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## Marjorie Ann Hines To Give Recital

Marjorie Ann Hines, junior from Pierce City, Missouri, will give an invitational piano recital in the old chapel next Sunday, May 16, at 4 p. m. It will be sponsored by the music department and Professor Grace D. Roberts. Lois Fowler, soprano, and Betty Elliott, alto, will sing, and members of Sigma Philo, her sorority, will assist as ushers.

Marjorie came here at the beginning of her sophomore year, from Joplin Junior College in Joplin, Missouri. She is majoring in music, and has studied piano for fifteen years.

Marjorie's program will include:

### Program

- Gavotte in B Minor ..... Bach
- Sonata, Op. 31, No. 2 ..... Beethoven
- Song Without Words, Op. 53, No. 4, ..... Mendelssohn
- Hark, Hark, the Lark ..... Schubert-Liszt
- Malaguena ..... Lecuona
- Golliwogg's Cake-Walk ..... Debussy
- Scotch Tone Poem ..... MacDowell
- Concert Etude ..... MacDowell

### Plays For Dr. Mannheimer

Last Friday Marjorie, accompanied by Prof. Roberts, went to East Lansing, where she took an examination from Dr. Frank Mannheimer, head of the Department of Piano Music at Michigan State college. Marjorie may study under Dr. Mannheimer this summer or next fall.

## Clack Speaks To Navy Club

Professor Robert Clack, spoke to the members of the Alma College Navy club at their regular meeting last Monday night at 8:30 p. m. in their club room in the basement of Pioneer hall.

In his lecture Prof. Clack made a general survey of the most important points of the theory and mathematics of navigation. He explained the principles and use of the Mercator projection map, the stereographic charts and the great circle maps. He then demonstrated the computation of the two types of courses followed by mariners, the rhumb line and the great circle courses, and discussed piloting, dead reckoning and celestial navigation, which are the three prime methods of sailing. The talk ended with an explanation and demonstration of the sextant, an important instrument for finding and measuring positions on the globe by sighting on known Heavenly bodies. After the meeting Prof. Clack pointed out to the tars the more important stars and their paths through the sky.

## Sir Donna Converse Writes of ERC Fellows in Sunny California

I don't think we said goodbye, so goodbye. Well, how was the bonny weather over spring vacation?

Have Mike tell you about my shaving experience? The next time I attempt the ordeal I intend to have a Red Cross ambulance outside so that my plasma will not be shed in vain, but will be donated to a worthy cause.

The army really knows how to place men. Most of the Delts have been on K. P. I know of only two Phis that have been on. Ordinarily K. P. wouldn't be so bad, but who wants it from 12 to 18 hours a day?

I am on fire detail. From 7 in the morning 'till 3, I take care of the fires in about ten of the buildings around here. A soft job. I only have to make the rounds about every two hours and it takes about 20 minutes. Besides, there are about three other guys working with me.

## Alma College Bond Queen



RUTHE KREULEN

## Brunette Queen Ruthe Is Surprised By Her Recent Whirlwind Election

In an overwhelming, "dark-horse" victory, Ruthe Kreulen, sophomore, defeated Kay Peshke, Lenore Meyer, Mary Jo Furstenburg and other contestants to reign as Alma's first Bond Queen.

A slender brunette with green eyes and an impish smile, Ruthe is an attractive and gracious queen. About her whirlwind election and title, she merely states that she was "surprised and thrilled."

Born February 7, 1924, in Bay City, she attended school there and was graduated from Bay City Central High in 1941. Well known

as a pianist and organist at Alma College, Ruthe's major is in music and her career will undoubtedly be "something in the way of music, but not teaching." As hobbies, she favors tennis and more music.

Ruthe is a member of Alpha Theta sorority and organist for the college choir and the Alma Episcopal church.

## Campus Day Queen To Be Elected

Once again comes the great Scot holiday, Campus day, which will be celebrated this year on Wednesday, May 19. Highlights of the celebration will be the boys' and girls' championship softball games in the morning, an organ recital by Professor Grace Roberts broadcast over the campus, a picnic luncheon in the grove, the coronation ceremony of the new Campus day queen, the Highland Fling and maypole dances, the archery contests, the freshmen-sophomore tug-of-war across the Pine river in the afternoon, the Queen's Ball in the Chapel rec room at 8:30 in the evening.

The Campus day queen, a senior, and her court of junior and senior women, will be elected next week.

Tickets for the Ball will go on sale then. This year a missing feature will be the Kiltie Band, depleted by the Army, Navy and Marines, and Charles "Scotty" Purves the bagpiper, who is in Army Meteorological training at the University of Chicago. An effort is being made, however to provide some kind of Scottish music for the occasion, according to Miss Jean (Continued on page 4)

## Students May Return to College When Navy Trainees Arrive

### Administration Pondering Question of Three-Term Year; Hamilton to Go to New York Meeting.

Students desiring to attend Alma college this summer may begin about the first of July, when the Navy trainees come here for their special training, Acting President Roy W. Hamilton has announced. Although the final adjustments have not yet been completed, students will be able to attend classes continuously for regular credit after July 1 for the first time in the history of Alma college.

The Administration has not yet decided whether the entire college will go on a three-term basis with sixteen week terms starting July 1, November 1, and March 1, or whether students may begin classes the latter part of September as usual.

Of the 205 Navy men scheduled to come here, approximately 20% are to be in the V-12 class, which

includes 17-year-olds chosen from high schools by competitive examinations earlier in the year. The other 80% will be V-7 and V-1 men who are undergraduates from Alma or other colleges now enrolled in the V-7 and V-1 programs.

## Club Works on Patriotic Play

The college Drama club in cooperation with the Alma college War council is undertaking the production of patriotic readings, radio skits, and a one act drama. The play selected is "I Pledge My Allegiance" by Basil Ring.

According to the club, this is a thoroughly interesting and patriotic drama displaying the real American spirit, and the apprehending of sabotage by German spies.

The cast for the play has been chosen as follows: Roger Walter, a successful business man, Ken Adler; Hattie Walter, his devoted wife, Shirley Wenger; Patricia Walter, their charming young daughter, Betsy Ross; Chester Walter, their adventurous young son, Wilbur Armstrong; Frieda Schultz, the German maid, Dorothy Strauss; Karl Van Abend, a German agent, Charles Kegell; Ethel Coyne, a school teacher, Patt Williams; and Marion Moresby, of the F.B.I., Virginia Feighner.

## Faculty to Have Picnic Tomorrow at Park

The faculty of the college is planning to imitate the seniors and go to the Conservation park for a leisurely picnic tomorrow evening at 6:30.

The picnic will be "strictly informal," said Professor Eugene Grove, who is in charge of invitations. Prof. and Mrs. Henry Howe are co-chairman of the event, which will consist of a picnic lunch and amusing games.

Acting President Hamilton plans to attend a meeting of Naval officers at Columbia University, New York City, next Friday and Saturday to discuss the plans of the Navy in regard to the training of the Naval reservists in the colleges, and the questions concerning the curricula and lodging of the trainees.

Acting President Hamilton and Business Manager William Ellis attended a meeting of the Executive committee of the Board of Trustees this morning at the Durant Hotel in Flint, to discuss the problem of the college in relation to the new continuous program beginning in July.

## Julia Schaafsma Bosma and Husband Visit Campus

Julia Schaafsma Bosma, former instructor in piano at Alma, and her husband, Dr. James Bosma, spent last week-end visiting her alma mater, and stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Milham.

Sunday afternoon the couple left to visit friends in Grand Haven and Midland, and to return later to Cleveland, where Dr. Bosma is serving his internship and Mrs. Bosma is employed as a recitationist.

## Dr. Moffett Attends College Day Program

Dr. Samuel Moffett represented Alma College in student enlistment last Friday, by participating in a College Day program at Lansing Eastern high school. He explained the curricula, expenses, and activities here at Alma.

## Culture Must be Kept Alive

Last week, someone sprang up with the bright idea of asking us students what we thought the college situation was likely to be after the war. Some moaned about "fast" social life and doomed the coming generation from the beginning. Others thought the educational system as such would change to more technical lines. I came out with the happy thought that they'd better stick to culture or all's lost. Well, I guess I stuck my neck out so far that now I find I'm asked to explain further or else. So you know the saying if you can't talk your way out of a thing, put your foot in instead, and die trying.

It seems to me that the world has turned its back on psychology, on living, on language and fine arts. It has had to turn its back on them to fight this war. Guns are made by science, and shot with a knowledge of math, and troops have to be prepared with this type of book learning. But after you've conquered, triumphed with engineers, accountants, and scientists, you either will have the world as a going concern again or the world standing still—and standing still it will be if we don't continue to give all-around liberal education in the colleges.

I'm not idealist enough to think this machine age can survive with music, literature and art to feed it, but I'm realist enough to know if we turn our backs on cultural advancement now, that we can return to the caveman days again without anyone being the loser. Sure we have to earn a living. I do as well as soldiers returning from the battlefields, those put out of the schools. But if we don't try and keep that spark of refinement and of decency in a world that's going to be seeking some foundation for its rehabilitation, we will be back in the war rut again. We need a peacetime economy that will be backed by a peacetime culture. The colleges have to supply this element, the element of highly trained leaders in living and they can't fall down on the job.

—Beth Aron.



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## Consider the Pre-Med Student

Ordinarily there is little talk about the life of the pre-med student; he goes along in his uneventful path, studying a variety of subjects, and haunting the chemistry labs. Since the outbreak of the war, there has been much talk about pre-engineers, pre-dental, and pre-medics. For at last, the world is thinking more about the education of every person now in college.

In these times of furious speeding-up and "all out for victory" there is great opportunity for the student already enrolled in his professional school to finish his training in less than normal time and then serve his country. However, there are still people who call these "pre" students "draft-dodgers." There are a few persons who would take this means of evasion but we can only know for sure about these people by observing their actions at the end of the war.

It's the people who think medical students are slackers who are really harming themselves as well as others. There is a dire need for doctors in every branch of the armed forces and the people at home in war plants, who are doing more dangerous work than ever before, are faced with a shortage of having only two-thirds to one-half as many nurses and one-half to one-fourth as many M.D.'s as in pre-war days.

The government is calling nearly all of the graduates of medical schools. Therefore, in a time when there is a great necessity for more and more doctors, can't we encourage rather than discourage pre-medical students? The courses of colleges of medicine, very strict and thorough in normal times, are now increasingly difficult, with a constant year-round schedule, no vacations, increased study of military and industrial medicine, and a stepped-up program to allow the student to complete his education and internship earlier.

Let us, therefore, be more considerate of those who have actually dedicated their lives to our health and general welfare.

—Bob Baker.

## That's Not Cricket

Some mistakes in last week's Almanian have been called to our attention. We quite unintentionally called Col. Frank Knox the Secretary of War when we knew very well that he's the Secretary of the Navy, and just as unintentionally, we made a few other errors. We apologize to those concerned, especially to Col. Knox. We still can't figure out how that happened.

It's easier to understand how the other errors occurred. We'd worked on the Almanian all day, and by the time we read page proofs, those words were dancing before our eyes.

We don't mind being told about the mistakes—when we make them, we deserve the blame. However, your editor wishes that the blame would be placed on her—not on the staff members. They receive no remuneration for their hours of slaving. They do it just because they like it.

If the paper has any merit, it's because of a faithful staff. They are not responsible for its faults and the mistakes in proofreading. It doesn't seem cricket to your editor that they should be blamed. After all, she'd be in a pretty mess if they should all get disgusted and quit!

## News From Sir Donna

(Continued from page 1)

of now. Rumor has it that we are headed west.

From Camp Roberts, Calif. Sunday, April 11:

Well, here I am, right where the rumor said we were going. I am going to be a full-fledged caisson, seeing as how I'm in the field artillery.

Had a nice trip out here. We started at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and arrived here about 5 o'clock Sunday morning. At meal times our train stopped and we ate in real classy places.

We arrived at Los Angeles Saturday morning, and were free the whole day. Hubler, Goodrich and I took in all the sights. One half-tight guy staggered up to me and insisted on buying me a bottle of beer. I was tempted to go when I remembered what ma told me, and I politely refused.

Here at camp we all got split up. I hope to see some of the guys tomorrow and find out what barracks they're in. Right now there is a burley crap game going on a few feet away. I expect to write home for money soon.

His majesty,  
Sir Donna (Converse)

## A SOLDIER THINKS

A soldier hid in the ground one night  
So weary and far away.  
He'd had no sleep, but only watched—  
The sky was turning grey  
With the first brave light of dawn.  
His thoughts were running away with him,  
He knew not what he did.  
He only knew the crack of a bush  
There Jap snipers might be hid  
To shoot him dead at the first brave move.

He wasn't afraid to step out in front  
And face the shot of that deadly gun.  
But he wanted time to think awhile  
About people back home, and the things  
He'd done in days gone by.

It wasn't so very long ago—  
He'd ridden his bicycle down the street,  
He'd seen the girl with the beautiful eyes,  
And just by chance, he'd happened to meet  
Her that same night.

"Wonder what she's doing now,  
Lonely and blue from waiting long,  
But I can't go back to give her all  
They're out there, and they're so strong,  
And I'm so weak.

"They didn't come with supplies from home.  
They betrayed us—we who stood out there  
On the island bare, and gave them everything we had,  
Before they marched upon us.

"Reinforcements came—in time  
To help the Japs, they say.  
And so, we're shot with our home-made guns,  
But that's a silly way to talk today."

His thoughts wandered on to home and country,  
Brave and right, and back again  
To school and church, and the girl he met that night  
By chance at the village gate.

He's fighting—and dying—so we may have  
The liberties he left behind.  
But some day I'm sure we'll find  
The reason why this had to be.

"Too little and too late," they say.  
We've made it worse for them out there.  
They know we gave them up for dead  
And didn't treat them squarely,  
As though we didn't thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

They gave their all, those upright men  
That we might live in grateful peace  
With all the nations, big and small  
And wars within the world will cease  
To be among us.

He died, that soldier, thinking there  
In jungle deep and thick.  
Now we must give our all to lick  
Those cruel foes.

And so we lift our prayer to God,  
Our Father, greatest of them all,  
That He might give us help once more

So that our nation will not fall  
In danger and in woe.

"O Christ, give us your gift of peace,  
And claim us as Your own.  
Make us to see that only You,  
Can keep our world a throne  
Of righteousness.

"Make us fight for the cause we serve,  
And keep us, Lord, from hatred,  
Cruelty, and strife,  
And give us everlasting life  
Forever more."  
—Carol Ridley

## Mary Anne Bowen Writes Words of WAA Song

Lacking a theme song, Mary Anne Bowen took it upon herself to remedy the situation. The following is what she submitted.... to the tune of the Marine's Hymn. It fits to a "T" and drew quite an applause when first introduced at the banquet Thursday night.  
From the playground to the dance floor

W.A.A. girls do shine.  
Recreation is our program word,  
and for all a happy time.  
Fair play, clean fun's our motto,  
Good health, good lives, our aim,  
We will always pull together,  
W.A.A. is our name.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

### Don't Throw That Away

Alma Men and Women:  
This is one Campus Comment letter that isn't directed at some one person or organization! If you're not wasteful, don't read this letter, for it will just be a waste of time for you. BUT, if you do waste paper, butter, pencils or any other little thing, like most of us, please, for your own good, and for the good of the country, just consider every scrap, every morsel, every shred as a potentially valuable object, and then reconsider just what you were going to do with it. In this way, I believe that our percentage of waste would go down about 99%  
A frugal friend.

### Gripe About It Here

Fellow Almanians:  
This is a gripe letter about the people who are always griping about something or other, and never stopping to hear someone else gripe. That is because the perennial griper, just like everyone else, hates to hear the above-mentioned when he is not in the mood for it!  
I suggest that we make use of the column in the Almanian dedicated specifically to this type of self-expression! In this way, we will get our complainin' done in "jig-time," and be able to present a cheerful face to the other inmates of this institution the rest of the time.  
I. Gripe, '44.

## Where They Are

Ensign William Fraser Malcolm, USNR, US Naval Armed Guard Center, 1st Ave. at 52nd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

S/Sgt. Andy Horne, 21st Observation Squad., Northern Field, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tenn.

Don Mattison, A.C. V-5 USNR, 302 Manly Hall, USN Pre-Flight School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

A/C Duane Waters, Squadron 2 Tech. Training, Room 317 Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Candidate Chas. W. Doyle, 6th Co. Officer Cand. School, Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Herb C. Dahl Rm. 103 Hotel Pantlind, Aviation Cadet Detachment, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Francis L. Sherman, Midshipman, Rm. 906 820 Tower Court, USNR Midshipman School, Chicago, Illinois.

Sgt. Harold Draper, Base Weather Station, Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

A/C Peterson, Geo. M., Squad. 37—I, SAAB, Sante Anna, California.

Cadet Keith E. Carey, 14th Battalion, Rm 346 Hillcrest, Navy Pre-Flight School, Iowa City, Iowa.

Sgt. Gayle R. Sexton, 1667 D. Service Unit, 501 North Central Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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PHILIP DORN, ANNA STEN  
and John Shepherd in  
"The Chetnicks"



## Obstacle Course Is Main Topic for Discussion as Fellows, Girls Try It

Aside from the regular track boys, the runway was quite empty this past week. Baseball, aside from the scheduled games, was set aside, too. What extra time the fellows had they spent it over at the new obstacle course which was completed the week before. And those who have already tried it out say it really gives one a super workout. There might be one who opposes this statement and that's Bob MacFarlane. No wonder, he walks most of the time.

### Splash

The holder of the title of the one who has covered the course in the fastest time at present is Jack Heimforth, who did so in 3 minutes and fifty-one seconds. Bill Galinet is going to become a trim Navy man if he has to spend his nights over in the jungle running the trail. Without a doubt Bill will never live to see life begin at 40. A prediction is that Chuck Ford will probably accompany Bill on these excursions. Gabby Gillard can be proud. He has cleared the mud pond twice to date. Funny part is that all those who do fall in, thus becoming mud bathers, love it.

Coach Macdonald sits back and enjoys it all, especially when he hears that familiar "splash." He says that every boy in Alma College at the present time should traverse the course at least twice a day and that it's hard work and hard play that'll make the man.

### Girls Stick To It

Last Thursday a half dozen girls—Bev Smith, Jerry Wadley, Mary Ann Bowen, Sharpe, Wunderlick, and Lydia went over the course to see what it was like. Lead by Gabby, and caperoned by Mr. Nisbet and Mr. Bennett, they managed to clear all the obstacles; except the mud hole (but then who can), the rope, and hand over hand bar. In spite of a few sore backs and sore muscles and minor bruises they admit it was fun.

### Award Letters, Medal at Annual WAA Banquet

Thursday night, May 6, the Women's Athletic Association held their annual formal banquet to honor girls who have been exceptionally active in all-round activities, especially sports. Lennie Meyers, retiring president of the association, presided over the affair.

Awards were distributed by Donna Jean Cappell, chairman of the committee of awards for this past season. "A" awards were presented to Mary Jean Coley, Rama Kirkwood, Gerry Wadley, Beverly Smith, Marie Monteith, and Betsy Ross. Shirley Wenger was presented with the senior gift. A medal was awarded to Marjorie Wunderlich, the freshman girl who has shown the most interest in WAA activities and sports.

The new executive board who were inducted was introduced by Lennie Meyers. Mary Jean Coley, is the new president; Mary Ann Bowen, vice-president; Marge Kuehn, secretary-treasurer; Betsy Ross, chairman of awards; Nettie Wilson, publicity manager; Allison Smith, group sports; and Lydia Silvani, individual sports.


Honorable mention was given Carol Paterson, Phyllis Yunker, and Helen Olander for their work in WAA.

Hallett Abend, authority on the Far East, recently presented Washington State college with a Chinese landscape painting.

Of 11,278 living members of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity, approximately 2,500 are in the armed services.

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## SCOT SCRATCHES

### Ball Notes

Monday—In a bitterly contested pitchers' duel, Dale Wares of the Delts bested Max Murray of the Phis 2-0. Each pitcher allowed but three hits.

Tuesday—In a game marked with plenty of errors, Pioneer Hall defeated the Zetas 8-3, although outhit 5-4 by the ever-trying Zeta boys.

Wednesday—Showing a great deal of power, the Phis shellacked the offerings of Ken Adler for 10 runs and 12 hits as Max Murray again pitched a three hitter to beat Pioneer 10-1.

Thursday—Jumping on the pitching of Darb Tait for three runs in the first inning the Delts went on to beat the Zetas 8-1 to become undisputed leaders of the Softball League.

### Present Day Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Delts . . . . .	3	0	1.000
Phis . . . . .	2	1	.667
Pioneer . . . . .	1	2	.333
Zetas . . . . .	0	3	.000

### Luck to Thinclads

Friday, the 14th, marks the big day for the track men for it's then that they compete in the MIAA outdoor track meet to be held at Albion. That warm weather that Coach Mac was praying for didn't come; but the boys have been working extra hard making real use of every minute out on the run. Our hopes of victory are still high.

### Albion Track Men Defeated by U. of M.

Albion's track team was defeated by the University of Michigan's "B" track team by a score of 92½ to 47½. The scene of the event was Ferry field, Ann Arbor, last Saturday.

Michigan's team outrated the Britons in team strength but Albion was still able to win six of the sixteen events.

Outstanding performances are credited to Fred Rydholm, high hurdler, and George Miller, high jumper, who cleared six feet.

## Sport-alities

### Steve

Stephen Robert Nisbet, born under the powerful paw of Leo, the lion, August 30, 1931, comes from Erie, Pennsylvania. Steve's father, former Phi Phi Alpha man who was graduated from Alma College in 1919, is now superintendent of the schools of Fremont, Michigan. Steve questions whether his dad starred or not; but he at least admits he did play on Alma's basketball and baseball teams. Steve's uncle went to Alma, Steve's grandfather went to Alma, Steve's grandmother went to Alma, and now, Steve, too, is going to Alma. This is just a case that runs in the family.

Steve, better known as "Ish," is quite a star on a tennis court, is now third baseman for the Phis, and is outstanding in track, having won the one and two mile runs in the MIAA indoor meet this year.

He just loves to sit, play catch, study Spanish, and day dream. Uhhmmmm . . . wait 'til the Marines catch up with him—he'll change his mind. Jack Mundell must have had some technique in hand, since Steve credits him for his going out on the run.

Most of all, right now, Steve wishes Friday's outdoor meet were over. His worse moment is when Coach says . . . "take off your sweat pants." He also adds that his whole life unreels before him in that moment of suspense waiting for the starting gun to go off.

Steve's favorite tunes are "Please Give Me Something To Remember You By," and the new W.A.A. song.

He's passed through quite a childhood—he always had to be on the lookout since he was a model child. It's not easy having a dad who's superintendent, you know. He'll never forget how scared he was when he was brought before the "board" for throwing pears!

### Rama

Rama Kirkwood, who was born November 14, 1921, decided that the wide open spaces was the life for her. Texas was the guiding light—from there the Kirkwood family moved to the vicinity of the Mexican border. This was around the time the revolutions were very popular. Many a night Rama says she saw some wild shooting. Rama's next move was to Oklahoma, where oil fields and cattle ranches are plentiful. About this time Kalamazoo, Michigan, became Rama's permanent home, where she was graduated from Central high school.

After graduation, the next step was to Alma college, where Rama became active in sports. This included tennis, baseball, ping pong, and dancing. Other activities took much of her time—what with being vice president of her class for three years, on the Debate team, on the Scotsman staff for two years, and a member of Kappa Iota sorority.

Mathematics is Rama's major—she says she won't be satisfied until she has mastered it. As a little side note—Ray says she was taught to ride horseback in Texas; the result—two unexpected but not serious falls.

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Once more the girls will be battling out on the baseball diamond. The Alpha Thetas play the Independent team Tuesday night. Other games scheduled for this week are: Kappa Iota and Independents, Sigma Philo and Alpha Theta, Kappa Iota and Sigma Philo.

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## Wilbur Armstrong Wins Prose Contest

Wilbur Armstrong won the mens' prose division with excerpts from Thurber's "My Life and Hard Times," when four college speakers represented Alma in the Interpretative Men's and Women's Prose and Poetry Reading contest at Michigan State college last Friday, May 7. The contest was sponsored by the Division of Interpretative Reading of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech Association, and representatives of all Michigan colleges participated.

Accompanied by Speech Professor Wesley Rowland and Professor Robert Clack, the four winners of the local contest in March who participated were Elizabeth Miller who gave "Chicago" by Carl Sandburg, and "Silence" by Edgar Lee Masters; Shirley Wenger who read from "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder; and Charles Kegel, who gave "The Letter" from "White Cliffs" by Alice Duer Miller, and "Lidice" by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

One hundred eight recently petroleum engineering graduates at the University of Texas are now in the armed services.

## Russell Fredrickson Is Promoted to Captain

Mr. Russell W. Frederickson, who attended Alma college in '27, and was manager of the Frederickson Motor Sales in Alma, has recently been promoted to the rank of captain in the ordnance department of the U. S. Army, according to information received by his wife, who now is looking after his business here.

Capt. Frederickson had previously served as a first lieutenant. He is with the American expeditionary forces in North Africa and has been commanding officer of the 149th ordnance motor vehicle assembly company since last November. He wrote that his company had received special commendation from the commanding general for gallantry and efficiency.

## Warden, Rabbi, and SPAR Speak

Deputy Warden Francis of Jackson prison told about that institution in a lecture illustrated by technicolor moving pictures in chapel last Monday. He described the program of the institution and told how every prisoner is studied psychologically and a program planned for each inmate.

Thursday, SPAR Ensign Elizabeth Barnes and Yeoman June Read of the WAVES visited the campus. Ensign Barnes spoke in chapel about the requirements, pay, and opportunities for women in the Women's Reserve of the Navy and Coast Guard. From 1:30 until 4:30 p. m. they talked with girls interested in entering these branches of the service.

Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman, of Grand Rapids, was the speaker Tuesday. His subject was "Reconstruction after the War." In the afternoon he was the guest speaker of an IRC forum, when the Jewish problem and economic situation were discussed.

## Two Additions Are at Delt House

There have been two new additions to the Delt Monastery this last week. The first is a dog. Bud Kohler lured the poor unsuspecting animal to the house one night last week and he has been there ever since (the dog). He has no definite name as yet, and consequently he answers to a rather baffling assortment of them. At the present time the "Pledge" seem to be gaining favor.

The second new addition is the T shirts the boys have been sporting since last Thursday. It might not have been the influence of the shirts, but that night the Delt intramural baseball team was once again victorious. This time the victory was won over the men of Zeta Sigma.

## Knowsey Knews

This column is to be read to the tune of that old negro spiritual entitled "O Lord, Bring Back the Summer".... Our dilemma is really critical.... to plan a picnic or not to plan a picnic, that is the question.... One really ought to expect a reasonable degree of security when picking out a day in the middle of May, but frankly it just isn't safe anymore.... Here we have a whole class of meteorology students who shrug their shoulders and hope that since Alma is on a hill perhaps the surrounding mist is just a ground fog and won't touch us.... but at their best it is only a guess, and your guess is as good as theirs, so to take a chance is the only solution....

This has been a busy week.... first the choir presented a program with very gratifying results.... Then the obstacle course got under way full speed.... Just about finished off some of the most athletic material in the dorm too.... Ask Wad or Lydia.... they won't forget it soon.... That was the same day we had the pleasure of meeting the WAVE and the SPAR who certainly made a big hit with us.... those who got to meet them at the spread Lennie threw Wednesday night were all ready to join up.... Who would mind being limited to such a snappy navy blue uniform?

The WAA formal spring banquet was a great success.... Ex-President Lennie Meyer swore in her successor, Shaggy (Whoops! forgive us, Tex) Coley.... Wenger was given honorable mention for spending so much money in so many interesting ways.... Donna Jeane sure does credit to her speech training.... Beulah, just what did become of those two horses you rode over vacation?... Mary Anne presented the words she wrote for a WAA song.... very fine piece of composing, Miss B.

We might take time here to mention what is now becoming a well known campus character.... that black and white pup which the Delt finally adopted, we hear, and christened "Pledge." He certainly tried hard enough to move into Wright Hall so it's a good thing the fellows took him out of circulation....

As the girls' enthusiasm for softball waned along with the spring weather, the boys' contest grows fiercer.... Mother's day went off very well—Even Mother Hutton got a music box from all her daughters in the dorm....

It seems impossible that campus day is only a week away.... guess we'll be electing a Queen of Scots any day now.... Got any ideas on the subject?

A million thanks and a carload of orchids to Miss Miller for her efforts t'other night. Thirty girls thought it was swell of you, Ruthie, —thanks loads!

## Campus Day Is May 19

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Smith and Don Gillard, co-chairmen.

An added highlight to Campus day this year will be a continuous art exhibit in the art studio, arranged by Prof. Roecker. The purpose of the exhibit is to acquaint everyone with the work done by the art classes of Alma college. Featured will be portraits, still life works, flower studies, and samples of the efforts of the class in commercial art.

Eighty-five students work part-time in servicing all departments of the Washington State college library.

Instruction in Russian, Portuguese and Chinese is being offered at Wayne university for the first time.

## A Cappelle Choir Opens Concert Season at PTA

The Alma College a cappella choir directed by Professor Eugene Grove, gave its first short concert last Tuesday night, May 4, at a PTA meeting in the auditorium of Alma high school.

The choir opened with three sacred numbers, "Morning Prayer," "All on the April Evening," and "Hear My Prayer." These were followed by two negro spirituals: the colorful "Way Over Jordan," and "Goin' Home" from Dvorak's Symphony No. 5, "From the New World." The concert closed with Cole Porter's popular "Begin the Beguine," and the singing of the "Alma Mater." Professor Grove was encouraged with the early showing of the choir, which has been inactive a great part of the winter.

The choir will sing at an Alma College Evening Union service of Grand Rapids Presbyterian churches at 7:30 P. M., Sunday, May 23, at the Immanuel Presbyterian church in Grand Rapids, Sunday, May 30 at 4:30. The choir will sing at the Youth assembly, in conjunction with the Presbyterian General assembly, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. An audience of from two to three thousand young people is expected.

## Phis, Delts, and Zetas Have Common Difficulty

At last, there is something in common between the "Dirty Delts," "Zany Zetas," and the "Filthy Phis." All three houses are suffering from an acute lack of degrees in temperature. Of course this "cooling of the houses," due to shortage of furnaces, kindling, coal, etc, is helping to get the boys in shape for their training from Uncle Sammy, what with dashing to the library each evening, cold showers, and longer sleeping hours.

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