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Navy Announces It is Sending 205 Men to Alma for Training

College Faculty to Instruct at Least 195 Men From V-12 and 10 Pre-Medical Students

Acting President Roy W. Hamilton received last week, official notice from the United States Navy Bureau of Personnel that the college has been approved for a specific contract which is expected to bring more than 200 selected students to this campus about July 1 for training to prepare them for specialized Naval service.

ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE

The announcement follows an inspection made of the college buildings, campus, laboratory equipment and other facilities by two Naval officers about a month ago. It was stated at that time that facilities were adequate to make the college eligible to receive the contract, although it might be necessary to make some additions to resources for taking care of a large group of men.

Latest information received indicates that the college will be utilized for the training of a quota of 195 male students selected on the basis of aptitude tests given in high schools throughout the country in connection with the V-12 program. There is also a minimum quota assigned Alma of 10 pre-medical students.

Just what preparations will be necessary on the part of the college to meet conditions for fulfillment of the contract have not been definitely stated. Acting President Hamilton said Monday that he planned to get in touch with the admiral in charge of the program at once to determine just what is expected and must be provided.

Program To Be Continuous

It is assumed that the training program here, once under way, will be continuous. It is welcomed by the college as an opportunity to render patriotic service in helping to fit men for a branch of the armed services; also as an expected economic help in a time when numerous institutions of its type over the country find the maintenance problem more difficult to solve than in normal times because of the drain on the student body.

A summer session at the college for the first time in years is indicated. The influx of service trainees will not alter in any way the usual routine of the college, which will continue its curriculum for students enrolled for the usual courses.

Delts Lose Men But Keep on the Beam

No doubt the reader has heard of the book "The Last of the Mohicans"? Similarly, the Delts announce that there will soon be published a book entitled "The Last of the Delts." Well—it does seem like an appropriate idea, because there are now only six frat members living in the house.

"Chad"

The scene: January 15, at the draft board physical examining office. Nurse says, "Your next patient is Murray Hanna, Doctor. Hummm, well—he's supposed to be here." Murray is really leaving April 15. The Delts are hoping that "Chad" will have as good luck catching Japs as he did footballs.

The Delts have begun picture-taking. Last Saturday the fellows had some fun taking candid shots of human pyramids, of wheelbarrow races, and of fantastic physical-strength feats. Moral of the pictures: "Louis the Marine" Kohler really has super-human qualities. Why not pump him a little bit on the subject?

Food

At the last Frat meeting before spring vacation, Bob Phillips became a minor hero. He announced at the close of the meeting that he had quantities of lunch and cookies that his mother had prepared.

RICHTER AND SANCHEZ SPEAK IN GRAND HAVEN

Professor Hans Richter addressed the Presbyterian Church Missionary Society at the Grand Haven Presbyterian church, Thursday, April 8. Mr. Richter told of the functions of the Nazi party in Germany—how they teach the children from birth to lay down all desire for individuality and cultivate only a love for the state and to consider all else unimportant.

Senor Bernardo Sanchez also spoke to the audience of about 100 people. He told something of the customs and habits of his country, Colombia, and about the city of Bogota. He also talked about his journey from his home to Baranquilla, to Cuba, and Miami, Florida by Pan-American Clipper. He also told of his impressions of Michigan and Alma college. Bernardo plans to major in chemistry and English.

College War Bond Quota is \$5,000

The city of Alma War Bond committee has named \$5,000 worth of bonds as the quota of Alma college for April. The goal assigned to Gratiot county is \$154,000.

The college's representative at the meeting of the group last week was Lennie Meyer, who reported that only bonds count toward the \$5,000. Stamps are not considered until they are converted into bonds.

Stamps will be sold on the campus, according to Don Gillard, chairman of the sale, but bonds must be purchased at a bank or the post office. However, he will have applications for bonds which may be filled out here.

The city committee in charge of the drive is hoping to bring a bomber to Alma, so that people may see one of the things their bonds are buying.

ERC CALLS 33 ALMA MEN TO ACTIVE DUTY

All of the Alma College army reserve men except pre-engineering, pre-medical, and pre-dental, students and chemistry majors have been called for active duty. Thirty-three in all were called and ordered to report to Fort Custer on March 31.

Those who left with the ERC group were R. L. Baltz, James F. Brinkerhoff, Melvin J. Budge, John W. Burns, Wilbur D. Callahan, Donald R. Converse, Oliver R. Elliott, Richard F. Fishbeck, Thomas G. Fitch, Alan P. Goodrich, Roy Hamady, Harold Hartt, William E. Hawkins, James L. Hicks, Robert M. Hubler, Sinclair O. Ingham, William M. Ingham, Vernon E. LeDuc, William F. Lemon, Neil J. McNeil, Robert A. Marx, Wilbur R. McCrum, William L. McKinley, Frank L. Navarre, Henry R. Osterhout, Dean R. Phillips, Robert J. Ruehl, Robert J. Smith, Wayne L. Swett, William D. Town, Robert C. Whitman, Maurice E. Willits, and Marlen D. Yoder.

Most of these men have now left Fort Custer, but where they were sent is still unknown.

Cliff VanAuken was recently called, and Tom Gerls left last week for the navy.



GRACE D. ROBERTS

Prof. Grace Roberts Resigns Position

With deep regret the administration of Alma College announced the resignation of Professor Grace D. Roberts, who plans to retire from active teaching on September 1, 1943.

Miss Roberts, as head of the department of theory, piano and pipe organ, has served Alma College since 1909 and is at the present time ranking full-time professor of Alma's faculty, with the exception of Dean Mitchell who is rendering part time service in the history department.

Through these years, Miss Roberts has upheld a high standard for the music department and has given of her strength unceasingly in promoting high ideals of music in the student body.

Miss Roberts and her sister plan to spend the summer with relatives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hamilton Gives Radio Address Over WJR

"Braced on the twin supports of free scholarship striving for truth, and on religion through the living church, the church-related college offers a broad democratic education which the modern young man and woman cannot afford to neglect, and which prepares youth for public and private service," declared Acting President Roy W. Hamilton in a radio address over WJR last Saturday, April 10 at 1:30 p. m.

His talk was one of a series of weekly speeches sponsored by the Church-Related Colleges of Michigan, on the general theme "The Role of the Church-Related College in American Life and Education." Prof. Hamilton spoke on "Democracy and the Church-Related College."

Dr. W. J. Cameron To Deliver Address

Dr. William J. Cameron of the Ford Motor Company, who has gained an international reputation as a speaker on the Ford Sunday Evening hour, has accepted the invitation of Alma College to deliver the commencement address on Saturday morning, June 5th, 1943, at ten o'clock.

"Alma is very fortunate in being able to secure a man of such outstanding talents as Dr. Cameron," declared Acting President Roy Hamilton. He has in general refused invitations for commencement addresses this year, but in view of his ties with Alma he has made an exception.

Dr. Cameron was granted the degree of LL.D. from Alma college in June, 1935. Mr. Henry Ford visited the campus to witness the ceremony.

Dr. Cameron has not yet announced the subject for his address.

Colleges of London's Cambridge university are planning a short course in swing music in April.

Alma College War Council Plans Red Cross Work and Bond Sale

Speaker's Bureau for County Organizations and Service Edition of the Almanian Are Planned

"If we work doubly hard, the Alma College War Council can accomplish a lot, even though we began late in the school year," asserted Professor Wesley Rowland, co-chairman.

The council, which has its headquarters in the Alumni office, meets each Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 in the Old Chapel.

Officers of the group are Professor Wesley Rowland and Eugene Grove, co-chairmen; Virginia Feighner, recording secretary; Dona Peterson, corresponding secretary; and Lennie Meyer, treasurer.

Work With Red Cross

Kay Peshke and Lois Fowler are cooperating with the Red Cross

REVEREND BOVENKERK TELLS OF JAP PRISONS

"A person accustomed to the American way of life could never realize the treatment of American prisoners in Japan without actually being there," said Rev. H. G. Bovenkerk, who spoke in chapel last Thursday. Rev. Bovenkerk who is on a lecture tour, is speaking mostly to groups of business men. He is sent by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions with cooperation of the Department of Social Education and Action.

Bound for America at the outbreak of the war, Rev. Bovenkerk and other missionaries were returned to Yokohama where they were held in the yacht club. He (Continued on page 4)

Members of Faculty Plan to Attend Meeting

The Michigan Schoolmasters' club will hold its 57th annual meeting at the University of Michigan, April 15, 16 and 17, in cooperation with 14 other Michigan educational organizations. There will be general meetings and departmental group conferences.

Among the Alma college teachers planning to attend are Professors Margaret Foley, Eugene Grove, Sias Rorem and Wesley Rowland.

What They Have to Say About It—

Do you think the girls of Wright hall are doing their bit toward the war? Here's what some of the girls themselves think about it:

Elizabeth Miller—College girls would be able to do more if they had the time. It is difficult for them to do as much as they'd like when they are carrying full schedules. But in spite of other activities, the number of afghan squares are increasing daily! As far as keeping up the morale of the soldiers and keeping the mailman busy, Wright hall girls are at the front.

Margaret Wilson—"I think the girls in Wright hall under the circumstances in the dorm are doing fairly well. Knitting, gathering scrap, collecting stockings and bottle tops, are a few of the things the girls are doing."

Margaret Mason—"Rolling bandages and Red Cross work have been overlooked by the girls. Come on, girls, let's all help to cooperate."

Tex Coley—"No. Up 'till now there hasn't been much spirit among the girls."

Bonnie Taylor—"Well, I think they could do a lot more. A lot of them are knitting, but still they are complaining, which isn't helping the fellows any. Maybe after the War council gets under way, the realization of war will really come to the campus. So far the only

in making out a schedule whereby each girl will be expected to do her share in rolling bandages.

Don Gillard, in charge of the sale of bonds and stamps, reports that such a campaign will be under way soon. Plans are being made for having a bond queen, who would be selected by votes given on the basis of stamps bought.

A principal aim of the group is to keep in contact with Alma fellows in the armed forces. Under the direction of Ann Clack, a list of service men and their addresses will be compiled. Professor Herman Spencer and Marion Spalsbury will be in charge of a service edition of the Almanian.

Speakers' Bureau

Letters have been sent to 80 organizations in Gratiot county informing them to the council's work, and offering the services of a speakers' bureau. Speech students are working on morale and informative talks which will be given upon request.

Other plans of the council include blood donations, a parade, all-college open house, and radio program.

Members of Group

Members of the council and groups they represent are Prof. Rowland and Kean Angelus, debate; Virginia Feighner, dramatics; Miss Charlotte Klein, library; Dona Peterson, religious life; Beulah Brace and Don Gillard, Student council; Shirley Wenger, WAA; Donna Jean Francis, IRC; Lennie Meyer, Co-op council; Prof. Grove and Lois Fowler, music; Warren Heitman, athletics; Prof. Hamilton, administration; Prof. Spencer and Marion Spalsbury, Almanian; Sutherland Hayden, Delta Gamma Tau; Charles Ford, Zeta Sigma; Bob Baker, Phi Phi Alpha; Mary Catherine Bell, Alpha Theta; Kay Peshke, Kappa Iota; and Ann Clack, Sigma Philo.

realization we have is the fact that a lot of the familiar faces on the campus are now missing."

Allison Smith—"No, definitely not! I think if every girl in the dorm contributed fifty cents or more, we could easily collect fifty dollars for the Red Cross, or war bonds and stamps."

Amy Middleton—"We're all doing a little bit, but not as much as we can. Maybe we're not certain of what we can do here at the college."

Lennie Meyers—"Frankly, no. We're not conscientious enough. We are living in a separate world up here, oblivious of the war. Social life seems to dominate our minds."

Margaret Jones—"As far as moral support goes, we are giving our all, but as far as concrete effort goes, we are a little lax. We are willing to do things with words but we fail to make practical application of our high ideals."

Rama Kirkwood—"No. I don't believe up until now girls in Wright hall have thought seriously about the war. We were in a world of our own. Perhaps the call of all the fellows into the armed services has wakened us all. However, now the machinery has been set up for our participation in these activities, I firmly believe that we all will do our utmost in our small way to hasten an Allied Victory."
Myrt Croft—"Nope." ...

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Where We Stand

As Jim pointed out in his last editorial, it is unusual to be switching Almanian editors this time of year. Because the ERC did make such a change necessary, however, it seems a good time for your new editor to state some of the policies of The Almanian.

"The Almanian is the 'Student Publication of Alma College'—it says that under the nameplate and we mean to keep it that way. We want the faculty and alumni to read the paper, but we're writing it with an eye on what the present students and our men in the services want.

We can't publish the paper you want unless we have the fullest cooperation of students and faculty in getting the news. There has been comment about the amount of filler used—you help us out, and there won't have to be filler.

Our staff is too small to enable us to contact every teacher every week. Therefore, faculty, if you're speaking some place, your classes are doing something unusual, or if someone has written something others would enjoy, write us a note about it, and we'll make it a special point to get the news.

Students, keep us posted on what your organizations and societies are doing. We want to know, and so do others on the campus.

Beginning with the next issue, space will be provided for public letters from both students and faculty. If you want to air your opinions, tell them to the Almanian. If you wish, we won't print your name, but no anonymous contributions will be printed.

If you want to be certain that your contribution is printed, see that it has been given to the editor by Friday evening, if possible, and Sunday noon, for sure.

With your cooperation and the help of a good staff, your new editor promises to work her hardest and try her best to give you an Almanian that you will enjoy.

We Must Help

It won't be long before the Alma College War Council will be asking you to buy bonds and stamps, donate blood, roll bandages, and write to men in the services.

Cooperate all you can—every bit you do will help all the Alma college fellows who are serving in the armed forces. If you skip a movie and buy an extra war stamp, or if you spend an hour rolling bandages instead of wasting it, you will be helping Stoop, Crit, Goldie, Dutch, Mac—and all the other Alma men who have left and are leaving for services.

We haven't all been asked to leave our sheltered college life—but we can support those who have left. Remember? The fellows who just left in the ERC asked that we not forget them. One way to show them that we haven't is to actively support the War council program.

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Swipes Take it Easy for Their Own Banquet

Take it from one of the girl-swipes-for-the evening: Ruthie certainly thinks a lot of her boys, the swipes, and she really gave them a banquet recently. The meal included shrimp cocktail, fruit salad, stuffed pork chops, buttered corn, French fried potatoes, graham cracker pie, coffee, and milk.

When they finished their shrimp cocktail the swipes said they felt like kings when they saw Norma Hass, Jean Humphries, Marge McCarty, and Bonnie Taylor come into the dining room with huge plates piled high with food.

Of course, the girls say they didn't feel very much at ease wearing their extra large swipe jackets and carrying those heavy trays over the slippery floor but with as much poise as possible, they came to realize just what the Wright hall swipes go through. "How do they do it?" The girls wonder.

The University of Utah is the oldest state university west of the Mississippi river.

Zeta Sigma 'Big League' Team Holds Spring Camp in Alma This Year

Spring vacation is now past, but closely connected with the word "spring" is the thought of that Spenceian pastime—baseball. The customary procedure of Zeta Sigma has been to hold its spring training camp at either Bass or Crystal lake, but due to wartime restrictions on transportation and other training essentials, they will hold their camp right here in Alma.

Zeta Sigma's practice began with the entrance of spring vacation. Reporting to the frat house the first day of vacation were "Moose" Walters, an outfielder with great possibilities; Don Fisher, who worked out diligently even though he didn't sign his bonus clause contract until just a few days ago; and C. Herbert Kegel,

who should prove an asset to the team because of his ability to talk the opposition into utter and inglorious defeat.

In the wee hours of Monday morning, "Yardbird" Geisenhaver's train pulled in from Honky Tonk, Michigan. His only words at the time were, "I'm in the pink." Harry Morley, a player from way back, signed his contract Tuesday afternoon and then left for Chicago to pick up his equipment. Bob Dengler is also ready to don the flannels.

The training table is at Vic's and wholesome foods and beverages are the dish of this early squad. Another prime requisite of the boys is the nightly jaunt downtown. "This," says head-trainer Moose, "is stimulating to the leg muscles and the fresh air aids the clearness of the head."

Pitcher Art Geisenhaver has been having trouble keeping his high ball in control and as a result, Don Fisher had to be carried into the house Wednesday evening because he was hit by one.

If all of the later arrivals can reach as splendid a peak of condition as did these boys, the team should do well. However the team will miss Neil MacNeil, who during his four years at Zeta Sigma did so much to see that training hours and habits were obeyed rigidly. The team is counting heavily on the teamwork of Darb Tait, who has not yet visited the camp. Charley Ford, Warren Heitman, Jim Miller, and Bill Wendt have also been lavishly praised by Head scout Bill Tubbs.

WHY?

He was genial and fine,
A friend through and through;
He was killed here at home—
How his death was mourned too.

But that was a year ago,
A year of blood and hate;
A year of scars and tears,
A year of glorious fate.

A year where thousands died,
Where thousands yet will die;
Where flags unfurl and shrapnel blasts,
Where men just fall and lie....

Where desert sands and ocean waters,
Cover the innocent ally
And enemy as well, crash
In their mechanical birds and die.

Where patriots shout,
And Congressmen bicker,
Where food is rationed,
And supplies go quicker.

Yet little brothers—younger still
Are off to the battle—a foreign shore
So that in some far-off land
They may fall to the cannon's roar!

They meet this fate he met,
That day a year ago past,
Hit by a car. The doctor said,
"Just a matter of minutes. He can't last."

But he was buried in his country,
His people laid him to rest,
His friends came to see him,
And place the wreath across his breast.

But none will bid goodbye
To these thousands on their last trod,
No friends will close their lids
None of their own to turn the sod.

Yet they meet the fate he met
That day a year ago past
With stout hearts and heads high
And game spirits to the last.

They meet this fate, willingly,
sure
That though they go his way
Without even the aid of their loved
They go to bring a day.

A day that lights the torch of reason,
A day that prophets have foretold,

A day when freedom will ring
And all youth will have time to grow old.

Sure through their last breath
That something bigger will live.
Let's show this time they're right
That their lives were not too much to give!

Let's make sure that there is a difference,
That these thousands could not just as well
Have fallen beneath autos
As to face the guns of hell.

Let's make sure we know why they fought,
And why we live to see,
That the world as a neighborhood
Can thrive and can be free.
—Beth Aron

Where They Are

One complaint of the Alma boys going into the service has been that they lose track of their friends, both in the service and in civilian life. To help remedy this, the Almanian is printing addresses of boys in the service, so that their friends in Alma may stay in touch with them and they may keep up with fellow service men. If anyone learns of a change in a boy's address, he can help by leaving it at the Almanian office. The Almanian will reprint the boys' addresses as they are changed.

Pvt. John Tobin, Co. C, 320th Inf., A.P.O. No. 35, Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Lt. Robert M. Brown, 322nd Ft. Sqdn., Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Pvt. K. D. Plaxton, B.T.C. II, 8 Flight 73a, T.G. 805, Fresno, California.

Pvt. Wayne E. Dorsett, 410th Training Group, Flight G. B.T.C. No. 4, Miami Beach, Florida.

Lt. J. H. Mathews, A.A.F.B.S. No. 206, Midland, Tex.

Al Kirk, A.C., Co. 159, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.

Sgt. H. Draper, 7th T.S.S., Bk. 369 Chanute Falls, Ill.

Cpl. James Cotter, Hdq. Det., Finance R.T.C., Fort Benj. Harrison, Indiana.

Pvt. Paul Robert French, 313 C.T.D. Air Crew, Flight University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of John Hopkins university, is the new president of the American Association for the advancement of Science.

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Although women are filling many University of Oklahoma campus jobs formerly held by men, a man has been hired to wait table in Hester hall, women's dormitory.

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Saturday, April 17
**"Saddle Mountain
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Sun. and Mon., April 18-19
JOSEPH COTTEN and
DOLORES DEL RIO in
"Journey Into Fear"

Phis Break Nisbet's 'Non-Date' Complex

Mr. Stephen Robert Nisbet of Alma College and Phi Phi Alpha fraternity recently broke his 'non-date' complex. "In view of the modern-day strain on the resources and abilities of the average coed, there is a definite need for complete and unrestrained relation from time to time. This can be effected only by association with sympathetic, kind, and considerate members of the ever-shrinking male population. I have found in my endless research concerning this nearly-overwhelming problem that the Marines

lend themselves admirably to this cause," said Mr. Nisbet.

Partially overcome with his sorrow for the current coed crop, Mr. Nisbet eased himself into a large overstuffed chair in the lounge of the Phi Manor and took a stiff bracer of a double orange juice, and revived, went on to say, "I consider it the duty of every able-bodied male to do his bit for the benefit of our war effort. Some men are fighting in far-off lands, some do defense work and buy war bonds; I am volunteering my talents by aiding in the maintenance of morale on the campus front." To this end Mr. Nisbet began his campaign by 'show-ing and coking' with queen Nettie Wilson of the class of '46.

New theater courses in puppetry are offered at Western college, Oxford, Ohio.

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"Spring has come,
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You know the signs as well as we do . . . There are longing glances thru the window to the sunny outdoors from math classes . . . There is Chuck Kegel happily tripping out to the golf course for some early practice . . . There are the Phis and Lydia practically living on the tennis court . . . except when Mundell and Steve take time out for track . . . There are softball games behind the dorm for the girls (?) . . . and Humphries and Wunderlich are warming up those pitching arms . . . baseball of course . . . There are several brave souls who braved the cool breezes to get in some sunbathing before the rush season begins on the roof . . . in fact it seems to have actually worked . . . Have you seen Monty or Dottie Oliver, or Olander lately? . . . Those tans did not come through the courtesy of Max Factor . . . There are even bicycles flashing by if someone can manage to take one from some little kid smaller than himself . . .

Yes, you can't miss this season with the ever increasing brush-cuts and feather cuts . . . and Norma Lincoln tearing around in the flashiest green coat we've ever seen . . .

There are great plans being made in the dorm to get up early and play a few sets of tennis before breakfast . . . Patty and Wadley really came through Sunday morning and nearly froze to death . . . just ask them . . . We figure the best way to play tennis these mornings, at least for a week or so, is the way Fowler and Ross do it . . . They jump out of bed at the ungodly hour of 6 a. m., take a quick look out the window, decide that they let their enthusiasm run away with them, and go back to bed . . .

Enough said about the athletic life our campus is leading . . . what else does spring bring to mind? . . . if anything? . . . Yes, you've seen them strolling down every path and byway in town, hand in hand . . . in spring a young man's fancy, and all that sort of thing . . . Just to prove what a revolutionary trend things are taking . . . there are Nisbet and Mundell turning over new leaves, we hope . . . You'll have to admit Nettie and Kreulen certainly broke precedence . . . Under the heading of spring combinations also might be included Butler and Humphries . . .

Surprise of the week was the marriage of Marge Peshke and Jim Brinkerhoff in Detroit . . . They have the best wishes of all of us . . . we will miss them both . . . Congratulations will be in order for Donna Jean too . . . In case you hadn't heard, she was married to her soldier boy yesterday in Saginaw . . .

By the way . . . wonder who started that jacks tournament on the tennis court? ?

Tells of Jap Prisons (Continued from Page 1)

was later held in two similar internment camps at Osaka and Nagasaki until January, 1942.

Prison Conditions

He told of the prisons, where their beds consisted of two filthy quilts per person, where the food was impure, and they were not allowed to speak to visitors. He said visitors were thoroughly investigated and often prosecuted.

A former student, disguised as a coolie, smuggled in a loaf of bread to his friends, and a Christian Japanese high school principal gave the inmates mattresses, soap, toothbrushes, underwear, and pajamas. For aiding fellow Christians, this man was blacklisted by the police.

Camps Contrasted

Rev. Bovenkerk contrasted the Jap camps with the American camps, where the American-Japanese are well treated and by a thorough relocation process, are placed in comfortable, clean camps. He emphasized that the American Japs, upon seeing in action the honesty and fairness of democracy, are loyal to the United States. In closing he said: "If we could see underneath these American Japs we would find that they too have hearts as we do."

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Bruce Mellinger and Sgt. McLain Visit Phis

Bruce Mellinger, Alma valedictorian, '42, returned for a brief visit to Phi Phi Alpha before vacation. Bruce, debator and student council president, is attending the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at the University of Chicago.

Sgt. William "Bud" McLain, '42, visited briefly last week-end. He has seen action in Alaska as an aerial gunner, stationed at Paine Field, Washington. "Bud" was called by the army in December, 1941.

Look at All the Signs; Spring Must Be Here

A few sunny days and warm breezes have certainly done wonders to Alma College. That "back to nature" feeling is upon everyone. Crowds line the tennis courts; archery fans race through the still-dead grass searching for wandering arrows; sun-worshippers take over the Wright Hall roof; hikers trip through Conservation Park and the golf course; and bicyclists pedal merrily down the streets.

Every afternoon finds an enthusiastic softball game in progress behind Wright Hall. The fellows aren't really all left-handed batters—that's just the handicap they must play under to get into this girls' game.

However, over at the other side of the campus we find male superiority at its height as the trackmen puff round and round the track. Nearby, inside the gym, gathers a "practice-makes-perfect" group of tennis fans who believe in volleying against the wall in private.

And last but surely not least, one discovers the people who prefer to soak in their vitamin D as spectators from the chapel steps. Whichever way you take it, it's

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