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ALMA TO KEEP V-12 UNIT UNTIL NOV.

NAVY PLANNING OF N.R.O.T.C. UNITS DELAYED

The Alma College Naval V-12 training unit contract will be continued for an additional term. President Roy W. Hamilton has received official notice from the United States Navy Department that a four months extension of the V-12 program has been planned. It was expected that the unit would be terminated in July. The reason for the extension is that the Navy Department has postponed its selection of its 50 N. R. O. T. C. units, which will be placed in the larger colleges and uni-

versities sometime before November. This plan is in effect through the country's colleges and universities that have V-12 units.

Exactly how many men will be in the unit after July 1 has not yet been made clear. Whether the men now stationed here will continue to stay here or whether the Navy will send new men here is another question that hangs in the balance, and only time will tell what the outcome will be.

The Navy has made it quite clear, however, that any major a student is now working for may be continued in N. R. O. T. C. when he is transferred to such a unit. Enrollments in Naval Science and Tactics will take place at the same time as they would in a regular N. R. O. T. C. unit. Full credit will be given for this course upon transfer to N. R. O. T. C. Naval officers in numbers necessary will be assigned to the V-12 units to teach Naval Science and Tactics.

The extra term in V-12 will not increase the period of time before a commission will be granted. A total of eight terms of college is the minimum requirement for a commission. When finally established in the major colleges and universities, the Naval Reserve officer Training Corps will replace permanently the V-12 units.

The V-12 program was set up and put into effect on December 12, 1942 to provide a continuing supply of officer candidates in the various fields required by the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. In the words of Rear Admiral Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel:

"...We desire our students to have the benefits of faculty counseling, of extracurricular activities—in short, the best undergraduate education the college can offer."

On July 1, 1943 Alma College, together with approximately 240 other colleges and universities, medical and dental schools, began the Navy V-12 program.

"My Sister Eileen" Ready Next Week

Rehearsals are now well underway for the comedy hit "My Sister Eileen." to be presented by the Alma College Drama Club on Friday evening, April 20, in the high school auditorium.

The rest of the cast has been chosen and includes Ed Hempel as "The Wreck," Les Barkimer as the strawberry vendor, Wally Brieden as Walter Sherwood, Jake Hamel and Dee Draper as two drunks, and Ed Rutherford, Walt Kreske, Floyd Marks, Tom Wilhelm, Chuck Kostan, and Bob Rock as future admirals.

Just reading the list of characters will give the reader some idea of the strange assortment of visitors who invade the unlocked basement apartment of Eileen and Ruth Sherwood in the course of the play. Eileen and Ruth, played by Virgie Kocher and Betty Hartley, are two girls from Columbus, Ohio, looking for careers in New York, Eileen as an actress and Ruth as a writer. Bob Shutes as the art-loving landlord who thinks that a little thing like blasting for a subway under the house should not be a hindrance to a real artist, is good for plenty of laughs. Jean Truman as the former resident of the apartment and a lady of somewhat shady character promises to be one of the highlights of the show, and the rollicking antics of Ed Hempel as the "rambling wreck from Georgia Tech" are guaranteed to have the audience in stitches.

Tickets will be on sale at the Business Office and at the Varsity Shop next week. Remember the date, April 20; the place, high school auditorium; the time, 8:00, and reserve your seat as soon as possible for this comedy hit.

It Happened Here

On Sunday, April 8, Agnes Faegler led the Alma college Christian Fellowship in a discussion on the problems of honesty, its duties, obligations, and privileges. Betty Hartley conducted the devotional services. A closed picnic for those who have taken an active part in Fellowship activities during this year is being planned for sometime in May at Mrs. King's home in St. Louis.

Rather than meeting in homes of faculty members, as was their custom last term, the Fellowship now meets every Sunday in the Chapel because the members feel that such a lovely place of worship should be used for that purpose on the Sabbath.

The Alma College A Cappella choir will begin its spring concert series by singing in the First Presbyterian church of Grand Rapids on April 16. The second trip planned by Mr. Grove and the choir will take place on May 20, when the songsters will make a three-stop trip in one day. The first concert on that day will be

sung at the morning worship service of the First Presbyterian church in Flint. From there the choir will go to Holly, where their second concert will be presented in the Holly Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. At 7:30 the third program will be given for the Men's Sunday Evening Hour at the First Presbyterian church in Dearborn. At this time W. J. Cameron of the Ford Motor company and benefactor of Alma College will speak.

On Saturday morning, April 7 Margaret Jones of Warsaw, Indiana, became the wife of Ens. John Rosencrans, U. S. N. R. Miss Jones, who completed her studies at Alma College in March and who will be graduated in June, met her husband while he was stationed at Alma with the V-12 Unit. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Rhode Island where Ens. Rosencrans is stationed. The Almanian staff join the students and faculty in wishing "Jonesie" and John lots of luck and happiness.

Ex-Student Reports on Underground

Letters have recently been received by President Hamilton and Marjorie McCurdy from Mrs. Andree Verger-Pratoucy of the French Underground. Mrs. Verger-Pratoucy, a particularly outstanding student, came to Alma College under special arrangement with the French Government. She graduated in 1921 and after employment by the Ford Motor Company in editorial work, she returned to France. There she married Verger-Pratoucy, a doctor, and they have one son, Jean Claude, who is 13 years old. For the past four years, Mrs. Verger-Pratoucy has been associated with the French Underground. Her husband is the president of the Resistant and supervises the whole Social Service, Red Cross, and Social Health. In Paris he supervises the national medical affairs (there are 25 for the whole of France) "Conseil Supérieur des Medecins."

Many points of particular interest were included in the letters concerning the conditions in France today.

"Our poor Perigord mourns its pretty villages turned into ashes by Germans billeted in Perigueux (3,000, sometimes more). Rouffignac does not exist any longer. Mouléyrier is but ruins. As for "Les Piles," four miles north of Perigueux, they simply cannoned it until everything was down—even the people in their houses. Just because "maquis" boys had cut trees on the road two miles from there. And you probably heard about the summit of atrocity—Oradour, 15 miles north of Limoges, where all the women and children, about 500, were nicely taken into the church with patting on the children's cheeks with "Come, come, we go to the photographer!" locked in, then suffocated with phosphor-gas, then shot and (continued on page four)

Student Council Plans Campus Day

No muster, no classes, no calisthenics—just fun from reveille to taps. No, sailor, you're not dreaming—it's really going to happen on Campus Day, May 23.

The holiday begins with the men's baseball play-offs at Davis Field at 10:00 a.m. This game will be followed by the sorority play-offs, in which the two high ranking sorority baseball teams will compete for the coveted maroon and white scotty now in the possession of the Alpha Theta's. At noon the chow line will move out on the lawn in front of the Senior House, and there will be a picnic in the grove. Music by the Alma Marching Band will add to the festivity of the meal. At 2:30 comes the highlight of the day, the crowning of the Cam- (continued on page four)

- #### SOCIAL CALENDAR
- April 11—Junior Music Department Recital in Chapel at 4:30.
 - April 13—Saginaw Concert.
 - April 14—Delt's Closed Party, Alpha Theta Closed Party, Movie in Chapel Recreation Room.
 - April 18—College Recital in Chapel at 4:15.
 - April 20—Alumni Council Meeting, "My Sister Eileen."
 - April 21—J-Hop.

Meritorious Achievement in Aerial Flight

For the first time in the history of the Alma College Naval V-12 Unit, there will be held Saturday, an out-of-door military ceremony with a battalion review, at which time the commanding officer, Lieutenant J. E. Scott, will present the Air Medal to Apprentice Seaman Harold Hogue. The Air Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States, in any capacity, subsequent to September 8, 1939, distinguishes himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight. The air medal is a 16 point star upon which a diving eagle holding lightning sparks is centered on a circular background. The ribbon is dark blue with two vertical quarter inch gold stripes near the ends.

Harold Hogue was born in 1924, and comes from the deep south, namely Hopewell, Virginia. He enlisted in the Navy on February 17, 1943 and ten months later, in December of 1943, he received his Aerial Gunners Wings. While in action in the Pacific he participated in campaigns against Guam, Marianas, Palau, Iwo Jima, Haha Jima, Chichi Jima, Bonin Islands and Rota Islands. He came to the Alma Naval V-12 Unit in November of 1944.

The following is a report from Vice Admiral J. S. McCain, Commander, of the Second Carrier Task Force of the United States Pacific Fleet:

In the name of the President of the United States, the Commander, Second Carrier Task Force, United States Pacific Fleet, presents the Air Medal to: HAROLD BASIL HOGUE, JUNIOR, for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For distinguishing himself by meritorious acts as radioman-gunner of a carrier-based torpedo bomber aircraft during operations against the enemy from 29 June to 14 August 1944. The actions during this period consisted of strikes against enemy shipping and installations at or near the Palau Islands and the Bonin and Volcano Islands and strategic and tactical support for landings by the United States forces at Guam Island. During this period he flew a number of sorties in an aircraft of the squadron strike group. On these actions he was of great assistance to his pilot and in spite of all enemy opposition, he maintained a calm and courageous attitude which was a great aid and inspiration to the members of his combat team. His actions at all times were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The presentation will take place on Davis Field at 1100, and the public has been cordially invited to attend the review. Presentation of a scholarship medal to R. M. Ricker, who received the highest scholastic average in the Navy V-12 unit last semester, will also take place at this time.

Alma Debaters to Challenge U. of M.

On Wednesday, April 11 the Alma College Debate Teams will begin this season's activities by meeting a negative team from the University of Michigan. The debate will take place in the chapel at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday morning. The topic to be discussed will be: "Resolved: that the federal government should enact legislation compelling the settlement of labor disputes by compulsory arbitration, when other means of settlement have failed, constitutionally granted."

Freshmen debates, in which Alma's debaters will meet freshmen from other Michigan colleges, will take place in Kalamazoo sometime this month, but the exact date has not been set.

The topic to be discussed between Alma and University of Michigan on Wednesday is a statewide topic on which all Michigan debaters are preparing. This topic is used for inter-collegiate debates this season.

In addition to the regular scheduled debates, two members of the debate team, Agnes Faegler and Betty Hartley, and two girls from the speech class, Nan Harden and Virginia Kocher, will hold a debate on April 23 for the Alma Child Study Club on the subject "Resolved: that movies have a good influence on character building."

Members of the debate squad this year are Agnes Faegler, Jake Hamel, Betty Hartley, Floyd Marks, Larry Rowe, Bill Shoemaker and Carl Smith.

What Navy Accomplished Last Year Reported by King

The year ending March 1, 1945 was "without precedent in Naval History." So wrote Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King in a report made public last week. In those twelve months the Navy:

- Fought 72 battles.
- Aided the invasion of Europe.
- In 19 days pushed the Pacific frontier 3,000 miles.
- Supported operations in an area of 860,000 sq. miles.
- Japan lost: 2 carriers, 3 battleships, 8 cruisers, 20 destroyers, and more than 6,000 planes were destroyed.
- U. S. losses were: 5 carriers, 7 destroyers, 2 destroyer escorts, and 1,147 planes.
- There are the totals for the year, and the moral of the story is BUY WAR BONDS.
- Then there was the buck private who went around saluting refrigerators because they were GENERAL electric.

Colorful J-Hop Planned by Juniors

Looking for a good time? You don't have to look very far because a swell time can be found by everyone at the J-Hop, the big spring formal to be presented by the Junior class on Saturday night, April 21.

The Juniors have now completed arrangements for the dance, and it shows promise of being the biggest and best formal of the year. Because a larger crowd is expected than could be accommodated in the Chapel, the dance will be held in the Memorial Gymnasium, and the couples will swing and sway to the scintillating rhythm of Bom Shimberg's orchestra. What more could anyone ask than a date with a beautiful girl, a baimy spring evening, sweet music by a good band, a hall fresh and gay in spring decorations, all for only \$1.10? Better call up and make that date right away, and we'll be seeing you at the J-Hop.

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Peace and the World

As the hour of victory approaches, Americans are thinking of what they want the peace to mean to them as individuals, to the nation, and to the world at large. But, so far, no channel for mass expression of these ideas has been provided. Our statesmen have no measure of public sentiment to guide them as they prepare to sit down with the gentlemen from the chancelleries and the foreign offices for the final settlement which is to determine the fate of the world.

If we want this peace to be a permanent peace, as we all do, then all the people concerned should have a voice in it. Why not make this a democratic peace and let all the countries have equal representation? Yes, even the Japs and the Germans. The treaty should include the views of the people of the belligerent nations, because regardless of how they have been taught in the past by their dictators, they are still human beings. By treating them as such and winning their confidence and by making them our friends we can instruct them in the democratic form of government, and insure a permanent peace. Throughout history the Japanese have been dependent on a leader to administer the government for them, as have the Germans. They haven't learned to run their own governments, mainly because they never had the chance. We've been doing it for years and so it's nothing new to us. However, have you ever stopped to think what this nation would be like if it wasn't for men like Franklin, Jefferson, Adams, Washington, and the many others that set the government going in the right direction, and all the others that kept it off the rocks. It's to our advantage to guide the defeated countries along the right channels in the post-war world, when they too will be rebuilding for the future, just as we will be. Once the European and Eastern situation is set going in the right direction, there is no reason why they can't be as nice neighbors as Canada is.

These are just a few ideas that we have on the subject of "Peace and the People." We realize that there are many more views on the same subject. Perhaps you have an idea on the subject of the peace treaty. If you have, why not submit it in plain American "horse sense" to the National Peace Treaty Contest Headquarters at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York. You don't have to write an essay, they only want ideas, and you may win prizes totaling \$10,000 in War Bonds.

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Matt Heeney, A. S.

I think going to Alma for another four months will be O.K. I would just as soon go to North-western, but Alma is close enough to Chicago. A small school has its advantages for the first couple of semesters of college. I'm neutral on whether or not it should be open to civilians. My interests are in Saginaw, and I'm playing hard to get around here.

Jean Trueman:

I am not interested in going to summer school, but would like to come to Alma during the fall term. It would give me four months to work, and get ready for the November term.

Ben Clark:

I would like to go to summer school and take a regular course so that in my last term of college, which would be Nov., I could take just practice teaching and electives.

Bill Gorham, A. S.:

I am pleased about the whole thing—staying in Alma four more months, and the possibility of there being no women to interfere with my studies. I long for Vermont, but Alma's beauty would suit me for the duration.

Betty Richter:

Because of the extra half term the school offered in 1943, I ac-

cumulated extra hours. I would like to come to summer school, for it would enable me to graduate next March.

Thomas Wilhelm, A. S.

Alma is the best duty I have ever had, and I really like Alma. Detroit is only a short distance, and I have a cottage about one hundred miles from here. Summer is just as good a time to study as any. This extra semester here will give me a choice of subjects before I get to N. R. O. T. C. If the girls came here this summer, it would boost my morale considerably.

Putt Smith:

I would rather come back to school in September and have the regular term in January.

Butch Whiting:

I would like to come to summer school because I am now a first semester sophomore in the middle of the year. If I came to summer school I would be able to start my junior year in the fall and would be able to get the courses I want.

Ernie Strawman, A. S.

I like a small school. If I were going to school in the East, I would like to go to a larger school, but out here in the Midwest a small school has its advantages. I don't like the idea of starting a subject here, and then finishing it in another school.

Cat Chatter

Easter week-end was certainly an eventful time for all the Alma lads and lassies. With all the girls moving over to the Senior House for the week end and only a handful of men in the Ship, one would think that Alma would be a pretty dead place. Judging from the smiling faces that greeted us on our return, we would say that things were pretty lively around here. Conservation Park lived up to tradition by providing the setting for the gala picnic on which Nettie and O.B. Jane and Don, Nancy and Mauch, Shaw and O'Malley, and Mac and Jake really cut some capers.

We hear from the Delt House that Alma was not the only place where lots was happening during the Easter week-end. Dee and Fischer, Amy and Shutesie set out for Detroit Friday afternoon all set for a gala time in the "big town." It seems that you can really get around on 97c worth of gas. The marvel is that it lasted over three hours. Amy says that they stopped to examine a ground hog, but we have our doubts.

When told that Lois Church had given someone's jumper to a K I pledge to mend, one bright sophomore asked, "Whose was it, Cort's, Bruce's, or Joe's?"

Poor Mattson really got a hard time from the boys when she had to serve chow with a hat on. Some of the swabbies wanted to know when she was going to take off, when she got her wings, how soon she would solo, and when she started advertising Ford V-8's.

We hear that Irish had quite a hard time finding Dick's room the other night until his roommate obliged by walking in front of the window in slightly less than the uniform of the day calls for.

Lit Pratt is still blushing about that "large raveling" at the Monte Calo.

The latest word from the Alpha Theta's is that Ronnie Eber has been accepted as a Theta pledge after many tearful pleas. Because of his bashfulness, please refrain from razzing him, huh?

Barbara Kemper, sitting in the Hotel Olds in Lansing on Easter Sunday waiting for a bus, got quite a scare when Spadafore, as a long distance operator, had her paged and called to the phone. When Barb finally got to the phone, a deep baritone voice, belonging to Joe Schoenfeld, told her to come home because the baby was sawing the legs off the piano.

You may have seen all the signs of spring in Alma, but you haven't lived yet till you've seen Ellen Angell and Salty, Ed Hempel bicycling all over town. They do make a rugged couple, don't they?

Have you noticed: Virgie's new ID bracelet? Greenquist and Mike studying so industriously in the library? That Putt and Smitty make a cute couple? Shaw's new shirt (G I)? That Maxie and Jack can be seen together almost any time of the day? The amazing number of picnics lately?

SORORITIES GET 24 FRESHMEN PLEDGES

On Friday morning, April 28, the girls of all three sororities sat at their separate tables at breakfast eagerly awaiting the arrival of the freshmen. This was pledge morning, and just a few hours before, while the freshmen were supposedly asleep, the pledge ribbons in the colors of their chosen sorority were slipped under their doors.

The KIs were overjoyed to see eleven girls wearing the purple and gold ribbons of their sorority. On Monday night, April 2, Red Anderson, Putt Smith, Betty Ellis, Jean Trueman, Virgie Kocher, Joyce McKinley, Tillie Tobin, Betty June Smith, Betty Fortino, Nan Harden and Helen Hawkins were accepted as KI pledges. A big sister has been chosen for each new member, and official Hell Week will begin next Monday. After the gruelling experience of pledging, a formal initiation will be held on April 30.

There were nine girls wearing the blue and gold ribbons of the Sigma Phi's on pledge morning, and pledges and members alike were too thrilled to eat. The Phi-lo's accepted their pledges on Monday, April 2, and no time was wasted in beginning the traditional Hell Week. No end of laughter has been evoked by the queer outfits in which Marian Mattson, Pat Atkins, Jan Cordes, June Fuller, Joan Brett, Elaine Edwards, Vera Parsons, Naomi Place, and Ardelle Allen have been going to class during the past week. The climax came Monday when each girl had to obtain an autograph from Lieut. Scott, Dr. Brown, "Boats" Hempel, and Wally Breiden. Pledge week ended Monday night with a formal dinner at the home of Mrs. Ben Lobdell.

Pat Adams, Jean Rosendale, and Helen and Ellen Stuart were proudly wearing the rose and gray of the Alpha Theta's on Friday morning, and these brave girls have resigned themselves to six weeks of pledging. During this time they must address all sorority members as "Miss," and do all sorts of odd jobs and errands. These new Theta's and their sisters are eagerly looking forward to the formal dinner dance to be given at the Park Hotel in St. Louis next Saturday.

On March 26 the Deltas held the formal initiation of their two new members, Ben Clark and Ralph Burroughs. The Deltas are as busy as bees now planning an open out-of-town dinner dance with a band and all the trimmings.

"Well, how do you like married life?"

"Oh, it's lots of fun. My wife cooks something and I try to guess what it is."

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Sunday and Monday, April 15-16

WARNER BAXTER and
NINA FOCH in

"Crime Doctor's
Courage"

Tuesday & Wednesday, Apr. 17-18

LON CHANEY and
BORIS KARLOFF in

"The House of
Frankenstein"

Touchfootball off to Flying Start

Touchfootball made a whirlwind opening at Alma College last week in the intermural league. In a two game opener dominated by aerial attacks, the Sky Larkers of the second platoon, first company defeated the Whiz Kids of the first platoon, first company in a 19 to 13 game. The Sad Sacks of the second platoon, second company easily turned aside the Liberty of the first platoon, second company in a 26 to 14 game. It was a battle of the airways from beginning to end.

Seamen Vlasic and O'Brien sparked the Sky Larkers to their win over the Whiz Kids. Vlasic tallied twice on passes, and O'Brien scored a touchdown and the conversion on passes. The Whiz Kids' touchdowns were made by De Clerke and Porath. Flaschen added the conversion.

In the second game, the Sad Sacks outpassed the Liberty Hounds to win their opening tilt. Ed Rutherford sparked the Sad Sacks by catching two touchdown passes from Kostan and one from Hempel. He also snagged another pass for a conversion. The fourth touchdown was scored by Kostan, Eber converting. Cattersen caught a pass for one Liberty

Hound tally, and Clark intercepted a forward pass and streaked for the second score. Hall and Wanty converted.

The games were resumed Monday with the Whiz Kids meeting the Liberty Hounds and the Sad Sacks tangling with the untried Bodigo Avengers. On Wednesday the Whiz Kids play the Sad Sacks, and the Sky Larkers meet the Bodigo Avengers.

The games start at four-thirty on Bahlke Field. Touchfootball follows the general rules of regular football with only a few changes. The tackle is replaced by tagging, a player cannot leave his feet when blocking, and when there is punting, it is announced, and is free from defensive action. The players wear sweat suits and soft shoes, and play on a reduced field, thirty by sixty yards.

Ed Rutherford, former all city center from Detroit, leads the scoring with nineteen points, and is closely followed by Vlasic with twelve points.

The League standings are:

Pt.	Co.	W	L	T	
2	2	Sad Sacks	1	0	0
2	1	Sky Larkers	1	0	0
1	1	Whiz Kids	0	1	0
1	2	Liberty Hounds	0	1	0
1	3	Bodigo Avengers	0	0	0

FOLKS in Uniform



"Just my luck—marooned on an island with someone who can't speak a word of English!"

YOUR SUGGESTIONS INVITED BY ALMANIAN FOR FUTURE ISSUES

Just what do you think of the Almanian? Does it include the articles you want? Or, just what do you want?

It now includes the news of the campus, features, and considerable gossip. Recently a new feature of Interviews was begun. This column is yours, and should deal with things interesting to you. Any suggestions of questions to interview on or criticisms would be appreciated greatly. Suggestions may be dropped in the slot of the Almanian office. The office is in the basement of the Administration building.

Then too, the printer of the Almanian has informed us that bound copies may be had at the end of the semester. These bound copies contain all the Almanians for the past year. Persons interested should see Barbara Lull or Ruth Edwards, or drop a slip in the Almanian office to that effect. They will cost approximately sixty cents, and will have a cardboard binding.

Not only are criticisms welcomed, but if any news of general interest comes your way, or any incidents happen in the class rooms that would be of interest to other students, drop them in the office. An idea is what we want; no journalistic talent is necessary.

This is your paper, and to make it something that interests you we must have your cooperation.

Gal: Before we start on this date, I want you to know that I don't smoke, drink, neck, park or stay out after 10.

Gob: You're mistaken, sister.

Gal: You mean I do those things?

Gob: No, you're making a mistake starting on this date.

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CO-REC

With the game between the Theta's and KI's on Monday, April 16 at 4:10, the Inter-Sorority-Independent baseball teams begin the spring season of women's athletic activities. The Independents, Sigma Philo's, KI's, and Theta's in a series of games compete for the honor of playing in the Campus Day play-offs.

The Women's Athletic Association plans to start girls' tennis tournaments, track, and archery competitions to round out women's sports on Alma campus.

The girls of the WAA chalked up another success with their Open Party, Saturday evening, April 7, in the Chapel Rec. Room. Dancing to the new records on the juke box was supplemented by ping-pong, shuffle board, checkers, and cards.

Have you stopped to think that the pin-up girl came in just as elastic went out?

Dere Belle

Well here i am again, after a week-end at home. I work hard sometimes so i don't get home till three o'clock in the morning. Sunday morning i came home so tired i couldn't get up the stairs. i fell on the cat. he squealed on me. that woke up my dad. he asked we what time it was. i said, "twelve o'clock." just then the clock cuckooed three times and i had to stand there and cuckoo nines times more to square myself. I was over at pineear the other night and mother hutton came out of her room and cleared the rec room of all the wrecks, like sauble and hendershot. its time for exams again so ive been doing a little research on electricity and i find that it wasn't edison who invented the first electric light, i think it was noah cause when he put the animals out didn't he make the ark light? Avant tried to get a room in saginaw one week end, the land lady said, "well how do you like the room as a whole?" "as a hole its perty good, but as a room its not so hot" replied the senator. he said it was so small the furnature was painted on the wall, and he had to go out on the roof to change his mind. obrien told Nettie if Nettie wouldn't have him hed kill himself, so rather than have him hanging around the house she said shed have him, he was just starting to come back to the ship when she told him he was the light of her life. Just then her house-mother yelled, "nettie, come on to bed and put out the light." hudson was telling that he played on the piano when he was 4 yrs. old, but that nothing. i plade on the floor when i was 1 yr. old. one of the fellows was asking zerimba what makes him so fat, he said it was cause he eats soldier food, when they asked him to explain he said it goes to the front. flashchen went to the dentist to see how much it would cost to have a tooth pulled. "two dollars by gas" said the dentist. and how much does it cost by electric light copeland was talking to wacheck the conversation went something like this: "i will never tell you another secret. i told you not to tell her i told you." "i told her not to tell you that i told her." it snowed the other day so i went out sleighing in my car. i slayed four dogs and a chinaman. dudreys eyes arent so sharp any more, its not from too much study though, well any how, the doctor told him to try glasses, he did he went in and tried about six, and when he came out he could see double. r. anderson got in the green mill free, its very simple all you have to do is walk in backwards, so that the door men think your comming out. some of the fellows says that lansing is full of diplomats. diplomats are girls that can steal your hat and necker-

chief, and explain it so well that you give her your i.d. bracelet and watch besides. heres a poem one of my listeners sent in:

there was a woman named brenda with a face like a dent in a fendah but her pappy had money which made her a honey with beauty and glamma no enda! well i have to sign off now or the editor will cuss cause im wasting too much space . . .
luve peter a.s.

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Spring in Alma is as undecisive as a Corston date. The very moment you think it has come to stay, it turns cold. The fourth deck heralded spring by an unprecedented house cleaning. Field day resulted in not only a thorough cleaning of decks and gear, but some of the men took down the bulkheads for a general cleaning. Speaking of cleanings, Avant can now make that down payment on a ring. His list of contributors is growing rapidly. The only trouble is, will the belle accept the Senator after he has acquired a northern accent?

Traveling on week end liberties has come to be such a monotonous event that couple of fellows we know are allowing women to accompany them on their tiresome journey. Bill "Operator" Clements adds his own special touch, however, by escorting his feminine companion right to her doorstep and not getting home until 0130! Whatever could you find to talk about that would hold Bill till that late (or early) hour, Jackie? The Red Wings?

About the fastest thing you can see around Wright Hall these days is Jack Bland rushing up to his room. He has been seen standing at his window after chow for the last two weeks looking into the dim recesses of the scullery. Not content with this, he made one excursion into the culinary sanctum "in quest of a knife." Wasn't he the guy who wouldn't see these Western girls?

Bill Bowen, the only plank owner of the Alma V-12 unit, will be the only navy man to begin college here, and receive his degree from Alma, that is of he is here for the summer term.

When the word reached the third deck that we would remain in Alma until November, it was met by various moods and actions. Molyneux immediately phoned his little woman. Hall grinned. Setz groaned, and Shelp just moaned. It is our guess that Simi's will undoubtedly redecorate for the occasion.


The Ides of March played an important part in the lives of many in Alma, and undoubtedly will play an increasingly interesting part to the local girls. The Corporation is dissolved! The Corporation was formed by Paul Brookman, Dick Burkman, Red Seger, and Bill Clements. Its policy was "never, under any circumstances, conditions, or financial status, to date any local talent." It is no more. Dick Burkman is again fitting his feet to the worn spots on the Pioneer mat, with his purely platonic calls on Jackie. Bill Clements has begun an escort service. Red Seger is getting into the swing of things by dating Litt Pratt.

Spring with all its charm has brought a new challenge to the girls of the campus. Stanley Brink is becoming a self-styled Cassanova. Every day he is seen on the campus with a different girl. Yes, spring has its charm, but with Branley on the loose, what chance does the rest of Wright Hall have?

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FRENCH UNDERGROUND

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finally burnt alive, while all the men were locked in farms, shot and carbonized, too. The next day all Limoges was in mourning, stores closed, people awe-stricken, but funeral services of any kind were strictly forbidden by German staff. In spite of that defense our Bishop ordered public prayers. He was arrested a few days later. Of the 1200 human beings living on Oradour only five escaped—neither safe nor sound, except a 10-year-old boy. He was Lorraine's refugee who ran away at first sight because, as he said, "he knew them." We have lost several friends in that tragedy.

"Returning from the July 14th celebration at my other home, I found Perigueux had just been bombed (English bombers), the objective being the railroad plant 250 meters from our house. The destroyed homes were in our street only, and the dead, too. Our garden was sprinkled with bomb burblings.

"As we have been liberated by our own "maquis" (after a week battle, right close to my father's house, we could see the bomb shells bursting, and the Germans bringing back their dead drove by our fence). The American columns did not have to come down here. I deeply regret it for several reasons. They would have realized lots of facts they keep on ignoring.

"We are enduring the most severe winter for many years. It has been snowing for the last three weeks. The temperature is 10 below, and no distribution of any kind of fuel has been made. But we stand it better than last year, it seems, for the Boches are no longer here to see us freezing and starving to death (many do, yes).

"Being in the Resistance is not all fun, as we had a German billeted in our apartment and I had to watch hard when meetings were being held in our drawing room. I had to camouflage the garage so it could be turned into an "infirmierie" in case of emergency.

"We go to Paris quite often, too often. It is so cold in Paris! No heat is to be had anywhere, neither at friend's homes not in hotel rooms. I think I wept twice, only twice, during these bitter years; the first when milk became so scarce that even bottle babies could not get any. My son can hardly remember the taste of it. The second break came when my stockingless feet froze in my ever damp shoes last week. There was no way to warming them, the temperature of our room being 2° centigrade. Not a drop of milk is to be had in this city—150,000 inhabitants, 40% of the school children have developed tuberculosis in these last two years! Just think, children born since 1940 never knew the taste of chocolate—my son has only a faint remembrance of what it looks like. And the food situation is getting worse and worse. No meat for the last two weeks and no bread for the last four days. No vegetables of any kind since the first of the month.

CAMPUS DAYS

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pus Day Queen. The queen and her eight attendants will be chosen by the students at an election to be held Thursday, April 12. Wally Brieden, as president of the student council, will have the honor of crowning the queen, and she will then reign over the rest of the activities of the day. After the coronation ceremony the prizes will be awarded to the victorious teams.

Immediately after the coronation and awards, a program of dances will be presented. In keeping with the spring motif of the day, the junior girls will dance the lovely and graceful Maypole dance. The Scottish tradition of Alma College will be preserved in the dancing of the Highland Fling, kilts and all. A new element, added to the Campus Day program last year, will be a very nautical rendition of the Sailors' Hornpipe by four of Alma's salty swabbies.

At 4:10 the spectators will move to the banks of the Pine River to witness one of the funniest of Alma's age-old Campus Day traditions. The freshmen will muster on one side of the river and the sophomores on the other. A rope will be thrown across between them, and with Coach Lear as referee and the screaming of the girls for moral support they will begin to pull until one side has pulled the other into the icy waters of the Pine.

The dry victors and wet losers will then return to the Ship for the

evening meal, but the fun is far from over. At 6:30 an organ recital by Don Allured will be amplified and broad cast over campus. At about 7:30 everyone will meet on the Chapel steps for group singing of old favorites led by Mr. Grove.

In past years the Campus Day activities were climaxed by an out door dance on the tennis court, but this year something new and exciting—the Navy Open House—will be the high point of the evening. At this thrilling finale to a perfect day there will be inspection of rooms, games, refreshments, and dancing.

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