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All Frosh Party Tomorrow Evening

Wednesday, December 9, the Freshmen class will sponsor an all-freshmen class party to be held in the recreation room of the New Chapel.

All Freshmen boys and girls are invited to what is promised to be a very gay and enjoyable affair. Dancing, a variety of games, and a special program will comprise the entertainment for the evening. Refreshments will be served, and, guess what—no cash is required to attend the party—everything is free.

Plans for the festivities have been made by a freshmen committee consisting of Wayne Dorsett, Bruce Butler, Norma Hass, Jim Brinkerhoff, and several others.

The party will begin at 7:30 and lights out will be sounded about 10:30. Freshmen girls, who intend coming to the party, will be given special permission.

The Freshmen class extends a cordial invitation to any and all Faculty members to attend its very informal get-together.

HISTORICAL PHOTOS GIVEN TO LIBRARY

Beginning an Alma College historical collection in the College Library, a large number of photographs of Alma College activities, taken during his student days in Alma, by the late Floyd H. Glass have been given to the college by his widow.

The pictures, of many informal gatherings, are colorful and amusing to present-day students. Few of them have identification. An alumnus who attended Alma College during the period 1897-1902 will assist the college if, and when in Alma, they will see the collection and identify those fellow students whom they recognize.

Zeta Sigma Fraternity Elects New Officers

Officers for the second electoral period of the school year were elected by the members of Zeta Sigma fraternity in their regular meeting on Monday, December 1.

Those voted into fraternity offices were Don Peters, president; Bill Prescott, vice president; Francis Cogsdill, secretary; Bert Katzenmeyer, first critic; Bob Higgins, second critic; Guile Graham, corresponding secretary; George Shaheen, social secretary; Tracy Ellis, keeper of the archives; and George Orluck, sergeant at arms.

Alma Alumni Cover the World

Alma College alumni are living today over a wide territory in nearly every continent in the world. Some, when last heard from, were residing in Occupied France.

Only six of the 48 states have no Alma College alumni or alumnae. In addition, former Alma students will be found in the District of Columbia, Alaska, Phillipine Islands, Puerto Rico, Canada, Argentina, Mexico, Australia, Chile, Japan, Spain, Syria, and Yugoslavia.

A map on the wall of the Alumni office, with colored pins to indicate Alma Alumni population, shows more than 500 residing in the Detroit metropolitan area, and nearly the same number in the vicinity of Alma.

Other cities which have concentration of alumni large enough to form district clubs include: Midland, Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, Lansing, Pontiac, Port Huron, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Jackson, Sault Sainte Marie, Muskegon, Traverse City, Ann Arbor, and Chicago. Detroit and New York have active clubs.

Public Opinion Committee Tells What It Takes to Make Good in College

In a pamphlet recently published by the Public Opinion Committee of New York, "Success" was defined as satisfactory performance in these areas:

HEALTH: All-important for good health was satisfaction with living conditions. "Dates" with mixed groups, occurring more than three times a month, were bad for health; but one-girl dates were not injurious. Those who were active in religious organizations had better health, but those who were overactive tended to have poorer health. Those who lived on the campus enjoyed better health.

SCHOLARSHIP: Strangely enough, it was the amount of the mother's education which was most directly related to the son's scholastic success. Those with brothers or sisters in college or with college degrees made better grades than those who were breaking the trail. Children of divorced parents fell much below those from unbroken homes. Those who took part in literary societies and foreign language clubs were better students. The poor students have trouble with their daily schedules.

FINANCE: The students who were in the top two-tenths in college academic rank were those

whose financial position was relatively good. Apparently it is not the father's having money, but the boy's being able to get hold of the money he needs which helps in this area.

FAMILY AND HOME: Those who reported that their parents were moderately interested in their affairs were the better-adjusted group. Also, boys with younger mothers, ages 39 to 42 did better. Another curious indication of good home adjustment is a liking for the subject of English.

RELIGION: Those showing the strongest "religious attitude," included the men who scored in the three highest tenths in college scholarship.

MORALS AND DISCIPLINE: Once more the advantage of picking young parents was shown, and again this strange correlation with interest in English! Scholastic awards went to the students of high moral standing; but students who merely declared it was their ambition to become honor students were scored relatively low in morals. Those who emphasized scientific, political, fraternity and athletic activities made lower scores.

PERSONALITY: Frequency of attendance at movies was a sign of poor personality, as was also frequency of indulgence in card games. "Bull sessions" were again a kind of thermometer, the better-adjusted boys being the ones who participated in the large sessions and the less well-adjusted in sessions with very small groups. Continued association with parents, relatives and friends was a good sign.

SOCIAL RELATIONS: Boys whose fathers were born in the United States or in Ireland were more adaptable socially. The amount of the parents' education was related positively to the boy's social adjustment. Those without athletic interests scored consistently lower. Boys who said they liked girls, made a showing superior to those who didn't.

A.A.U.W. Holds Book Fair

"Do You Yearn to Get Away From It All? This was just one of the twenty categories under which some five hundred of this year's best books were displayed in the Book Fair brought to the Methodist Church in Alma by Miss Olive Hormel, lecturer for the University of Michigan Extension Service, sponsored by the Alma branch of A. A. U. W.

A very recent idea of Miss Hormel, the Book Fair has been presented in several Michigan cities. The first one was held in Ann Arbor in 1940, sponsored by the local branch of the American Association of University Women.

Set up under title posters, the books range from the most recent translations of the Bible to the Cartoon Revue of Peter Arno. One such display is "The Assembly Line of a Modern Book," showing Homer Saint-Gaudens' The American Artist and His Times in all its stages, from the original typewritten manuscript, through the bound volume. Included in this display is the sheet of signatures of Mr. Saint-Gaudens from which one was chosen for the cover design.

Typical of the group under the title mentioned at the beginning, books of adventure and diversion, "My Mother is a Violent Woman," by Tommy Wadleton. The new fiction is displayed under the title, "That Novel You Have Been Looking For," and includes the new long novel of Marguerite Steen, "The Sun is My Undoing."

Basic Americana is presented under the title, "Sweet Land of Liberty," and the books dealing with specific regions of this country are under "Rediscovering the U. S. A."

"This Reeling World" and "Crushed but Unconquered" deal with stories of the belligerents in

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Faculty to Hold Party Thursday Evening

On December 11, the members of the college faculty will hold a Christmas get-together party in the recreation room of the new chapel.

Although detailed plans have not as yet been announced it is known that the party will be a pot-luck and that there will be an entertainment program which will be the highlight of the evening.

Mr. William Ellis is the chairman of the party committee which is composed of Miss Gillard, Miss Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Ditto and Dr. and Mrs. Wiltsee.

INTER-FRAT DANCE COMMITTEE NAMED

The inter-fraternity council has recently announced that the campus fraternities will hold an inter-fraternity dance in the early part of the second semester.

According to plans set up by the council, the dance will be semi-formal and will be held in the Danceland Ballroom. No corsages will be required.

General chairman for the event will be Vic Fox. The other committee chairmen will be: George DeHority, tickets; Bert Katzenmeyer, hall rental; Jack Gilchrist, decorations; Don Peters, orchestra; Bud Wilson, refreshments; Ralph Brown, Andy Horn, and Neil MacNeil, entertainment; Warren Heitman, advertising.

NEW ABSENCE RULES

To facilitate the work of the absence office and to place the responsibility of taking care of absence excuses where it rightfully belongs, namely; upon the student, the following regulations are to apply after the date of Dec. 1.

- 1) Excuses for all absences in any given week must be presented before Monday night of the following week; except that if school is recessed at that time the deadline shall be extended to include the first day after school shall have reconvened. In the event that an absence continues from one week into the next, the last day of absence shall determine the week for date of absence.
- 2) All excuses must be presented on the form furnished by the Absence Office and filled out in the proper manner. Supplementary evidence to be attached. (Note from Parent, Doctor, Etc.)
- 3) No notices of absence will be sent to any student.

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Christmas Service To Be Held Sunday Evening

A Combined Choir Concert and Worship Service

A combination Christmas choir concert and worship service will be held in the College Chapel at 7:30 p. m., December 14, under the combined forces of the music department and the Religious Life Committee. The entire service will be lighted by candles, and the art department, under the direction of Miss Katherine Ardis, has been working on special decorations for several weeks.

The program for the service will be as follows:

Processional Hymn, "Silent Night" The College Choir
The Christmas Story, Luke 2:8-29 Miss Dona Peterson
Christmas Music I The College Choir
Emite Spiritus—Schuetky
Hear My Prayer—James
Cherubim Song—Bortnyanski
The Meditation Dr. Dunning
Christmas Music II The Choir
Beautiful Savior—Christiansen
Today There is Ringing—Christiansen
Lullaby On Christmas Eve—Christiansen
The Offering
Christmas Music III The Choir
The Birthday of a King—Neidlinger
We Three Kings—Hopkins
Cantique de Noel—Adam
Silent Night—Haydn
The Prayer Mr. Johnson
Recessional Hymn, "First Noel"
Benediction
The Postlude Miss Roberts

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 10—Chapel. Dr. Edward Mohns, of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Grand Rapids. W. A. A. open meeting, 4:00 o'clock in the Chapel Social Hall. Freshman party 7:30 p. m. Chapel Social Hall.

Thursday, Dec. 11—Chapel. The singing of Christmas carols by the student body. W. A. A. Christmas Chocolate, 3:30—5:00 p. m. The President's House. Faculty party, Chapel Social Hall.

Friday, Dec. 12. Basketball game with Hillsdale, followed by dancing in the Chapel Social Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 13—Phi, Zeta, and Delta closed Christmas party. Sunday, Dec. 14—Choir concert and worship service, 7:30 p. m. in the new Chapel.

Monday, Dec. 15—Wright Hall formal Christmas dinner. Chapel, The Christmas story, "Why, The Chimes Rang."

Tuesday, Dec. 16—Chapel. Dr. John Gardner of Midland.

Wednesday, Dec. 17. Christmas vacation begins at 4:00 p. m.

In the Still of the Night

Burr, went the bell, silencing the chatter of the babbling zoology students last Wednesday. The instructor, absence book in hand, began to take roll. The A's, the B's and the C's were duly called and accounted for. Suddenly the clattering of feet, sharp and staccato, became audible. The lab doors were torn open and Wayne Dorsett swooped in, looking like an exhausted ten day marathon walker and slipped into his seat about as quietly as a charging brigade.

Panting like a steam engine, he managed to puff a breathless "here" as the instructor unhesitatingly continued her roll call with naught but an eyebrow raised in expression of her wonderment.

Fingers were pointed accusingly at him as his curious neighbors in loud, rasping, whispers announced that he was late.

"Ya! Well, I've got my reasons," he gasped, while attempting to regain his shattered composure. Here's his story, judge for yourself.

In the wee small hours of last Wednesday morning, Pioneer Hall, after a hectic evening filled with firecrackers, and what have you, was finally blanketed by deep, peaceful sleep. The silence was so loud it could be heard.

Suddenly two tall lank forms appeared moving stealthily along the corridor apparently in search of something. Long eerie shadows

heralded their approach. Having reached their destination, they banded gently but oh so firmly on a certain securely-fastened door. A whoozy individual, still submerged in sleep, fumbled with the latch and flung the door open. Before his befuddled brain could comprehend what had occurred, Wayne, minus blankets, or other sleeping paraphernalia, found himself stranded in the middle of the night, locked out of his own and every other room in the dorm.

Cursing the pranksters, he finally discovered one door that yielded to his pressure. Snatching a woolly blanket from a sleeping figure, he drew it about him Indian style, and thus spent the remainder of the night, making unsuccessful attempts to capture some sleep.

After the dawn arrived, he spent what seemed like hours and put into play every imaginable device, trying to arouse his sound-sleeping roommate. Just as he was nearing wild desperation and seriously contemplating ripping his door down, it opened. Fuming, ignoring his roommate's insistent inquiries concerning his all night whereabouts, he hopped into his clothes and dashed wildly off to class; better late than never.

Thus goes a typical night at Pioneer. "Why, that was mild," grinned Wayne with a yawn as big as Grand Canyon.

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An Open Letter to the Students . . .

By Bruce Mellinger, Student Council President

The arrival of the fifth anonymous letter which the Student Council has received this year seems to indicate that an official statement of policy is in order with regard to these epistles.

The Council cannot and will not give official recognition to unsigned communications addressed to it in the future. It has always been the writer's personal opinion that anyone who refuses to father his own brainchild must be a wee bit ashamed of it. The letters thus far received have strengthened this opinion.

The Council, however, is always anxious to serve student opinion and to promote the general welfare of the school. It is ready to listen to any idea, no matter how fantastic, if you will only sign your name to it.

But, if you are one of these people with a "passion for anonymity," and you wish to have some matter considered by the Council, send your signed letter to the writer, and ask that your name be withheld. Your confidence will be respected. Or else, see any Council member and ask him to bring the matter up at a meeting, again asking him not to reveal your interest in the matter.

The Council is always ready to give attention to any question involving student interest, but it is only fair that you be asked to sign any letters written to the Council.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Student Council was held last Tuesday afternoon in the Math room of the Ad building. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P. M. by President Mellinger and adjourned at 4:50.

The report of the social committee was made by Francis Cogsdill. He reported that the council would sponsor a roller skating party at the Crystal rink on Saturday. The total cost per student was estimated at about 35 cents, and it was voted that the council pay 25c cents of this and ask the student to pay the other dime.

The matter of buying phonograph records for the recreation room in the chapel basement was also discussed. It was finally referred to the social affairs committee of the council with authority to act.

Francis Cogsdill, chairman of the committee investigating the purchase of a Public Address system, gave his report and recommended the purchase of a com-

plete unit, for use both outside on the football field, in the gym, and in the chapel. A unit suitable to meet all these needs can be purchased for about \$150.00. The council voted to pay \$90.00 of this amount, if the Public Occasions Committee and the Athletic Committee would each pay half of the balance. Mr. Cogsdill and his committee were instructed to go ahead and purchase the unit if a favorable report was received from these two committees. It is hoped to have it here in time for next Friday's basketball game.

President Mellinger appointed a new committee to take charge of Thursday chapels for the rest of the semester. This committee is to consist of Ruth Kolvoord, chairman, Joyce Snyder, Vic Fox, and Wayne Dorsett. They will appreciate any suggestions for chapel programs.

A committee consisting of Cliff Leestman and Betty Cleland was appointed to investigate various problems arising from the question of chapel attendance, seating arrangements in chapel, and other related problems. This committee was instructed to confer with the religious life committee in regard to this matter.

Detroit, Mich.—(ACP)—The third "refresher" program for graduate nurses in the Detroit area will begin under auspices of Wayne University, October 6, at Henry Ford and Providence hospitals, according to Dean W. W. Whitehouse of the college of liberal arts.

The courses, six weeks long, enable graduate nurses who have not been active for several years to review professional skills so that they may supply nursing care during the national emergency. Their help is needed because many younger nurses have entered the services of the army and navy, the Red Cross, and industry.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By George H. DeHority

The avalanche of world events moved swiftly this week-end. With her diplomats in Washington still presenting the negotiation front, Japanese bombers struck with lightning blows on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and her submarines struck from the depths at American shipping in the Pacific. Rolling with the punch, like any good fighter, the American armed forces in the Far East has parried the thrust and the United States, desirous of peace or not, is now engaged in active warfare with the Japanese Empire.

Americans were swift to react to the news, as evidenced by the determined and concerted action in all parts of the country attaining the national unity of thought now existent regarding the situation. Labor, political, social, and racial problems and controversies have been put aside and the United States presents its united front to meet this threat in the Pacific.

In keeping with democratic procedure, the President asked and secured a joint declaration from Congress Monday noon that a state of war exists, and realistically, has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire. This formality was long preceded by the President's orders to the army and navy to take the necessary steps for defense of our possessions and the repulsion of the invading forces. Strict censorship prevents any adequate knowledge of the resultant action by the American armed forces, but some report will most likely have been made by the time this paper is off the press.

Great Britain declared war on Japan earlier Monday. Other American allies against the common Nipponese foe include the Dutch East Indies, Canada, Australia, and China. This list swells with the names of our Latin American neighbors even as this column

is written. A united block of cooperation in the western hemisphere seems virtually assured at this writing as Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Haiti, and others join the united front.

A big question mark at present is the attitude of the Russian government to the situation. Its reaction will, to a great degree, settle once and for all the sincerity of its purpose in fighting a "common foe," for which purpose it has sought our aid against Germany. The use of Russia naval and air bases in Asia will be great assets to the American units for any concerted action against the island empire, permitting the use of the "shuttle system" of bombing, re-loading at the Russian bases for the return trip over the islands to the American bases, and would be of immense value to the British and American naval forces operating in the north Pacific.

Another factor in question is whether Germany will join Japan against these democratic powers arrayed against her. The Rome-Berlin-Tokio pact calls for united action should any new powers join the offensive against any of the members of the axis. The United States "reaction" may easily be termed aggression by the dual vocabularies of the axis powers and bring about such a result. But this remains pure speculation and its actuality would not immediately effect the situation as it now stands to any marked degree.

Americans who have been loudly proclaiming their faith in Democracy, from the political platforms to the cracker-barrel discussants, will now have ample opportunity to test that faith. The American temper must and will, now as in the past, rise to the demands of its very livelihood. In the words of Jefferson, "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Knowsey Knews

Now that tests are practically over for awhile again, everyone can relax and let the ponies gallop off the campus for another six weeks.

By gosh, so far it's been so quiet around the dorm this week! We can't tell whether it's because the choir is gone or due to the new Wright Hall honor system.

Everyone who went had a grand time at the Philo dance Friday night! There were lots of new combinations (for example, Mr. Plaxton and Miss Peshke, Wally and Lettie Lou, Pitcher and McNeil, Varsity and an import) plus the usual steadies. The decorations were novel, the music fine, and it is universally agreed that the Philos certainly have the ability to really put over a dance.

During the course of events of late these interests seem to be picking up speed: Dorsett and Hass, Wadley and Smith, Milham and Brown, Beth and Bob, Judy and Marvin, Frank and Marks, and Bowen and McCrumm.

Our hats are off to Jim Cotter, one of the campus perennial bachelors, for making his debut in the McGregor League.

The roller skating parties certainly have the backing of the school body—whatta mob! About the funniest thing that happened was Ronnie Meade taking Neil McNeil for a ride, McNeil landing prone on the floor.

In case you're interested, Miss Shinner, there are two little frosh boys who wonder if the ring you wear on that third finger really means business, because if it doesn't they are interested!

Suggested titles for new educational documents: "How to Dominate the Boy Friend" by Wilma Lowry and Marian Hass; "What Price Fraternity Pins" by Mary Baker; "Let's Be Good Sports" by Gerry Wadley and Shirley Wenger; "Lament to Love" by George DeHority; "Lessons in Whittling" by Frank Navarre; "The All Amer-

ican College Boy" by Ronnie Meade and Warren Wille.

What have we here? Our own Miss Rieberg actually made an appearance with a male escort at the skating party. Congratulations, Sir, and Ginny, why don't you do this more often?

Hey, what's all this noise about Paul Hurrell, who just recently placed an application in the going-steady bureau, going out with his girl friend's roommate?

In saying adieu for this week, we leave you with this complex thought: "Does absence really make the heart grow fonder?" For pro and con just look about you—

ALUMNI NEWS

In the November issue of The Nuntius, national journal of Eta Sigma Phi, a report from the Alpha Kappa chapter at the University of Illinois states that Florence Brown, a graduate student, was initiated into membership November 9. Eta Sigma Phi is a national honorary fraternity for students in the classics.

Miss Brown, who was graduated from Alma last June with an honors major in Latin, is now working on a M. A. degree in the classics at Illinois, where she has a graduate scholarship.

Professor Seaman also became a member of Eta Sigma Phi, when he was a graduate student at Illinois.

George Olmstead, '22, Traverse City business man, has for some time been doing fine work in the executive field of the Scenic Trails council of the Boy Scouts which covers approximately eleven counties of northwestern Michigan.

University of Texas law school operates a free legal aid clinic.

The University of North Carolina, although an institution of the state, did not receive state appropriations for nearly 100 years after its founding.

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Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-12

WAYNE MORRIS and
BRENDA MARSHAL in

"Smiling Ghost"

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 Monday, Dec. 15, 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Stars vs. Phi Tigers; 9:00 p.m., Delt Rams vs. Pioneer Yearlings.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Delt Senators (44)	B.	F.	P.
Peterson, f.	4	0	0
Phillips, f.	5	1	0
Mattison, c.	1	1	0
Galinet, g.	5	1	2
Crittenden, g.	3	1	1
Brown, b.	1	0	2
Gillert, f.	1	0	0
Total	20	4	5

Pioneer Stars (25)

B.	F.	P.	
Bowman, f.	4	1	2
Osterberg, f.	3	0	0
Capron, c.	3	0	2
Swanson, g.	1	0	2
Welsh, g.	0	0	0
Eaton, b.	1	0	0
Dorsett, f.	0	0	0
Total	12	1	8

Downtown Mice (60)

B.	F.	P.	
Nisbit, f.	6	5	0
Crozier, f.	9	1	0
Bradford, c.	5	1	0
Towne, g.	0	0	1
Nixon, g.	3	2	1
Larsen, b.	1	0	2
Pears, f.	1	1	2
Total	25	10	6

Zeta Sheep (17)

B.	F.	P.	
Haley, f.	0	1	1
Welgoss, c.	1	0	0
Katzenmeyer, g.	0	0	4
McGrain, g.	1	1	3
MacNeil, c.	0	0	0
Heitman, b.	0	0	1
Fisher, f.	0	0	2
Total	7	3	14

Phi Browns (37)

B.	F.	P.	
LaPaugh, f.	6	4	2
Dewar, f.	2	0	2
Horne, c.	3	0	3
Mattison, g.	2	3	2
Crimmins, g.	1	2	2
Total	14	9	11

Pioneer Yearlings (32)

B.	F.	P.	
Wagner, f.	1	0	2
Fabian, f.	5	1	2
McKenna, c.	3	1	2
Mead, g.	3	2	2
Butler, g.	2	0	4
Mundell, f.	0	0	0
Total	14	4	14

Delt Whites (32)

B.	F.	P.	
Ruehl, f.	5	0	4
Jackson, f.	3	2	4
Mayhew, c.	0	0	0
Dittmar, g.	0	0	2
Plaxton, g.	0	0	1
Bob Brown, b.	3	1	2
Duvendeck, c.	0	0	1
Edgerton, f.	1	1	0
Total	14	4	14

Phi Tigers (13)

B.	F.	P.	
John Hicks, f.	0	2	2
Fitch, f.	0	0	3
Cotter, c.	3	0	0
Jim Hicks, g.	2	1	4
Gilchrist, g.	0	0	0
Hubler, b.	0	0	0
Waters, f.	0	0	0
Total	5	3	9

OFFICIAL!

We, the "Gym Crew" of Alma College, hereby formally declare a state of war existing between the U. S. and the imperial forces of dastardly Japan. Anyone caring to enlist under our colors of Black and Blue will be taken care of in the North Room of Memorial Gymnasium.

See Staff Sergeant James Hicks or Major Frank Navarre. Recruiting will begin at 10:15 P. M. in the Main Cafe on December 9, 1941. Everybody bring your own money....WE ARE BROKE!

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Alma College's Scots will make their first entry in the 1941-42 basketball diary when they meet Bay City's YMCA five in a warm-up game tonight in Memorial Gymnasium. Toss-up time is scheduled for 8 p. m., following a preliminary game between the "B" squad and Coach Bill Carr's "Crushers" at 7 p. m.

The Scots open their league play at 8 Friday night in the local gymnasium when they face Hillsdale's cagers in the first MIAA contest of the season.

Probable Lineup

Tonight's game will give Coach Gordan A. Maconald and also local basketball fans an opportunity to see what the revamped five from last year's championship team can do against outside competition. Nearly all men on the varsity squad are expected to see action, with the starting lineup probably consisting of Jack Howe and Rex Holmes at forwards, Keith Carey at center, and Bob Kirby and Ed Penner at guards.

Practice sessions to date have uncovered another five combination which shows possibilities of turning into a good outfit of its own in addition to filling in the varsity ranks. This consists of Bob Howe and Durrell Emling at forwards, Silvio Fortino at center, and Rocky Walker and Bucky Walters at guards.

Others who will probably dress with the varsity include Jack Heimforth, Max Tullis, Carl Wickman and Gayle Saxton.

Dales Are Tall

Coach Dwight Harwood of Hillsdale has only two lettermen back from last year's team which finished in the MIAA cellar without a victory. His squad, however, is the largest Hillsdale has had in years, with more than half of the candidates at least six feet tall.

Returning Dale lettermen are Vernon Groth and Jim Edwards, both with two year's experience at the pivot position. Two other members of the 1940-1941 squad, but not letter winners, are Ambrose Lopresto of Hillsdale and Al Lenhard of Detroit. Both are expected to see action.

One of the brightest Dale prospects is John Magiera, a transfer from Jackson Junior College. He starred for the Jaycees at center but may be shifted to another position at Hillsdale because of the abundance of pivot men.

Coach Harwood also has a large squad in point of numbers and has indicated that he may use three complete teams in this first league tilt.

Sport Shorts

By CRIT

Alma high school opened its season in great style last Friday night at the local town gymnasium, defeating Owosso's cagers, 41 to 28. Figuring largely in the victory was Mario Fortino, brother of Sil on the college five. Mario netted 10 baskets and one free throw for 21 points. Although only in the tenth grade, Dick Howe, younger brother of Jack and Bob, got into the game and garnered four points.

Central Michigan College opened its season Friday night by invading Albion and coming away with a 41-27 decision over the Britons. By the way, see by one sports article that Danny Rose, Central's coach, is going into his usual down-face act concerning the team. Also he picks Albion as the top contenders in the MIAA this year, mainly because the Britons have four veterans back.

Since taking over coaching duties at Alma in 1936, Gordon Maconald has had a basketball winning average of .519, with the last two years definitely on the uptrend. Statistics for each year of his five years here follow:

Year	Won	Lost
1936-37	3	14
1937-38	8	11
1938-39	4	14
1939-40	16	6
1940-41	23	5
Total	54	50

Kalamazoo College may be a dark-horse in the MIAA this year. Average height of the Hornets' squad is six-feet.

Co - Rec

Open hours

Miss Smith has arranged for weekly open hours in the gym. Badminton and volley ball may be played Friday afternoons from 1:15 to 3 o'clock, and basketball may be played by girls from 3 to 4:00 o'clock. There will be co-recreational free play Saturdays from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

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Social hall

If there is sufficient interest, the Chapel social hall will be open Saturday afternoons.

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Basketball

The Riverdale High Schaal girls' basketball team practiced with Alma girls last Thursday evening, December 4.

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Winner

Betty Pecsénye won the ping pong tournament by beating Shirley Wilson last Saturday, 21-17, 21-19.

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Christmas chocolate

Mary Anne Bowen, program chairman of the W. A. A. Christmas Chocolate to be held at Mrs. Dunning's home, December 11, from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock, announced that Miss Klein, introduced by Dorothy Walton, will give a short talk on the W. A. A. The guests will sing Christmas carols led by Eileen Carrier and accompanied by Barbara Pettyjohn. Invitations have been sent to all women students and faculty women of the college.

CAGE SCHEDULES

Pocket-size basketball schedules of the Alma College cagers for the 1941-42 season have been printed by the publicity department and will be made available to every student and faculty member, it is announced by Jack L. Crittenden. It is expected that they will be placed in the mail boxes today or tomorrow.

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LIST COMPLETE MIAA SCHEDULE FOR '41-42

Dec. 12—Hillsdale at Alma; Olivet at Albion.
 Dec. 15—Hillsdale at Albion.
 Dec. 18—Olivet at Hillsdale.
 Jan. 9—Olivet at Alma; Adrian at Kalamazoo; Hillsdale at Hope.
 Jan. 12—Alma at Albion.
 Jan. 13—Hope at Olivet; Adrian at Hillsdale.
 Jan. 15—Albion at Hope.
 Jan. 16—Hillsdale at Kalamazoo; Olivet at Adrian.
 Jan. 20—Hope at Alma; Albion at Adrian; Kalamazoo at Olivet.
 Jan. 25—Adrian at Alma; Kalamazoo at Albion.
 Feb. 3—Alma at Kalamazoo; Hope at Adrian.
 Feb. 6—Kalamazoo at Hope; Albion at Olivet; Alma at Hillsdale.
 Feb. 9—Adrian at Albion.
 Feb. 10—Kalamazoo at Adrian; Hope at Hillsdale; Alma at Olivet.
 Feb. 13—Albion at Alma; Hillsdale at Adrian.
 Feb. 14—Olivet at Hope.
 Feb. 16—Hope at Albion.
 Feb. 17—Adrian at Olivet; Kalamazoo at Hillsdale.
 Feb. 20—Olivet at Kalamazoo; Alma at Hope.
 Feb. 24—Hillsdale at Olivet; Alma at Adrian; Albion at Kalamazoo.
 Feb. 27—Kalamazoo at Alma; Adrian at Hope; Albion at Hillsdale.
 March 3—Hope at Kalamazoo.

University of Minnesota this autumn acquired a 200-pound tusk of a mammoth, from 20,000 to 100,000 years old. The tusk was found in southeastern Minnesota.

Dr. Clinton R. Stauffer, U. of M. geologist, says skeletal portions of about 50 mammoths, mostly teeth, have been found in Minnesota, but that this find is a particularly large and fine specimen.

GEM THEATRE

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 9-10

— DOUBLE FEATURE —
 GEORGE BRENT and ANN SHERIDAN in
Honeymoon for Three

— Feature No. 2 —
 JACK HOLT and MARJORIE REYNOLDS in
The Great Swindle
 Cartoon

Thursday, December 11th
 LLOYD NOLAN and MARJORIE SWEAVER in
Michael Shayne, Private Detective
 Comedy Cartoon Novelty

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13
 GEORGE MURPHY, LUCILLE BALL, EDMOND O'BRIEN in
A Girl, A Guy and A Gob
 Iron Claw No. 7 Cartoon News

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 14-15
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Alma Matter

They say there are two types of thinking; directed or logical thinking and wishful or fantasy thinking. Seems this column will have to do the wishful sort of thinking because when we're too logical, everybody squawks. Evidently the truth hurts.

So, just imagine . . . breakfast served at ten o'clock Sunday mornings . . . Ann Fullerton flunking . . . boogie-woogie on the chapel organ . . . Janis Friermuth without a smart crack . . . cars on campus . . . Scotty Purves without a mustache (and have you noticed some of the latest Hitler emulations? Seems some of the gals don't like them.) . . . Bruce

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Mellinger speechless . . . Marian Metcalf acting dignified . . . a fraternity member keeping a secret. A short, short story: A little girl (Address: Wright Hall, Phone: 59) was counting the buttons on her dress "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief, tinker" and here the buttons ran out. He fate was sealed. She thought a moment, then her face brightened up, "Oh that might be all right if it were Tinker Kirby."

Note to Dean Gillard: Better look into the fact that a couple of Wright Hall women have been running around with a married man. Oh well, they're both engaged.

Suggestions for Christmas gifts: A public address system for all the buildings on campus. More alumni like Dr. Edgerton to throw Frankenmuth feeds for the football team. A buzzer system that works for Wright Hall . . .

A reserved seat on the biology steps for Jack and Lennie . . . More chrysanthemums for Shirley MacGregor . . . A new record or two (seein' as how she doesn't have hardly any) for Ginny Frank . . . A little snow for Gloria Albinana . . . Some mascara for Bob Brown . . . an orchid for Pat Forbes (and you know why!)

Seniors have stack privileges in the Midland college library for the first time in recent years.

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Social Courtesies

To assist students who have charge of arranging college social functions, the Office of the Dean of Women and the Social Life Committee offer the following suggestions regarding social courtesies and obligations:

A social chairman, responsible for the planning of any college function, shall call at the office of the Dean of Women to secure permission, fill out a Social Record Card and to check with the college calendar.

This card shall be filled out with all requested information and filed with this office at least three days before the function. This applies to all parties made up of college students no matter how large or small the group.

All picnics (fraternity, class, or society) for which the college furnishes food, must be arranged for at least four days previous to the occasion. For picnics given by individuals, the college does not furnish food. For society picnics, committees will make financial arrangements for students boarding outside the dormitory.

Any student wishing to bring an out of town guest to a college dance, shall secure a guest card from the Dean of Women. This card shall be presented at the door to the chairman of the committee in charge. Alumni are treated as members of the student body and do not require a card.

Chaperons

What constitutes chaperonage? For formal functions there may be as many guests as the group desires. There should be at least four persons who are faculty or staff members of the college. For informal functions two persons connected with the college will suffice.

Chaperons should be invited long enough in advance of a social function to insure their convenience in accepting the invitation.

Faculty members should be provided with transportation.

Table facilities for games should be provided if chaperons desire.

Students shall introduce their partners to the chaperons and guest of honor. If the dance is a very large one, this rule applies only to members of the committee who have responsibility for the affair.

Students should make a definite effort to see that all guests feel welcome and to have them leave with a feeling that the group appreciated their coming. Without this courtesy, chaperonage at a party would be a great bore.

Faculty members and town guests who will accommodate groups of students by chaperoning at dances and other parties should be sent a "thank you" note.

All social chairmen will meet with the Social Director and the Dean of Women early in the semester to schedule their social program in advance. This will prevent congestion of the calendar.

Social chairmen should always consult with the Social Director or the Dean of Women concerning any problems relative to the social program of their group.

NEW ABSENCE RULES

(Continued from page 1.)

- 4) After the expiration of the grace period no excuses will be accepted.
- 5) On Friday of each week a list of absentees for the preceding week will be posted on the bulletin board outside the absence office. This list will be for the purpose of providing a means whereby the students can determine if an error was made in reporting any absences. Notice that this list is to be posted after the expiration of the grace period for handing in excuses. No excuses will be accepted—only rectification of the record if the student has not actually been absent.
- 6) These regulations apply both to chapel and class absences.
- 7) In case an excuse is not acceptable the student will be notified that the absence is considered "unexcused."

Fenn college home economics students have a new six-room laboratory suite on the eighteenth floor of the college tower.

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BOOK FAIR

(Continued from page one.)

Europe and the fallen democracies and all the recent books on Britain are under "British Stands."

Six of the newest books are about Michigan. "The Long Winter Ends," by Newton Thomas, is a story of the men in the copper mines in the Upper Peninsula, and H. Barleau's "Philomena Leigh" centers around a small town north of Grand Rapids.

"The Good Old Days" displays twenty-four books, among them "No Life For a Lady," by Agnes Cleaveland, and "Country Schoolma'am" by Della Lutes.

The section devoted to the fine arts includes books on art and paintings, besides fifteen volumes on poetry and eighteen on music. In this latter group are Oscar Levant's commentary on music, "A Smattering of Ignorance," and an interpretation from Walt Disney's Fantasia of "Ave Maria," with lyrics by Rachel Field.

Providing that "The Dismal Science Comes Into Its Own," there are seventeen new books about economics and sociology displayed under this category. One of these is "How America Lives," by J. C. Furnas, a study of typical families all over the country which has appeared currently in the "Ladies Home Journal."

Miss Hormel has been giving a series of lectures on "New Books and Plays" using the volumes in her Book Fair for illustration. This is a new contribution to the literary field which greatly stimulates reading interest in any community.

Atlanta, Ga.—(ACP) — The board of regents, which controls the state's university system, has named a committee to look into what one member terms a "wide spread belief among citizens of Georgia" that state and federal governments should support them.

Regent John J. Cummings told the board the university's profes-

ors and teachers should instill into their students the idea that people must work for a livelihood and not expect something for nothing.



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