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Smoker to Have a Second Showing This Evening

The men of the second deck will present for the town people of Alma their Major Bang Bang Amateur Hour which made such a hit with the men of Wright Hall when it was presented at the Navy Smoker on Tuesday, April 10. The program will be put on in the Community Center on Tuesday evening, April 24 with Bob Kahn as Major Bang Bang and part of the cast that took part in the smoker.

The first presentation of the program was thoroughly enjoyed by trainees, male civilian students, officers and ship's company. With Kahn as the Major who shot the contestants who were not so hot, the program progressed with some of the first company men displaying their finer talents. It also included some skits and other nonsense, with occasional numbers by the Swingin' Scots. The sponsor of the program was the Hona Balona Coffee Company, which managed to get its two cents worth in every now and then through the "Four Stink Pots." The guest star of the evening was Jack Damstrong, the All-Alma Boy, and "Nails" Valade put aside his modesty and told of some of his adventures at sea. After much consultation and calculation, Bill Ashpole as awarded the prize as the most outstanding amateur of the evening.

After the show the men from second deck stationed themselves behind the chow counter and served a midnight snack as ably as the gals do it in the day time. After the chow was down and all hands retired, the men from second deck cleaned the mess while the rest of the fellows were sacking in.

Emma Richter Gets Scholarship

Emma Richter, recommended by the faculty of Alma College for the State College Scholarship to the University of Michigan, has been accepted by the U of M and appointed to the scholarship. Miss Richter will receive two semesters of graduate work in the field of sociology at the University, and at the end of that time she will receive her Master of Arts degree in that field.

Miss Richter, who is from Mt. Morris, Michigan, has maintained close to a 3.00 average throughout her four years at Alma. She is a member of the Sigma Phi sorority and has been active in the production of plays. A sociology major, Miss Richter is now doing field work with the Red Cross in Ithaca in addition to her schedule of classes.

It Happened Here

April 15 was Alma College Day at the First Presbyterian Church in Alpena, Michigan. On that day President Hamilton addressed the congregation of the church of which Sheldon Hastings, an Alma graduate, is pastor. The purpose of having an Alma College Day is to acquaint the people of Michigan with the activities which they are helping to support on Alma's campus and to secure their co-operation in future undertakings of the college. Mr. Russell Wilson, superintendent of schools in Alpena and also an Alma graduate, entertained President Hamilton during his stay there.

Norma Hass Elected Queen



Fun Planned for All -- Campus Day

Thursday, April 12, at a student election held in the college chapel, Norma Hass was elected the 1945 Queen of Scots to reign over the Campus Day festivities on May 23rd.

This is the third time Norma has been chosen to the Royalty of the Alma College campus during her four years here. As a freshman in 1941, she was elected Homecoming Queen. Then last year she was an attendant to the Campus Day Queen. Active in all social activities, Norma is vice president of the Alpha Theta sorority, and was the vice presi-

dent of the Junior class for one semester. Norma has a practice teaching class, first grade, at the Lincoln school here in Alma. She is a senior, and is majoring in English. Her home is Port Hope. While on the campus she lives at the Senior House (telephone number 333).

A court of eight attendants were also elected, four of whom are juniors, and four seniors. Seniors chosen were Marjorie Bow and Gerry Wadley of Saginaw; Edwina Traphagen, Linden; and Nancy Wauchek of Gobles. The Junior court member are Marge Wunderlich, Detroit; Jane Patton, Roseville; Kathryn Fisher, Detroit; and Nettie Wilson of Royal Oak.

Campus Day will start off a little different from the usual college day; there will be no classes, just lots of fun for all. At 10 a.m. the men's baseball playoffs will be held at Davis field, followed by the sorority playoffs. At noon the

"Sisters" Make Play Big Success



Betty Hartley



Virginia Kocher

"My Sister Eileen," the comedy hit presented by the Alma College Drama Club on Friday, April 20, scored a big success with a large audience of faculty, town people and students. Excellent performances were turned in by all members of the cast from the leads to the very minor bit parts.

Virginia Kocher as the pretty but not very practical Eileen and Betty Hartley as her cool, level-headed sister Ruth were very good, and the sharp, witty dialogue was

Non-Sorority Girls Plan Gala Informal Dance in Rustic Setting

The smooth rhythm of the Swingin' Scots in a gay, countrified atmosphere will furnish the background on Friday evening, May 11, when the independents will present their first organized activity of the year. The Independents, members of the student body who do not belong to sororities or fraternities, have not been an organized body for several years. The 28 men and women students who have remained independent this year have decided that since they represent

the largest single group on campus they should function again.

The independents have been very fortunate in receiving permission from the Navy to hold this dance on a Friday night and also in securing the services of the Swingin' Scots.

The committees have been appointed, and judging from the enthusiasm that was shown at the Independent meeting yesterday, a good time is in store for all who attend the novel dance.

The decorations committee, headed by Ruth Shaw, is fairly buzzing with unique and exciting ideas for the "just right" setting. Publicity is under the direction of Margaret Watson; refreshments are being taken care of by Agnes Faegler and Al Kirk, and other committees include Garry Rosenthal, chaperones; Betty Hartley and Joan Lott, tickets; Betty Richter, financial arrangements.

Tickets will be on sale in the mess hall beginning May 5, and if you're looking for a good time be sure to save 40c or 35c if you're a lone wolf.

Stephen Nisbet Chapel Speaker

Mr. Stephen Nisbet, prominent figure in the field of education and a graduate of Alma College, class of 1919, addressed the student body on Friday, April 20 in the Dunning Chapel.

Mr. Nisbet opened his speech with some humorous remarks on his college days in Alma. The students were particularly amused with his stories of canoeing on the Pine River. Coming to the more serious part of his address, Mr. Nisbet stressed that often we are apt to place present advantages over the long-range values; we are too ready to take what seems best now with little regard for the future. He discussed this very pertinent point under three divisions.

His first application of his main point was in the all-important question of health. He brought out the fact that although many people have been able to overcome the handicap of poor health, it is far better to maintain good health for maximum efficiency and happiness. Secondly he stressed the need of taking advantage of every opportunity offered for future education. Too often students, putting immediate pleasure first, cut classes or neglect reading an extra book only to find when it is too late that they have missed some important material. The third point which Mr. Nisbet developed was concerned with morals, and he stressed particularly that we should be careful in our choice of companions.

Mr. Nisbet has always been an active alumnus of Alma College, and since his appointment as president of the Alumni Association in June, 1944, he has done much to expand the activities of that group, especially in the field of student enlistment. In addition to his work as an alumnus and a member of the Board of Trustees of Alma College, Mr. Nisbet has been superintendent of schools in Fremont, Mich. for many years and is president of the Michigan Education Association. He is also one of the five members of the State Board of Education, the organization which decides on the applications for teacher certificates in Michigan.

Fifty Students Attend "Carmen"

The world famous San Carlo Opera Company last night presented "Carmen" in the Saginaw Civic Auditorium with about fifty students of Alma College, both Navy and civilian, witnessing this highlight of the musical season. Fortune Gallo, the founder and director of the company, produced a roster of splendid artists, a brilliant chorus, the renowned Corps de Ballet, and the famed San Carlo orchestra. Carmen's "Habanera" and "Seguidilla," the baritone's "Toreador Song," and the tenor's "Flower Song" received prolonged applause from the capacity audience. The thrilling "Gypsy Dance" with solo parts performed by Orlova and Prideaux, and the splendid "Micaela's Air" were outstanding features.

The arrangements made by the Music Department to obtain tickets and plan the transportation insured the presence of Alma students and faculty at this one-night-only performance of "Carmen" in Saginaw. The group, anxious to see this opera, expressed

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- April 25—High School Recital, 4:30
- April 28—Sigma Philo Open Party
- May 2—Saginaw concert, College Recital, 4:15
- May 5—KI's Closed Party, Movies, Chapel rec room

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Orchids . . .

This being the column that hands out the orchids and onions, we think the time has come and duty calls. In doing our duty we feel that all the people who attained the 2.0 average or better deserve orchids for their splendid work. And here's hoping they will keep up the good work, and at the end of the semester they will be coming right in "on the beam."

While we are handing out orchids we certainly can't forget the cast of "My Sister Eileen" and all the other people who helped in the production. For all the hours they spent learning their parts, rehearsing and rehearsing, they certainly, each and everyone of them, deserve a great big orchid.

There are a few more orchids left and we have decided that they ought to go to those Juniors, there are only a few of them, who did a swell job of putting over their "J-HOP."

Onions . . .

Yes, we have some onions too. These we would like to present to all those who don't know the words, or are afraid to sing the "ALMA MATER". For these people we here print the words:

Loyal hearts will cherish ever
Thoughts of Thee throughout the years;
Pledging Thee a fond devotion,
Guardian of our hopes and fears.

Chorus:

Alma! Alma! Sing of Alma Mater:
Thy loyal children
Chant thy hymn of praise.

Memory holds a cherished picture,
Jungle, grove and campus fair;
Sons and daughters ever faithful.
Hail Thee one beyond compare.

Chorus.

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN BUSES

NEW SCHEDULE: SLOW TIME

NORTH BOUND
12:40 a.m.; 10:05 a.m.; 12:06 p.m.; 2:20 p.m.; 8:10 p.m.

SOUTH BOUND
1:37 a.m.; 6:45 a.m.; 11:05 a.m.; 1:37 p.m.; 5:05 p.m.

East Bound: 6:45 a.m.; 11:05 a.m.; 5:05 p.m.

West Bound: 10:05 a.m.

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Ted Townsend, A. S.:

When the war is over for me, I will buy a complete new wardrobe, but after that, I am going to buy an inner-spring mattress and spend considerable time recuperating from my war nerves.

Gene Bartlesen, A. S.:

After the war I am going to buy a thirty foot sloop, and enjoy life to its fullest on Lake St. Clair.

Jerry Coughlin, A. S.:

The first thing that I am going to buy after the war is a one-day ticket home, but after I get there, I am going to buy about three suits and accessories, and then a set of golf clubs for my leisure time.

Bill Ellsworth, A. S.:

Everybody wants to buy a car after this war, and I want one too, but the first thing that I am going to buy is a washing machine. What am I going to do with it? Naturally, I am going to wash clothes.

Tim Shaffer, A. S.:

After the war is over, I am going to buy a house—and a lot—.

Chuck Baker, A. S.:

What am I going to buy after this war is over? Who knows what will happen in the next twenty years?

Bob Wendland, A. S.:

Ain't saving any money.

Nine-tenths of the A. S.'s:

When the war is over and I am out of service, I am going to buy a new car—descriptions varying from red convertibles to long black sedans. Purpose—obvious.

Mike Rosendale:

The first thing I want when the war is over is a big, thick, juicy steak smothered in mushrooms.

Virgie Kocher:

The first thing I want to see after the war is a man in civies. There used to be a certain glamour connected with the uniform, but when you look at 169 of them every day of the week, a nice plaid sport jacket and gabardine trousers sure would look good.

Fran Webster:

When the war is over I would like to throw a big party to show all the kids that we're glad that they're home.

Ruth Shaw:

Kiss-proof lipstick. (Of course she's kidding.)

Nine-tenths of girls:

Nylon hose, kleenex, elastic, shoes without ration stamps, new cars with plenty of gas, but not too much.

Dere Belle

well hers your little honey bee again, and if the old saying, absence makes the heart groe fond-er is true you must be nuts about me by now. I went home this weekend, but couldn't go any place cause i didn't have any gas, but it isn't the rationing or this talk of inflation thats worrying me its this thing they call the duraton, little did i realize when i joined that the duration would be for always, but there is one nice thing about this Navy and that is that an enlisted man always has the last word, "yes, sir". i saw virgy in slacks yesterday an i asker if womens slacks came in odd sizes, she said no they got in that shape from being worn, thats these modern gals for you they dress to kill and cook the same way, thats why im glad i got you, i hope, the other day down town a girl asked a lady to have a cigarette, "what! smoke in public, why id sooner kiss the first man that came down the street." "so would i" said the girl "but have a cigarette while your waiting." i was out with spatz last night and i told her id go through the fire for her, but she told me not to put myself out, at the smoker hendreshot told me about the time he was comming in for a landing, and the pilot remarked, "smoothest landing i ever made." "your still 15 feet in the air," reported hendreshot, this man shortage is certainly having its effect on the stores, we went into a store, and a clerk was sitting behind the counter, so we asked him if he couldnt wait on us, "can't you come back some time when im standing up," he replied rudely.

the reason im not married already, i have had a couple proposals, is that every time i want to marry a girl for love i find she has no money. "i love you, ouch!" "i love you, ouch!" and there you have the story of two little porkpines necking, ruppel was boxing rutherford, and ed asked me if hed hurt his opponent, i told him, "no but keep swinging, an the draft might give him a cold." in the pay line i heard wendland remark to the yoeman that goes along and carries the gun, "guard that with your life bud, \$23.00 of that is mine." im getting smarter every day, why today i learned that progress involves risk, you cant steal second base and keep one foot on first, my brother who is very fond of relaxation, thought he was frozen to his job, well he relaxed too much and now has defrosted, trezise was at the state some nights ago an asked the waitress for a large, thick, juicy serloin steak, she says, "whats that son, your post war plan?" at the same place schwartz was waiting for a coke, so finally he got discouraged, and changed the sign to read, "please pay IF served." some of the fellows V-5s fresh back from mt. pleasant were really strutting their stuff, but what really took the cake was when i heard one of the girls say, "i dont care if he is in v-5 i dont like the idea being refered to as a target for tonight." which reminds me of the time sterling

was flying, he had lots of gas but he ran out of altitude, the marks came out, im really having a tough time carrying one subject and dragging five others, my pop says they got a sign in his shop now that reads: to women war workers: if your coveralls are too big beware of the machines, if too tight beware of the machinests, well i have to glance over my studies now...

luve and kisus
peter a.s.

"SISTER EILEEN"

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good as Lonnigan, the cop on the beat, and orchids also to Art Corston as Chic Clark, Ben Clark as Frank Lippencott, and Sidney Sinclair as Bob Baker.

The presentation of "My Sister Eileen" was unique in the fact that Miss Grills, who directed the play, was in the audience throughout the performance, and the directing back stage was done by Penny Hammond, assistant director, and Larry Rowe, stage manager. Between the first and second acts the cast showed their appreciation to Miss Grills for her patience during the weeks of rehearsals by presenting her with a very lovely orchid.

Mention should also be made of the tireless efforts of Agnes Faegler, Larry Rowe, Bob Nixon, and the rest of the production staff who worked so hard on sets and properties. For solid entertainment "My Sister Eileen" was 4.00.

CAMPUS DAY

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chow line will move out on the lawn in front of the Senior house. Then at 2:30 comes highlight of the day, the crowning of the Queen. Wally Brieden, as president of the student council, will have the honor of crowning the Queen, who will reign over the rest of the festivities. Following the coronation a program of dances will be presented. The Junior Girls will do the Maypole dance, and in keeping with the Scottish tradition of Alma College will be the dancing of the Highland Fling, kilts and all. At 4:10 the spectators will move to the banks of the Pine River where another age old tradition will be carried out, the tug of war across the river. After the evening chow an organ recital by Don Allured will be amplified and broadcast over the campus. At 7:30 everyone will meet on the chapel steps for group singing to be lead by Mr. Grove. From here the parade will lead to The Good Ship Wright where the Navy will play host for the rest of the evening. That's the schedule for Campus Day, sounds like fun doesn't it? Well, here's hoping you survive the ordeal.

"Lips that touch wine shall never touch mine," she vowed, and she taught school for years and years and years and years.

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"Fog Island"

Saturday, April 28

CHAS. STARRETT in
"Return of the
Durango Kid"

Sunday and Monday, April 29-30

FRANCES LANGFORD and
GUY KIBBEE in

"Dixie Jitterbugs"

Sad Sacks Lead in Touchfootball

With the first half of the touch-football schedule completed, the Sad Sacks from the third deck are leading the league. Sparked by their triple-threat combination of Ed. Rutherford, "Boats" Hempel, and Chuck Kostan, the Sacks swept through their four games without a defeat, although the Whiz Kids forced them into a 14-14 tie.

In second place with three wins and one loss are the Liberty Hounds. The opinion throughout the league is that the Hounds are the best balanced team and may cause the Sad Sacks no end of suffering in the second half of the season. When these two teams met in the first game of the year, the Sad Sacks were victorious 26-14. Since then, however, the Liberty Hounds have had a winning streak of three games, beating the Whiz Kids 6-2, Sky Larkers 34-0, and the Bodigo Avengers 7-6. This team is lead by Catterson, Wanty, and Mauch.

Far behind in the field come the Whiz Kids, Bodigo Avengers and Sky Larkers. Of these three teams the only one that seems to have a chance against the Sacks and Hounds are the Whiz Kids. They must capture all their remaining games to come out on top, but when you consider they tied the Sacks 14-all and lost to the Hounds only 6-2, anything can happen.

The schedule will be resumed Friday, April 27, at 5:15 at Bahlke Field. The official standings are:

	W	L	T	Pts
Sad Sacks	3	0	1	7
Liberty Hounds	3	1	0	6
Whiz Kids	1	2	1	3
Bodigo Avengers	1	3	0	2
Sky Larkers	1	3	0	2

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Cat Chatter

Now that spring has brought many of the boys in blue out of hibernation, the gossip is flying thick and fast around our fair campus. Over at Pioneer some of the men have become regular fixtures in the lounge, much to the dismay and embarrassment of the first deck girls. After being seen in the most unbecoming attire and having their very intimate feminine conversations overheard, the girls have decided to charge Jack Gierre rent for his daily use of the lounge.

Mrs. Kain's S. P., Willie Clements, is now frequenting the Delt

House. Now that hockey season is over Barb Lull seems to have replaced the Red Wings as the object of Willie's affections.

Paul Volgus (one of the 400) shows signs of becoming our track star for the coming season. One certainly would have to be a star to make it from Fuller's house to Wright Hall in time for chow, although they do waste precious minutes in the park.

Wad certainly was up in the clouds last week when her dream man showed up to escort her to the movies. Besides that, the lucky girl went to the Theta closed party with none other than that wonderful George MacMahon.

Virgie and Smiley, Pat and Harry, Shaw and O'Malley, and all the rest of the old stand-bys of Pioneer are having a bit of competition for the best chairs in the rec room from some of the newcomers, including Penny and Rock, Red and Jake, Putt and Smitty, Flossie and Dave, Jan and "Evil" Bill, Jackie and Dick Burkman, Garry and Pete—we could go on and on, but we won't.

The Delt House gals almost fainted when Johnnie Gudelman showed up three times in a row. The suave Mr. Gudelman was also seen at Pioneer last week. The boy gets around.

We are wondering how Bob Ricker is going to keep up that 3.00 since he spends so much time at 534 N. State. In case you don't know who lives there, she's a cute blonde whose initials are Ellen Stuart.

If you want to hear the choir's current repertoire free of charge, drop around the Senior House any day between one and one-thirty and Lois Glenn will willingly oblige. Of course she doesn't get that dreamy look in her eyes around here that she has in the choir loft. Wonder why?

We heard from authoritative sources that Joan Lott ran down town and back three times when she ended her three weeks restriction last Friday.

The "Raid the Ice Box Party" after the J Hop made quite a hit with the Pioneer Hall girls, and we're sure that the boys liked it too. Orchids to Dean Harwood for the suggestion.

Have you noticed: Mattson's new I D bracelet? . . . Werneke is back in the Pioneer Hall brigade again? . . . Roger and June lingering just one more minute around the mailbox at the corner of Walnut and Gratiot? . . . What a cute couple Mike and George make? . . . How sweet Copie is about Ed's bad foot? . . . That Betty Ellis and George Snively have been seen together quite a bit lately? . . . How happy Trap and Warren looked at the J Hop? . . . Tillie Tobin and George Kikendell, another new couple? . . . The Pioneer Girls rolling their own cigarettes for the last three weeks?

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CO-REC

Girls' baseball is now underway, and it's a contest to the bitter end to see who will play in the Campus Day playoffs. The Intersority and Independent leagues have scheduled 12 games for the season, allowing each team to play six games. The tournament was to have started April 17, but due to shifting winds and the cold wave, it was postponed until Monday, April 23. The first game was played yesterday between the Theta's and the KI's. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

- April 24, Philo's vs. Independents
- April 25, KI's vs. Independents
- April 30, Philo's vs Theta's
- May 1, Theta's vs. Independents
- May 4, KI's vs. Philo's
- May 7, KI's vs. Independents
- May 8, Theta's vs. Philo's
- May 9, Independents vs. Philo's
- May 14, KI's vs. Theta's
- May 15, KI's vs. Philo's
- May 18, Theta's vs. Independents

"CARMEN"

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ed appreciation of the superb spectacle, powerful with its brilliant, colorful costumes, magnificent scenery, familiar music, and beautiful ballet. The performance deserved the enthusiasm it aroused. It was an event.

This is the thirty-second annual transcontinental tour of the San Carol Opera Company in which it is playing before audiences in

most of the major cities of the United States and Canada.

In the story Carmen is a young gypsy girl, and Don Jose has just joined the army, leaving home to prove himself.

Carmen, accused of stealing from the other girls, is arrested, and Jose is the soldier who is to guard her. Singing the "Habenera," Carmen flirts with him so that he sets her free. Jose then loses his rank, but, a slave to his emotions, he goes to see her and becomes involved with the band of smugglers to which Carmen belongs. When she drops Jose and falls in love with a bull fighter, he kills Carmen and then himself.

Relieved trainee after a tough day, "Gee, it feels good to be half alive."

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Scuttlebutt from Good Ship Wright

If there is anything that changes romances faster than spring, it is college activities. Just when everyone thinks a sure thing is budding, the play is over, and everyone finds that the couples were purely platonic. Then the J-Hop comes off, and its seems that everyone has played a fast game of "advance one couple."

One sure bet, though, is Tracy Hastings and the town girl he has been dating since last summer. Now it comes to light that she has a sister, Roxie by name, and Hanrahan is either following in Hastings' footsteps, or at least looking over the possibilities.

Ted Townsend, the dark-faced Sinatra of the second deck, seems to be quite struck with his success at the smoker. He bares his legs at every opportunity and goes in to his black-face routine. It is too bad he cannot do it in the choir, but then it would cramp his back seat technique on the trips.

Speaking of trips, Bratee came in from a week end at home, and tucked under his arm was a suit box. Upon opening it, a tennis racket was exposed. It seems he didn't want people on the buses thinking he was a "holiday sailor." The guys are moving around

as if they were made of glass, with all the animation of an over-fed caterpillar. Those strength tests sure take a lot out of a guy. Herb Schwartz took his log book with him to figure out his pull-ups. He ended up with one, and there seems to be some doubt as to whether that was legal or not.

Spring cleaning seems to be underway, noticeable among many third deck men by the lack of hair on their cranium. Speaking of spring cleaning, Commander (he used to be an enlisted man) Palmer, after great deliberation and careful study, has picked a certain select group as his example of the lower two percent of this upper ten percent. Ellis, Setz, and Penwright have been reported to have sustained a persecution complex, but haven't yet given up hope of salvation. One thing we like about Canada is the governmental "vote of confidence," but its chances for instigation here are sorely limited. Ora pro nobis!

When Bill Clements missed evening chow one night due to his "campus Casanoving," his roommate gave him a considerable hard time. Less than a week later, however, said roommate pulled the identical stunt to even the score. Bill has been humming "There's a Lull in My Life", and Burkman does the honors to "Gonna Build a Big Fence around TEXAS."

The third and fourth deck feud over the "Plumber's Friends" is going to come to a head.

Majewski sure fixed things up fine for himself and two other guys last week end. A friend came to visit him and brought with her two friends. It was Majewski's duty to find two of his friends to match the other two, but after all the friends saw each other, Majewski wasn't sure the guys he brought would be friends much longer. Majewski being restricted to the ship, entertainment was left up to the others. His days as a trusted organizer are ended.

Restriction from the opposite direction also has caused some contention over here. Manis is very lonely these nice evenings since "Butch" Whiting has been on restriction.

What the fourth deck needs is a guy like "Boats" Hempel to greet them in the morning with a cheery "Aw, Come on boys, please get up, let's go, boys." What true sailor could resist such a call to meet the world in all its dawning splendor?

Nurse describing air raid: ... And I jumped right into the nearest wolf hole."

Listener: "You mean foxhole, don't you?"

Nurse: "Maybe a fox dug it, but there was a wolf in it when I got in."

A Cappella Choir Trip Successful

The A Cappella Choir, with its 41 members, left Alma at 12:30 Monday, April 16 to present a series of concerts during the day.

The first concert was given in Ionia at 2:30 for the Ionia public High School. The program was made up of selected songs in mixed groups of spirituals and light classical. The Girls' Sextet also sang a group of numbers. After the musical part of the program Mrs. Harwood, Dean of Women spoke to the student body about Alma and invited the students to visit our campus.

That evening at 7:30 the Choir sang in the First Presbyterian church in Grand Rapids for the Western Michigan Presbytery. The program consisted of several mixed numbers by the Choir and the Girls' Sextet and a violin solo by Bob Shutes. The choir was joined in Grand Rapids by President Hamilton, who spoke to the Presbytery. Mrs. Harwood also spoke to this group, and after the program the women of the church served a light lunch for the Alma party.

The Choir returned to the campus tired but happy at 12:00 a.m. The members of the Choir are doing a very great service to Alma College in giving their time for these trips, which are one of our most important forms of student enlistment.

:: Greek Gab ::

A delicious steak dinner at the Park Hotel in St. Louis was just the beginning of a wonderful evening for the Alpha Theta's and their dates on Saturday night, April 14. Marge Bow, Amy Lou, and Nan Fischer kept everything within the gang by asking Ronnie Eber, Bob Shutes, and D. Draper. Among the new combinations were Ellen Stuart and Bob Ricker, Barbara Kemper and Bill Febel, and Marge McCarty and Johnnie Gudelman. Two A O alumnae, Jean Huff and Ruthe Kreulen, were back to visit for the big occasion. The most charming couple of the evening by far were Mrs. Harwood and Lt. Scott, who besides acting as chaperones helped to keep the party going. Kreulen couldn't refuse Lt. Scott's many requests for piano selections, and he kept her playing for a good while. He even assisted her by singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Everyone unanimously agreed that the evening was all too short, and that another such party soon was the only solution.

KAPPA IOTA

On Sunday, April 15 the Kappa Iota pledges gave a closed picnic for their sisters and their dates at Conservation Park. Although it was slightly on the chilly side, those rugged KI's insisted on roasting their wieners outdoors. They were finally driven into the warmth of the cabin for dancing and games. Ralph Burroughs was the life of the party trying out new dance steps on bewildered Trueman, much to the amusement of the rest of the party. Among the other couples enjoying themselves were Pete and Nettie, Jane and Don, Jake and Red, Jess, Ann and Tiny, Ellis and Snively, and Virgie and Smiley. It was a very tired group of KI's that returned to campus that evening, but everyone had a wonderful time.

SIGMA PHILO

Formal initiation for the new pledges was held in the Senior House recreation room on Monday, April 9. The girls then went to dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lobdell. The last duty of the pledges was to give a program after the dinner. Jan Cordes acted as master of ceremonies. Joan Brett and Elaine Edwards gave readings, Vera Powson played a piano solo, June Fuller, Naomi Place, and Ardelle Allen sang two songs, and Pat Atkins gave original poems about each member. The program was closed by group singing.

A closed party is being planned by the Sigma Phi's for Saturday, April 28 and an open party on May 19.

Service Report ☆

WHAT ALMA'S FIGHTING MEN ARE DOING

Letters are received almost daily by students and faculty from former Alma students now in the armed forces and from men who have been stationed here with the Navy V-12 Unit and who are now working for their commissions in other schools or are seeing active service as commissioned officers in the fleet. News is also received regularly from sons of faculty members who have joined the services. The following is a letter received by Professor Swigart from his son David, who is in the Fourth Marine Division:

"Each company on ship has some job to do. I am on a gun watch. A gun watch has a three-man crew looking for planes. One man is the gunner who does the firing and another is the talker with earphones and mouthpiece. He is in contact with the control who is the boss and tells us what to do. The control is stationed above the bridge of the ship to direct the fire and give information. The chow on ship is good, with ice cream once in a while. The other day while we were lining up for noon chow a huge wave caught us, and everyone held on for dear life. We heard a crash in the mess hall. All the tables were on the floor, food scattered all over the deck. Boys fell over each other, food came down, and they were all covered with food, sugar, etc. Some were badly burned by the hot coffee coming over them. The next few days we sat on the deck to eat. All the cups were broken so we bring our own canteen cups to get drinks.

"There is church every Sunday for Catholics and Protestants held in the mess hall. While church is being held no smoking is allowed, card playing is out, and we maintain silence throughout the ship. The organ music is a recording.

This letter was received from George Bates, former Alma V-12'er who is to receive his commission in just a few weeks. George is stationed at Northwestern University in Chicago.

"Do you remember Ray Bailey

from our deck at Alma? He's in Kalamazoo and came down to Chi last week. My roommate, Chuck Adorney is back in tarmac now and is stationed in Texas.

"Yesterday we got up at 0400 and spent the whole day at fire fighting school at the Lakes. We came back looking like coal miners, but had a wonderful time standing in flames and thick black smoke. On the way back we marched through boot camp and got the customary razzing. One fellow yelled, "How many semesters you been in the Navy, mate?"

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