUDENT

TO THE FACULTY

The question of five compulsory chapels a week is an old one. It has been brought up constantly in the past and once this fall. In the past the protest has been against compulsory chapel every day, but in the last two weeks or so the reason for the protest has changed decidedly.

This year we never hit at compulsory chapel five times a week very hard, for we realized that as soon as this was cut to perhaps three, someone would advocate doing away with them altogether, and the result of making chapels non-compulsory is only too evident.

However, WE WOULD ADVOCATE NO CHAPELS AT ALL IF THEY CONTINUE TO BE LIKE MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN LATELY. It is either a joke or an insult to ask students to sit for half an hour listening to some of the talks delivered. Their time would be more profitably spent throwing snowballs, for at least they would be getting some exercise.

The greatest value of chapel is keeping the student body as a unit, for it is the only time that they meet as a body, but this could be accomplished easily with less chapels. Its religious value can only be hoped for, but never attained; and its intellectual value has most certainly disappeared from our chapels. It has become to be just thirty minutes that must be filled with words. The students quite frequently have a honest right to sleep, converse with their neighbors, or study.

It is time that something was done—fewer chapels, prepared programs, outside speakers or something.

Tomorrow

(By Alfred Fortino)

Practically all teachers agree that in a class of 25, 40, or 100 it is almost impossible to grade justly. Insofar as measuring a student's ability is concerned there is little difficulty because in the course of a semester most teachers are able to "size up" their students. However, students rarely care what the teacher thinks of their native ability. We are wont to think of our standing in contrast to that of our fellow students. In fact the remark, "well, if so-and-so deserved a B so did I" is a splendid illustration of the very human way in which students react to marks.

However, if the teacher takes this same attitude, he will not be doing the proper thing. He is to report his opinion of each individual on the basis of that student's work and not in contrast to the work of others. It is an accepted fact that no two people are equally talented in the same field. Yet the teacher has but four levels in his classification and as this is the one and only standard he is compelled to apply it, knowing full well that he will be roundly criticized from many quarters.

If this were the only objection it might well be overlooked for, incomplete as it is, it would be serving a purpose. However, in many ways, our method of grading is actually detrimental to the student.

The very fact that grades, honor points, and a definite number of credits are required for graduation or entrance into the graduate school, incourages students to employ every stratagem to get down the crowded means of obtaining the desired grades. The grades become the end instead of a means of indicating his progress. The idea becomes not "how can I best master this subject" but "how can I get an A with the least amount of work." Other you hear: "What is the easiest course that I can take that will fulfill the requirement?" We say difficult courses, for what that we will "bunk" them. We allow our work to "ride" because we are sure that "prof. won't give more than a C anyway." Then before examinations we begin to "cram" and go to our finals on a "pony".

The old theory that grading encourages the student to do better work is another relic. In reality

grading discourages any attempt at improvement. It is a curious fact, but one which will be verified by any student, that although one gets a B with comparative ease, a great deal more work will not raise the mark to an A. The student may try to better himself for a semester or two but eventually comes to the conclusion: "I guess I am just a B student" and settles down to a lazy routine. The truth of this is shown by the wide range between the levels of our grading system, a range that automatically widens as the number increases, although the number in a class should be irrelevant to the standing of any one student.

We certainly have deviated a long way from the medieval university where the students rang a bell when they wanted the instructor to begin lecturing and an hour or two later rang it again to stop him. If the instructor did not show up on time or if he persisted in squandering the time between bells he was promptly fired by the students and a new man was hired. Those students realized that they were spending money for an education and they made sure that they got their money's worth.

Today our schools are like so many machines. We would like to become lawyers? We drop some money into the slot, jump in, stay for six or seven years and presto—we are lawyers! It is merely a matter of obtaining, by hook or crook, certain degrees.

The best step that can be taken is to drop our marking system entirely. Leave it to us as students to decide how well we are doing. Certainly we will stop our underpaid work, but there will be nothing to be gained by so doing. Ask as many of us who want to learn. Then give us books by authorities in our field and say: "Read them, master them, I will give you lectures three times a week. You can see me at any time to ask me questions. In six months we will have an examination. If at that time you really want to go on, sign the card you see here, very well, if not, very well. If you ever desire a certificate for a job or intend to go to graduate school, we will recommend you according to what we, as a faculty, think you are worth."

Do that, dear faculty, and we shall become students instead of children.

Tomes sat in the sleigh and the rest of them hung on wherever they could.

STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago in The Almanian appeared a notable suggestion in the editorial column, asking for the discontinuation of something that could not be done to lessen the number of chapels. In its temerity it almost apologized for its very existence, and as a result the administration chose to ignore the whole affair. Last week Franklin College put on a demonstration to lessen their chapels; they were most awfully unsuccessful. Perhaps that quelled the last worry on the part of our administration, for they seem to be ignoring the matter.

The students can't ignore it, however. They are forced to attend chapel five days a week. It would seem that there must be something really valuable in their attendance, but not by the widest stretch of the imagination could any student say that they have been helped by many chapels this year.

The chapels this semester have been notoriously poor! With the possible exception of one or two they have not only been wretchedly prepared and thought up (if, indeed, they are thought of at all) but they have been an insult to the mentality of any normally intelligent child! They have not only bored the students, but almost daily one or two members of the faculty go to sleep. Then on top of this we are told that people who are not kind to the speakers while they are speaking will find themselves in some kind of trouble. It is kindness to some that we don't get up and walk out. But we must stand this five days a week.

And why? Because everyone is afraid to open his mouth for fear he might offend someone's feelings by telling them a few simple facts that might get us turned in the right direction. When is the administration going to learn that chapel can't be put on more than two or three times a week and still

remain worth the time and trouble of going? We only ask for some kind of action. No pleasantly offensive words tomorrow are going to smooth this matter over. The present situation can't go on. This is a fact and it can't be thrust aside. We must know!

A Number of Interested Students.

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The three leading scorers of the M. I. A. A. this year are Novak of Olivet, Smith of Albion, and Volk of Alma. At the present time Novak leads with a total of 103 and Johnny Volk finished his season Saturday with 101 points—about eleven behind last year's record.

Smith ranks third with 89 points but still has one more game to play, Albion vs. Hillsdale. If the 'Dales' defense is what it was against Alma, the season probably will end with these men in the same order that they are now.

The scores of the individual players on the Alma team in M. I. A. A. games are as follows:

CLUB SCORING (MIAA Games)					
	FG	FT	TP	PF	
John Volk, c	43	15	101	11	
Melvin Fuller, f . .	22	16	60	22	
LeRoy Block, g . .	24	13	61	11	
Benton Ewer, g . .	11	3	25	14	
Fraser Malcolm, g .	5	6	16	12	
Lyle Bennett, f . .	5	1	11	7	
Stan. Bussard, f . .	3	3	9	5	
Kellogg Beach, g .	2	5	9	6	
S. Keglovitz, f . .	2	1	5	7	
Clyde Dawe, g . . .	1	2	4	3	
Al Glance, g	1	1	3	4	
Wilson Block, g . .	0	0	0	1	
John Fraker, g . .	0	0	0	1	

119 66 304 104

Free throws—Club made 66 out of 122 for .549 percentage; opponents made 68 out of 129 for .527 percentage.

Opponents made 126 field goals, 68 free throws, for 320 points, but committed 101 personal fouls.

weekly guests: Benny Leyher, Bob King, Bob Cant. Some came back in couples such as Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kennett (Emily Hawkins) and Mr. and Mrs. Kismet Fisher (Jean Peterson). Others scattered around the audience were: Bob Lehner, Keith Seale, and Harry Wehrly. Last but not least was the feminine side of this situation; Nancibel Thorburn and Mrs. John Stanley Volk (Claire Wilson).

Soon the campus big-shots will rise up from another quarter, track. The spot light will be shining on such Alma wing-foots as Ralph Scheifley, who will pick them up and lay them down in the 100, 220, and hurdles; the Dean Brothers, Breneman, and Ludwig in the distance runs; and Horn, the Belding flash, in the 440. Fuller and Bussard will be pushin' 'em up and out in the weight division.

If anyone wonders at the antiquity of Pioneer Hall and the Ad Building, it might be explained that they are older than the school itself. Back in the Middle Ages, about 1886, Alma wanted a Normal school. On May 6 of that year the cornerstone was laid—you have to look behind the bushes for it now. At that time they figured that a school of 150 brought \$50,000 to the town. Then Pioneer was the Ladies Hall and the center of all entertainment that lasted on special occasions to 10:30. A year later, along with 28 acres of land, they became Alma College.

To the uninformed the name is spelled: capital R-h-e-a. Don't forget the "H".

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Clippings

By Arthur Boynton
Tonight will mark the finis of the cage careers of "Buzz Bories" Bussard, "Long John" Volk, and "Check" Bennett. They have gone through the "ca" and are now on the "reer". This leaves us three sophomores and three juniors for next year's hopes.

The worst grind of the whole year is started, the five weeks before spring vacation. Too cold for spring, too wet for winter, and too much work for any fun. But be brave. There is only a month, in another month there's campus day, then only a month and the show's over. My gosh! here we are ready to begin school again.

Last week looked like alumni week to those who might not know. At the game we picked out Gordon Dawson, former MIAA forward; Lawrence Muscott, Alma's only five year man; and Abie Kahn, mainstay of last year's cage squad. Then there were our

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OLIVET—The campus was enlivened last week by the presence of Miss Amelia Earhart, world-famous aviatrix. She was the guest of President Brewer.

WAYNE—The Tartar's cross-country team has not met defeat in the last three years, winning 23 straight meets.

Duke Ellington played for the Mid-Winter Frolic last week.

KALAMAZOO—The Hornet indoor track squad returned home with the trophy for the M. I. A. A. division of the mile relay at the Michigan A. A. U. meet at Ann Arbor.

Debate squad sets a record by winning League debates for four years.

HILLSDALE—In swing with their campaign to provide entertainment for all students the all-community night committee will hold an all-college Mardi Gras on March first.

CENTRAL STATE—Wattrick has recovered enough from his thumb injury to make 11 points against Ypsi. This should put the Bearcats at top strength for the Alma fracas tonight.

ALBION—Britons take M. I. A. A. leadership by defeating Kalamazoo and Hope last week, but they still have to put Hillsdale out of the way to cinch the title.

CAMPUSOLOGY

Writes an indignant mother—
Dear Professor:
You must not whack my Robert. He is a delicate child and is not used to it. At home we never hit him except in self defense.
Yours truly,
Mrs. X. Willowby.

It isn't every girl that can have the whole Zeta fraternity come right to her house to get her to go on a sleigh ride.

Rimes Without Reason
He learned to play tunes on a comb, And became such a nuisance at home,

That Ma spanked him and said, "Shall I put you to baïd?" And he cheerfully answered her, "Nomb."

There was a young girl in the choir Whose voice rose up hoir and hoir Till it reached such a height It was clear out of seight, And they found it next day in the spoir.

This year's top news story—**BULL THROWS ANTHONISEN**—now that's news.

Wright Hall any Sunday—
"Wanta neck?"

"No"
"You could use some back bone."
"Thank you. I'm getting along splendidly."

"You haven't any wings either."
"Don't get sarcastic."

"Well, dammet, you can't have all the white meat. I like it myself."
Doctor's Thesis.

You might have known that Lofthouse could never raise three men after spending all his effort raising his marks, York.

Our Doctor's Thesis---

By O. SWISH, B. S.
Z. RHOE S. B.

News note in Thumb Paper—
"An entire issue of a newspaper in verse is the record set by the Mt. Morris Times." All very nice, but they ought to try writing one of these damned sonnets.

That little Wright Hall brunette says the difference between results and consequences is that you expect the results but get the consequences.

Zythum has been suggested as a name for an alcoholic drink. Sounds good, and we believe it would be a strong aid to temperance. After the first two or three, who could call for another one of them.

That rolling stone again—it seems to haunt us. Anyway here it is: The rolling stone gathers no moths (and for that Z. Roe receives two slaps on the wrist).

A lot of these raw deals come from a cooked up charge.—O. Swish.

And then there was that freshman who knew he was a fresh man.

When you come across one of those fellows who knows he is right, and tears his tonsils loose telling everybody,—why worry.

A doctor: the fellow you go to for advice that you will refuse to follow.

ALUMNI NOTES

Jean Cameron, '34, who has been teaching in the lower grades at Grand Blanc, was promoted to ninth and tenth grade English and World History, beginning with the second semester.

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Then it is put away to age in its own climate for two years or more to make it milder and better-tasting.

When you blend and cross-blend the right kinds of aromatic Turkish tobacco with mild ripe home-grown tobaccos as we do in Chesterfield you have . . .

*the cigarette that's milder
the cigarette that tastes better*

On the air—

MONDAY LUCREZIA BORI
WEDNESDAY LILY PONS
SATURDAY RICHARD BONELLI
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