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SEMESTER 117 CLOSES, FEBRUARY 27th

Registration For Spring Term Begin Mar. 5th

Term 117 comes to a close this year on February 27th, when all Navy and civilian students will be allowed to leave the campus after their last examination. As the month ends on a Wednesday, students will not receive the usual week's vacation, but only five days.

The exam schedule has been completed and is now posted in the administration building. Any conflicts should be reported immediately to the main office. During examinations, which extend from Saturday until Tuesday, the 24th, 26th and 27th of February, all classes will be suspended. Exams in each course will last for two hours, and in most cases will constitute a review of the whole term work.

After the five day's vacation, students are asked to report back to college on Monday, March 5th, when they can register for their new classes. Class schedules for next term can be obtained before vacation, so that courses can be decided upon. On Tuesday, March 6th, the regular classes will be in session.

'Skin of Our Teeth' Makes Hit With Alma Audience

Bringing something new and startling to Alma in the way of play production, the College Drama club presented Thornton Wilder's "Skin of Our Teeth" at the high school auditorium on Friday evening, February 9th. A play that provoked endless comment during its long Broadway run, "Skin of Our Teeth" aroused the interest of the large group of people that attended.

At first, amazed when actors stepped out of character and talked directly to the audience, when the telegraph boy strolled casually down the front walk (the aisle of the auditorium), and when the director came out on the stage to argue with Sabina, the play-goers soon realized that this production was out of the ordinary and would require some imagination and thought to get at its real meaning.

Beginning in the first act with Ice Age, the Antrobus family was introduced. George Antrobus, or man himself; Mrs. Antrobus, the eternal mother; Henry and Gladys, the terror and hope of the world; and Sabina, the temptress, portrayed the beginnings of the human race, and its narrow escapes from total destruction. During the second act, which was set in Atlantic City, 1945, the fall of man was shown, and it soon became apparent that the flood was imminent, in which only two animals of every species would be saved. Act

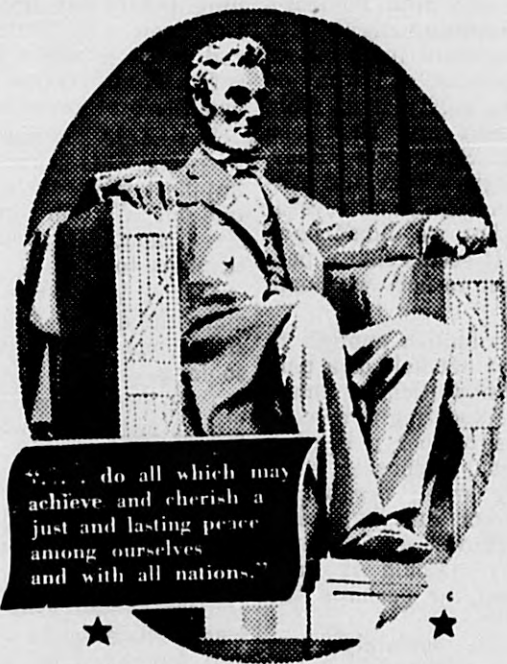
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Social Calendar

- February 14—Girl's Formal Dinner
- February 16—Pioneer Hall Open House
- February 17—Navy Banquet
- February 17—Bon Voyage Formal Dance
- February 18—Organ Recital—Ruthe Kreulen
- February 22—Piano Recital—Phyllis Babcock
- February 24—Examinations begin
- February 27—Term ends.

LINCOLN ...

WAR CHIEF ... PEACE-LOVER



LIFE forced that paradox upon Lincoln. He was a man who longed for the quiet of his own hearth, the seclusion of his family, yet these were denied him so that he could lead a nation at war with

all the fervor of a man who shuns war, he threw himself into the fight that it might be over sooner, and he pleaded with his countrymen to do likewise.

THOSE words uttered in time of civil strife are just as true now in time of national strife. We must put our all into war work and War Bonds, so that we may end this conflict sooner.

Tony Weitzel, Free Press Town Crier, Relates Experiences As Reporter and Columnist

Monday evening, February 5, Tony Weitzel, Detroit Free Press "Town Crier" and WJR radio voice known to all radio fans, was guest speaker at the Alma College Chapel. He is one of the best known of the state's broadcasters and interests a vast audience as he recounts stories in a characteristic droll way.

Weitzel related his experiences as a child in the streets of Cleveland at the time of World War I, and expressed his opinion that the children of this war are not as much affected in spirit as they were in the last war. To illustrate the point, Weitzel told of an amusing incident when he and eighteen other small boys had organized what they called an army. At this particular time they were ardently watching over a family of Austrian immigrants whom they thought were spies, but they later learned that the strange car parked in front of the shabby house belonged to the doctor. Other incidents similar to this related the childhood of Tony Weitzel. When his gang disapproved of anything, it did its best to eliminate it. They had had a playground on a certain vacant lot once, and when a Seventh Day Adventist

meeting was set up there, they decided to set fire to the tents during the revival meeting. As usual they were not caught by the police, but another offense was added to their list.

Then Weitzel told of some of the outstanding news items he has reported since the beginning of this war, still keeping his revelatory (continued on page four)

It Happened Here

On Wednesday, February 6th, the music department presented its last recital for the semester, in the college chapel. Every two weeks, voice and piano students have participated in these recitals, the purpose of which is to give the student poise and confidence before an audience. As the recitals have proved to be very successful, they will be continued next term.

This coming Friday, February 16th, the girls of Pioneer Hall are planning an open house, and they extend an invitation to all faculty members and students to attend. From 2000-2300, the dormitory will

Newly Organized Swing Band Plans Spring Activities

After many delays and disappointments due to lack of time to practice, no money, no music and no drums, the Alma Swingin' Scots finally emerged as a reality under the direction of John Gudeman. Through the cooperation of all the members, things finally began to fall in line, and the band practiced hours on swing numbers, until it built up a sufficient repertoire to play at many of the college dances.

Navy Third Term Men Remain Here

Orders came through recently for the Navy V-12 Unit in regard to the March term. Although most of the third term men expected to be transferred, they will remain at Alma for the March-July session. These men will be allowed a choice of courses, with no particular subjects being required. At present there are 191 V-12 students left of the original 200 who were here at the beginning of the November term, and no new students will enter in the March term. Fourteen men are being transferred from the unit, so this will bring the total down to 170-175 until July 1st.

Of the fourteen students leaving Alma, eleven are to be sent to midshipman's school. These candidates for further training are John Batterton, James Burnett, Paul Chapman, George Flannigan, Dale Hathaway, Will Kyselka, Ottis McGee, James Mulvihill, Edward O'Leary, Charles Pecor, and Sheldon Stowell. The other three Navy men, Edwin Ruthenford, William Felber and Kostan, are still waiting orders concerning their transfer.

BON VOYAGE DANCE RINGS DOWN CURTAIN ON 1st TERM SOCIALS

Just another reminder about the Bon Voyage formal which takes place February 17th in the Memorial Gym from 2100 to 2400. The Navy boys have the plans almost completed now, and it promises to be the most colorful dance of the semester.

Using Valentine's day as the theme, the committee is decking the gym out in red and white decorations, so that it will be a new place with its gay trimmings. With the dreamy music of a good orchestra, the atmosphere will be perfect for a wonderful evening.

During intermission, punch and cookies will be served, so what more could be asked by way of a good time? Remember too, that there will be no admission charged for this dance. If you don't have a date by now, better hurry, for the dance is only four days off, and its the one social function of the term that you won't want to miss.

nine members have had a varied amount of experience in playing with other bands, some of them playing with large orchestras or being featured as soloists.

Ernie Strawman and Don Cairns play both the trumpet and sax. Ernie comes from Malone, New York, and had some experience in high school dance bands, while Don, who has been playing since he was ten years old, was a member of Carl Skowland's orchestra.

Phillip Daab, who hails from Indiana, and has played over the radio and in union bands, is the "take-off" man, with the hot "ad lib" in the trumpet section, while the big redhead who helps the band along with his trombone playing is Bert Miller.

Bill Grey, Don Shaw and Jimmy Semprott are the rhythm men; Don playing the drums and Bill and Jimmy the string bass. He Mill, from Detroit, Michigan, is the pianist for the outfit.

John Gudeman, both band leader and trumpet player, completes the roster, and the orchestra has certainly been his brainstorm, and also his headache. The boys are doing a fine job now though, and next term should see the Swingin' Scots at most of the campus dances.

Memorial Services Held In Chapel



Following memorial services held in the Alma College chapel at 11:30 Monday forenoon, the body of Hans Richter, 29, late resident instructor in religion at the college was consigned temporarily to the Post vault in Riverside cemetery.

Civilian students, apprentice seamen of the naval unit, faculty members and some other friends paid last tributes of respect to the memory of the young educator whose body was found Saturday forenoon in Conservation League park. To open the service the A Cappella choir of the college sang an introtit. President Roy W. Hamilton read from scripture, Miss Jean Slaski sang, and Dr. Benjamin J. Bush, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Detroit and college trustee, gave the memorial talk. Rev. Clyde F. Vance of Alma gave a prayer.

Two recitals will be given in the (continued on page four)

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Auld Lang Syne . . .

Good-byes are always tough. At the time of the handshake and the "Good Luck," we hardly stop to think that one of our mates, completing his training is now "shoving off," ready to assume new and greater responsibilities, a step closer to the commissioned rank. This term, fourteen familiar faces leave the campus, but these men carry with them pleasant memories of their stay at Alma. Via the Navy's super highway of education, they travel on to Midshipmen schools at Columbia University, Notre Dame University and Fort Schuyler, New York.

To these future Naval Officers, we who are still arming ourselves for the job ahead, extend our sincerest wishes for a successful cruise.

Paul Chapman—Alma's sports spark-plug.
Will Kyselka—Always patching, never beefin'.
Jim Mulvihill—Favorite son of the third deck.
Pat Stowell—The fundamental concept.
John Batterton—The beaver himself.
Jim Burnett—Junior class prexy.
George Flanigan—The brain.
Ed O'Leary—Come up and Simi some time.
Dale Hathaway—Orders are in!!!!
Charles Pecor—God's gift.
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PATT WILLIAMS' STORY IS SAGA OF ACTIVITY

We're sure that we could put Carter's Little Liver Pills and Vitamins Plus out of business if we could discover the secret of Patt Williams' seemingly unlimited energy. She can always be seen busy at some new job on campus, and we'll swear that she's the only person we know who can be in two or three places at one time.

Patt has orchids coming her way this week for her fine portrayal of Sabina in "The Skin of Our Teeth." Everyone in the audience was impressed by the realistic, sincere, and effective way in which she played the temptress in Thornton Wilder's comedy of man's struggle for existence. This was Patt's fourth play since coming to Alma, and those of you who have been here for a while will remember her in "You Can't Take It With You,"

"Janie," and "The Flower Shop."

During her four years at Alma Patt has majored in art, and she plans to go into commercial art work when she graduates at the end of this term. A live wire at any social function, Patt has always worked hard and willingly for all college activities. Besides being the girl who serves your coffee with a smile at noon chow, she is now president of the K I's and Social Chairman of the Women's Senate. Besides art and dramatics, Patt is also interested in Spanish, and during the summer of 1943 she went to Mexico to study at the University of Mexico.

As Patt leaves Alma in two weeks to become a working girl, our best wishes for an interesting and successful future go with her.

Pioneer

Walking casually into Pioneer's rec room on Saturday night, you find the perfectly innocent intention of enjoying a cigarette, and what do we get. Staring coldly at us from the semi-darkness are Thompson and Hawkins, Shaw and Bear, Smiley and Virgie, Clark and Angell, Whiting and Hall, and several other couples that we didn't have time to notice. It seems that a person isn't welcome to her own home anymore.

Someone was foolish enough to let Betty Richter get hold of a pair of scissors, and now Richter, Shaw, and Kemper are sporting new haircuts. Richter sure took a beating the first day she appeared with hers, especially when her whole history class went into hysterics.

Four sailors showed up at chapel last Wednesday. Could it have been the speaker, or perhaps the topic?

Helen Hawkins certainly goes for the tall, dark type, but judging from last week-end, she seems to be narrowing the field down to one. Maybe she has decided to share the wealth.

"Life-boat" Werneke had his hands full with two girls at the play. Wonder if Chaperone cramped his style (having a chaperone.) Did you notice the spot on the ceiling in the State? That's where Kemper hit the roof when she mistook a tall, dark man in uniform for Chuck.

If the Pioneer girls look a little haggard Friday, don't be surprised. Friday night is open house, and the brooms and mops will be swinging furiously all afternoon. Be sure to drop around, folks, for refreshments, dancing, and an insight into how Pioneer women live. And now, as we try in vain to see over the pile of homework that must be done before the end of the term, we bid you a fond adieu.

DELT DIRT

The Deltas once more sweep the dirt from the corners of the buzzing abode, and we do mean buzzing.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to his pals has said, "Where's the Delt House?" Added to our list of visitors are the Georges and Fred Allen, who dropped in for a song after the play Friday night.

Nettie has had her hands full with Mauch and Payette trying to beat each other's time. And that's not all!! Brookman and Paul V. (one of the 400 gang) have also fallen for that Delt bait, not to mention Harrison B. the boy who's in the Delt House.

Then, maybe, Wadley with Arthur and Delt, and the "Fighting Line" (Wadley, Delt, and Don) came in for a little bit of Delt action. They do make a darning couple, don't you think?

Steve and Wadley still have the monopoly on soft, while the other is shared equally by Barb and Bruce. (Patt and Bill.)

Swearing of Steve and Bill seem to appreciate it when Wadley suggested that he go to the Y. (What school do you get his teeth from?)

Dr. Mac is the one. Ever since last week when her back went off, she's been constantly on the move. Just to mention a few, the Corporation, Bob Miller, George Shively, Pat Stowell, and side-kick Batterton. The gal has been lousy with food and cokes for a week, thanks to the swabbies.

The Philo closed party was eagerly awaited by Casey, "Cuz" after

all, look who her date was—that Casanova with a line, Sir Walter Brieden. Gollee, ain't she the lucky gal.

If you're looking for a quiet evening before the fire, drop around. Patt and Nettie now have a new place in their room, and you know who. Guess you know who the best room in the house.

Mrs. Kain has had her hands full with Mac this week, but then she's happiest when she's helping someone out. We don't know what we'd do without Ma around to tell our troubles to.

Got to make the dead-line, and since the dirt is flying, we'd better save some for next time. Till then, so long.

P. S. Too bad we beat the Senior House in that snowball fight, wasn't it.

SENIOR HOUSE

With a song and a smile, the seniors tossed aside the cares of weary students for a day last week and journeyed off to Lansing for their annual "skip day." Wad's contribution to the gaiety was the coat you can spot a mile away. Too bad it wasn't around for Spats to see when she got lost. If she hadn't been shown up by dinner time we might have been worried, because Wad's afternoon hasn't been accounted for yet either. She even forced him with the end of a chicken bone to sit next to her at dinner.

Our practical teachers are busy little bees. Right now Norma is in the act of making toys for her kids. Marion still seems to find plenty of time for Les in spite of her new teaching load. Patt's teaching came to an end in time to give her plenty of opportunity to be Sabina, and she did a swell job, too.

In two weeks we say goodbye to three of our members—Patt Williams, Marg Jones, and Bugs Rowell. Good luck, gals, and come back and see us often. And now the door of the house of Davies swings slowly shut as we lock ourselves in for finals.

SIGMA PHILO

Brushing off snow and picking out bits of hay, nearly a hundred couple banged down the chapel steps to the Sigma Philo Sleighride Inn. It was a perfect evening complete with full moon and oodles of stars to wish on. Now, warm and cozy within the Inn, guests were served spaghetti, rolls and jelly, and hot chocolate. Dinner music was furnished by favorite swing bands and vocalist Wanda Bigler. A perfect evening wound up with everybody dancing.

Last Saturday Sigma Phi's let out with another closed party, beginning with a thrilling mystery "The Suspect" at the Strand and winding up with cake, ice cream

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Mystery??? Exactly! The Sigma Phi's present "Ghostly Affair" in the Old Chapel at 11:40 A. M. Thursday, February 15th.

Highlights of the Sigma Phi semester have been a closed roller skating party, a formal initiation, two successful dances, and two theater parties. And now, fair friends, cheerio until next semester.

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Sunday and Monday, Feb. 18-19
ARTHUR LAKE & DALE EVANS
in

"The Big Show Off"

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 20-21
JANE WYMAN and
JEROME COWAN in

"Crime by Night"

Central's Tenth Straight Is 57-36 Win Over Scots

Central Michigan's fast moving basketball team turned in their tenth win of the season when they defeated the Alma Scotsmen 57-36 at the Memorial Gym on Saturday, February 6th. It was Alma College's final game of the year and brought their record for the season to five wins and nine defeats. Captain Ed Bahlow and Hodge led Central Michigan's scoring with 18 and 17 points respectively while Paul "Mighty Mouse" Chapman led the Scots with nine points.

For the first twenty minutes Alma made a gallant effort to score an upset over the Chipewas. After Richardson, lanky center for CMC, had given his team a 3-0 lead, Captain Keith Krause sank a field goal to cut that margin to 3-2. The game progressed in this manner until there were four minutes remaining in the first half. Then, Ed Bahlow, Hodge and Joe Lozier each ran up successive baskets and gave Central a 20-12 lead. Before the half ended however, Chapman and Flaschen each registered a bucket and drew Alma within four points of the opponents. At half time,

the score read; Central Michigan, twenty, Alma, sixteen.

Alma started off the second half in high gear, gathering three more points, but before the Scotsmen had time to catch their breath, Bahlow staged a one-man show and rang up four field goals, and with the aid of Hodge gave his team a 33-19 lead. At this point, Alma's best defensive player, Don Matheson, was taken out of the game on fouls. From then on, Central Michigan forged ahead, and had it not been for the great work of Chapman, both on offense and defense, the score might have been more devastating.

Mt. Pleasant gave a good exhibition of fast break and rebound work, but Alma's defense was able to cope with this attack for the first thirty minutes. Besides the fine defensive play of Chapman and Matheson, the rest of the squad did an excellent job.

So the curtain rings down on the 1944-45 basketball season, and although it was not one of the best, the squad made up in fight and spirit what they lacked in experience.

ALMA	B	F	TP
Krause F	3	2	8
Mauch F	0	3	3
Flaschen C	3	2	8
Matheson G	0	0	0
Wanty G	1	1	3
SUBSTITUTIONS			
Chapman	4	1	9
Kostan	0	3	3
Van Osdol	1	0	2
CENTRAL MICH.			
Hodge F	12	12	36
Lozier F	8	1	17
Richardson C	4	2	10
Bahlow G	2	2	6
McArthur G	8	2	18
McArthur G	0	0	0
SUBSTITUTIONS			
Baker	3	0	6
Heufelder	0	0	0
Donnelly	0	0	0
Wardrop	0	0	0
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Halftime Score:
Alma—16
Central Mich.—20

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Scuttlebutt from Good Ship Wright

Wonders are being done by the Alma likes to or not, it will have to put up with the present second termers for another semester. This will round off the year for them, and, looking back, it has been quite a year. The faculty has been given ample warning, the Chief has been looking up new ways to trip the old hands into collecting a few deems and ship's company is still scouting around for some of the guys to fill out the odd details of work.

The navy has finally caught up with some of the third and fourth term boys. We hear that Commander Chapman and Chuck Pecor are going to initiate the "Alma System" in the Irish stronghold, Notre Dame. In all, only fourteen faces are fading from the campus. Each has left his mark on the other, and we fear the campus got the worst of it.

We see Thompson has recovered from his disillusionment, and is taking out a certain young Pioneer. We won't mention any names, but her initials are Helen Hawkins.

Who is this special deal that Gier has in Lansing? He is sure having a tough time of it—especially when people take him for seventeen.

John Park is still wondering who the secret love is. Everyone seems to know more about it than he does, and poor John is still in the dark. Something should be done because right now J. P. is saying, "I should go to a dance while there is a hockey game on the radio?"

With the shortage of foodstuffs all over the world, and "people being shot in France for stealing cigarettes," something should be done to these vain V-12's. Larson resorted to egg shampoos to stop his falling hair. The fourth deck is usually a good place to gather a bit of stray information, but this week we could not spare a half hour to run down to Simi's to

check up on them. We did visit the fourth deck, and found only a handful of guys pulling handfuls of hair over their books. The fellows have inquired into the possibility of declaring Simi's as a dependent for their March income tax return.

Payette seems to be missing home quite a bit, Albany is a long ways off, but he shouldn't let his homesickness run away with him. He has been seen lately with a friend several years his senior. Maybe it is a distant aunt.

We certainly hope the Lautner's p.i.'s blend with his V-12 stripes. Rumor has that he takes them off when he takes a shower, but we have never witnessed the removing ceremony.

Here's hoping that the fourth deck ballet will volunteer to fill the Exec's plea for banquet waiters. They sure would look sharp in tea aprons and high heels.

It certainly takes up a lot of the sack time in the morning when we have to wait for the guys to return to their rooms to put on the uniform of the day. They look quite nautical and all with their blues over awning striped pajamas, and with that "I'll be hitting it in a few minutes more" look in their eyes. Comes the revolution, there'll be no more buglers.

Guess we'd better sign this log and end another chapter in the life of Wright.

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Dere Belle

Well I guess its about time i was writin ta you again. it seems like everybody is giving me a hard time around here so im gonna tell you all my troubles. i saw mattson at the dance the other night and when i asked her, "aren't you the girl that used to shrink from my embraces" she answered with, "I don't recoil at the moment" but then, even a fish wouldn't get in to trouble if he kept his mouth shut. then the other night in the chow line i was really gypped, i inched toward the door for an hour or more but as i got in i slipped. the other day we were marching and when the "boats" called a wrong command he told me to wipe that opinion off my face. I think with all my troubles ill have to go to simi's so i can sleep tight tonite.

i drew small stores today but i can't for the life of me see why they call it SMALL stores, the only sizes they have are either too large or larger yet, but i think they expect us to grow into our clothes.

i was just thinkin of the good times we used to have. the time i remarked to my buddie, "look at that ugly insignia on the side of that bomber." the only trouble was that it was an officer looking out of a porthole.

i was studying my history the other afternoon and reading all about the bad situation in the 20s and how the people thought that all the liquor should be thrown into the river, when on the radio some fellow was singing, "shall we gather at the river." i also learned that a historical romance and a bustle are similar because both are fictitious tales based on stern reality.

i was over at pinear the other nite and i heard atkins talking to anderson, and she said, "who was that number i saw you out with?" atkins said, "312-58-39" i went over with Gary, hes quite a card, the girls all think so too because he looks like the juce. i finally persuaded penny to go to the show with me, some gal sitting at a table asked me, "what denomination?" so i said, "baptist" i guess she was trying to sell war bonds. i went to tilley's house last right and took along three movie tickets, one for her mom, pop and young brother. butch was making coffee last night and asked bartley, "dint i tell you to notice when the coffee boiled over?" i did, she replied, it was a quarter past nine. well thats all i have time for now, but some day when this is all over we'll get married and rear admirals.

luve,
peter a. s.

ALUMNI NEWS
Word has been received that Cpl. Graham W. Markes of 269 Cedar street, Wyandotte, Michigan, was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity." Cpl. Markes is an aerial gunner with a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment group of the 15th Air Force in Italy.

After graduation from Wyandotte high school in 1939, he attended Alma College and later was employed as a chemist by the Sharples Chemical Co. until his entry into the Army Air Forces on September 11, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan. He received training at Tyndall Field, Florida.

Notice was sent to the president's office that Gordon Tice, class of 1941, died in New Guinea where he was serving with the Armed Forces. He suffered wounds on September 18th and died on October 27th, 1944.

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The Term In Review

DRAMA CLUB

Beginning rehearsals shortly after the opening of the term, the Alma College Drama Club presented "You Can't Take It With You," the famous Pulitzer Prize comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, on Wednesday evening, December 13th, in the high school auditorium. This play, which enjoyed its immense Broadway success by revealing an optimistic American philosophy of living, was shown in the hilarious hands of the lovable Sycamore players headed by Grandpa Van-der-Brink, who, with its large audience, started to finish.

The second production of the term was Thornton Wilder's comedy "Skin of Our Teeth," using a group of club members, and including the whole auditorium as a part of the Antrobus family, representing the human race, portrayed a narrow escape

from destruction, from the glacial age until the present time, and how, regardless of failure, the always began again in an attempt to build a new and better world.

DEBATE

Debate teams were organized at the beginning of November, and began immediate preparation for the annual debate tournament of the Inter-Collegiate Speech League. The first trip for the debaters was to Grand Rapids for a round table discussion on December eighth. Later, Bill Shumaker went to Ypsilanti to represent the college in an extemporaneous speech contest. On January 23rd, the four teams left for Western State Teacher's College in Kalamazoo, to participate in the state debate tournament. Discussing the question, Resolved: That the Federal Government should enact legislation providing for a system of compulsory arbitration when voluntary means have failed," the teams won four debates out of twelve.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Paving the way for a series of dances and parties that have made the campus fairly hum this semester, the Sigma Phi's gave a peppy, old-fashioned square dance in the chapel recreation room. The first college social function of the term, it provided fun and solid entertainment for the large group of Navy and civilian students that attended.

The next large dance, the annual Frosh Frolic, took place on a more romantic atmosphere under the spell of the soft and dreary music of Bob Salsbery's orchestra, and in a Christmas setting, eighty couples danced in the newly decorated V.F.W.

After Christmas vacation, Juniors led off with a "Swing Party" on January 6th, the "Swing Party" that provided so much fun for everyone. Then the sororities vied for top honors in the entertainment field, and the recreation room became transformed successively into a South American piazza, a tavern and "Tough Ride Inn." The K.L.S. gay and glamorous "South American Nights" made a hit with everyone, and the "rugged but right" atmosphere of the Alpha Tau Tau Tavern, presented the next week, made the rec room a popular stopping off place for the students. The Sigma Phi's varied the routine by staging a hayride, and the weather man favored them with a



The Play's the thing—Jack Thompson, Yvonne Feeser, Lawrence Rowe, Bob Shutes, and Patt Williams are caught in a scene from "You Can't Take It With You."

crisp, frosty evening, and a romantic moon. After the ride, the couples were served hot spaghetti in the recreation room. The Delta Gamma Tau fraternity wound up this series of fun-loving parties with a dance on Friday, February 26.

As the final dance of the term, the Bon Voyage formal will be given in the Memorial Gymnasium. Planned by the Navy Unit, it is expected to be the top party of the semester.

SPEAKERS

Mrs. Jane F. McConnell, former director of the Volunteer Nurse's Aide Program, Pacific Area, American Red Cross in San Francisco, spoke to the student body on Tuesday, December 9th. Her talk concerned the opportunities and were open to young women in the fields of nursing, education, administration, in health, nursing, psychiatric work, and in other specialties, which would take advance training.

The next week brought two more interesting speakers. Mr. Backlund, editor of the Japanese and Mr. Robert Langan, editor of the Great Lakes Technocrat, addressed the student body. He discussed the scientific basis of modern life, and proposed a plan of total conscription and compulsory twenty-five year education. Mr. Robert Bellaire's speech proved particularly interesting to the Navy and civilian students, as he was a survivor of the "Tokyo Nightmare." A United Press correspondent in Tokyo when the Japs made their dastardly attack on Pearl Harbor, he told of six months of terror and starvation as a captive. Bellaire stated that the Japs would want revenge after the war is over, and that the U. S. will not be able to trust them for a long time to come. He advocated a strict policing of Japan for some years anyway.

IT HAPPENED HERE

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college chapel within the next week and a half. Ruth Kreulen will present her senior organ recital on Sunday, February 18th, at 4:30, and Phyllis Backlund will give a quart recital on Thursday, February 12th, at 8:00.

"SKIN OF OUR TEETH"

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three took place after the present war when man once more began to plan a new future, a better world, out of the ruins and havoc caused by the long struggle.

The leading characters did extremely well in their parts, and with the help of a large supporting cast, they put across the idea that the author wished to convey: that "man is as indestructible as his hopes, that he is forever improving himself and eternally falling in ruin, forever building and tearing down, but somehow through hell and high water, he manages to survive."

Dream Awake!

"Dream awake!" a slogan says to the boys at the front, kneeling in mud and mud, or curled protectively in a fox-hole somewhere in the front line, spread a bed, took from sheets, a soft wool blanket and the days from now until eternity blessed with sleep.

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TONY WEITZEL

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tions humorous. Other details were told of life and racial prejudices in the city, and the questions were raised on what is becoming of the American birthright and what will happen in the cities after the war.

A newspaperman since leaving college in 1929, Weitzel covered everything from crime to politics on his Cleveland News beat. He joined the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers as columnist in 1932. He became associated with the Free Press in 1938 and is still with that newspaper. For the last ten years he has had his own radio program and drama show. He has specialized in mystery and its part in relation to business. He is now engaged in writing the history of the American rubber and Dutch engine industries.

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