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War Problems . . .

(Guest Editorial from The Albion Pleiad)

The attention of most college students and faculty members is focused, for the most part, on the war and its relation to colleges. The importance of the present problems and the crises the colleges and students appear to be experiencing tend to become the chief topics of conversation and the main lines of thought.

That these subjects are important cannot be denied, but it is equally true that a clearer perspective and, consequently, more intelligent action, can be taken only if the antecedents and the possible results are also examined.

Homecoming reminds us that Albion college has been in existence for a long time and that many student classes have been graduated. Probably each class has had to meet some very distressing problems. When we think of those persons who were in college during the last war, those who caught the full impact of the "gay twenties," or those who were graduated during the great depression, we cannot but acknowledge that ours is not the only generation who has had to meet world catastrophes. Our difficulties appear greater because they have not yet been dimmed by time; that they are greater can only be proved by history.

Many college students are quick to point to the mistakes those of other generations have made in the solution of their problems. As we act here and now, we might bear in mind the fact that someday another college generation will be examining our actions impartially and what we do now will be subject either for criticism or praise.

Colorful Frosh Frolic Opens Formal Season

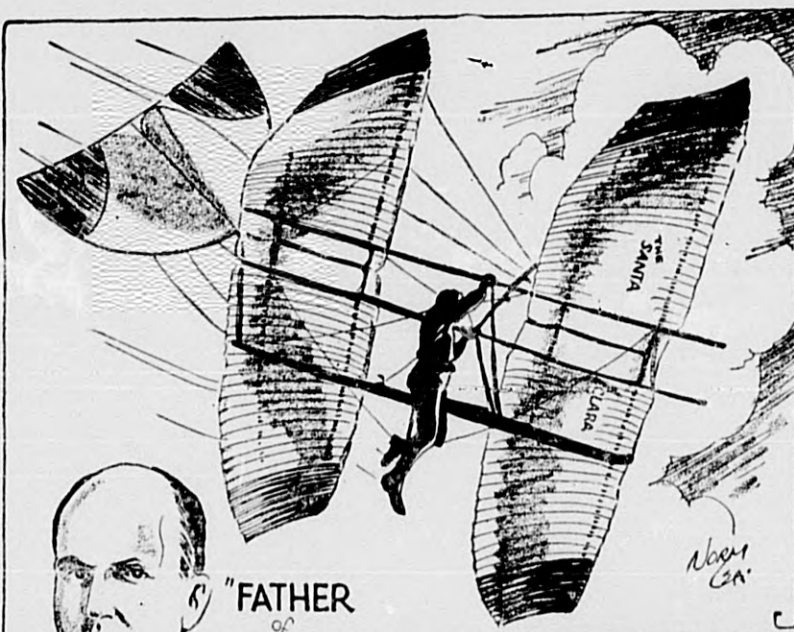
The first formal of the year has just been pronounced a great success by all. (This does not necessarily pertain to Mr. Ellis). Congratulations are due to the whole Freshman class for putting over a really wonderful party. . . . and to Bud Bedford and his boys for providing some really soft music. . . . From all the members are from our own campus: Jack Hensel, Dick Hamilton, Jack Tobin and Matt Lyman. They seem to have a new addition in that very nice bit of femininity who helped Matt do the vocal honors. She just about fits him, don't you think? . . . The place was fairly dripping with decorations most of

them hanging down in the middle of the floor, while around the sides of the room were pictures of all the outstanding Freshman impressions of Alma, centered around our conquering heroes, the football team. . . .

Now for the most important part of every formal, the loads of stunning gowns worn by the fair dancers of the campus. . . . We couldn't begin to tell you about all of them, but here are a few samples. . . . Nan Fisher in pink satin and net. . . . Betty Jane Smith in a black lace and white net combination. . . . Norm Hass in a terrific black strapless. . . . Dot Oliver in an unusual green checked wash taffeta. . . . Pat Williams in a super sophisticated sage green shirtwaist style with touches of gold. . . . Mary Anne Bowen in a pale green frosted organdy with buttons way down the back. . . . Lydia Silvani in a blue net with the most intriguing butterflies scattered over it. . . . Dottie Strauss in a very different combination of rose taffeta and red cape.

Well, so much for women's fashions. We don't pretend to know much about the fellows' styles, but they ought to be included here. It seems the Phis had a little deal on to all wear sport coats, but they got their signals crossed, so Smitty and Heimforth were the only ones to stick to the bargain. . . . We learned that pique makes a dress shirt, thanks to Dud Emiling, who was togged in such a garment. . . .

Next we deal with some of the outstanding individuals present. The prize for being the most blissfully happy couple on the floor goes to Dave and Judy. . . . Bowen with her hair so fetchingly piled on top of her head, looked as though she had grown at least an inch. . . . Prof. Richter and his unusually smooth dancing style



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Knowsey Knews

Hello, darlings, this is your staid old aunty back again with all the dear dirt and catty gossip. This week it's the Frosh class that deserves both condolences and congratulations for their party Saturday night. . . .

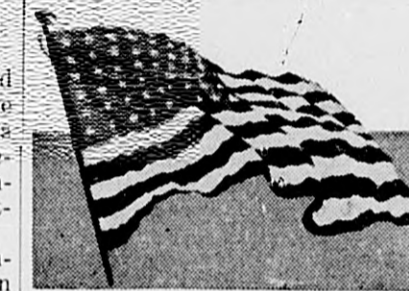
We hear everybody had a wonderful time except the Freshman in charge—'twas a terrible loss of cash—but really a swell time. The old guard returned. . . . Satch was seen with Janis. . . . a cute looking couple. . . . Sally Reed was there with Tom Fitch. . . . not at the dance but definitely here were the Brownies. . . . not mythical ones but Bob and Ralph. . . . Ralph brought his own but, Helen Milham seemed happy to welcome Bob. . . . Back to the Rat Race, we mean Frosh Frolic. . . . Have you ever seen such a blissful pair as Dave and Judy. . . . they haven't even had a fight. . . . Sharpe and Phillippi were looking happy as ever. . . . a smooth new combo—but what happened to the Hartt Kid. . . . Jim Malcolm imported a keen queen. . . . small and very nice. Butler also imported. . . . she made quite a favorable impression at Wright Hall. . . . We can also state that the mail's (not males) came through—but they had us worried. . . . Right Norma? Has anyone quizzed McCarty on what kind of deer (deer) Ollie was hunting? . . . Condolences to Kay. She has taken all the sulphur drugs in the book.

caught everyone's eye. . . . It was great to see Satch and Sally Reed with us again. . . . Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Butler went to their respective homes for their very attractive partners. . . . Freddy and the first lady for the evening, Miss Sharpe, seemed to have a charming time; and so did the other half of the reception line, Brinkerhoff and Marge. . . . Gabby seemed just as hep as usual. . . . Smitty has perfected a new dance step that is sure to go over big. He calls it the dive bomber. . . . Here is a word from one who could not be with us, quote McCarty; WHY do men have to go hunting? unquote. . . . Here is something we noted with approval, more people were exchanging dances.

The last highspot of the evening was the final number "Jumpin' at the Woodside." (It is not Chopin' at the Woodside as we overheard someone exclaim) Or maybe you would consider the last mad dash down to Vic's for a "red hot with everything" and back to the dorm to beat a 12:30 deadline, the very fitting climax to a very fine evening.

Forty University of Pittsburgh co-eds from Johnstown, Pa., offer to write to every soldier, sailor and marine who communicates with the club at Pitt's Johnstown center.

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Editor's Note: It is the plan of The Almanian to continue publishing all available addresses of former Alma men now in the service. Again we ask our readers to place any of these addresses which they may possess in the box placed for that purpose in the administration building.

Pvt. Fred Hartt, Student Headquarters, Section F, Wendover, Utah.

Pvt. Donald D. Fink, Barracks 461, Fifth School Squadron, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.

Fred C. Hill, Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.

Pvt. K. A. Peterson, 21st. T. S. S. Br. 932 Lowry Field No. 2, Denver, Colorado.

Lieut. George S. Orluck, 1st. Mapping Group, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

Pvt. Robert J. Burge, Co. A 52nd Infantry Tra. Bat. Camp Wolters, Texas.

First group of 1,600 enlisted members of the WAVES will be trained at the University of Wisconsin, Indiana University, and Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

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Hillsdale-Kazoo Tilt Closes Football for '42

Sparked by Freshman Halfback Tommy Ward, who scored two touchdowns, the Hillsdale College football team closed its season with an astounding 19-0 upset victory over Kalamazoo.

The defeat dropped Kalamazoo to a tie with Albion for second place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and Hillsdale turned its first victory into a chance to escape sole occupancy of the league cellar.

Thus closed the 1942 edition of M.I.A.A. football. As we look back over the season we can't help but comment on the sportsmanship and fine play displayed by all teams. It brought to light many stars who were previously unknown to M.I.A.A. followers and paired off old rivals whose contests are watched with keen interest by sports enthusiasts through the state.

To say that Alma won its second consecutive title isn't going deep enough into the story, for every team played with all of the spirit and heart they could muster and every game was hard fought until the final whistle was blown. So with this final comment we close the past football season, and look forward with big expectations to the next sport on the calendar, basketball.

M.I.A.A. Standings

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|---------------------|---|---|-------|
| Alma | 4 | 0 | 1:000 |
| Albion | 2 | 2 | :500 |
| Kalamazoo | 2 | 2 | :500 |
| Hillsdale | 1 | 3 | :250 |
| Hope | 1 | 3 | :250 |

German professors have been made department heads at the University of Riga in Latvia.

SCOT SCRIBBLINGS

By Dorsett

Dear Sabo:

Being a loyal member of the RSOTKS I feel that I am qualified to write a bit about those feuding Bearcats from Central Michigan. It seems that they feel we are afraid to meet them on a gridiron, that we quiver and run when we hear their mighty name mentioned. They feel they have the top team in the state at Mt. Pleasant. They have issued a challenge and we have backed down, so they say. I have taken a poll of the students including the varsity sports squads here at Alma and the opinion is a clear, definite, and loud, Phooey!

You may wonder what right we have to say this. Listen, and you shall hear. To begin with at the present time, Bearcats or no Bearcats, we have the best record in the state. We have played one more game than they have and are still untied and unbeaten. We have scored more points, and we also have some of the leading scorers of the state on our roster, showing clearly and decisively the best record possible. Secondly we might add that Coach Macdonald, at one time during the season, offered Coach Finch a game with the Scots. He was flatly turned down.

Last but not least let us say to you, Mr. Sabo, do you ever read your own column? If you do you would realize that such a past season game as suggested would be physically impossible for Coach "Mac." As you noted in your column but a week or so ago he does everything here but lead the band. From this standpoint alone you and any other casual observers should see that with basketball season beginning it would be impossible for football practice to continue. Coach can't be two places at once. Half the Bears team also plays football—what about their practice? With our opening basketball game on Dec. 4th, what possibility is there for a post season game in football?

We have only a few students but they are a powerful lot, Champs in all major varsity sports. Thus we eye basketball season eagerly and know a well-coached team is the best. We regretfully drop all thought of football. The court and hoop sport is king and we shall continue under its reign. To the Bearcats we merely say: your chance to avenge your hurt pride will come on the court. Our record this year with them will at least equal last years, two victories; no defeats.

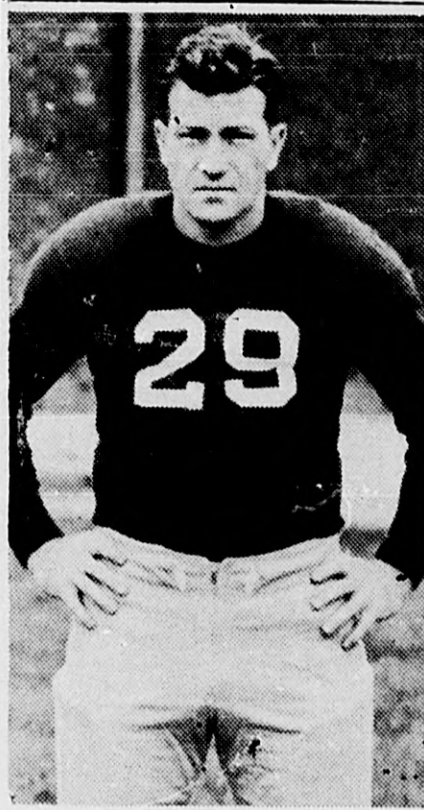
So with no hard feeling we take leave of your influence, Mr. Sabo. We will pardon you this time for such a suggestion and in the same breath we thank you for the consideration you have given us and sincerely appreciate all the verbal bouquets.

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MICHIGAN RECRUITS

(Continued from page 1.)

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"I urge all young men, 17 and over, to visit a Navy Recruiting Station today to find out how they can continue their education in the Navy. The Navy today offers them the chance, not only to serve their country, but to better themselves. Navy-trained men get high-paying jobs later in private industry."

Popularity of the song, "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo," led men students at Kalamazoo college to choose Sara Woolley, a native of the city, as "the girl in Kalamazoo College."

Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels said recently that no Nazi should feel it beneath his dignity to write fiction.

Herr Goebbels ought to know. Before the war, China had 108 colleges.

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American Sailors and Coast Guardsmen must face any kind of weather without flinching. In the heaviest of storms and the wildest of gales they must carry on with their appointed tasks. They've got to be tough and able to take it but their job is made easier for them by the sturdy Navy raincoats they wear. Only \$5.00 in War Savings Stamps will equip a man of the sea with a raincoat to help him weather any storm.



The school children of the nation have joined in the war on the Axis through the Schools At War Program. They are helping to sell War Bonds and Stamps, salvage scrap, aid Civilian Defense and other war activities. Their contributions will be recorded in school scrapbooks and exhibited throughout the country. Every school participating in the program will receive a certificate of service from the Treasury Department.

U. S. Treasury Department

Orchids 'n Onions

This week we come out in a 15 gun salute for the most loyal "Scotsman" of them all, Coach Gordon A. Macdonald. For the past seven years "Mac" has been suffering untold agonies, both physical and mental, while piloting the "Scots" to numerous championships in M. I. A. A. sports.

It would be impossible for us to express the heartfelt gratitude of both the student body and the athletes toward "Mac." Only once during his sojourn at Alma has he taken leave of his duties and then only when it was humanly impossible for him to continue. In the fall of 1936 he was overtaken by an illness, resulting directly from an injury to his leg, which occurred while he was starring in football for Alma in the "twenties." Again this fall the trouble returned and even against the advice of his physicians he continued his coaching duties and didn't leave until the football title was safely tucked away.

Have you ever watched Coach on the bench, or should we say off, at a football game? His eyes never leave the field and nothing interests him except the game. He likes to win ball games as much as or more than any other coach but he never sends a team into a game with the impression "win or else." In crucial games "Mac" is just as nervous as any of the players on the team, but his favorite expression to the team before the game is: "Play with all you've got but if you don't happen to win always remember that the Ad Building will be there tomorrow morning." This is the sort of thing that endears him to the hearts of all who have ever played under him.

In closing we would like to take your minds back to the fall of '40. Remember? We lost the championship, but we held a testimonial dinner for Coach the likes of which Alma has seldom seen. We put something like that across after losing a championship and now after winning two in a row why wouldn't it be a good idea to have a repeat performance. What do you say we all get together and surprise "Mac" next week sometime with one of the same.

Reports are that only one of every 500 schools in North China is in operation, the others having been removed to the interior for military reasons. As a footnote, it is pointed out that Japanese is the primary language taught in North China's remaining schools.

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CHURCH PARTY

The WAA executive board and council went to the Presbyterian church en masse Sunday morning and heard Dr. Brokenshire preach.

PINGPONG

Winners in the first round of pingpong — Wunderlich, Benavides, Fowler, Mitten, Ritchie and Olander. Final playoffs are coming up soon.

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At sea and on shore, the prompt and efficient teamwork of all hands in the application of these various skills is the key to the successful accomplishment of the tasks the Navy is called upon to perform.

More than 100,000 Russian students have begun studies in 1,200 schools of the Leningrad area. Many of the schools, damaged in German air raids, have been rebuilt by peasants and young Leningrad workers.

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War needs for technical and professional men have probably kept

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enrollment in such courses at a relatively high level. However, the liberal arts curricula have taken a kick in the face which, as an official in the Office of Education here put it, is "somewhat disturbing."

What's the answer? Apparently there isn't any while the war lasts. And it's a moot question whether an answer should be sought before the war's end.

Manpower Commissioner McNutt has said that "nonessential courses we have come to regard as essential to a classical education must be replaced. This war demands chemists, engineers, doctors, experts in nutrition, public health and agriculture."

Then there were Secretary of War Stimson's two contradictory statements of recent date which, once unraveled, seemed to echo McNutt.

Since there's nothing to be done

about war-inspired curriculum changes, the attention of educators here is now focused on two problems: getting a specific policy on the Selective Service status of college men, and clearing the way for much more government-financed college training.

The former presents some knotty problems. Shall deferment depend entirely upon the courses taken? Then what courses shall be basis for deferment? How far along in his studies should a student be before he is considered for deferment, if at all? And what about the 18 and 19-year-olds if the age limit is lowered?

Some of these questions have been partially answered, but on the whole the answers have been inadequate and confusing. A clear-cut system is needed.

The question of getting more funds to finance capable students was answered in small measure last spring when Congress appropriated \$5,000,000 for student loans. The money is being loaned to students majoring in physics, chemistry, engineering, medicine (including veterinary), dentistry and pharmacy.

But sources here point out that the fund is not nearly large enough. Four millions have already been allocated to 240 colleges, and the balance of \$1,000,000 will be parcelled out soon. On the average, the schools got only half the money requested. And requests were presumably based on direct need.

In order to get a loan from this fund a student must be studying under the wartime speedup plan, a situation that makes it virtually impossible for him to take a job on the side, or to work during the summer. If he can't get a loan and must have help to get through school, there is only one answer—get out! Which may mean that a man already partially trained for highly specialized work goes into military service to do a job that might be done by any one of thousands of untrained recruits.

Severe wartime logic leaves no room for argument on the question of whether there should be more funds for this purpose. The question of who shall have an education should never be left to economic chance or mischance. In wartime it cannot be.

An official here points out that "if need can be shown, supplemental funds may be forthcoming." It is Congress, of course, that must be shown. The question is do congressmen recognize "need" when it scratches their eyeballs?

It is not wrong to state that in the martial arts lie the moral principles of our nation. Tokyo said recently via shortwave. That's what we've gathered. Twenty-five professors of the University of Amsterdam have been dismissed in reprisal for a bomb attack on general headquarters of the Nazi student front. With severance pay?

A midget size service edition of the Michigan Daily, complete with pictures and news in concentrated form, is now printed on the back page of the daily paper. Students are asked to clip the four-column "V Newspaper" and send it to a University of Michigan man in the armed forces.

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