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Mac-Men Take MIAA Title Without Defeat

Summer School Plans Complete

Chemistry Department to Carry Full Year's Schedule.

This summer the college will offer extension and reading courses in each department. Six hours will be the maximum number for all students. The work, with the exception of chemistry, will be done at home under the supervision of the professors and students will be called back to the campus about September 15, before the fall session opens, for review and tests. Students for this work must enroll not later than May 1.

The chemistry department will offer a year's course to freshmen and sophomores for intensive work and campus residence between June 8 and August 14.

In addition to the above summer work, credit will be given to Alma students who have taken work during the summer in accredited schools.

By taking these extra hours of academic work a great number of students will be able to finish college in three and one-half years.

The summer's curriculum as planned to date is as follows:

Department of Biology
Dr. Rice, Mrs. Burtraw
Biology 24 Entomology
Biology 41 Bacteriology
Biology 43 Special Problems
Open to advanced students. Medical bacteriology, or other specific problems according to interest of student. See Professors.

Department of Education
Dr. Rorem
41 History of Education
36 Educational Sociology

Department of Speech
Assistant Professor Smith
Studies in American Public Address. The rhetoric of oratory and a study of the best speeches of American orators.

Department of Sociology
Professor Steward
Sociology 36 Criminology
Sociology 33 Social Pathology
Sociology 38 Social Control

Department of History
Professor Howe, Mr. Wiltsee
Professor Clack
Professor Seaman

Summer reading courses to meet the needs of the student. Consult Professor about courses listed in catalogue which are available.

Department of English
Professor Gillard
Professor Spencer
Professor Hamilton
32-32a American Literature
23-23b Journalistic Writing
25-26 English Literature (Survey)
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Biology Department Acquires Marine Aquarium

The Biology Department has recently purchased a marine aquarium to facilitate studying marine animals. Included in this collection are starfish, sea anemone, sea urchin, hermit crab, live coral, sea cucumbers, and several kinds of snails.

The water used in the aquarium was shipped directly from the Atlantic ocean, as were the sea lettuce and clams, which are used for food.

As the marine animals are surf animals accustomed to a churning sea, it is necessary to use an oxygen aerator to supply them with an abundance of oxygen.

Members of the department enjoy feeding live clams to the starfish every week. Anyone who is interested in seeing how the "lower half" lives is welcome to visit the aquarium.

Business Course to Be Part of Fall Curriculum

Dr. John W. Dunning has announced that a three-year business course will be a part of the curriculum next fall. It may be carried from the freshman through the junior year and will be under the supervision of the English, history, mathematics, and economics departments with shorter courses in the social science, speech, and psychology departments.

For certain specialized subjects such as federal taxation, marketing, and insurance, part-time teachers and lecturers will be brought in.

Students who wish to take further work in this field may receive full credit towards their degree in any professional school. This plan is similar to the one which has been adopted by Michigan State College, Dartmouth, Duke University, and the University of Michigan.

Alma Alumnus Is Named Assistant to Donald Nelson

Announcement was made last week by Donald Nelson, production manager for the nation, of the appointment of Thomas C. Blaisdell, jr., as his assistant. Dr. Blaisdell completed his first three years of college at Alma, during the presidency of his father, Dr. Thomas Blaisdell, who was president of the college from 1912 to 1915. Dr. Blaisdell, jr., is of the class of 1916 at Alma, and is one of Alma's distinguished alumni. For the past ten years he has been head of the Research and Statistics Department of the government. He will be advisor and collaborator with Donald Nelson in war production.

This is the third alumnus to receive high appointment in the service of the government. Col. Frank Knox, '09, is Secretary of the Navy. Maynard Cook, '09, is a member of the National Priorities Board.

Women's League Formal Set for Friday Night

The Women's League will present its annual formal girl-bid dance this Friday, March 6, at the Danceland Ballroom from 8 to 12. The motif will be South American, in keeping with the "good neighbor policy" says Mary Goodwyn, general chairman of the affair.

Dancing will be to the music of Harold Heinze and his orchestra. Girls may get their tickets for \$1.25 from any member of the women's league council.

The committee chairmen making plans for the evening are: Doris Koppin, hall; Mary Jo Furstenburg, decorations; Dona Peterson, tickets; Blanche Bahlke, orchestra.

Hats Off to Bruce Mellinger.

Champion Debater

In 1938 when C. Carney Smith became debate coach of Alma College one of the freshmen who reported for practice was an easy going boy whom the other members of the squad tagged as the farm boy because of his actions and talk. His name was Bruce Mellinger.

That year the coach entered him in the A division at the famed Huntington-Manchester tournament. He won four out of six debates. Such a record in his first year was more or less passed off as beginner's luck, but nevertheless made possible his entry in the same division the next year. In that tournament his team won all six of his debates, winning recognition as being one of the few teams in the entire tournament to be undefeated. No longer was his ability considered luck.

The next year four out of five was his record in that tournament, better than any other team on the A squad, but that spring he lost his partner, Woodrow Wooley. Everyone, including the coach, wondered what he would do the

Vesper Service To Be Sunday

The annual Spiritual Emphasis Week will be opened Sunday afternoon at four o'clock with an all-college vesper service in the chapel. The chapel choir will take part and the address will be given by Dr. Silas Evans, president of Ripon College, the principal speaker for the week.

At five o'clock following the service there will be a faculty-student tea for the counselors in the chapel social hall.

In addition to the chapel services Dr. Evans will be available for personal conferences between 1:30 and 3:30 on Monday and Tuesday afternoon in the President's office. Students are invited to arrange with Mrs. Abernethy for a conference period.

The counselors who will be living in the several residences during the week are Dr. Paul Silas Heath of Kalamazoo, in Wright Hall; the Reverends Kenneth Neigh, John Adams, and John Forsyth of Detroit, who will be at the Zeta house, Phi house, and Pioneer Hall respectively. As yet, arrangements have not yet been completed for the counselor at the Delta house. They will be eager to discuss personal and social matters with the students and the students are asked to take advantage of the fine friendship and helpfulness they have to offer.

During the dinner hour the guests will sit with the students. In the interval before the serving of dessert, all will sing a familiar hymn or spiritual under the leadership of Prof. J. W. Ewer.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoon tea will be served in the Wright Hall reception room from 3:30 until 4:30 and Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 until 4:00. The teas provide an opportunity for a gathering of the whole group and the faculty and students are heartily invited to join in these periods of fellowship. The Wednesday tea will conclude the formal activities of Religious Emphasis Week.

Wednesday Evening Musicales

The weekly musical hour will be continued Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall of the Chapel. An excellent recording of Tschailkowsky's Symphony No. 5 will be played, recorded by Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

It is hoped to build up an interest in these musical evenings and it is believed that many of the students would find them hours of relaxation and enjoyment.

Set Record With Clean Slate For Two Consecutive Seasons

BULLETIN

Coach Macdonald announced late yesterday that the Scots have again been invited to the national intercollegiate basketball tournament at Kansas City as Michigan's only representative. The invitation came from E. S. Liston, executive secretary of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, as the result of the recommendation of Ertell Newman, Wayne's coach, who is chairman for this district. In his letter to Macdonald, Liston stated that Alma would be seeded this year as the result of its record here in Michigan and the showing last year at the tournament. Coach Macdonald said it is not likely the team will be able to participate this year, as they would have to leave Saturday, with the tournament running from March 9 through 14.

In defeating Kalamazoo's Hornets here last Saturday night, Alma College's varsity basketball team came through with another undefeated Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship, thus setting a league record for two consecutive seasons with a clean slate.

Coach Gordon A. Macdonald's boys have won 21 straight contests in MIAA play, setting another league record. This mark comes as the result of 10 straight victories in both the 1940-41 and the 1941-42 seasons, and with one victory hanging over from the 1939-1940 season when Alma had a

Debaters Win 41 Of 54 Contests

At the Manchester tournament last Friday and Saturday the Alma debate squad upheld their reputation by compiling the amazing record of 25 wins in 30 debates in Class B and 18 wins in Class A. Bruce Mellinger and Ken Plaxton were one of the six teams in the Class A division to be undefeated in all six events. In the B division Alma had two undefeated teams, the first being Helen Lindsay and Rama Kirkwood, and the second composed of Beth Aron, Mary Catherine Bell, Dona Peterson and Virginia Feighner.

Four of the five losses suffered in Class B came in the Friday afternoon round after a 250 mile ride by the squad. The debaters met teams from all over the United States, including teams from Rutgers University, Notre Dame University, University of Indiana and University of Florida. There were about 350 teams at the tournament, and Alma had the largest representation of any school. Entering in all 54 debates the squad won 43, or four of every five debates, thus proving that a small school can furnish both quality and quantity.

The Class A teams were Bruce Lindley-Dave Kinney, and Bruce Mellinger-Ken Plaxton. In Class B the teams were as follows: Bill Galinet - Robert Bowman, Mary Anne Bowen-Catherine Wilkie-Lenore Meyer, Rama Kirkwood-Helen Lindsay, and Walter Boylan-Keen Angelus. The teams that alternated in both Class A and B were Dona Peterson - Virginia Feighner, Beth Aron-Mary Catherine Bell, Jack Gilchrist-Wayne Dorsett, and Paul Hurrell-Wibur McCrum.

Coach C. Carney Smith is turning the freshman squad over to the varsity debaters who are go-

CONGRATULATIONS, PROF. CLACK!

On February 28 Professor Robert W. Clack received word from his alma mater, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, that he has been elected to the alumni Phi Beta Kappa. One alumnus each year is given this honor. There are two chapters of Iowa Beta, one at Grinnell and the other at Iowa State University.

The only reason that Professor Clack did not receive this honor when he was graduated was because he had a D in a Latin course from cutting so many classes.

sophomore ball club which gave heavy threat for the title.

In total games played this year, the Mac-men won 19 and lost three for a winning percentage of .863, which gives the Scots top ranking among state college basketball teams. In gaining this mark, the Scots, after losing their opener to the strong Bay City YMCA outfit, set a pace of 15 consecutive wins which was outstanding for the type of contestants they faced.

Many of Alma's victories this season came in high scoring ball games which saw the Scots hitting the hoop consistently throughout the major part of the season. Scores for all the games this season follow:

Alma 50; Bay City 51.
Alma 72; Hillsdale 26.
Alma 61; Olivet 38.
Alma 47; Albion 21.
Alma 48; Central Michigan 43.
Alma 48; Michigan Normal 39.
Alma 54; Hope 42.
Alma 59; Michigan Normal 43.
Alma 54; Adrian 21.
Alma 44; Tri-State 35.
Alma 61; Western 50.
Alma 41; Kalamazoo 21.
Alma 41; Tri-State 43.
Alma 46; Hillsdale 19.
Alma 64; Olivet 48.
Alma 46; Albion 33.
Alma 42; Western 48.
Alma 48; Hope 46.
Alma 41; Michigan Normal 51.
Alma 53; Adrian 35.
Alma 32; Central Michigan 29.
Alma 52; Kalamazoo 46.

Saturday night's game closed college basketball careers for five members of the varsity squad: Forward Rex Holmes, Center Keith Carey, and Guards Bob Kirby, Ed Penner and Bill LaPaugh. Further material on these boys as well as other squad members will be given next week, along with statistics for both the varsity and "B" squad. Stories of the three games played last week follow:

Adrian

Gaining its ninth MIAA victory to clinch the league title for the second straight year, Alma College's basketball team defeated Adrian's cagers 53 to 35, last Tuesday night at Adrian. It was the Scots' 17th win in 20 starts.

Starting off as an exceptionally slow game with both sides off on shots, three minutes had passed before Alma had tallied on a free throw by Carey, while the bulldogs had scored two points on charity tosses. The Scots took things in hand, however, with intermittent baskets which gave them the comparatively low score of 21 to 15 at the half.

Game Tied Up

Opening the second half, the Bulldogs came back strong to tie the count at 27 all with half of the period gone. Herb Rink was the big gun here as he counted three baskets in a hurry. From here on,

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The Night is Young and I'm so Beautiful

Today I am old, but 'twas little more than yesterday that I was young and beautiful. So drenched was I in the joy of living that I failed to notice that precious thing called youth slipping from me till it was almost gone.

Ah yes—mine was the pale, pale transparent beauty of flawless perfection. Every feature was in absolute harmony with every other. Each was exquisite in itself, and the completed picture of me in my prime was "out of this world." Every line of my contour was exactly right. Not a blemish marred my satin-smooth, velvet-like beauty.

Oh, how my heart leaped in anticipation when I was asked to attend the Women's League formal. To go to a ball had been the one great aim of my short life.

The agony of anticipation nearly drove me mad. Finally the big day arrived. I set off with a

chorus of ohs! and ahs! all about me. Confidence in myself wafted through my soul. Joyous tunes tripped through my mind. I was happy. I was beautiful, I was young.

As the evening wore on, a few wrinkles appeared. Both these and the limpness which began to bend my straight stature were ignored.

By the time the night was over, and home hove into view, exhaustion held me in its grasp. About as quick as it takes to say "boo" I was fast asleep.

When I awoke my exterior beauty had about vanished. My silken skin was transformed into something closely resembling old, yellow leather. I lay unable to move, pressed between the pages of an enormous book. The breath of life was slowly being forced from me. But I'm ready and willing to go. I've done the thing I was made to do, and I can now die happy. You see, I am a corsage that went to the Women's League formal. In the life of every corsage there comes but "one night to howl." March 6 was mine.

Few American Officers Speak Japanese

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (ACP)—A Harvard university linguist says Japan has at least one advantage over the United States—the ability of a vast number of her military officers to speak English while only a handful of United States army and navy men understand Japanese.

This is bound to give Nippon an edge in questioning war prisoners, translating intercepted messages and obtaining information from material found on men fallen in action, Dr. Erwin O. Reichsauser, authority on Far Eastern languages, says.

ALMA COLLEGE PLATE

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Pioneer Hall and a design of the official college seal.

The border consists of a pine cone design of especial historical significance to Alma College because of the region in which the college is located and because many of the original founders were men who had made their fortunes in pine lumbering.

Made of California pottery, the plates are the 10½ inch service size and follow a color scheme of deep cream with maroon decoration. They will sell for one dollar each with the possibility of the new luxury tax added if this is imposed by the government. Orders may be placed with any member of the Women's Advisory Committee. Students and local persons will have the opportunity to obtain these plates through five Alma members.

Members of the Women's Advisory Committee include: Mrs. Soule, Alma, president; Mrs. A. R. Moon, Saginaw, vice president; Mrs. Lawrence Montigel, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. John W. Dunning, Mrs. William A. Bahlke, and Mrs. Roy W. Hamilton, all of Alma; Mrs. Frank Knox, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John E. Ludwig, Jackson; Mrs. Kendall P. Brooks, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Joseph W. Britton, Midland, and Mrs. Donald J. Porter, Grand Rapids.

Knowsey Knews

Hi! Surprised to see so many people around here still alive after the hectic week we've just struggled through. Oh well—sort of nice isn't it? Just think, we won't have to study again for five weeks!

Women's League Formal, the big event of the weekend—swell party, that good orchestra again, and special congratulations to Mary Jo Furstenbuerg who was responsible for those clever decorations, and then managed to appear at the party looking as fresh and lovely as ever.

Surprise of the week — Something radical has happened to Dean and Ann! Migosh, what IS wrong with the world? And we always figured that that was such a perfect combination!

Miss Roberts sort of lost control of things for a minute Sunday afternoon—or did you notice? Why, Prof.—were you responsible for that?

Purdy going steady; Connelly going steady; gee, you'd almost think spring were here!

Snuff and Helen seemed to be having a little trouble in the Rec Room Saturday evening — she wants to know—what does a magazine have that she doesn't?

Had you noticed: How the weather can't seem to quite make up its mind? . . . Tommy's new costume jewelry? . . . How odd the Rec Room without Pete around? . . . How much Marg and Kay sound alike when they talk? . . . Ditto Marian and Norma Hass? . . . What a good looking dress Miss Gillard had on last Sunday? . . . What a relief it is to have pledging practically over?

H-mmm, almost deadline time—the editor is probably fuming on account of this column has been absent too much—she says! What's the dif, we say!! So long—see you next week—maybe.

AINT' IT THE TRUTH?

"The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly, You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by, 'Til the forms are off the presses it is strange how still it keeps; It shrinks down in a corner, and it never stirs or peeps. That typographical error, too small for human eyes 'Til the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size. The boss stares with horror, then grabs his hair and groans; The copy reader drops his head upon his hands and moans— The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be, But the typographical error is the only thing you see." —The Trinity Times.

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SPRING QUARTER

The winter quarter of girls' physical education classes ended March 7. Softball, tennis, and archery will be included in the spring quarter.

Girls must make up classes by March 14, or no credit will be given for the winter quarter.

SPRING PHYSICAL EDUCATION SCHEDULE

9:40 Monday and Wednesday—Softball
Tuesday and Thursday—Advanced tennis and restricted archery
10:35 Monday and Wednesday—Freshmen sports
Tuesday and Thursday—Archery and beginners tennis
1:15 Tuesday and Thursday—Archery
2:10 Monday and Wednesday—Beginners tennis
Wednesday and Friday—Archery
Tuesday and Thursday—Freshmen sports
3:00 Monday and Wednesday—Freshmen sports
Tuesday and Thursday—Advanced tennis and modern dance.
4:00 Monday and Wednesday—Softball
Friday afternoons are four hours for archery, tennis, and softball. Please sign up by Wednesday for the spring class desired.

TOURNAMENTS

Shirley Wenger will lead a badminton and a bowling tournament soon. Lenore Meyer is chairman of a volley ball tournament to start March 19.

Thursday, March 12, will be the last evening for girls' basketball in the gym.

How to Open a Mail Box

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the mail might not have been put out yet, of course).

Another great advantage of the mail-boxes is their strategic position. Notice, freshmen! If you stand around long enough, you're almost sure to nab that person, if not from the stairs, then from the art room, old chapel, registrar's office, or front walk. They just can't possibly get away! This fea-

ture also has its advantages, too, for that professor you have been solicitously avoiding may pop around the corner at any time, or that catty group who has its eye on you already. And there is Bob, to whom you have owed \$.57 from a crap game for two weeks, coming around the corner.

Ah! The same place at night! How changed! Ripples of music from the direction of the old chapel, sweepings and scrapings upstairs, and such pleasant warmth as compared with outdoors. But one little drawback—very little reason to be in there. Oh, there is the drinking fountain, naturally . . . and then, too, the letters one forgot to collect in the afternoon mail. But it is such a problem opening the box by faith rather than by sight. All in all, college rules considered, it is hardly worth the bother . . . or IS it?

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