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## SPRING PLAY ON MAY FIFTH

"Night Must Fall" Cast Now at Work. H. Draper Directing.

After rigorous tryouts, the Alma College Drama club has selected the final cast for "Night Must Fall," the three-act drama of a murderer at his murder. The play will be given on Friday, May 5, in the High School auditorium.

Glib Willis Gelston will play the important part of Dan, the ingratiating bell-hop. Jeanne Speerstra has been cast as quiet, efficient Olivia Grayne, secretary to fussy, discontented Mrs. Bramson, who is realistically portrayed by Florence Brown. Carroll Jones, he of the slow speech, will play Hubert Laurie, Olivia's unimaginative suitor. Dora, the pretty but stupid maid, is cleverly enacted by Louise Black, and Margaret Arnold is cast as the tart Cockney cook, Mrs. Terrence. Others in the cast are Belsize, a Scotland Yard detective, Peter Cicinelli, and the Lord Chief Justice, Al Jenkins. An alternate cast has also been chosen.

Harold Draper is directing the cast, which has been at work for over a week. Virginia Mack is assistant director. Don Olson is business manager for the production. "Night Must Fall" is a psychological thriller, the study of a cold-blooded murderer whose deliberate and incredibly arrogant machinations prove as thrilling behind the footlights as they did on the screen. Says George M. Cohan of it: "The best thrill play I ever saw—and I've seen 'em all. It takes you by the throat and leaves you gasping." And he ought to know.

## LARGE ALMA DELEGATION TO IRC CONCLAVE

More than a dozen members of Alma's International Relations Club will be delegates at the Midwest I.R.C. Conference, to be held on the Northwestern University campus in Evanston, Illinois, this Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22. The group plans to take the college bus, leaving Alma Thursday, and return on Sunday, April 23. Round-table discussions and prominent speakers upon events of international importance will feature the annual conference.

## Students Don't Trust Neutrality Act To Keep U. S. Out Of War

AUSTIN, Texas, April 18—Ask one hundred typical American college students whether they believe the present neutrality law can keep the United States out of war, and less than seven will answer "yes."

An overwhelming majority of 93.3 per cent of the students of the nation shake their heads at the possible effectiveness of the law in case of war, interviewers on campuses from coast to coast have discovered in a poll conducted by the Student Opinion Surveys of America. The Almanian cooperates in the polls.

With Congress wrangling over neutrality and the President reportedly ready to back any move to repeal the act, student opinion is in tune with general public opinion, which has given various indications that the United States should take a firm stand on the side of the democracies.

The question used in the survey: "Do you believe our present neutrality law can keep us out of war?"

The answers:

## CHICAGO ARCHITECTS PLAN BUILDINGS

Architects of the Chicago firm of Childs and Smith are now planning a chapel, a boys' dormitory, a Union building, and the rebuilding of Wright Hall, President Dunning has announced. Dr. Dunning was in Detroit Wednesday to attend an executive meeting of the trustees of the college and the financial committee of the campaign now going on.

Besides the physical improvements on the campus, Dr. Dunning announced in Chapel last Tuesday the proposed elevation of scholastic and social standards of Alma College. A more rigid requirement will be applied to incoming freshmen next fall, and upper classmen will necessarily set the example. There is a general movement among Michigan colleges at present, Dr. Dunning said, to raise requirements for extra-curricular activity, and for representatives in athletics, debate, and other inter-collegiate participation.

## W. A. A. AWARDS AT BANQUET

The Women's Athletic Association held a banquet at Wright Hall on Thursday, April 13 to honor those five girls who received letters. The dinner was attended by forty-five members and guests. Honored guests for the evening were Mrs. J. W. Dunning, Coach and Mrs. Howe, and Art Smith. Between courses Beverly Riegleman led the girls in singing the new song and in cheering. Betty Thomas, who was toast mistress, gave a history of the association. Mrs. Dunning then spoke to the girls about the value of a sound mind, a sound body and a sound spirit in athletics as well as in our every day lives.

Miss Helen Orvis awarded letters to Marie Dreisbach, Connie Hamilton, and Jean Williams. . . . Chevrons and letters were presented to Anita Byron, Mavis Harrison, Betty Smith, and Eleanor Blakeley. To the girls who already had their letters, chevrons were awarded. In this group were Gladys Glass, Betty Thomas and Jean Spearstra who received two chevrons.

The program concluded with the presentation of the trophy to the Kappa Iotas in reward for winning the sorority tournament.

WATCH FOR THE J-HOP—  
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## DR. GILKEY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Dean of Chapel of U. of Chicago to Address Seniors June 17.

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the Chapel at the University of Chicago, has been announced as the speaker for the 1939 Commencement exercises, to be held in Alma on Saturday, June 17. Fifty-six seniors are candidates for diplomas at that time.

Well-traveled, and a prominent author on the subject of modern faith and religion, Dr. Gilkey is best known for his eighteen years, from 1910 to 1928, as pastor at the Hyde Park Church, in Detroit. He has long been a friend of President Dunning and Professor Hamilton. His position as Dean of the Chapel in the University of Chicago dates from 1928.

Dr. Gilkey is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, and has studied in Germany, England, and Scotland. He was appointed by the University of Chicago, as Barrows lecturer in the university centers in India, in 1924. One of his best-known books is about his lecturing there.

## NEW SENATE IS CONVENED

President Bradfish and Secretary Lewis Go to Albion.

Mildred Bradfish, Senate Prexy, called together the new Senate members Sunday evening to elect officers for the coming year. Winners were Jane Fraker, K. I. Junior, who became vice-president and therefore Head Quiet Proctor in the Hall, and Gene Lewis, Alpha Theta Junior, is secretary. Other new members chosen last week by their classmates were: Sophomores—Betty Thomas, Alpha; Theta; Beverly Riegleman, Philo; Lois Goldie, K. I.; Mary Elizabeth Baker, non-sorority. Juniors—Elaine Doubles, Philo; Amelia Jean Arnold, non-sorority.

Eighty-three permission for Wright Hall girls on week-nights was granted last week, to continue the remainder of the year. The girls are requested to spend the extra time out of doors, since quiet hours in the Hall begin as usual at seven-thirty.

On Tuesday, April 25, Mildred Bradfish and Gene Lewis will represent the Alma Senate during Hospitality Day at Albion College, where student officials from other schools will discuss dormitory problems.

## STUDENT MAIL BOXES

The student mail-boxes, which were assigned Saturday morning, will be used the rest of this year free of charge, the administration announced. Next year a small charge will be included in the registration fees, to cover the annual rental of the boxes. Any mail for students should be put through the mail slot in the small door near the entrance of the physics room.

## SEAMAN RECEIVES DIPLOMA

Professor William M. Seaman has received his diploma from the University of Illinois, granting him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the study of the classics. He completed his work there last semester.

## APRIL 20 IS PEACE CONVENTION DAY ON MANY U. S. CAMPUSES

A nation-wide protest against the export of the United States of arms and war materials to Japan will be made by the students of colleges and universities on the 20th of April. Upon the traditional "Peace Day" for undergraduate action on current issues in foreign policy, resolutions will be passed and signatures to petitions obtained over five hundred of the leading American colleges.

The action upon April 20th will be the culmination of concerted efforts to stop the United States from arming Japan and is sponsored by the Student Committee Against Participation in Japanese Aggression. This national committee was initiated by a group of eleven of the foremost student leaders of America, and is sponsored by forty-five prominent undergraduates representing forty-three colleges. These sponsors include fifteen editors of undergraduate newspapers and eighteen presidents of students councils.

## PRESENT ALMA BAND IN FLINT

The thirty-piece Alma College concert band, directed by Prof. J. W. Ewer, journeyed to Flint on Friday, April 14, to present a program in the Community Presbyterian Church. The program included three groups of selections by the band, and also featured a debate on the pump-priming question between Harold Draper and Bruce Mellinger. The College Male Quartet, consisting of Clifford Leestma, first tenor, Deane Fink, second tenor, Walter Ruthig, baritone, and Russell "Duke" Sterling, basso, added variety to the program with a group of seasonal songs, and Dane Smith presented a hilarious dissertation on sneezes. George Jennings was toastmaster of the evening. The church banquet hall was decorated with maroon and cream streamers, and a large Welcome Alma sign was hung behind the speakers' table.

The personal of the band includes: Clarinets—Bob Spencer, Bob Frevert, Gladys Turrel, Marjorie Sutton, Ruth Kolvoord, Bob Gould, Al Lindley, and Florence McDonald; Drums—Phyllis Koepfgen, Walter Ruthig, Vernon Davis; Baritones—Evelyn Wellwood, Mark Todd, Harold Teak; Alto horns—Anna Jean Sherman, Jimmie Emms Bill Morrison; Piccolo—Edith Teak; Bass horns—Carl Walsten, Jack Sanders; Trombones—Joyce Synder, Ralph Brown, Hubert Hill, Sid Kane; Trumpets—Wilson Dunning, Harry Loper, Dane Smith Roy Anderson, Carvel Clark and Elton Ditto.

## Turtle-Racers Bewail Death "Of Greatest Of Them All"

DETROIT, MICH.—(ACP) Doff a hat, shed a tear, and sniff a sniffle, for Gaelohma is dead.

As a matter of fact, Gaelohma has been dead for better than six weeks, although the news didn't leak out until last week. But she's dead alright, because Dr. Leo E. Buss of the University of Detroit biology department, who attempted to nurse Gaelohma through a two month period of illness, was on hand when she passed away on January 30, at 1:20 in the afternoon.

One of the slickest racing turtles ever to crawl over the finish line in a University of Detroit Trudge, Gaelohma set a new record in winning last year's third annual race for her two coed owners, Mary Louise Theisen and Helen Gaffney. Although beaten in the 1938 Intercollegiate Turtle Race by "Mustang", a tortoise

## SCHAAFSMA AND BRYCE AWARDS

Scholarship in Music for Judy, Bryce for Sociology.

Julia Schaafsma, chosen and recommended by the faculty as the senior best suited to represent Alma College, by use of the University of Michigan Scholarship Grant in graduate study, has been officially notified of her acceptance. Jack Sanders was chosen as alternate. Judy is a member of Kappa Iota and prominent in women's activities. Judy will continue in the field of music. Following is an excerpt from the University of Michigan Graduate School '38-'39 Catalog which explains just what the scholarship consists of.

State College Scholarship—"By action by the Board of Regents, each of the faculties of the accredited colleges of the State of Michigan is authorized to nominate annually to the administrative offices of the Graduate School some member of the graduating class, or some one of their graduates of not more than four years standing, as a suitable candidate for a State College Scholarship. In each case an alternate may be nominated. All nominations should be sent by the State College to the Dean of the Graduate School not later than March 15 preceding the academic year for which the recommendation is made; accompanying each shall be an official record of the candidate's undergraduate work and several letters of testimony and recommendation. The stipend is \$400 per academic year."

Jack Bryce, three-year man, now studying in Jackson State prison, has received a scholarship from the University of Michigan to work for his masters degree in social service. Jack is a Sociology Honors Major, Alma's official bag-piper.

## Swipes Will Dine In Style Saturday

A semi-formal banquet for swipes, kitchen help, and pot polishers will be held at 7 Saturday evening at Wright Hall. Following the dinner, there will be a dance to which guests will be admitted. General chairman of the affair is Chuck Humiston, with Bill Ginter and George Jennings as his assistants. Decorations are in charge of Sally Hinckley and Jeanette Davidson. Formerly the banquet was for swipes only.

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from Southern Methodist, Gaelohma won her way into the hearts of every U. of D. student because of the fact that the little hard shelled lady had only three legs. What became of the fourth leg, no one ever seemed to know. Despite this handicap, Gaelohma outdistanced some fifty other entrants in the 1938 U. of D. trudge, to become the first coed-owned entrant ever to win the Delta Pi Kappa cup, awarded each year to the owner of the fastest tortoise on the Titan campus.

Harry Sroka and John Kavanaugh, co-stewards of this year's Turtle Trudge, which will be held on the U. of D. campus, March 31, announced this morning that if a bugler could be located in the Titan band, taps would be blown at the start of the 1939 race in honor of Gaelohma. . . . "the gamest racing turtle of them all."



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"Social institutions change whether one likes it or not, and the student who has been encouraged to think seriously about social problems while in college will be more likely to adjust himself to such changes when they occur, and will be less in danger of being captivated by a shallow demagogue, than he who has never been compelled to evaluate conflicting arguments." A Harvard University faculty committee cites another great reason for complete academic freedom.

"Great books represent the work of the human mind in its highest quality, as well as in relation to its most significant themes. One of the greatest educational influences is found in this closeness of contact with the leaders in human intelligence. Teaching rests largely in the hope that greatness of mind may be contagious." Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, former University of Wisconsin professor, believes that "unless we develop a thinking, intelligent, well-read public, our democracy will fail."

"We have no choice, if we love liberty and respect individual worth, other than to place behind the Christian colleges of America the full strength of our resources, both material and spiritual. The body politic is in constant and sore need of the leavening influence that flows from these institutions." Nebraska's Senator Burke argues that colleges should graduate students "firmly grounded in the fundamentals of Americanism."

"Mental narrowness, intolerance, zeal to choke somebody else's belief or theory are out of place in an institution of learning. A university should be a sanctuary of intellectual freedom." A New York Times editorialist campaigns for free discussion of "all the news that's fit to print."

"Scientists and educators have a moral obligation to the American people and to the world. Today as never before their influence must be exerted in a positive program for democracy and intellectual freedom." Columbia University's Prof. Franz Boas urges faculty support of the new American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.

"The Universities of this country are now in a critical period. In Europe, to a considerable extent, the professors must play up entirely to popular sentiment. Slowly but surely this dominion of mass psychology, with its foibles and hysteria is gaining a foothold in American universities." Harvard University's Prof. Carle C. Zimmerman strongly condemns faculty members who constantly "play to the galleries."

## ALUMNI NOTES

Helen M. Short, ex-'38, and Kenneth A. Soule, both of Alma, were married here on Friday evening, April 7. They were attended by Louise Johnson and Donald Brice. They will make their home in an apartment at 214 Walnut Street, in Alma.

## In Sympathy

The Almanian wishes to express the sympathy of the student body and faculty to Prof. R. L. E. Seifert on the recent death of his mother.

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## Newly-Weds Are Honored Guests

President and Mrs. Dunning entertained the members of the faculty at a formal dinner at their home on Friday evening, April 14. The event was a surprise party on the newly-married Rices and Unstads, who were presented with gifts.

At a co-educational institution in a certain state, the men students are not permitted to visit the women boarders.

It appears that one day a student was caught in the act of violating this rule, and was brought before the dean, who said:

"Well, Mr. Smith, the penalty for the first offense is fifty cents; for the second, seventy-five cents, for the third, one dollar, and so on, rising to five dollars."

Not at all abashed, the student asked: "Excuse me, sir, but what would a season ticket cost?"

It's raining cats and dogs outside; I just stepped in a poodle.

## Just . . . Entertainment

Crystal Lake's dance pavilion opened April 8 with Larry Funk and his band of a thousand melodies. (Funk managed to duck out Sunday night though.) Really a good band for the opening night at the "Lake". Last weekend it was Herb Ritz and his University of Michigan band. Another ok outfit. Manager C. C. Gregory plans to bring in a different band every weekend during the pre-vacation dancing period with dancing every Saturday and Sunday night until Labor day when dancing will begin every night but Monday. Some people may like the new (or should I say return) of the cafe style of dance floor, but the majority seem to think it would have been better had they left the furniture downstairs. Manager Gregory also stated that if the attendance drops off, during the summer, and enough people ask he will bring in "name" bands. Would be fine.

For youse guys and gals who are more of the intellectual type, TOMMY DORSEY is offering FREE, each month a copy of his "Bandstand" which he publishes. To get the mag., (it numbered twenty pages this month) just write to Tommy Dorsey, Bandstand Publications, Inc., 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City. . . . Its full of news about the musical guff with contributions by Tommy Dorsey, Edythe Wright, Benny Goodman, Bernie Cummins, Dave Tough, and Jack Leonard among a few better known ork leaders. . . . Has columns on every band instrument, ballroom news, sports, radio, n'everthing. (Corbett attention: Tells how to organize and manage a band, too).

On the radio was ABE LYMAN and his Californians last Easter Sunday. . . . good prgm. . . via the "Show of the Week," over WGN from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. . . . HENRY BUSSE took over last weekend and Jan Garber and Emil Coleman are slated for the next two Sundays. . .

That unique originator of new programs, BOB CROSBY with his Bobcats started his latest fad "BANDSTAND GRANDSTAND", new musical baseball game every Monday night from 11:00 to midnight from WGN. . . The show originates from the famous Blackhawk restaurant. . . It's another audience participation quiz. . . two teams. . . Bob Crosby does the pitching for both sides. . . homerun, single, doubles, triples, etc. are scored. Other popular programs to originate from the Blackhawk are the "Midnight Fliers, which during the Chicago Fair in 1933 made a name for HAL KEMP. . . Then came KAY KYSER'S Musical College. . . and following Kyser's triumph, came BOB CROSBY'S "Candid Camera night, also JAN GARBBER'S Musical Cook Book.

## Wright Hallology

One of the theme songs of the Soph Shuffle might well have been "Change Partners," what with Johnny and DeEtta, Verna and Dick. People who finally got there — Sally and Bill Laird, Jimmy Mack and Ramsey. People that didn't — Kay and Russ, and let that be a lesson to you!

We hear Ruth makes a good bridge partner, doesn't she, Bill? Riggs' impulsiveness is liable to end him up behind that famous ball, if the Dean should happen down the hall. We admire Draper's taste. Lorraine Miller, from Flint, and all right.

It took Mary Baker to break down Bruce Mellinger's resistance. This week's petunia to Millie Bradfish, who now has the Senate Prexy job. Wish her good luck. "Purity" Bill found out too late.

All we can say is: Some people just don't appreciate a good thing. Do they, Giles? Did the week-end remind you of "Tis better to have loved and lost. . .", Neville?

Al McQuaig's disposition depends on Vera. Krall is the disturbing element at present. Since Lee Clack has to work Saturday nights, it's nice he has a tall

## Our Correspondent Goes To Church . . .

Last Sunday being Easter, with its array of beautiful ladies, lily bouquets, and crowded churches, your scribe dug out his frock coat and striped trousers, pulled the moth balls out of the pockets, and went to church. Now the most important thing in an Easter service is not the minister, not the papal decorations, but the choir. This choir had two parts, a quartet and a chorus. The former occupied seats in the front row—because the members were paid—with the chorus grouped behind. There were some that could sing. Some who thought they could; and there were others.

The leader, and highest paid member of this galaxy, was the tenor. He was tall with a long neck and the greater part of his contortions, worse than that of either Fraker or Warner on the recent choir trip, were lost because the audience did not face the choir.

The organist having played the voluntary, the choir squared away for action. Of course, a few did not find the place until after rising—this happens in all choirs—but finally all were ready. While the leader let out another kink in his neck the choir broke loose.

"Abide e e—bide ab—abide—with abide—with a-a-a-bide-me fast—f-a-s-t falls—abide fast the even—fa-alls the—abide with me—eventide falls the eventide—fast—the dark—the darkness deepens—Lord—Lord—darkness deepens with me—Lord with—me a-abide.

This was the first verse. There were three others. Some who had not attended the Thursday evening rehearsal were a bit slow in spots. During these spots, some would move their lips and not utter a sound while others, particularly the ladies, found it necessary to feel of their hair, knot or straighten their veiled hats.

But when there was a bar or a measure with which they all were familiar, what a grand volume of music burst forth! At one point, the tenor started out alone. He didn't mean to. But by this break the deacons discovered that he was in the game and earning his salary. The the minister read something out of the Bible after which, as the newspapers say, "There was another well-rendered selection by the choir." This spasm was a tenor solo. This was when he of the long neck got in his dirty work. With the confidence of a man who stands pat on four aces, he gave a majestic sweep of his hand toward the organist that implied, "Let 'er go, Gallegher!"

Gallegher was on deck and after a few knotted-together chords, the soloist was off (?). He was away up in G. He diminuendoed, slid up a crescendo, tackled a second ending by mistake, caught his second wind on a moderate, signified his desire for a raise on a trill, did a con expressione act on a measure, broke through the center of a passage for three yards, took a six-barred triple without batting a hair, and sat down. The notes floated out over the audience, clung lovingly to the surrealistic Easter hats and flowing dresses, bounded off the bald heads in the back row, rattled the stained glass windows and disappeared in the collection sacks in the corner.

friend for Marge. Holmes, the original 'Sully', was around last week.

Ruth Kolvoord and Carl Wahlsten have escaped notice for quite a while—it's time they were mentioned as a nice couple. Don't you just love the way Ed and Fran danced together? Who's the good-looking girl-friend Rex acquired at State? The picture is a wow.

Two dates in a row, Anida? Has Rog written any songs yet this time? The Bobbsey Twins seemed to be enjoying that well-known last resort, the blind date, Saturday night.

We wonder whether Russ Alles or Irene Wynton was doing the cradle-snatching. Betty Roberts and Godwin think the place had changed, and not especially for the better.

Chet Currie was around, with his photographic friend. The Zetas' idea of housecleaning was to wash it down with loads of suds. Campus Question No. 1—Is Bill Rupert married, as he claims? If so, wifey should arrive today.

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IDA LUPINO in  
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Saturday, April 22  
"Trailin' Trouble"

Sunday and Monday, April 23-24  
ALAN BAXTER,  
JACQUELINE WELLS in  
"My Son Is A Criminal"



# BASEBALL AT HILLSDALE SAT.

First Game of Season for the Scots; Bad Weather An Obstacle.

(By Ace Cutler)

On Saturday, April 22, Alma College's baseball team opens its season at Hillsdale against the fast Hillsdale squad, which is in the class with Michigan, Mich. State, and Western State as baseball goes. Alma has advanced in great strides and they look mighty good. The prospects are for a good game.

Bulletins from our spring training camp inform us that the team has been practicing hard under the watchful eyes of Max Davis and Charles Skinner. Saturday afternoon the squad played its first practice game against the high school, and the team showed great promise. The pitching was in top form with Heine Adams and Bill Ramsey not allowing a hit in five innings they worked, Hackenburgh, and Weiss worked the last four innings and they showed lots of promise. The catching department looked very good with Hill, Fox and Hoogerland. The infield played mid-season ball with Johnson, Humiston, Tice, Plowman, and McKeith doing the chores. First base is still the question mark with Collins and Kirby battling it out for the honors.

The garden was ably taken care of by Krall, McLean, Wilson, Skinner and Baker with the other boys giving them a close run.

The squad as a whole looked very good and it is still anybody's battle for the positions. The whole squad got in the game, and with a little more practice some of the boys not mentioned will crash through for the coveted positions.

### Metamorphosis of a Joke:

Birth: Freshman thinks one up and chuckles with glee.

Age 5 minutes: Tells it to Senior who says he has heard it before.

Age 1 day: Senior turns it into most popular joke on campus, as his own.

Age 2 days: Editor prints it as a space-filler.

Age 10 days: Thirteen college pigeon holes reprint it.

Age 3 years: Seventy-six radio comedians discover it simultaneously.

Age 20 years: It appears in the Readers' Digest.

Age 100 years: Professor tells it in class.

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# Good Golfing Practice On Southern Trip

Returning late on the evening of April 7, Alma College's golf team completed their trip through the southern states, the trip being the first of its kind taken by the Scot golfers in the history of the school. The team ran into some "hot" golfing and were able to pull only one game out of their scheduled seven. A game with Southwestern University at Memphis, Tenn., was postponed due to inclement weather.

The tour was completed by automobile with College Business Manager William Erdman doing the driving and completing arrangements for the trip. The golfers who made the trip were Captain Bill Ginther, Gordy Netzorg, Dick Ginther, Phil Becker who scheduled the games, and Coach

Henry Howe.

Alma opened at the University of Richmond, at Richmond, Va., where the Scots were beaten 12 to 6. The following day saw the Scots turn back Hampden-Sydney University at Hampden-Sydney, Va., 10 to 8 for their lone win. Other teams met were Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina; University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, Tennessee and University of Indiana at Bloomington, Indiana. Two games were played at the latter stop.

Lack of proper rest as the result of all-night driving, proved to be too big of a handicap after the third day for the golfers. As a result of the trip, invitations were received from all of the schools to return next season.

## Scots in Sports

King Baseball returned to his throne today, and millions of fans thrilled to the cry "Play Ball!" and the major leagues swung into another season. Experts have filled their columns all spring, and have been almost unanimous in picking the Yankees to win their fourth straight flag. Most writers have picked the Red Sox for second and the Tigers for third or fourth. We believe the Tigers will finish no worse than third, with a chance to move up if the breaks come their way. They still have the greatest of them all, Charley Gehring, at second, the slugging Greenberg and York, and a capable pitching staff headed by Tommy Bridges. If a couple of promising rookies, McCoskey in the outfield and Trout or Hutchinson on the mound staff come through, and the Schoolboy comes back, who knows what may happen? Anyway, the best of luck to Del Baker and his Detroit Tigers.

Baseball also returns to Alma this week, as the Scot varsity opens its 14 game schedule at Hillsdale, on Saturday. The large squad has been working hard since vacation, but bad weather has kept them indoors most of the time, and they haven't had much chance to hold batting drills. The veterans face a hard fight to hold their jobs, and they look impressive, as do several promising freshmen. The Scots face a big task Saturday when they tackle Hillsdale. The 'Dales are one of the strongest teams in the state, with an all-veteran team and a strong pitching staff.

The Scots will be one of the best-dressed teams we'll see, if nothing else. The new baseball uniforms are gray with scarlet trim. The shirts are lettered in front and numbered on the back with scarlet, with scarlet pin-stripes for trim. The sox are scarlet and white, and the caps gray, with a scarlet peak and pin-stripes.

The fencing squad went to Shepherd last Friday and put on a round-robin tournament with Gerald Lappin, Blanche Bahlke and Ken Peterson participating. The exhibition was a big hit, and will probably be repeated in the near future. Coach Smith has announced that several exhibitions will be given this spring, the dates to be announced soon.

Coach Macdonald has returned from Florida, and we are all glad to know that he is improving. His foot responded slowly to treatment, but is gaining now, and with rest, he should be O. K. and ready to start again next fall. We wish him the best of luck.

It is estimated that women use enough lipstick each year to paint 40,000 barns.

When a baseball player begins to lose his sight, he becomes an umpire—Dizzy Dean.

Eddie Cantor's real name is Izzy Iskowitz.

Description: If it wasn't for her Adams apple she wouldn't have any shape at all.

My mouth feels like a parade ground—two dentists have been drilling in it.

## FOOTBALLERS CAN'T BE SPEED DEMONS AT THIS SCHOOL

ITHACA, N.Y.—(ACP)—If you want to be a varsity footballer at Cornell University, you'll have to give up automobile riding.

That, in effect, is the result of a statement of Coach Carl G. Snavely, who has ruled that gridiron athletes must ride bicycles when they travel about the campus.

Snavely believes that American youth has softened up physically "through the modern tendency to ride around in automobiles instead of walking and running as preceding generations did." He believes bike riding will strengthen leg and back muscles and increase lung expansion.

## EXPLORER ELLIOT TELLS OF LIBERIA

Displaying an unusual talent for holding his audience, explorer and adventurer J. E. Elliott brought through the courtesy of the Rotary Club, took last Thursday's chapel on a travelog down along the coast of West Africa and into the section called Liberia, near French Guinea, with the aid of the illustrative slide screen.

Elliott, a native Canuck, has felt the wandering urge since childhood, and when offered the chance to set up a telephone line from the interior out to the capital, Monrovia, gladly accepted. This scheme proved unsuccessful, and so he joined up with Walter Wilson, mineralogist, and together they made a study of the inlands and the inland tribes in Liberia.

A number of hair-raising experiences that his party went through were divulged to the audience. In Tarritown, a village of the interior, he was poisoned and for six days he was rushed by relays of runners across country to the nearest doctor who heads a small hospital in French Guinea. Into the village of the tiger men went the group, where they learned that this town was made up of a cannibalistic tribe who sacrificed a native to the so-called tiger men. At another stopping place, the party stayed in the center of a town, hoping for the best, and they were serenaded by 16 of the queen's attendants.

Tracing a secret religious cult, Elliott discovered that some of the old symbols were similar to the Masonic lodge, and that certain Grecian words were used correctly though the town was thousands of miles from Greece, and with no connection. Debunking the writings of prominent writers who have visited the territory, he said that the stories were largely exaggerated to suit the tastes of the audience.

There's been a tune running through my head all week. That's not unusual though; there's nothing there to stop it.

The bridge on a violin is to get the music across.

The best way to keep your feet from going to sleep is to keep them from turning in.

She was the toast of Vienna, but I thought she was pretty crummy.

So your ancestors came over on the Mayflower? Well, it's a good thing, because immigration laws are much stricter now.

# FIRST OUTDOOR MEET SATURDAY

Albion, Indoor Champions, and Scots to Compete in Alma.

The Alma track team opens its outdoor season here on Saturday, when they meet Albion in a dual meet. The Britons are the new Indoor Champions of the M. I. A. A. and are favorites to win the outdoor crown.

The Scots are in good shape, and should be stronger in the outdoor season. Angus MacGarvah will throw the discus and javelin, and Bill Smith the javelin in added outdoor events, and these should strengthen Alma in the field. Taber, Godleski, and Cicinelli are ready to go in the dashes, Smith and Collins in the hurdles, and Hultman and Collins in the pole vault. These events are expected to be point-winners. The Frosh track squad is working out, and they have several promising men. Their first competition will probably be a dual meet with Central State Frosh, at a date to be announced later. Among the good prospects are King, Moody, Wilson, Breneman, Cappaert and Clark.

## Parole Office in Sociology Class

Guest speaker in Miss Steward's criminology class Saturday morning was Mr. Clarence C. Case, district head of the Michigan Parole Board. His talk about the work of a parole officer was interesting to the class. Mr. Case has recently come to offices in Saginaw, having operated around Grand Rapids before.

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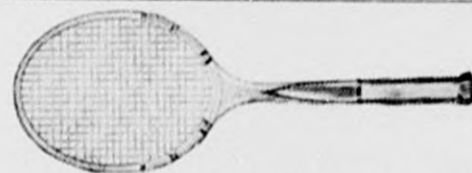
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# DEBATERS ENJOY SPRING TOUR

Coach Carney C. Smith, together with five members of the men's debate squad completed a debate trip through Indiana and Ohio during spring vacation.

The team left Alma on Sunday morning, April 2. Spending Sunday night in Indianapolis, Indiana, they traveled on to Depauw University of Greencastle, Indiana, where George DeHority and Harold Draper represented the affirmative on the pump-priming issue with the DePauw negative in the afternoon. Monday night found the team in Bloomington, Indiana where Red Le Claire and Marvin Koffman met one of the strongest teams in the Big Ten Conference—Indiana University.

A hurried trip across Indiana took the team to Dayton, Ohio where the DeHority-Draper combination met the University of Dayton at the Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic Convent. This was very much of a surprise to the debaters who had believed the debate was to be held in a Catholic high school.

Wednesday night the squad had two debates at the University of Cincinnati. Red LeClaire and Marvin Koffman represented the Alma negative against the U. of C. affirmative, and George DeHority teamed with Bruce Mellinger for the Alma affirmative versus the U. of C. negative. All of the members of the squad were agreed that nowhere on the trip were they shown such hospitality as they were by the Cincinnati school.

The final debate of the tour was at the University of Akron. Here Red LeClaire and Bruce Mellinger defended the negative of the pump-priming proposition against the Akron affirmative. The team returned to Alma on Friday to conclude the tour.

The annual meeting for debate awards will be held early in May.

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## Here and There . . .

With Bridget

It's been a very long time since I talked to you—all face to face. I picked up that accent on the southward trek during vacation. Yes, I've covered many a mile, but I'm ever so glad to be back with you—all again. Once more I shall proceed to dish out some scandalous gossip which makes the name of BRIDGET feared far and wide. It looks as if the Emms-Fleming match will join the rest of the happy steady couples. It's a good idea, isn't it, Jimmy? It didn't take Sally Hinckley long to locate a formal once she really wanted one. Carvel Clark seems to be a trifle timid in getting started with Edith Teak. He seems quite interested—is she? Ex-Pres. Hester is having quite a time trying to pick the best man out of Bob Cook, Harold Dean, Walter Brieden, and Chuck Smith. There surely must be one man among them worthy of your charms, Hester!

Fellows from Pioneer seem to prefer girls from in and around Bay City, as they think that we W. H. girls are 'prudes'. Well boys, if the Bay City girls will go out with you, it must be the college aroma that gets 'em. As a whole the Soph Shuffle went off par excellence, but some think the music could have been better for the price. Quite a few of the boys were wondering who the gorgeous blond was that Russ Alles brought back with him a week ago Monday.

Crandall and Wynkoop had their first dates the other night in the persons of Ann Wacker and Marge Fleming. Ann, by the way, had her first taste of an Alma blind date Saturday night. Did he meet your approval, Annie? Dick Krall has just about given Shela up as a bad investment. He got back into the groove with Pitcher at the Shuffle. Debonnaire Don Loveland has been casting a sideward glance in the direction of Barbara Tomes as of late. Dick Bendall made up for lost time on the recent choir trip. Jeanette didn't seem to mind the idea herself. We were glad to see Betty Roberts, Jack Godwin, and Hugh Ruthven here for the week-end. Jack is still a very handsome fellow. Roger and Anida really swung out in the latest jitterbug steps, at the Shuffle. All kidding aside, though, it really looked good. Yes, you can always rely on the weather. It was subtle, but I got it. Thanks for the tips, Bud and Al; more will be appreciated but try not to knock our college girls so much and we'll get along better. Do you-all realize that there are only seven weeks of school till summer vacation? I'm afraid I'll have to leave you now, as I've got some stockings to wash,—till next Tuesday, I remain

BRIDGET.

P. S. You looked mighty Saturday night, Miss Alabam'.  
P.P.S. I still like birds' nests, and little white eggs.

Grooms take care of dumb animals.

Lawyers theme song: "Sweet Sue."

My girl is economical; she used only sixteen candles on her 25th birthday cake.

## NOVEL WORLD'S FAIR DECORATIONS FOR THE SOPH SHUFFLE

The Soph Shuffle Saturday night featured the most novel decorations the gym has sported for quite some time. Flags of many lands, World's Fair posters, painted corner screens, and a huge white sphere suspended overhead, created a modern World's Fair atmosphere, planned and executed by Jeanne Speerstra and her decoration committee. Art Byers' orchestra which was secured last week when Bud Scott's band was unable to perform as scheduled, did justice to the occasion. A large crowd attended, and the scene was bright with spring formals. Prof. and Mrs. Clack, Prof. and Mrs. Schreiber, and Prof. and Mrs. Rice chaperoned the party.

The popular male quartet furnished songs at intermission, and Dane Smith put on a skit for the dancers.

Tom Purdy was general chairman of the dance; John True secured the orchestra, Lois Goldie invited the chaperones, and Virginia Mack was chairman of the program committee.

## HE GOT THE GOODS ON CHEATERS, OR STATISTICS LIE

An all too obvious fact is that cheating goes on in almost every college. Dr. Frank Winthrop Parr, a professor of secondary education at Oregon State College, recently devised a method of testing the exact amount of cheating that went on.

Dr. Parr held a vocabulary test and had the answers checked in secret. He then turned the papers back to the students, and read off the correct meanings while they corrected their own papers. A comparison of the students' version showed that 42 per cent of the 409 students involved had altered their grades.

Then Dr. Parr had the students fill out a questionnaire which gave him an exact estimate of their intelligence and position in life. After getting their general scholastic records from the registrar and doing a little computation he was able to arrive at the conclusion that:

Men cheat more than women.

Dishonesty increases with age.

Sophomores are more honest than freshmen.

Country students cheat more than city students.

Fraternity and sorority members cheat more than non-members.

Student of poorer families cheat twice as much as students of professional families.

## CRITTENDEN WILL EDIT ALMANIAN

Jack Crittenden, Kalamazoo freshman, was recently elected by the freshman class to edit the annual yearling Almanian, to be published by the newcomers around Campus Day, in the middle of May. Jack has worked with the Almanian all year, and is assistant Sports' Editor of the '39 Scotsman. His staff will be made up entirely of freshman.

## WORLD IN REVIEW

By George DeHority

Peace efforts reached a new high among the democratic countries of the world as the Fascist machines have had a momentary lull in their activities.

With the Italian occupation of Albania, Great Britain issued its pledge to fight for Greek or Rumanian independence, a pledge similar to that extended to Poland, should they be threatened. Mussolini immediately declared that Italy had no designs on either Greece or Rumania and promptly moved many of his troops already massed at one point on the Albania-Greece border.

At the crucial point in the temporary lull, in well-timed surprise statements, President Roosevelt made the first United States bid for international peace. He sent telegrams to the two dictators asking them to promise non-aggression of the territories or possessions of 31 nations of Europe, North Africa and Asia. In return for this promise the 31 nations would promise not to use aggression against Germany or Italy and that together with the United States, they would participate in economic and disarmament conversations to end the crushing arms race and insure all nations a fair share of the wealth of the world.

The President, in offering his personal services as an intermediary between the dictator governments and the 31 nations, showed the trend of the United States to break the age-old non-intervention precedent of the government.

Such a step was criticized by many who feared that the United States might become embroiled in a foreign war. Whether or not Hitler and Mussolini will agree to such actions is but one of the problems facing President Roosevelt. Another is "Who is going to guarantee the guarantors?"

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