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## OLIVET, ALBION DEFEAT CAGERS

Close Game With Albion; In Bad Form At Olivet.

The luckless Alma Scots dropped two more games last week, the first when they were upset by Olivet 49-38, and the second a heartbreaker that saw Albion come from behind to win 27-25, after trailing most of the way.

The Albion game was close throughout. In the first half the highly touted Britons were bottled up and were unable to do much with the Scot defense. Bob Adams and Dick Ginther had their long shots working, and as a result the Scots led 17-16 at the half. In the second half, Albion tied the score and pulled ahead on two fast goals by Cook. Heinie Adams kept Scot hopes alive with a short one, while brother Bob and Ginther added free tosses, but Bill Feduniak's one hand shot had put the game on ice for Albion.

The high scoring Feduniak scored 14 points during the evening to lead his team, while Cook scored 6. Bob Adams and Dick Ginther each scored 7 to pace the Scot attack, and Heinie Adams followed with 5. The floor play of the Adams brothers, Smith, and Olson was a feature.

It was a different story at Olivet. The Scots were decidedly off form and were upset by the Comets, 49-38. Alma started well and held a 9-1 lead at one stage, but bogged down and was trailing at the half. The second half was no better, and Olivet piled up a lead that Alma could not overcome.

Heinie Adams was plenty hot, and scored 13 points to lead the Scots. Bob Adams was next with 8. Whitey Deihl ran wild as he

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## One-Act Play Given Before Drama Club

The meeting of the Drama club was held Wednesday, January 18 in the chapel. It was decided that the election of officers would be held January 25, instead of the regular meeting one week later so as not to interfere with exam week.

Professor Carney Smith's dramatic class presented a one act play entitled "Brothers In Arms." The characters were: J. Altres Brown, Dane Smith; Dorothea Brown, Virginia Mack; Sid, Bill Frier; Charlie Henderson, Carrol Jones.

## Nation's Students Approve Of Pilot Training In Universities

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 24—College youth stands ready to do its part in the half-billion dollar rearmament program that President Roosevelt proposes for the United States.

Specifically, seven-tenths of American college students today approve of the plan to train 20,000 civilian pilots a year in colleges and universities of the nation, a country-wide poll of the Student Opinion Surveys of America shows.

When the President asked Congress to appropriate \$10,000,000 for training aviators in co-operation with educational institutions he was in reality allotting college men their part in the task of making the United States safe from the possibility of an invasion. The Surveys have conducted this scientific sampling exclusively for the Almanian and the seventy-six other sponsoring student newspapers throughout the nation.

## DICTIONARY MAN IN LIBRARY CLASS

Mr. Hancock, representing the G. & C. Merriam Company, of Springfield, Mass., publishers of Webster's New International Dictionary, visited the library on last Tuesday and gave a most interesting talk to the Library Methods Class on the making of a dictionary.

## ONLY HALF OF FROSH FINISH

Statistics Show Fifty Per Cent Will Drop Class of '42.

BOSTON, MASS.—(ACP) — Casting a dash of cold water on the high hopes of the members of the class of '42, Boston University's Dean E. W. Lord has predicted that not more than one-half of the nation's newest crop of collegians will graduate.

And to back up his prediction, Dean Lord quotes you statistics from a survey he has just completed. The survey reveals that of 214,000 freshmen who entered colleges four years ago, 99,644 failed to complete the four-year course—and that is less than half of the original registrants included in his survey.

Dean Lord estimates that between 25,000 and 30,000 students drop out of school each year because of failure in studies.

His figures also show that the mortality rate is highest among freshmen and lowest among juniors. Of the 60,000 freshmen who flunked school, Dean Lord remarks that 5,000 should not have been admitted in the first place. And, strangely enough, 19,000 students will fail in their senior year, after having successfully completed three years' work.

The dean does not agree with the theory that some schools are "easier" than others. He points out that a freshman is just as liable to flunk in a small college as in a large one.

Another problem facing the educational system is the good student who must leave school for financial reasons. For these, Dean Lord has much sympathy, although he points out that these students are not "marked," and may benefit from what college education they may have received.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 25 Prof. Randels  
Thursday, Jan. 26 — Dr. Dunning.

Readings from "The Lyrics of a Lumberjack" by Wm. Kirk.

## EXAMS BEGIN SATURDAY A. M.

Students Are Studying For Finals, Which End Thursday, February 2nd.

The question of the day is, "What are you going to do?" and the answer is "Study." Reception room, theatres, and other recreational centers have been sadly neglected during the past two weeks, and the semi-annual hibernation of all but the smartest, or most fool-hardy students has now begun in earnest. Exams start on Saturday, January 28, at 7:50 a. m. Lucky persons will be through by Tuesday or Wednesday, but a few will still be at it on Thursday, February 2.

Exam schedules have been posted, and for the most part, copied by the students. Conflicts are to be arranged with Prof. Clack or the respective teachers.

## STUDENTS GIVE POPULAR CHAPEL

As one of the most-applauded and brilliantly enacted chapel assemblies so far this semester, student talent, under the capable leadership of Al Lindley, comprising a pianist, two readers, a dramatist, and a sideshow barker, did their stuff at last Thursday's chapel.

Leading off on the program was Judy Schaafsma, whose interpretation of a Brahms selection for piano is the result of long years of trilling the allegros and the cadenzas to a near mastery of her technique. Betty Dick, in her characterization of a small girl in her reading, was unique.

Although the title of dramatist is really inappropriate, Red LeClaire's efforts along that line in the presentation of a female undressing and his enacting a dialect reading, picked up from Ford's plant, brought down the house.

Climaxing the performances of the hour was the final reading of "Fleurette," Robert Service's poem of the crippled war veteran, by Dorothy Ziegler, who, in the time of the recitation of the poem, had brought the audience from laughter to near sobs, so penetrating was her presentation.

If you should care to impart some talent that you may have, Al Lindley reiterates that he is most receptive.

## STUDENTS MAY REGISTER EARLY

Early registrations of students are being accepted from yesterday on, Prof. Clack announced recently. In previous years, many students have wished to get their registration over with so as to have a longer between-semester week-end. Their requests are being granted this year for the first time. Those students who have a fairly clear idea of which classes they are enrolled in for the second semester, may do so before the regular line-up after exams. The business office will also accommodate registration fees at any time from now until the new semester starts.

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## Dunning Given Silver Beaver Scout Award

The Silver Beaver Award, highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America, was presented to President J. W. Dunning last week Tuesday, by a Boy Scout group in Kalamazoo, Mich. Dr. Dunning has been an official in the Scout organization for twenty-eight years.

Dr. Dunning was a guest speaker at the Rotary Club in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, and at the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday evening.

## LIBRARIES IN GAME ROOMS

Recreational Reading for Students in Both Dormitories.

A library of fifty volumes of recreational reading for the students is being installed in the Wright Hall recreation room, and the Pioneer Hall game room will also have an equal number of books there. The college Library Committee, composed of Prof. Rice, Prof. Mitchell, and Coach Howe, voted that books will be purchased from the Bonbright Fund, to be available to students for use in the dormitories. For the present, the two halls may borrow any books they wish from the college library, and someone will be chosen in each dorm to be in charge of their circulation.

Owen Smith and Elmer Baker are picking out the books for Pioneer Hall. Betty Thomas, Mavis Harrison, and Margaret Arnold have chosen the initial library for Wright Hall.

A library of several periodicals, monthly and weekly magazines and a daily paper, will be purchased by the dorm girls for their recreational room. The girls have pledged twenty-five cents a semester to pay for these and miscellaneous expenses. The magazine committee included Hester Moon, Frances Kaufman, Mildred Bradfish, Jeannette Davidson, and Margaret Arnold.

The Wright Hall game room, which is expected to be completed by the second semester, will include two ping-pong tables and a shuffleboard court, as well as many other features requested by the girls. Attractive steel tubing furniture, chosen by Hester Moon, Jane Fraker, Jeanette English, Marjorie Holmes, Virginia Mack, Alma Ludwick, and Amelia Jean Arnold, has been ordered, in the n.aron and cream colors.

## Abilities Of College Students Compared To Unskilled Youth

That large numbers of college students have less academic ability than the youth of their generation who have become machinists and unskilled workers is disclosed in a pamphlet, How Good Are Our Colleges?, just released by the Public Affairs Committee.

The pamphlet summarizes the results of the ten-year study of higher education in Pennsylvania made by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Only about half of the youth of outstanding ability are getting into college, the pamphlet declares, while at least one-fourth of the college students are below the average out-of-school youth in ability.

Colleges are shown to differ widely in the capacity of their students. In one extreme case all of the students in the sophomore class of one college ranked lower in an intelligence test, than the

## ATHLETES' FEAST LAST SATURDAY

MacGarvah and D. Smith Are '39 Football Co-Captains.

Don Smith and Angus MacGarvah, Charlotte and Detroit juniors respectively, were named Co-captains of next year's Alma College football team last Saturday night. The balloting took place before the stag banquet held at Wright Hall which honored Alma's varsity and freshman basketball and football teams. Over one hundred and fifty attended, including fifty businessmen from the city of Alma.

Coach Judson "Juddy" Haymes, director of physical education and athletics at Western State Teachers College, was the speaker for the evening. Haymes, who has been athletic director for years at W. S. T. C., was for 15 years baseball coach at the Kalamazoo Teachers College. His talk was highlighted by a number of his own experiences as player and coach. He complimented Coach Gordon Macdonald and the Alma athletic teams for the fine reputation they have in other towns when they make over-night trips, staying at hotels.

Other speakers were Coach Macdonald, who presented a silver football to Bob Devaney, retiring Scot Captain, voted by his mates as the most valuable player on the team; Coach Henry Howe, assistant coach; Tinker Kirby, freshman football captain; Dr. John Wirt Dunning; Captain Bob Devaney; and Prof. R. W. Clack, who presented a senior football sweater to Pres. Dunning, who had lost his own Alma ward given him when he played on Alma's athletic teams. Charles H. Goggin, prominent Alma lawyer and citizen, predicted that Alma will have a winning year in 1939. Co-Captains Smith and MacGarvah also gave short impromptu speeches.

Community singing was led by Republican Prof. Jess W. Ewer and was accompanied by Democrat Prof. Roy W. Hamilton. Byron Straw was toastmaster.

## Trustees Meet in Flint to Discuss '39-'40 Finances

The Board of Trustees of Alma College are meeting in Flint, on Wednesday, January 25. They will discuss and make plans for the extensive financial campaign to be carried on in 1939 and 1940, to raise funds for the college.

dullest student in the sophomore class of a superior institution.

Nor do these differences appear to be due entirely to selection.

Thirty-four students out of 106 high school graduates whose test scores were close to average went to colleges which ranked in the upper half of Pennsylvania colleges. The remaining 72 went to colleges in the lower half. When tested again after four years, the students who attended the top-rank colleges made scores which were superior to those in the low-ranking institutions by a margin equal to the normal difference between Sophomore and Senior years. Thus, the pamphlet comments, "if the kind of knowledge measured by these tests is the object of a college education, then it is about twice as expensive in time (and probably in money) to go to the less efficient institutions."



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### COOPERATE FOR COURTESY

The attention of the Wright Hall girls has recently been called to the fact that their boy friends are no longer supposed to buzz the bell board. Callers are now asked to request the office girl to announce them to the girls upstairs.

This is being done to avoid the unnecessary parley around the "well" during all hours, and as a courtesy to the girl, as well. In her home, no guest would think of rushing in the door, and shouting up the stair case for her to come down. The same respect is due every resident of Wright Hall.

The administration has promised that more office girls will be on hand at rush hours if they are needed, and a better equipped central office will probably be installed in the near future. The office girl is there to keep order and to help you. Please ask her to ring the buzzer.

### The LETTERBOX

(The communications published in this column express the ideas of students and other readers, and are not to be considered as representing the policy of The Almanian.—the Editor.)

Dear Editor,

Since the beginning of this year we have constantly heard of "Alma College—A Laboratory For Christian Living," and other similar statements, all intimating that the college is attempting to incorporate Christian ideals into its daily life. Yet I claim that in one of the basic issues of the day—that of treatment of labor by the employer—Alma is taking an un-Christian and unprogressive stand.

In college classes we constantly hear of the unfairness with which employers treat their employees. How they pay small wages for extremely long hours, how the men are fired or laid off indefinitely and without notice. We condemn these practices, and say that they should not go on. Yet four employees were fired last week, with-

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out notice, and with the sanction—at least no protest—of the Christian administration.

Earl worked as janitor in Wright Hall. He got to work at five a.m. and left at seven p.m. a fourteen hour day. For this he received \$85 a month, or a wage of almost twenty-two cents an hour. Anyone who has been around the Hall will say that he did far better than anyone else who has had the job. Last Thursday night he was told he would be through the next day! Reason? First he was told he spent too much time downtown. Anyone knowing the circumstances, knows this to be absurd. Later, he was told that the 'board' had ordered a reduction in the budget—hence his release. He's the goat.

Another instance. Since the first of the year there have been four second-cooks in the kitchen. The longest lasted but three months, the last less than a week. All were fired without notice.

It is possible that the many people fired around here were released because of inefficiency on their own part. It is also possible that the college cannot pay above the low wage scale they now pay. However, there is no reason why employees should not be notified before being fired. The present system isn't even decent, let alone Christian. It's the old idea of long hours, low wages, and fire when you please.

While such things are going on in the administration of Alma College, I for one am going to take the chapel talks on "Alma College—A Laboratory For Christian Living" with a grain of salt. If this practice is Christian, I don't care to be called a Christian.

### TRAINING OF PILOTS

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nesots, and at Purdue, Texas A. & M., Georgia Tech, and M.I.T.

Defense measures costing \$552,000,000 will call for an increase in the air force as one of the paramount points. More planes will mean more aviators. College men are always preferred; so campuses have been assigned as elementary training bases until a reserve of 100,000 pilots has been created. The six-month's training will include fifty hours of dual and solo flying. Many are expected to continue at the advanced Army and Navy schools, possibly entering the regular service or becoming reserve officers.

## Just... Entertainment

### JUST ENTERTAINMENT

Many dancing fans from this area went "Dancin' with Anson" last Saturday night as ANSON WEEKS and his world famous dance band played at Flint's I. M. A. Next week it's The Ole Left-hander himself, JOE SANDERS in a return engagement. Joe used to be half of the famous COON-SANDERS NIGHTHAWKS one of the first radio dance bands in the country. On the death of his partner, CARLETON COON, Joe set out for the Pacific coast where he remained a few years, but the music bug got him and he returned to the "Great White Way" with a musical organization of his own which is making a big hit with fans all over the country. Sanders plays the piano and handles many of the vocals.

"KENNY ANDERSON'S" hot band from Saginaw is the best in this part of the country for its size." In a letter received recently by your J. E. editor, Louie Cramton, who had charge of the column last year, made the above statement. Here's hoping L. C. will do a guest bit sometime soon. I'm sure it'll be a change.

ARTIE SHAW, "THE KING OF THE CLARINET," is heard nightly at 12:00 p. m. over W. E. N. R. Any questions on the band, may I refer you to Bob "Gate" Fulton or Jimmy "Bugs" mmmmm. (Ed. Leave J. E.'s name like that. That's all I can see when somebody mentions his name.)

### THE HUMOROUS, WISTFUL IMAGININGS OF A WOULD-BE MAN-ABOUT TOWN

Subtitled "Humor of a new and, we hope, a better type"—The Authors.

With apologies to Mr. Fleishmann's "New Yorker" magazine we herewith offer a list of dinner, supper, and dancing spots wherein one can while away a pleasant evening.

Glutz's Cafe — still the smartest night spot in town. A great favorite with the young horsey set. Recently redecorated, this ultra-ultra nitery displays several new and clean murals on it's walls, the cleverest of which reads, "Deluxe Hamburger with Shoestrings—15 cents." Music by assorted orchestras at a nickel a throw. Better dress.

Mother Weed's Gypsy Tea Room. Pleasant, airy, and THE place for sub-debs and Junior Leaguers. The atmosphere of this cosy little spot seems to seep into your very clothing.

El Morocco—(formerly El Ratrice)—Another venture of Mother Weed, the Billy Rose of Alma's night life. Features gay, sophisticated music for the dance by Weed's Swing band. Formal dress (jolo or sweat shirt) required on the dance floor.

Callahan's Mosquito Net Inn—This popular after-theatre rendezvous is a scant 85 miles west of town on route 942. A comfortable 20 minute drive by rocket ship. Good corduroy road all the way. Excellent orchestra, excellent cuisine, and good food. No cover, no minimum, no tablecloths, no silverware, no service. Two floor shows nightly, just before you arrive and just after you leave. It is becoming very popular with the smart suburban crowd and German refugees. Must dress.

Miscellaneous—Lonely Island—This roomy Mexican joy tavern exudes a foreign atmosphere which is apt to overcome the uninitiated, especially of a Saturday night... Jim's Sert Room—Good cheap place to take a date.

Anonymous

### EXAM TIME

O silent, shrivelled intellect!  
O precious piece of grey!  
Behold my brow with sweat bedecked  
Wake up and throb today!

O meagre, microscopic mind!  
Bewildered, bashful brain!  
But run the gamut of this grind  
I'll ne'er neglect you so again!

I've got it now—  
I know what's wrong—  
I gotta 'cog loose' in my brain!  
I know it now  
But what's the use?  
A slipping cog is no excuse!

### ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. Francis Wayland Epley of San Francisco passed away on October 4, 1938.

Dr. Epley was born in Palo, Michigan. After graduating from Alma College, in 1892, he went west to teach chemistry and botany at Bellingham Normal School, in Bellingham, Washington, where he spent the years from 1898 to 1915. He later went to San Francisco and there decided to change his profession, entering the dental college of the University of California at the age of forty-seven. His ability was widely recognized and for a period of fifteen years he served as a member of the faculty of the University of California, at the same time carrying on his profession of dentistry. A few years ago his activity as an instructor came to an end and from then on his time was devoted to his professional practice. He was a member of Epsilon Alpha.

A son was born on December 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hubbard, of 1657 Carolina Avenue, in Kingsport, Tennessee. Russ, Alma '34, and the former Helen Louise Vincent, '34, were married in June, 1937, after Helen left her position as assistant dean of women and biology instructor in the college. The boy weighed eight and one-quarter pounds at birth, and has been named Vincent Kendall Hubbard.

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Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26-27  
JACK BENNY, JOAN BENNETT,  
MARY BOLAND and  
THE YACHT CLUB BOYS in  
"Artists and Models  
Abroad"

Saturday, Jan. 28  
BETTY GRABLE and  
ELEANORE WHITNEY in  
"Campus Confessions"  
4 Acts of Vivid — 4

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 29-30  
LORETTA YOUNG and  
RICHARD GREENE in  
"Kentucky"

### ALMA THEATRE

10-15c

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24-25  
JOHN CARROLL and  
KAY LINAKER in  
"I Am A Criminal"

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26-27  
JAMES DUNN and  
ROCHELLE HUDSON in  
"Pride of the Navy"

Saturday, Jan. 28  
GEORGE O'BRIEN in  
"Lawless Valley"

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 29-30  
FRANKIE DARRO and  
JUDITH ALLEN in  
"Tough Kid"

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## Scots in Sports

The most important sports news on the campus last week was the announcement of next years football captains, Don Smith and Angus MacGarvah. The idea of Co-captains is new here, but should work out well, because both men are real leaders and deserve the honor. Little Don, a three sport star, is a fast, elusive back and a fine punter, while big Andy is a tower of strength on both offense and defense at tackle, and was one of the bulwarks of the Scot line last fall. Both are very popular with members of the squad and student body, and will carry on where Bob Devaney left off in Alma's long line of fine field leaders.

The varsity meets Hope at Holland on Friday night. The Dutchmen led by Lee Brannock, have another powerful team this year, and are leading the parade in the M. I. A. A. At this stage of the race they are highly favored to take the flag, so the Scots have a real task cut out for them if they hope to upset the dope this week.

The frosh are idle again this week, but meet Central State Frosh at Mt. Pleasant next week. The squad has been taking it easy lately but will get down to hard work again after exams. Chuck Wasson joined Keith Carey on the injured list when he too was put out with an ankle injury. He will be ready when the Scotties meet Central, but Carey may not. If the squad can hurdle that old bugaboo, ineligibility, prospects will be bright for the rest of the season.

The collegiate Club pros dropped a tough ball game to a strong Bay City outfit 27-22 last Friday. The pros, minus Art Smith, couldn't get their attack clicking, and as a result, got their second setback of the year. Bud Howe again led the scoring and looked very good. The pros will be in action again soon, and expect to get back into their winning ways.

## BASKETBALL

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piled up 18 markers to pace his team.

Player	fg	ft	pf	tp
Alma	1	2	2	4
Smith, f.	2	1	3	5
H. Adams, f.	0	0	4	0
Mathews, c.	3	1	0	7
B. Adams, g.	3	1	3	7
Ginther, g.	1	0	0	2
Olson, f.				
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>

Player	fg	ft	pf	tp
Albion	3	0	1	6
F. Cook, f.	1	0	0	2
Butler, f.	5	4	2	14
Feduniak, c.	0	0	3	0
Luxemburg, g.	0	0	1	0
McElhane, g.	2	1	1	5
Beban, f.	0	0	0	0
Goble, f.	0	0	0	0
Kine, c.	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>

Officials—Kobs and Beam.

St. Peter: "Who's there?"  
Voice: "It is I."

St. Peter: "Well, get out; we don't want any more schoolteachers!"

## GEM THEATER

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Sound Pictures at Their Best

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24-25

Double Feature —  
WILLIAM HENRY,  
BETTY GRABLE in  
**Campus Confessions**

Feature No. 2 —  
CHARLES QUIGLEY,  
RITA HAYWORTH in  
**Convicted**

Cartoon Novelty

Thursday, January 26th  
CHESTER MORRIS,  
FRANCES MERCER,  
BRUCE CABOT in  
**Smashing the Rackets**

Comedy March of Time Cartoon

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28  
TIM McCOY in  
**Code of the Rangers**

Comedy Spider's Web No. 4 Cartoon

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 29-30  
THE DIONNE QUINTUPLETS,  
JEAN HERSHOLT,  
CLAIRE TREVOR in  
**Five of a Kind**

Disney Cartoon News

## SKINNER'S SENIORS AND LA PAUGH'S FROSH IN LEAD

Intramural basketball last week created a few upsets and some very thrilling games, and also showed Skinner's Juggernauts rolling along serenely. In the first skirmish of the week, Dane's Frosh defeated Bainbridge's Seniors in a hard-fought game, 22 to 20. The defeat dropped Bainbridge's Seniors out of first place. Paul Dane was high man for the Frosh with 12 points, while Purdy and Lea were for the Seniors with 8. In the second game Lea's Frosh defeated King's Frosh, 28 to 22. Clancy Hoogerland was high man for Lea, with 16 points, while Montgomery was high for King's. In the third game, which was rough, True's Sophs defeated Richardson's Sophs, 14 to 13.

On the next night of the battle, Richardson's Sophs defeated Bainbridge's Seniors, 30 to 22. It was Bainbridge's second defeat in two nights. Howe was high man for Richardson's with 19. Bingham was high man for the Seniors with 10. LaPaugh's Frosh defeated Hansen's Frosh 21 to 16 with Jake Hauck high man for LaPaugh with 9. In an upset victory, Skinner's Seniors defeated Ziem's Sophs 40 to 14. Dunnette was high man for the Seniors with 16 points.

After a brief rest the battle continued on Saturday. Skinner's Seniors defeated Cutler's Juniors 34 to 10, with Garthwaite high man for Skinner, with 8 points. In the second game Cappaert's Frosh defeated King's Frosh 21 to 11. Fox was high man for Cappaert's Frosh with 8 points.

In the third game LaPaugh's Frosh defeated Lea's Frosh 27 to 20. Jake Hauck was high man with 11 points for LaPaugh. Hoogerland made 8 for Lea's.

	W	L	Pct.
Skinner	5	0	1.000
LaPaugh	3	1	.750
Cappaert	3	1	.750
True	2	1	.667
Richardson	3	2	.667
Dane	3	2	.667
Lea	3	3	.500
Bainbridge	2	2	.500
Ziem	1	3	.250
Cutler	1	4	.200
King	1	4	.200
Hanson	0	4	.000

## Looking Forward

Returning from the cinema the other night, having watched Detective Frederic March murder Joan Bennett, and feeling in somewhat of a murderous mood myself, I took two bromo-seltzers, mugged my dog Boots, whispered a sweet "Good-night, Joan" in her ear, and clambered into bed.

My mind wandered, as it usually does, only more so, and my thoughts flew through the years as if they were so many minutes. I had graduated from Alma College with the class of '42', had gone out in the dismal world, and for the past twenty years had been the Editor of the Midland News, the Editor of the Swahsee Daily Blatter, and the Editor of the Elsie County Herald, with the motto, "Most of the news that's fit to print," my original, always just ahead of me.

What greater satisfaction could I want from life than this! What last realization could I demand from this barnstorming career of mine? And then it came to me in a flash! I was an "Old Boy," why not go back to my Alma Mater, Long may she wave!

Having walked the Campus and officiated at a banquet with a little marker "Oldest Living Graduate" before my plate, I could not help but notice the contrast of Alma College now and Alma College in my day. Is this the great campus that I remember so well from my freshman days? Half-mile long, it was, and broader even than its length. "Who," I asked, one of the students, "is the dynamic personality, the football hero, the forceful speaker, the Shakespearean dramatist all wrapped in one man of the campus today?" "We have none," was the sorry reply. And then I thought of Homer LeClaire, THE Homer LeClaire of my day, the man who with one tremor of his mighty voice could raise the Alma College gathering and tumult it into a frenzy that left the students gasping in its wake?

The professors I see near me today, ordinary, quiet men, with the resigned tranquility that betrays intellectual failure,—how can

I compare them with the intellectual giants to whom I owe everything that I have forgotten. They were scholars, reservoirs of learning into whose depths one might drop a bucket and haul it forth, full to the brim with the waters of knowledge and truth. Measure their knowledge? You couldn't.

So this is your queen? How could you compare this limpy-eyed, sleek siren of a Detroit debutante to the wholesome, glamorous, exotic, enticing beauty of our bygone Venus, Carra Jones? Where is the modern Charley Skinner whose whip hand throttled the Student Council, and the Angus MacGarvah who roamed the turf at Bahlke Stadium, where the forty-foot goal posts have shrunk to these small sticks?

Nay, Fate, that has given me so much, wilt not thou take it all back again for one hour of recollection, one hour of those Old Days? But, just then, Big Ben sounded off.

## Here and There . . .

With Bridget

It is hard for me to take time out from my many studies to write this guff for you, but since you demand it, I shall proceed to reel out a few lines for my dear public. Joe Godleski's knowledge of Columbus is amazing. He thinks Columbus sailed to America on the "Blue Moon." It can't be that he was thinking of his date the night before. We girls were sort of put out because we couldn't attend the Athletic Banquet. Jack King can really tote la femme around the dance floor in nothing flat—Ask Helen Wheeler. Personal to Joe MacDonald—I think you have the wrong idea as to the author. I'm sorry but my room doesn't happen to be on that floor, Joe. Betty Lockhart and Jane Lee have earned themselves a new song title, "Single and Sweet." What has happened between Mary Goodwin and Stew Moran? I haven't seen Stew in the hall for some time. Bob Spencer has been slicking up as of late. Reason—his old flame, Betty Qwaker is back with us again. Welcome back, Betty, we hope you decide to stay with us next semester. Marion Perkins and Natalie Shields dropped in on us Sunday. They've decided to wait and return to school in September. Jane Lee and Rich Radaemacher have called it quits. It looks as if he really means business as he has squired Ann Wacker five times in the last week. Mary Baker is hoping that Sal Cicinelli will make up his mind as to the Women's League Formal. Amelia Arnold read the book "King Tut and his Mummy Construction Kit." I think he could make a better one, though. John Foster and Muriel Wert have announced their intentions of going steady. I heard that Gerald Blumenau was a flash in his own home town, but he hasn't cast his charms on any of us yet. Four Almanians were on crutches last week. Those are probably the only ones to be found in Alma. Miss Orvis is sensitive to the word "Bob." Well, Mr. Turton seems to be calling me, so I'll bid adieu.

BRIDGET

## STUDENT FORUM

Last Saturday evening the athletic teams of the college, the male faculty members, and about one hundred fifty friends of the college and businessmen of Alma feasted at the college dining hall in celebration of our athletic teams. The menu included French fried potatoes, steaks with mushrooms, salad, peas, pears, rolls, coffee, and ice cream and cake.

During the three days previous to this feast, Alma students went to the dining hall three times each day, sat down to meals of soup, bread, and potatoes or hash, and went away hungry. Dinner on Sunday was a repetition of these three days. Our Sunday dinner consisted of French fried potatoes left over from the banquet; one pork chop per person; peas mixed with carrots; a salad that looked like something the cat had dragged in; dry, stale rolls; and milk and ice cream. At one time during the past week, there was not enough food to go around and many of the students were served breakfast food. Breakfast food, as of course we all know, makes a most delicious and substantial lunch or dinner.

The students are about "fed up" with the food problem. We are not complaining about the quality. The food is fairly good but there isn't enough of it. At the beginning of this semester our new administration promised us that our meals were going to be better and that there would be a great plenty for everyone. That's fine! But when?

It has been rumored about the campus that our highly praised Chef is working on a commission basis and, most naturally, is trying to cut down on the amount of food used. If this is true, perhaps this is the underlying cause of the scarcity of food.

Whatever the cause of this food shortage might be, and no matter who is responsible for this deplorable state of affairs, we students are rightly dissatisfied and we believe that it is the duty of the administration to remedy this matter.

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# PIATIGORSKY IN SAGINAW JAN. 31

Gregor Piatigorsky, famed Russian 'cellist, will appear in Saginaw on Tuesday, January 31, in the Community Concert program, to which many student have subscribed. Dinner for the concert-goers will be served at six in Wright Hall, and the bus will leave from there at six-thirty sharp, Miss Roberts announced.

Piatigorsky was born on April 20, 1903, in Jekaterinoslaw. His talent was so remarkable that at fifteen he was first 'cellist at the Imperial Opera in Moscow. He was on his way to a brilliant career in Russia when the revolution came. Finding his way to Berlin, Piatigorsky, poor and unknown, entered competition for the position of first 'cellist with the Berlin Philharmonic under Furtwaengler and won. His rise was now meteoric. Furtwaengler featured him again as soloist. Outside engagements began to pour in from all sides. His fame spread in all directions. Today his career has more than justified the name he was given as a boy—the "Russian Casals."

In the hands of this great Russian 'cellist, critic Chotzinoff of the N. Y. Post says: "The instrument sheds its reputed limitations. His tone is as thrilling, as personal, as Kreisler's, as buttery as Casals'." "The London Daily Telegraph says he is the Paderewski of the 'cello."

The program of the Piatigorsky concert is as follows:

- I
- Sonata \_\_\_\_\_ Handel
  - Sonatina \_\_\_\_\_ Mozart
  - Adagio and Allego Moderato \_\_\_\_\_ Schubert
  - Introduction and Polonaise Brillante \_\_\_\_\_ Chopin
- Intermission
- II
- Aria \_\_\_\_\_ Stravinsky
  - Oriental \_\_\_\_\_ Karjinsky

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Piece en forme de Habanera \_\_\_\_\_ Ravel  
La Campanella \_\_\_\_\_ Paganini  
He will be accompanied at the piano by Valentin Pavlovsky.

## ITALY DREAMS OF AN EMPIRE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

(by Bill Wright)

Of all the great powers, Italy was the last to rise, and as a result owns comparatively little in the way of natural resources. Italy was not really united until the 20th century. As a result of her late arrival upon the scene of empire development, Italy is forced to play a foreign policy that has little honor. That is, she must either control the balance of power in Europe or ally herself with some strong nation with the expectation of future gain. Therefore, Italian treaties and the like are to be considered as a means and not an end. Her entrance into the world war was only because of a secret treaty, which the allies did not uphold, by which she could gain more than Austria, even though greatly pressed by Germany, could grant. This enabled France to use troops which would otherwise have been kept in the Alps.

Italy shapes her policy on what England and France did before they became keepers of the status quo, or in the "have" class. Italy's geographical situation is perhaps the best of any nation in Europe. The Alps extending in a broad half-circle from Ventimiglia on the French border to Fiume on the Yugoslav form a rather formidable boundary, while the French have no reason (fundamental reason) for invading Italy. Therefore Italy has reached her natural frontier, the Alps, and is secure against attack from land. Her weakness lies in the air and sea. Mainly because she must import raw materials, she announced herself ready to go to war if England enforced an oil blockade over the Ethiopian conquest. I have however read articles in the "Reader's Digest" which have conceded control of the Mediterranean Sea to Italy mainly because her excellent air force is so close to a refueling base. Also, her outdated navy has been replaced by a more or less suicide squadron of fast speedboats, carrying two torpedoes per boat which have speeds ranging from 40 to 75 miles an hour, and which are able to operate successfully in the relative calm of the protected Mediterranean Sea.

Italy has obtained her ethnic unity also. Aside from a handful of Italians in the Swiss Canton of Ticino, there is no Italian minority in any other country of Europe. In fact, Italy has exceeded her ethnic unity, holding in the upper Adige a quarter of a million Germans, and in the hinterland of Trieste a half million Slavs.

Italy is running into the trouble of a surplus population, where in former years the surplus could leave home for the U. S. However, even before the war, the U. S. cut down on this avenue of population release by limiting all nationalities in immigration. Therefore the present policy of population pressure relief—colonization—is merely putting off the fatal moment at home.

Italian policy has not changed and likely never will. It, of necessity, remains the same; the change in government is relatively unimportant.

## Ten Hear St. Louis Symphony in Battle Creek

Miss Nelson, Miss Ardis, Jeanette English, Judy Schaafsma, Gertrude Bronson, Margaret Arnold, Chet Harvie, Jack Bryce, Jack Sanders, and Carl Wahlsten rode in the college bus to Battle Creek Thursday night, where they attended the concert given by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

## PRE-MEDS SEE MOVIE, HEAR DR. WOLFE

Last Thursday evening the Pre-Med. Club presented movies of two operations. The first was a difficult operation showing the methods used in fixing a hernia. The second showed the removal of the lens of the eye, an operation known as a bridge cataract. Dr. K. P. Wolfe gave some explanatory remarks on the operations and answered questions upon them.

## Wright Hallology

Eighty-seven sleepy girls are too much absorbed in studies to say good night . . . This is the Wright Hall theme song at the present . . . It's a funny thing, but it's rather hard to do sixteen weeks work in one week . . . All this hibernating doesn't encourage gossip, which makes it a little difficult for the columnists.

Just to get in practice for finals let's have a little quiz—some questions without answers . . . What senior girl has early dates with freshmen, and then goes out with someone else? . . . Who is the freshman basketball player that has several girls watching their make-up these days? . . . What blond fellow seems to think Jeanette Davidson is grand? . . . Who is the sophomore boy that is acquiring the reputation of being quite a chisler-amongst the girls as well as the fellows? . . .

Noticed Hugh Cook and Betty Dick swingin' it in the reception room the other night. Certainly seems good to see them together again . . . Ann Wacker's been seen in Rich of late . . . Jimmy and Phil are only very good friends . . . Muriel has decided that from now on Johnny will dominate all her spare time . . . The bets are comin' in fast as to whom Bill Ramsey will rush . . . Offer seen in the reception room are Beverly Reigleman and Jack Lea with Barb Tombs and Bob Dixinson.

In response to those ten freshmen and six supper class boys who wanted to know why Marion Hass prefers to be alone . . . We know, but we'll never tell. However, Rex Holmes squired her to the Albin game.

Some of the lassies are revising bridge around the mall again. In fact one little game lasted until two o'clock the other morning . . . Everyone's glad to see that Mavis and Cliff aren't feuding anymore . . . Isn't the reception room going to be super deluxe? . . . Sally Reed believes in safety in numbers . . . As soon as Betty Lockhart's exile was over she went out with Dick Nevil.

Marianna Bell and Francis Kain seem to enjoy each other's company. It has been known fact of late that J. Matthews and A. Schuster are rather expert marksmen with a rifle. Could this solve the problem of vanishing street lights around the campus? . . . Sorry to see Leora leave, there goes the M. I. A. A. tennis crown . . . De Etta Baker and Paul Young are seen around lately . . . Jean Byrd and Bert Katzemeyer are together a lot these days.

Well, we hope you'll all be back next semester, but—in case you aren't, just remember Lincoln didn't go to college.

## Almanians, as Seen By an Impressionist

Alma Ludwick—  
Tickets to a Harvard game, touchdowns at Yale, snowballs flying through the air, Sophisticated Lady in red satin, baby mums on soft brown fur, St. Bernards and wire-haired Terriers.

Phil Becker—  
Striped demi-bosom shirts, coral studs and cuff-links, Paul Webb's cartoons, surf-board riding at Miami Beach, and Sammy Snead incognito.

Betty Hamilton—  
White fur scuffs, chunky blue fox-dyed guanaco coat, jewelry from Olga Tritt, ethereal angel in a cloudy blue net veil and Persian cats.

Art Smith—  
All-American star, pleasingly conspicuous striped pajamas, Larry Clinton's Midnight in a Madhouse and Big Dipper, Bass ski-boots, and silver trophies.

Fran Friederick—  
Lenci "Princess Victoria" dolls, Red clannish plaid wool, and ice-blue gabardine reversibles, satin and silver mules, monogrammed handkerchiefs, and essence Imperiale Russe.

Bill Follis—  
The First Nighter, hats styled by Stetson, skiing under a summer sun, New Year's Eve at the Stork Club, poker and roulette sets, and tooled leather belts with silver buckles.

Jeannette Davidson—  
Crackling fire on a winter's eve, angels singing Christmas carols, white sails on a sea of blue,

purple velvet trimmed in ermine, violets tied in satin ribbons, and coronation time.

Tinker Kirby—  
Chelsea ship's bell clocks, Briggs smoking tobacco, riggin' up the mainsail, outstanding ball-handler in the basket ball world, and hunting knives in leather sheaths.

Approaching finals remind us of the meanest man: A professor, who, when assured that students had studied hard for a scheduled three-hour exam, said that if that was the case, he wouldn't have to give it. And didn't.

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