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## STUDENTS FEEL PROSPECTS LOW

### Graduates' Opinions On Future Opportunities Pessimistic.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 25—There are some six million young people who within six weeks to several years will leave college with a pessimistic outlook on their own futures.

Almost one half of the men and women in colleges and universities in this country believe they are facing a world that offers less opportunities for success than it did before the time they were born. These are the results of a poll just conducted nationally by the Student Opinion Surveys of America, the weekly sounding board of college youth, of which The Almanian is a member.

A scientifically-defined cross-section of students was asked, "Do you think the opportunities for most young men and women to get ahead today are as good as they may have been thirty years ago?" The economic problem of youth is no myth to 48 per cent of the collegians, while the rest of them, 52 per cent, have an optimistic view of the world into which they are going.

Although very few college students today have a personal knowledge of conditions three decades ago, their answers appear to be based on what they can see now and what they have learned about the past. A slight majority is convinced that opportunities have been increasing, like the Pennsylvania student who points to the greater number of occupations which now exist. On the other hand, another student in the same state, in Temple University, answers negatively, stating that the number of youth has increased, thus reducing the number of available jobs. A Cornell senior believes that success is there for those with initiative, regardless of conditions.

The growth of the use of machinery, the demand for more education, and government regulation of industry and employment are given as reasons for a decrease in opportunities to get ahead.

The survey also shows that students in the southern and west central states are the most optimistic, while less than 50 per cent of those elsewhere believe their chances are better.

The poll, of course, makes no attempt to analyze the situation, but it does definitely show the attitude of students on the question asked.

## Here's An Old-Fashioned Treat

Attention everybody!! How many like old-fashioned breakfasts of honey and biscuits? All those saying 'Aye' are urged to attend the morning meals at Wright Hall this week for such a treat will be in store some day during that period, according to Chef Vic Manzullo. Reason for this gastronomic delicacy is that forty-eight pounds of honey were presented to Vic last Saturday morning by Howard Potter of Ithaca, an alumnus of Alma College. Vic says there is no reason for anyone to be hurt in the rush for there'll be plenty on hand for all.

## ALMA GROUP AT IRC MEET

### Five Hundred International Clubbers at Evanston Conference.

More than five hundred students interested in International Relations clubs in colleges of five mid-west states were guests of Northwestern University last Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, in Evanston, Illinois. Alma college was represented by Richard Neville, president of the local club, Otakar Podrabsky, Al Lindley, Marvin Koffman, Ed Baklarz, Stewart McFadden, Gene Lewis, Mildred Bradfish, Betty Hamilton, Sally Hinckley, and Margaret Arnold. The delegates attended round-table discussion and speeches on Friday and Saturday, and will make reports to the entire club soon.

At the conference on "The Future of the Far East," led by Northwestern's Miss Harriet Steete, the delegates decided that though the Chinese want to pursue their present campaign of guerilla warfare, the outcome is still hard to predict. This question was presented also by a joint address Saturday evening by Ernest Price, director of the International House at the University of Chicago, and Professor Wm. M. McGovern, of the Department of Political Science at Northwestern. Dr. Price, who has held many consular posts in China, maintained that the Japanese will not be able to retain control of China even if they gain it in the near future, because of China's new national spirit, and that guerilla warfare is more clever than it appears, whereby the Chinese will draw the

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## Are We Men or Mice



Resolved: That the quality of Wright Hall women being such as it is, the elimination of said women should take first place in Alma College's New Deal. The above is the platform of the recently organized Men's Club, which henceforth will be known as the Anti-Wright Hall League.

The club at its first official meeting, discussed and passed resolutions pertaining to the betterment of Alma College:

1. Alma College Women being of the caliber that they are, naturally ought to be eliminated.
2. The official membership of our club shall be limited to the students of Alma College (namely the 250 male members.)
3. Two free telephone numbers of downtown girls (naturally of a higher intelligence, beauty and personality ranking) will be given to each new member.
4. Important reasons discussed for eliminating Alma College women were:
  - (a) poor perspective on life.
  - (b) egotistical
  - (c) live in a world of romantic dreams (dementia praecox)
  - (d) immature, (some parents being foolish enough to send their daughters to Alma College at the tender age of sixteen.)
  - (e) they are natural detractors in all classes and outside activities (dances being no exception.)
  - (f) gold-diggers (an obvious de-

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## ZETAS GIVE TEST TO PROFS

Last Friday night, between the hours of 7:30 p. m. and 10 p. m., was the time when Alma College's faculty were given the "Apple Polishing Party," at the fraternity house.

Faculty members, and alumni fraternity members were guests for the evening, each receiving "the Bright Red Apple" upon entrance, along with an enrollment card, admitting them to "The College Built on a Hill, and run on a Bluff." The evening was spent with a typical Alma College examination, covering the general field of intelligence, sports, amusements, and music appreciation. All scores were very, very low, for such a distinguished group of knowledge gatherers, with Prof. Carney Smith winning the highest mark with 207 points out of a possible 300. Prof. R. Clack was second and Stan Vliet took third. In the women's division, Mae Nelson led the group with a honor rating of three "E's," with 93 points out of three hundred.

Typical questions which were asked were "Whose theme song is 'Nightmare'?" The answer to this one is, of course you all know it's Artie Shaw, but did the faculty? Not much. Very few knew that Henry Busse played the trumpet; that Bob Benchely is the comedian on a popular Sunday night radio program, in fact, Dr. Dubois doubted he was a comedian; that it's a suspension bridge at Turkey Woods; what a "Jumbo" is; that two players were on base when Casey struck out; that the U. S. Weather Bureau used to be called Old Probabilities; that a pair of pants is called a bifurcated garment; that Chas. Gehring plays second base for the Detroit Tigers. Miss Roberts stuck to her answer that Johann Strauss is the "Waltz King," but we know it's the one and only Wayne King. Every one of the fairer sex present got the question right, "Whom did Carole Lombard recently marry?"

WRIGHT EDITS ALMANIAN  
This edition of the Almanian has been headed by Bill Wright, associate editor, in the absence of Editor Margaret Arnold.

## Phi Phi Plan Baseball Team By Cutler

During the past week Phi Phi Alpha has pledged two men, Ay-mour Johnson and Ernest Gillard. Also, the complete results of a recent spring election are as follows: Carl Elder as president, Douglas Garrison as vice president, William Carr as secretary, and Ed Ziem as Marshall.

In the matter of athletics, as soon as the weather permits, Ace Cutler will put on the diamond his ten men, following his predictions made on paper during the last week or two. The softball team will be entirely under the direction and management of Mr. Cutler.

## BAND TO PLAY AT FESTIVAL

### Choir to Sing Sunday as Dr. Dunning Preaches in Kazoo.

The Alma College concert band and A Cappella choir are planning three trips for the near future, according to Prof. Jesse Ewer, head of the music department.

A three or four-day trip throughout southwestern Michigan is the intention of the concert band. This will include programs at high schools and also evening concerts. The schedule, which has not been definitely set as yet, will be planned so the band will reach Benton Harbor for the Blossom Festival on May 6. For the occasion, the Scots' concert band has been assigned first place in the parade.

Next Sunday, the A Cappella choir will sing at the morning service of the First Presbyterian church of Kalamazoo. Dr. John Wirt Dunning will return to his old pastorate, which he held for twenty-two years before resigning to become president of Alma College, for this service.

The choir is also planning a concert to be given May 14 in Gary, Ind., according to Prof. Ewer.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

The birthday dinner for Alma's April fools will be held Wednesday, April 26, at a special table in the Wright Hall dining room. "Vic" announced that the menu will consist of celery hearts, baked Virginia ham with raisin sauce, ice cream and devil's food cake. A spring-time theme will be carried out in decorations.

Richard Burmeister and Everett Reese were initiated into Delta Gamma Tau fraternity at the regular meeting of that society on Monday night, April 17.

## 'Night Must Fall' Real, Curdling Mystery, Reporter Finds

One night last week I hid me over to the Ad Building and up the dark, creaky stairs to the speech room where the rehearsals of "Night Must Fall" were being held. The first person to greet my eyes and ears was that Dean of Directors, that Peerless Play-producer, Happy Harold Draper. He waved me to one side, so I clambered up on a windowsill with a good view of Pioneer, and assumed what I fondly hoped was the correct expression for a reporter.

Everybody except Draper was standing around mumbling to himself, a queer blank look on his face, and a playbook in his hand. Draper was just sitting around mumbling. There were drawings of the stage on the blackboard, and what with that and Willy Gelston's talking, everything had a sort of business-like appearance.

Carroll Jones finally wandered

## NEW BUSINESS MANAGER HERE

### William Ellis Replaces Erdman, Comes From Chicago.

William Ellis, recently with the federal bank of Chicago, joined the business staff of Alma College last week, succeeding William H. Erdman as business manager. Mr. Erdman's connection with the college was severed on April 15.

A graduate of the Chicago Kent College of Law and of the University of Chicago, where he took several courses in business administration, Mr. Ellis comes to Alma College with the recommendation and endorsement of the auditing department of the Chicago Daily News, of which Col. Frank Knox, Alma's most prominent alumnus, is editor and publisher. Negotiations were started through the business office of the University of Chicago.

Mr. Ellis, who was connected with the aviation branch of the navy during the World war, has been in the banking and investment business for the last 15 years. Prior to that he practiced law. His home was at Glen Ellen, a suburb district about 23 miles west of Chicago, where he was active in civic and church activities.

His family, consisting of Mrs. Ellis and a son, about 10 years old are expected to arrive in Alma the latter part of next week. In this city he will reside in the house recently purchased by the college at 225 Philadelphia avenue.

Concerning his short sojourn in Alma, Mr. Ellis said: "My associations during my stay here at Alma College have been very pleasant. As a result of recent talks with President Dunning and Dr. Studer, I believe the school's prospects are bright for the next few years."

### Win Poetry Contest

Amelia Jean Arnold and George Jordan will represent Alma College in the state interpretative reading contest which will be held May 5 in Kalamazoo. Students from every Michigan college, except the University, will participate in this contest.

The Alma contest was held in Professor Carney Smith's interpretative reading class with members of the class and Professor Smith acting as the judges. Miss Arnold's selections were "The Congo" by Vachel Lindsey and "Coquette Conquered" by J. F. Johnson. George Jordan will give "The Junk Box" by Edgar Guest, and "Gunga Din" by Rudyard Kipling.

## Faculty Members To Entertain In 'Student' Chapel Thursday

Orson Wells Lindley will go wild on the air at station WAC next Thursday morning in the Chapel Hour at Alma college and townspeople and farmers and comedians for miles around will go completely berserk as the broadcast will feature the arriving of four men from Mars.

The identity of these four men is unknown but it is rumored that behind their space guns and war-paint, they will constitute four of the revered and respected professors of the Alma College faculty—"Hammy" Hamilton, "Herm" Spencer, "Ted" Schreiber, and "Wily" Kaufmann.

The chapel walls have been strengthened and the chandeliers heavily braced so as to withstand the great resonance of the spokesman "Hammy" Hamilton's voice, who incidentally is expected to contort his face and figure into the wierdest shapes ever on this earth

in a series of acrobatic stunts. This alone will prove to be worth the \$5 chapel admission.

The toughest man of the quartet, "Ted" Schreiber, will be expected to drive his Willys around the chapel for an hour demonstrating that the little car can go thirty-nine miles to the gallon, yet retain the flexibility and strength of the strongest cars. "Ted" will do this blindfolded.

Winding up the concert will be a brother act starring "Herm" Spencer and "Wily" Kaufmann who, it is expected, will demonstrate the "Allotropic and rhetorical aspects of the Saint Vitis Dance." In other words, they will teach the latest jitterbug steps to the alligators in the chapel direct from Chicago and the Aragon.

The performers, it is anticipated, will then climb back in their space ship and zoom back to their home on Mars.

in, so the cast decided to whip through the last two acts. I noticed that Florence Brown has her usual assignment as a cantankerous old woman, and after watching her strut her stuff, I predict she will out-do all her former roles. . . . Willy goes through the whole play with a cigarette hanging from his mouth, and not really being acquainted with the filthy weed, he has to practice continually. . . . . Louise Black, as the pretty but stupid maid Dora, gives a hilarious scene-stealing performance. . . . . Dora and the cook—played by Margaret Arnold who was in Chicago at the time—have some lines that are a bit on the questionable side. . . . . Pete Cincinelli, that eternal figure of justice, plays a detective from Scotland Yard in a most convincing and intimidating manner. . . . . Carroll Jones draws out his speeches in the typical English

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### WHERE TO, U. S. A.?

Where to, U. S. A.? The question is asked in regard to the future of our nation. Literally besieged and influenced as we are, on the one hand by war hawks and on the other by clamoring pacifists, the writer feels that the time has come when we as citizens and potential citizens should take a definite stand as to what we expect of our government in the way of a foreign policy. You may believe that the decision is an easy one, grouping yourself with the many who desire "Peace at any Price", but do you realize the effect a foreign policy like this would have on an industrial nation such as our own? A strict observation of this rule (Peace at any Price) would necessitate a withdrawal into ourselves, in short, a return to the agrarian style of life where we might eke out our meager living as tillers of the soil. This program would destroy our present form of life, based as it is on capitalism, which is in turn based on industry; for industry cannot exist if it has no markets to exploit for its products, and any nation which will not protect its markets, fighting for them if necessary, cannot hope to keep them for long. An observation bearing out my point would be that during the recent wave of pacifism that swept the democracies (principally France, England, and the United States) Japan acquired our former market in China, Italy cut in on our market in Spain, while the rise of Germany as an industrial nation brings to mind Bismarck's dream that she should control continental Europe, which would mean loss of our market there. We have, however, our greatest market left—that is South America. If we lose this, our industries will slow down and in turn the relapse will reflect on the masses of the people in the form of unemployment and a lowered standard of living. If we are to raise our standard of living, South America must be ours, and all ours, as a market for the fruits of our industries. This develops itself into the problem of whether Monroe's Presidential Address remains merely his Presidential Address to the Senate or becomes the enforced Foreign Policy of these United States of America, the problem in short of whether the United States becomes the Sun of the South American Solar System or merely a satellite shining in the reflected glory of some more powerful nation. I myself am a pacifist, if not a coward. If war comes and I am forced to go I believe I will take my bullet at the beginning, sparing myself distasteful hours spent in muddy rain-filled trenches, with the possibility of a bullet at the end regardless, with the addition of agony-filled hours, when with my body racked with pain I should wait for help that would never come. However, the foreign policy which I believe would benefit the United States and future generations of young Americans most is a complete understanding with other nations on the strict enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine, with the result that no war will be likely to happen, speaking from a geographical viewpoint. A famous line of poetry states that, "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide". Now is our moment to decide our attitude in regards to the Monroe Doctrine. I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE MUST HAVE PEACE — BUT WILL YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT WE OWE IT TO THE GENERATIONS THAT FOLLOW TO SET A PRICE.

Bill Wright.

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## Just . . . Entertainment

The fine eleven piece band of JACK COFFEY, featuring "Rock-in' Rhythm," is being featured at Saginaw's Moonlight Gardens until June 3. Featuring LYN BARI as vocalist, the band have something new and different in the line of "Styles." They have played at Cincinnati's Hotel Gibson; Coral Gables, Lansing; Castle Farms, Cincinnati; Mayfair Casino, Cleveland, and Lookout House, Covington, Ky.

The band has been featured over the National and Mutual Broadcastings Systems, also played over stations WLW, WHAM, WTAM, KDKA, WS-AI, WSM, and WHAS. It's "A Rockin' Beat for a Rhythm Treat."

Crystal Lake, featuring a new and different band every weekend, presented KIP FRAZER and his band last Saturday and Sunday. Frazer's outfit makes its home stand at Flint's Athletic Club. (Tip to the Junior Class: The band is not booked June 3, and their price is very reasonable.)

Next week LEE WORRELL and his ten piece band from Detroit move in. He features a girl vocalist.

Our favorite rave, or one of them at least, Kenny Anderson's seven Morocans, currently playing at the Sunshine Gardens, have waxed a few recordings privately. The resultant discs would be a credit to any swing fan's library.

Chick Carter, Liberian relative to our own Breckenridge Carter, is scheduled to move into the Sunshine May 8. If you like hot fiddles, drop in and hear his wild violinist. Altogether, it's an unusual band. Bringing Carter in, inaugurates a new policy that has been sneaking up on Sunshine for so, these many weeks—namely, that of increased catering to the white trade.

It's about time they appointed Bob Spencer as Professor Swing, past and present. If there is anyone on the campus qualified to lecture and illustrate swing, it's that boy—on the piano or with his excellent little library of good old classics.

In closing, will you join with me in the prayer that we don't have Art Byers for the J-Hop.



## Wright Hall Telephone Silent

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sire to make a play for men with money.)

(g) An obvious desire of coming to Alma College to "ketch a husband."

Many other important resolutions were discussed and passed.

The motto of the club is that members must always maintain an objective and scientific viewpoint and attempt to regard the women of Alma College as individuals."

The following officers were elected:

Ken Hathaway, President.  
Bill Wright, Publicity Director in charge of personal relationships of members.

A. Hole Lindley jr., Vice-president in charge of Anti-Wright Hall propaganda in Chapel.

Bob Gould, Corresponding secretary.

Scurvy Corbett, Treasurer.

(Signed) Kenneth A. Hathaway, President.

Attested and Sealed:

Lewis B. Wright, Publicity Director.

P.S. Any dates taken by members must be regarded purely in the light of Scientific Research.

### IN SYMPATHY

The Almanian wishes to extend sincere sympathy from the faculty and student body to Betty Thomas on the death of her father, Roy Thomas, of Bay City.

## - Campus Quotables -

Have you noticed the added yardage to Bob "Casanova" Fulton's chest these days? It seems as how he's been receiving some luscious anonymous letters of late. To prove to the gal back home that he's quite the man he claims to be he even sent her the last epistle. It's this writer's guess that they were composed by that hefty Scotch athlete and his rapidly becoming blond girl friend.

Why Mel — we're surprised! You seemed to be enjoying her Saturday night — why were you dodging her Sunday night?

Why was "Eddie" parading her date past the Giles Garage last Tuesday night! It might have something to do with that old adage about sauce — goose — gander.

Ramsey is kinda on the spot—we're wondering who will finally take him to the formal, Oh, Owen, how could you? Is it possible that Janie Anderson will break down Cappart's resistance? Time changes things and people—doesn't it, Wanda? This Fisher-Hill combination looks quite definite these days. Alma's cooking seems to be agreeing with Bob.

A freshman might be expected to pull that "stuck-in-the-mud" stuff, Jeanette, but for a senior it's horribly trite. DeEtta affirms that blind-dates aren't as black as they're painted!

The Lindleys, B. and B., were jitter-bugging it at the lake 'tother P.M.

Lea and Riegleman have decided to call it a day. Now Barb Tomes is cooking that she "understands him."

McQuaig is certainly taking no chances on being nosed out at the finish this time. He's had Vera dated for the J-Hop for days — too bad Krall!

The zephyr breezes have wafted a bit of romance in the person of Annie Wacker into Maxie Crandall's life.

The surprise date of the week! LaMarr Case for the "Legs" Roth.

The Alpha Thetas are using that old "you bring the duck" idea in giving their party for the Zetas—they're giving it at the Zeta house. Are you letting them clean the house too, boys?

The Wynkoop-Lindke affair first time in years has substituted dating for bragging and the gal was none other than went pfffft — but Dot finally got a break in the person of Owen Smith.

Ralph Brown seems kinda glad that Edith Teak has moved in at the hall. Beverly Riegleman received a huge box of candy from an admirer this week-hm, Dugie certainly was true to Red while he was away. Harold Dean courted Mary Goodwin Saturday night. I guess the pig tails didn't go over so big—did they girls? Try some other means next time.

Phil (Escapade) Becker is back with Betty, Verna and Ginther make a smooth couple. It appears that Rich is edging Tomes out of the Brunner affair. And then there was the bright? student who remarked that one of our dear profs' classes were so boring that even her feet went to sleep.

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# FIRST TRACK MEET TODAY

Thinclads in Mt. Pleasant; Competition Strong There.

Though unable to do much training this spring, because of the late showers, the Alma Scot thinclads, led by Don Smith, will venture forth on the first track meet of the 1939 season on the cinders at Central state today.

Probably the biggest threats to the Alma squad are in the persons of Jack Benford and Howard Elzinga, who are the mainstays of Coach Finch's squad this year. Benford holds the Central State all-time record in the high and low hurdles and is a point getter in the broadjump and the high jump. Elzinga's main event is the pole vault, in which he expects to vault thirteen feet this year.

The biggest weakness of the Alma Scots is in the distance runners. Bob Gould, who has run the event only once, will run the mile, and the entrants for the half-mile and two mile are Morley Webb and Arvo Juhola. Godleski is expected to run a fast 440 and Tabor Cicinelli and Smith will compete in the dashes. Don will also do the high and low hurdles.

In the weight events, husky Angus MacGarvah will throw the shot put and the discus with Pete Cicinelli, and Bill Smith and Godleski in the javelin. Mel Hultman and George Collins will pole vault against Elzinga of Central.

This first meet holds the key as to the success of the team this year and the boys will be out fighting for every place they can garner. Next week Saturday, the Varsity will compete against the Frosh track squad in an All School meet on Davis field.

## Dunning Was Guest Speaker in North

Pres. Dunning is continuing his good-will tour for Alma College. He spoke in Petoskey Sunday, while on the twenty-sixth he will give the closing address in the Huron County Annual Religious Festival held at Bad Axe (the festival itself is of two days duration) and Thursday, the 27th, will find him, accompanied by Professors Ewer and Howe, addressing a Detroit Alumni Association to be held at the Highland Park Y. W. C. A.

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## Scots in Sports

Saturday was scheduled to be the opening day for two spring sports, baseball and track, but the weatherman thought otherwise and as a result both the ballgame at Hillsdale, and dual meet here with Albion had to be postponed due to wet grounds. The game with Hillsdale will be played Friday, but the track meet will probably be cancelled.

The baseball home opener is just a week from today when Grand Rapids Junior College meets the Scots at Davis Field. Not much is known about the strength of the J. C. this year, but you can bet there's a real ballgame waiting for you. Baseball has really come back with a bang this year, so join the crowd and make it a real opening day. Final arrangements, gametime etc., will be announced later in the week.

The Scots are shaping up well under the watchful eyes of Max Davis, and looked good in a seven inning practice game last Saturday. If the boys get a break in the weather this week, they should be in good shape for the opener Friday. The work of the pitching was particularly pleasing in workouts last week. Heinie Adams, veteran fireballer, has been bothered by a sore elbow, but looks better every time out. He has a world of stuff when right, and will probably pitch the opener against Hillsdale. Ted Hackenberg looked good Saturday, showing a good curve and control. He should be a big help this year. Bill Ramsey is another newcomer who has shown great promise. His stock in trade is a sizzling fast ball.

The catching is well taken care of by Fred Hill, Vic Fox, and Clancy Hoogerland, and all have shown up well so far. They are good receivers and can hit. Hill is a veteran, Fox and Hoogerland are frosh.

The infield will be strong no matter what combination is in. Don McKeith and Tinker Kirby, good hitters, are the leading candidates for the first base spot, while Aymour Johnson and Tom Plowman are putting up a great fight for second base. Both Johnson and Plowman are veterans, and both are good ballplayers, so this looks like a toss-up at present. Chuck Humiston and Bud Tice look like fixtures at short and third respectively, although Jim Emms, Bill LePaugh and Andy Horn cannot be counted out of the running.

The outfield is still quite a scramble with about a dozen men putting up a real fight for jobs. Right now it looks as though Chuck Skinner, Dick Krall, Bud Wilson, Chuck McLean, Warren Hartt, Bob Dickinson, and Phil Baker have the inside track. Skinner, Krall, and McLean are veterans, while the rest are frosh. On the whole the squad looks good. There is a good pitching and catching staff, a very strong infield, and hitting power on the squad. They face a mighty tough schedule, but they'll be giving everything they've got all the way.

The Tigers are off to a good start, and it looks like Del Baker has good reason to smile. Barney McCoskey is a sensation in centerfield, and Gehringer, Greenberg, Fox, and Walker are hitting hard. Best of all, however, have been the splendid pitching performances of Schoolboy Rowe, Tommy Bridges, and Vern Kennedy. The entire baseball world cheered when the Schoolboy turned in his masterful performance Sunday, and all are pulling for the big fellow in his comeback. If these pitchers click, the Tigers are going to cause plenty of trouble before October 1.

## Wife of Former Alma Professor Dies

Present Almanians and alumni will note with regret this notice of the death of Mrs. Albert P. Cook, wife of Professor Cook, former teacher and Business Manager of Alma College. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Saturday. Maynard Cook, son of the deceased, is at present a trustee of Alma College.

## GOLFERS WIN 3 IN FLINT

Alma College's Golf team won three games last week-end, defeating Flint's Central and Northern high schools and Flint Junior College last Friday and Saturday. The traveling circus defeated Central 7-5 on Friday, and Saturday

## Dr. Schreiber in IRC Meeting Here

An enlightening slant on European problems of today was presented by Prof. Theodore Schreiber to the International Relations club meeting last Tuesday, April 18. Comparing material written in America by Americans in the critical period before the World War, with present day commentaries and politicians, he disclosed that American judgments of today coincided with the pre-war policies, that the biological and economic necessities of all the European nations are basically the same as in the time when their political expansion culminated in the outbreak of the war.

## EVANSTON CONFERENCE

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Japanese troops until they are worn out. The Chinese "Way of Life," he stated, is dear to China, and she will have to fight for it, since Japan intends to interfere more with it this time than in any previous temporary conquests.

Prof. McGovern, a well-informed explorer and author, stated that although his sympathies are with the Chinese, he deplored the "He who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day," policy of the badly organized troops, to which the Japanese military forces are decidedly superior. "The Chinese," he agreed, "all think alike, but unfortunately do not act together."

"The Struggle for South America" was the subject of a second discussion, mostly pertaining to economics. Under James Rahl of Northwestern, "The President's Use of Foreign Affairs Power" was parleyed. Here, delegates attempted to draw up a co-operative-isolation policy which they hoped would prevent war, though there were present avid pacifist-isolationists and partisans for a strong union with the democracies.

"The Future of International Organization" constituted a fourth discussion group, led by Herbert Silvers of Northwestern.

"Hitler and Europe," led by Henry Tacker of Northwestern attracted a large group. The discussion was supplemented by a fine talk Friday evening by Mr. Clifton Utley, director of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations. He described the recent stiffening of Britain's attitude as due to Germany's refusal to concession in conferences and her adoption of an imperialistic rather than social state.

The conference on "Economic Policy," around which the basis of trouble lies, was led by Don Paffel of Superior State Teachers' College. There, delegates discussed trade agreements, neutrality, the Van Zeeland report, and the refugee problem.

Alma's Czechoslovakian exchange student, Podrabsky, made an attempt to gain an interview with ex-President Benes of that country, who is now lecturing at the University of Chicago, but found that Benes was absent in New York.

The presence of many foreign exchange students, and others who have lived abroad, along with the many earnest students of international affairs and a large number of professors and advisors, made the entire conference a worthwhile one. John Fobes, President of the '39 conference announced Saturday evening that the '40 conclave will be held in Green Castle, Indiana, with DePauw University as host college, and DePauw's Greig S. Ward as President.

Through the generosity of the Alma Student Council and the administration, the local delegation travelled to Evanston in a college bus, leaving Thursday morning and returning Sunday night. Miss Orvis accompanied the group as chaperon.

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# RECOGNITION OF PI SIGMA NU

**Sorority Room Opened for Inspection Monday Evening.**

A recognition dinner for the Pi Sigma Nu sorority was given last night in the dining hall. Spring flowers were decorations for the table. The dinner was followed by coffee served in the new sorority room on fourth floor. Guests at the special table were members of the new sorority, President and Mrs. J. W. Dunning, Patronesses Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Unstad, and Mrs. Howe, the president and vice-president of each sorority and fraternity, the Women's League cabinet, the president and vice-president of the Wright Hall Senate, and the faculty residents in the Hall.

Officers of Pi Sigma Nu are: Connie Hamilton, president; Elaine Doubles, vice president; Sally Hinckley, treasurer; Louise Marshall, recording secretary; and Margaret Ann Elliot, corresponding secretary. Other members are Jane Fraker, Jeannette Davidson, and Mildred Bradfish. The new sorority was formed under the direction of the Women's League, and was a project of the three Greek-letter societies for women on the campus. The society room is decorated with green and yellow—pale yellow walls, green linoleum with a high polish, green drapes, cream leather furniture and Venetian blinds complete the color-scheme. A kitchenette will also be added.

Jeannette Davidson commends the new group, saying, "We needed a new sorority, especially if the college membership is increased next year, and a splendid spirit was shown in the cooperation of the society members." "The girls have been grand workers for the new sorority," added Louise Marshall.

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## Here and There . . .

With Bridget

The one sure way to tell that spring is with us again is the exodus of so many of our boys to Bass or Crystal lake. From all reports I hear that both places have improvements over last year, especially in the orchestras, the one at Crystal can really ride! Another place has opened up in the store formerly occupied by Leonard's and is operating under the monicker of Smith's Dairy Bar. Dancing is permitted at all hours. From all reports, the boys on the I.R.C. trip had quite a time in the good old "Windy City" (the girls aren't talking) I see no reason why we should give the Alma Men the "Merry Ha Ha" when it comes to table manners, for taking a hurried peak at a Wright Hall resident diner it appears that while their gastronomic actions might get them through the entrance exams for the sword swallower's or juggler's union they are hardly what one would expect of the fairer sex in the way of finesse. If girls want to take lessons in the art of attracting males (course could also be taught under heading of "How to Hold Three Men at One Time") your columnist refers you to Hester Moon. We honestly don't see how the Professor does it. For example Sunday afternoon she dated school teacher Harold Dean, during which period she received a call from Chuck Smith, after which unusually tame afternoon she accepted an evening date with Wally Breeden. Marth Knowles, Bud Nason and Joyce Loekhart's No. 2 man, little Mr. Crockett, are getting a trifle highhat of late. They took a two buck taxi ride approximately twenty-miles west of Alma. Johnny Fraker and his wife spent the week-end as guests of Mrs. Craig. They seemed quite happy about the whole thing. Informed circles are saying that Janie Lee's maternal instinct is aroused when she goes out with (New York's) cynical Al Jenkins, especially when his inferiority complex makes him bluster.—We understand that Alma College's most radical professor, Prof. Mitchell, is backing Roosevelt for a third term and to aid him in the backing of his candidate has organized a group of students into a new political party which he calls the Mohawks and who have as their head, Bud Howe.—We understand that Louise Black had a date with Bill Wright's cousin from Dartmouth over spring vacation—It has been rumored that the little usher at "The Shooting Gallery," known to his few friends as "Gilly" Carter, has developed one of the best crushes of the year on little "Small Fry" Wheeler who reached such a degree of sophistication upon reaching Alma College that she added an E to her name changing it from Helen to Helen—"E".

"A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet"

## "NIGHT MUST FALL"

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(and Jones) manner. . . One of his lines caught my attention. . . says he, "An all-around chap, really, that's me." . . . In daily life too, eh Carroll? . . . In one scene Jeanne Speerstra, who does a capable bit of work in her leading role as Olivia, was supposed to register horror. Draper helpfully suggested that Willy make a horrible race to aid her, but as Willy pointed out, that wouldn't help any — "She's seen too many closeups of me to get scared now." . . . Louis Crampton strolled in (that man is everywhere!) and got a big kick out of the play. . . He and Sully left a trifle early, I noticed. . . Much to my regret, Sully has only a minor part in the play. . . her interpretations of the various parts are tops, and she is helping in the directing. . . Even in rehearsal "Night Must Fall" is an uncanny play, which sends shivers up and down my back. . . As I sat there in the open window with the black night all about me and watched one blood-curdling scene, I really felt as if I were a part of this horrible nightmare. . . my heart began to beat faster. . . my breath came in short gasps. . . Suddenly I could sense a something behind me. . . something watching me. . . something. . . my hands were cold and clammy. . . I sat erect, motionless. . . It moved. . . It touched me. . . I

shrieked and jumped into the brightly lighted room. . . . And Don Olson, with a smug little smirk, followed me through the window, remarking on the handiness of fire-escapes. . . . My last words, as I sank to the floor in a graceful swoon, were a warning to all people with weak hearts: "Do not see 'NIGHT MUST FALL'".

## Ferdinand

Miss Mary was the possessor of a diminutive and immature specimen of the Ovis aries, a wool-bearing and ruminating quadruped whose flesh is highly esteemed by persons to whose gustatory organs its flavor is agreeable.

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And to whatsoever locality, contiguous or remote, whither Mary's vagrant fancy, the call of duty, or perchance the parental mandate, impelled her when not otherwise engaged, to betake herself, this juvenescent representative of the genus Ovis aries, with a fidelity remarkable in one so immature and inexperienced, could be counted upon with absolute and entire certainty to accompany her.

Translated:

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It's fleece was white as snow;  
And everywhere that Mary went,  
The lamb was sure to go.  
Wydzie—

## MOUSE HOLDS UP KITCHEN

A famous nursery rhyme came to life with a new start Sunday when a mouse held up dinner thirty minutes. Chef "Vic" and the kitchen help chased the poor, defenseless thing, till Hickory-Dickory-Dock, the mouse ran up the gas pipe. Finally the Consumers' Power repair man got the mouse out by sticking a wire up the pipe, and with the traditional squeak, Hickory-Dickory-Dock, the mouse ran down the spout.

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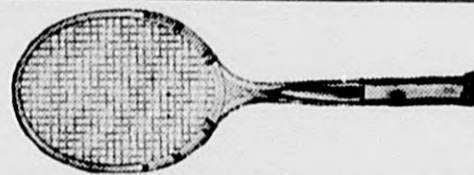
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