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Campus . . .

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wilkins were up to Alma last Sunday to see their son, Sid Wilkins, who had his appendix removed last week. Everyone was surprised at the suddenness of the operation including Sid who said, "I just went in to see the doctor about getting out of the phys ed because of a stomach ache."

Sid is circulation manager of the Almanian.

Latest item from the romance department is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Marilyn P. Dixon, Detroit, to Myrton (Bud) Leslie of Tawas City and Alma College.

Edith Davis, a graduate of Alma College and former editor of the Almanian has now become a Major in the WACS, in charge of all the WACS in London.

Earl E. Peterson, business manager of Alma College, underwent a major operation at the Carney-Wilcox hospital on December 29. He is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Stowe, Alma College dietitian, is still ill in her home in St. Johns but hopes to be back at Alma on Thursday morning.

President Hamilton expects to speak at the First Presbyterian church of Three Rivers on Sunday, January 16.

Jerry Katz is back and in civvies though he had a little trouble getting clothes at first. We can still have an original "Mac" varsity man on our basketball team.

Ted Corson came back from Great Lakes Saturday. As there is some mix up between his orders and the hospital he did not get his medical survey. Lt. Scott has gone down in an attempt to clear up the situation.

A movement was under way to place a cross over the long mound in front of the administration building last week.

The epitaph on the cross was to have read, "Here lies our heating system—dead." But after two days of close scrutiny, it was decided by the leaders that the leak had been repaired.

OLD CHAPEL TO BE THEATRE FOR KI'S NEW DRAMA DEBACLE

The KI'S wish to announce the production of a three-act Drama in the Old Chapel Wednesday. In the past the KI Little Theatre Guild has been noted for its screwy renditions of old classics. This year will be no exception—Oomph by Rowell, Pathos by Tex, Music by Yunker, Comedy by all. Put this on your "must-see" list. As an added attraction, two free tickets to the Stage Door Canteen are to be given away.

Stage Door Canteen Friday Night

"Hup, two, three four, right up to the Canteen door." The Navy's port of call on Friday night, January 14, will be the KI Stage Door Canteen, from "happy hour" to "sack-time." The KI's promise the best in smooth dance music and the biggest bands—not a vic but juke-box. And you don't even have to put a nickel in it. In case you haven't noticed the tickets, they entitle the holder to all sorts of valuable opportunities (valid only at the Canteen) and of vic but juke-box. And you don't even have to put a nickel in it. This dance in being promoted as a stag or drag affair; so, fellows, get your date from your town or our town or come "a-wolfin". "Calling all girls"—a call has been issued for sixty more stag women—volunteer to the nearest KI for Canteen duty. Hostesses will see that everyone has a grand

Debaters To Open Season at Kazoo

The Alma College debaters will open their schedule with a tournament at Western Michigan College of Education at Kalamazoo on Saturday, January 22. The purpose of this tournament is to act as a practice ground for the state tournament which is scheduled for Saturday, February 19.

Professor Westley Rowland will take five teams to Kalamazoo. These teams will be chosen from the following people: Mary Catherine Bell, Rama Kirkwood, Margaret Jones, Fernald Foster, James Daoust, Lawrence Rowe, John Miller, Ruth Shaw, Bill Sampson, Don Nuechterlein, Kean Angelus, Margaret Watson, and Barbara Kemper. Professor Cole and Professor Rowland will act in the capacity of critic judges at the tournament.

Student Council News

The skating party seemed to be a big success, as evidenced by the sale of nearly 100 tickets, and we wish we could have more of them in the future.

It was decided in the last council meeting that those Navy men who had paid their student activity fee, or part of it, should be given privileges not given to those who have not paid the fee, in the way of smaller admission prices to dances, etc.

The Bon Voyage dance for the February class will be put on by the student council, as usual, and we will make this one even better than the last one. The date is February 19, and Max Murray and Margaret Jones are to be co-chairmen of the affair.

Last Strength Test Better Than Ever

The school average on the last Navy strength test was up from 57.6, the average last October to 60.7. Only five fellows fell below the minimum score of fifty for passing, with one man flunking for gouging.

The test consisted of squat jumps, squat thrusts, push-ups, chins and sit-ups. Through this grind, Jim Lee again emerged top man with a score of 82.6, while McCoy climbed to second place by virtue of a score of 80, and Clarence Wilson was third with 76.2. Marv VanDellen finished fourth on a total of 74 and Chuck Hollosy was close behind with a 73.6 score.

Some of the boys in "Mac's" class are not quite sure now of the advantage of passing the test and getting in P.T. 2, as they slave away each day on the same old grind of running and calisthenics.

You can play ping-pong, cards, or even dictate a letter home to one of the charming stenographers. Are you an autograph hunter? See and meet celebrities at the Stage Door Canteen.

Head of Chemistry Department Takes Research Position



DR. RALPH SEIFERT

Dr. Ralph L. E. Seifert, head of the Chemistry department since 1941, and instructor under Dr. Kaufman from 1938 to '41, announced obtaining a leave of absence to take a research position at the University of Chicago under Arthur H. Compton, head of the department of physics, and directly under Professor J. Franck, head of the chemistry division.

Dr. Seifert will work in the metallurgy laboratory at the university under the National Research Committee, which headed all civilian work to aid the war effort. He had previously worked under this same set-up during the summer of 1942 at the University of Chicago in the respiratory laboratory.

Seifert was chosen for this important and secret research because of his fine technique in connection with the high vacuum.

He received his Bachelor of Arts at Evansville College, in 1934, his Master of Arts at the University of Illinois in 1935, and his Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois in 1937.

He has specialized in physical chemistry and has been effective in forwarding the chemistry department to the fine standard it maintains today. This year he has acted as the secretary of the faculty and chairman of the curriculum committee.

Professor Seifert will leave January 21, and will be replaced by Dr. Moffett as head of the department.

Belli Passes Buck Leaves For East

Dave Skiba fell in line for the traditional dollar which the first man to salute a newly commissioned officer receives. Last week Wednesday he met Ensign Belli uptown with John Alotis and Geo. Allen. Ensign Belli remembered the tradition after Skiba had passed him and called him back to reward him, to the consternation of his two companions.

Ensign Belli left the Navy Unit last Saturday for further indoctrination at Princeton University where he will receive special training before being assigned to duty.

The men of the battalion expressed their respect and well wishes for their ex-Chief by giving him a fine gift before he left.

After giving his good bye informally to the Unit after evening chow Friday night Ensign Belli visited every room to give his personal farewell just before leaving Saturday morning.

Ralph Pierce To Display Talent Here Next Thursday

PIANO WIZARD AT THURSDAY CHAPEL

In contemplating the wizardry of Ralph Pierce, handsome and unaffected young virtuoso of the piano who comes from California to appear here Thursday, a very remarkable circumstance must be borne in mind. Aside from a passionate fondness for music and the piano, practice periods of seven hours a day, six days a week, for almost 20 years. During the past three years, this young man has had the unbelievable good fortune to spend hundreds of hours in close concentrated study at the piano under one of the greatest pianists of our time, the incomparable Leginska.

How much can a genius like Leschetizky impart to a genius like Leginska (she was one of the

great teacher's star pupils), and how much of both can be imparted to a rising young would-be perfectionist at the piano like Ralph Pierce? Perhaps there is no means of measuring. But Pierce himself readily admits that without Leginska's help he could never have achieved the concert platform, and that every hour spent with Leginska at the piano adds immeasurably to his knowledge of tone production and technique.

This is Pierce's third tour of the middle west, the first was in 1941 when he played Kimball Hall in Chicago. This year, on January 4, he is making his New York debut in Town Hall.

A draft deferred father, Ralph Pierce has nevertheless found a way to participate in the war effort while continuing to spend many hours a day at his beloved piano. Each night at dinnertime he sallies forth from his studio apartment in Los Angeles and in due course arrives at a precision tool and gauge factory over which flutters the blue and gold pennant of the Army and Navy "E". Here through the wee small hours his sensitive fingers play over the knobs of a device called a super-micrometer, a technical marvel by which steel thread gauges used in the production of airplanes can be tested to within ten millionths of an inch of accuracy.

Navy Picks Council Plans Activities

Six members were elected to the Navy club council last Friday when the newly organized activity met for the second time. Elected to the new positions were: Robert Gabriel, Jim Hansen, Donald Hossler, Howard Ward, Russel Wright, and Howard Pollack.

Plans are already under way for a farewell dinner for the graduating class I men this February. The Park Hotel in St. Louis has been mentioned as one possibility for the proposed dinner.

Another activity, a big Navy dance, is being planned for the later part of this month. Two dates, January 21 and 27 are still open on the social calendar. Several bands have been mentioned for the affair including Bill Sawyer's famous University of Michigan favorite.

From the Navy club's rapidly growing treasury, a fund has been set up to enable the battalion to have all of the latest popular and classical records for the radio-lic in the lounge at Wright Hall.

Sneaking Back

Sneaking back into the Almanian's past, we find that a year ago people were talking about—the "basketeers" taking a fast game from Albion to lead the M. I. A. A.—the KI Canteen, a girl bid dance, with the Almanian advising the gals, "if you need any suggestions, don't forget the Co-Ed Date Bureau has a long list of eligible men"—the "little All-American" mentioning Alma's undefeated foot-ball team—Bowman and Lull hitting the skids with Hunter stepping in (does history repeat, chillun?)—the feminine residents' struggle with the mice who were making a mass invasion of Wright Hall.

Picking up the January 13 issue of 1942, we are struck by a huge banner advertising the U. S. & Frat Race, a big formal with proceeds going to the Red Cross—Scots were again leading the field in M. I. A. A.—"String of Pearls" was a success at the State—Pioneer Hall boys were featuring "Sam McGee" in their chapel program.

Delving deeper, we dig up the first edition of 1941 and discover Douds' advertising "delicious hot fudge" (are them days gone forever?)—Alma debaters coming in second in an Illinois tourney—the basketball boys still holding first position in the M. I. A. A. (Yes, those boys were good!)

SOCIAL CALENDER

- 11, Tuesday, Calvin game, There
- 13, Thursday, Grand Rapids game Here
- 14, K I Canteen
- 19, Wednesday, Camp Ellis game, Here
- 21, WAA, Spaghetti Dinner
- 25, Assumption game, There.

Oratory Contest Offered Students

The annual college oratory contest will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 1944 at 4:10 o'clock in the old chapel. The purpose of this contest is to choose a man and women representative for the state contests to be held at Michigan State College.

This contest is open to any in the college who wish to participate, both civilians and navy. The orations are to be limited to a maximum of 1800 words, and all those wishing to participate should inform Professor Westley Rowland.

Campbell To Speak Wednesday Night

Dr. Alexander M. Campbell, nationally known obstetrician and gynecologist, is conducting an educational program for the Michigan Department of Health. This program is on the prevention of deaths and illness of mothers and infants.

Dr. Campbell will address Mrs. Moffett's Red Cross Home Nursing class on Wednesday evening, January 12, at 7:30 o'clock in room 8 of the administration building. His topic will be "Maternal Health Program in Michigan." All interested students and faculty members are invited to attend. The class will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 as usual.

FRIDAY,
JANUARY 14

Stage Door Canteen

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TO SACK TIME

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DEMOCRACY AT HOME . . .

Even though Navy trainees and Alma College activities got off on the wrong foot during the first few weeks of school this fall, the achievements of both have more than justified the efforts made to reconcile them during that critical period. As 1943 drew to an end, Alma College could point with pride to the fine work of both Navy and civilian students in planning a full social calendar.

The issue that arose this fall was the activity fee, which was contested and detested by the Navy men for some time. However, the fine co-operative spirit of the students made it possible for them to iron out this difficulty and arrange for a full year of activities.

Since that time, the student council has been elected, full scale college athletics have been carried on, fine chapel programs have been offered, many clubs have been formed, and a college newspaper has been established out of a student body that was divided in station and without funds.

This developed program that has prospered in spite of beginning differences is perhaps the best and closest example of Democracy that we can offer to you for inspection. You of the student body were a part of it. Most of you found fault with it during its infant stages. Most of you planned it. Most of you worked on it. And now most of you are enjoying it. This is Democracy at home as we know it and overlook it every day.

You are to be congratulated for your fine work.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed:

This person has what he considers to be a reasonable complaint. This has to do with the election of officers for campus organizations. By and large, the manner in which these elections have been conducted has been quite disgusting.

First, the preliminary planning and organization for campus elections has been very inadequate or entirely lacking. The decision as to how, when, and where the elections will be held has been left for the group concerned to decide. The result of this is hurried nominations, thoughtlessness in picking and electing candidates, and general confusion. We have seen students nominated, elected, and installed in less than fifteen minutes. For junior high school, this might be all right but for college students such a condition is truly absurd.

Second, with one exception (First Navy Club election), all campus elections have had no time interval between the nomination and election of officers. We feel that there should be an interval of at least two or three days. Perhaps, nominations by petition would be better for class and large group elections.

Organization meetings in general have been chaotic. Noise, disorganization, and indifference have combined to make meetings and elections a farce. We think that future citizens and naval officers should get out of the adolescent atmosphere that has characterized campus meetings and the choosing of officers for campus organizations. Most high schools can boast of more interest and better organization of school political activities. Cannot our activities be better or at least as good as the average high school?

We suggest that the student council appoint a committee to look into the matter and supervise elections and political activities in some approved manner.

Disgusted

IN THE STACKS

They Also Ran
by Irving Stone

Presidential battles of the past are described from the side of the vanquished in this interesting account of the men who might have been President. Grouped according to their careers, the defeated candidates are compared to their prototypes of another day.

Relating many strange happenings and revealing little-known facts about national election, the author presents much thought-provoking material. Why and how did Tilden lose the Presidency when he had a clear majority of popular and electoral votes? If you believe that military heroes are elevated to the Presidency, why didn't Winfred Scott gain this honor? Who remembers the charge by Wendell Willkie in the 1940 elections when he declared that President Roosevelt had promoted the unforgettably foolish Munich Pact? What about Willkie today? About each candidate you soon find yourself wondering, "Where would we be today if he had won?"

As an interesting and factual way to learn American history this book is recommended to you.

Note: The idea of these reviews is to suggest good books that may not have come to your attention, and not to condense a book for you.

Sigma Philo News

The sorority lost a good member last week when President Marcie Hines joined the ranks of the teaching profession. A former member of the Pi Sig's, Marcie became the second president of the new Sigma Philo Sorority. Her able leadership, sportsmanship and initiative set a high standard for future members to follow. Her post will be filled by Grace Stevens who has proved her ability this semester in the capacity of vice-president and social chairman.

During 1944 one out of every four dollars spent by the Navy for ship construction will go for landing craft. More than 20,000 landing craft built at a cost of \$1,500,000 have splashed into the water so far.

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Wright Hall Chatter

Well, here we are again, all safe and—I don't know how sound after New Year's Eve, but a few of us survived anyhow.

Good old Saint Nick was pretty generous this year by the looks of the things. Not only did the Christmas holidays have an effect on pocket books, but a few of the boys—such as Ward, Lesie, and Skiba got themselves anchored over the vacation. No wonder it's been so cloudy around here all week. They've been walking on them.

And talking about anchors—it seems that T. S. and J. R. are getting tired of our company so they've decided to drag anchor for the wide open spaces. Boys, we have only one more plea to make—would you put Simi's in bankruptcy by leaving Alma? They deserve a break even if we don't.

J. Andrews seems to be allergic to gold stars in his window, so he's looking forward to the Supply Corps. If it makes any difference, John, I think we could change the color for you.

Beuford B. seems to be right on the ball in physics. He has convinced Dr. Brown that a drink before breakfast could be got out of a hydraulic ram; if it were allowed to drip all night. It's o. k., Beuford, but just be sure it's water.

And while we're on the subject of physics, here's a little problem that one of the gang put on the board to be worked out. If it takes six months for a red-headed woodpecker with a rubber bill to pick a square circular hole 7 3/4 in. in a log, how long will it take a cross-eyed grass-hopper with a corkscrew leg to punch out all the seeds of a lop-sided pickle? I hear Dr. Brown hasn't slept since because he's trying to solve it by vector quantities.

Believe it or not, big John Rosencrantz is a little soft on a gal named Jonesie. He looks so cute when he blushes. His ears turn red. But that's on Tommy's ground, John, so be careful. And this about C. I. Wilson being dreamy-eyed over Bugs is news too. These football players sure have a bashful complex, don't they? Ask Max Murray—he knows all the answers.

We wish Chief Belli all the luck in the world in his new job. We'll sure miss the chief—every one of us.

Ask Shader who he had a date with Friday night. We hear he even shaved those two pet whiskers which he's been raising for so long. He's been shaving for four years now and cut himself both times, too.

Did anybody see those new slate greys on Chief Fowler. Pretty classy, eh? Don't let him feed

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"Heart of the Golden
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Sunday and Monday, Jan. 16-17
RICHARD ARLEN and
JEAN PARKER in
"Mine Sweeper"

In the Spotlight

NEUFELD

SHEVROVICH

FAREWELL:

Chief (oops! Mr.!) Belli is sporting his Ensign's bars these days but it somehow seems funny to be calling him Mr. Mr. Belli has been such an integral part of all our activities that he is known and liked by everyone here as just plain Chief. It is quite unusual that anyone could mix in so sociably with the men and yet never lose their respect. It is just those qualities that will enable him to make a fine officer wherever he is sent.

Thus it is farewell to Alma for a grand guy. So long . . . Chief!

BASKETBALL:

Bob Winger is well on his way to being a track star, at least he is getting a good start at basketball practice. The boys have a little game in which they shoot free throws and when one misses he has to take as many laps as the number of shots made before he missed. At this rate our star rang up twenty-two laps the other day. He said on the side though that it was all a scheme of his to get in better shape than the rest of the squad . . . Two of our first three forwards are now civilians with the return of Jerry Katz to the squad with a medical discharge from the Navy . . . Gerry Renish's wonder-men from the Upper Peninsula continue to startle everyone by knocking off all their opposition. Their latest victim was a strong Fleet team which they beat 19-17. They are now contemplating a post-season clash with the Intra-mural champions, who they claim will be taken in stride like the other victims. How about it team 9?

HIGHLIGHTS FRIDAY NIGHT:

John Chulay's deadly shooting which netted him fourteen points and paced the team's scoring . . . Don Mraz's willingness to scrap with Custer's six foot three inch, two hundred and ten pounds, McCarty after McCarty had roughed him up . . . McCarty's subsequent removal from the game after he roughed Donald and made threatening gestures at the referee . . . Our substitutes, Wilson, McIntyre and Eckhart, committing mayhem out there in the form of four fouls in the last two minutes as they fought desperately to protect our basket from the ball . . . "Micky" Elliott coming close to scoring his first bucket of the season on a short shot. After the game he let this reporter in on the cause for his non-existent point total. He said, "I am strictly a defensive player" . . . "Casual" Katz getting beamed before the game and inhaling smelling salts continually, so he wouldn't look too groggy on the floor. Although he appeared as debonair as ever during the game, Chief Fowler said Katz didn't rebound as usual.

HERE AND THERE:

Rex Roseman, Alma's star halfback of last fall, recently received a questionnaire from the Phil-Pitt team of the National Professional Football League. Though he won't be able to play for the duration, Rex's ability may be rewarded with a contract later . . . With the arrival of winter and the flooding of Davis field, thoughts have turned to ice skating in general and hockey in particular. Teams are being planned, with the U. P. boys (they have to skate to school) likely to have the best . . . "Roaring" George Fowler while remarking on the frailty of we youths said that when he used to take these strength tests, a score of 98 was just average for him. We, however, who have seen Chief try to do even one push up, have a little doubt as to the veracity of his statement.

Tonight at Calvin College in Grand Rapids the team should make it five in a row by beating the "Knights" about 40-36. After this victory, the team will come back Thursday night and conquer easily the men from Grand Rapids J. C. by from six to twelve points. This triumph will make six in a row for the Scotsmen to amend for those first four losses.

Alma Cagers Whip Custer Soldiers To Even Series

Alma's cagemen scored their third consecutive victory and opened the New Year with a bang as they trounced Fort Custer in a return game last Friday night 45-32. The Scotsmen displayed the best brand of ball they have played all season in defeating the favored soldier quintet.

Play started slowly and it seemed as if the game would turn into a dragged out affair. Four minutes went by before Chulay sank two free throws to open the scoring and put Alma into a lead it never relinquished. Chulay was practically Alma's entire offense in the first half as he scored twelve of the Scot's sixteen points to give them a 16-9 lead at the half-way mark.

Play in the second half was in marked contrast to that in the first as both teams played wide open offensive ball. Led by Hollosy, McMurray and Katz, Alma forged into a 28-15 lead in the opening minutes of play. McCarty, former Wayne University and Auto Club star, then started clicking on his long shots and cut Alma's lead to 28-24. This proved to be the nearest that Custer came to tying the score as the Scots once more pulled away. The soldiers last hope faded when McCarty was ejected from the game midway in the second half for arguing with the referee.

Greatly responsible for our victory was the outstanding work of the guards. McMurray, probably the most improved player on the squad, played a great defensive game as well as scoring four points. Hollosy, though handicapped by an injured leg and knee was the outstanding player on the floor during the time he played. It would seem that if the guards continue to play the same brand of ball and John Chulay continues to ring up the points Coach's chief worries will be over and the team will continue to win.

	Individual Scoring		
	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Chulay	21	14	56
Krause	19	5	43
Katz	14	5	33
Winger	12	7	31
Temple	10	5	25
Mraz	9	7	25
Hollosy	8	2	18
McMurray	6	2	14
Corson	5	0	10
Elliott	0	0	0
McIntyre	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0
Eckhart	0	0	0

Sportality

By-Dewey Miller

John Temple, the slugger who gave up a contract with the Chicago White Sox to enlist in V-12, is the athlete chosen for this week's sportality.

John hails from Detroit where he started his athletic career playing American Legion and sandlot baseball at the age of fourteen.

Temple attended the Alma High School where he played basketball, football, and baseball for the two years he was there winning six varsity letters. John was picked as a half-back on the Detroit All-City football team in 1942.

Showing much promise as an outfielder and a hitter while playing in the American Legion league for Pittinger, John was given a tryout with the Chicago White Sox of the American League. John, like many of our other athletes, wanted to get in the big game, so he enlisted.

He was ineligible for sports during the first term at Alma because he had had no previous college academic work. This did not stop him, however, from practicing with the football team. He showed his willingness to play in these practice sessions, and when he became eligible, was immediately put on the first team at half-back. Currently, he is holding down the first team pivot spot on the basketball team and doing a fine job.

If the war does end soon, it is a sure thing that Temple will go on with a professional baseball career. Keep your eye on this boy. He is good.

Wilkins had been lying in bed for four days when Doc Gomley noticed his beard and demanded, "why haven't you shaved?" "I didn't have enough time—sir," came the weak reply.

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ATTENTION SKATERS!

If you are itching to try out those ice skates you've been hoarding, here's your chance. Lots of fun awaits you at the ole skatin' rink over in Davis field. A good size section of the field has been banked and flooded for skating. So in your spare moments, just breeze over for a fall on the ice. Just think, no trudging to the down town rinks in the wintry blast, or taking a dangerous risk on the river. The weather man predicts good cold skating weather. So, be seen' you.

BOWLING:

Within a couple of weeks, an all girl bowling tournament will take place. The tournament is going to be run off in classes with Beth Aron, senior captain; Margaret Jones, junior; Lydia Silvani, sophomore; and Ellen Angel, freshman. Each class will have an A and B team composed of 4 girls each. Monday and Thursday are prospective nights with two alleys reserved for them. There is a possibility that the Bowling Alley will give a prize fund. All girls interested sign up soon with Lydia Sivani at Pioneer Hall.

Just a reminder . . . W.A.A. credit is given for the roller skating party, ice skating, and all tournaments.

BELLI'S LAST GAME A REAL HUMDINGER

After playing mediocre ball during the first part of the season Ensign Belli played his best game of the season against the up and coming team 10. Team 6 led by James Schultz, with 12 points, managed to keep ahead throughout the entire game. Mr. Belli, holding down the guard slot, played fine defensive ball while slipping nine points through the cords.

Cat Chatter

This is the week of exams so don't look here for a sharp column, but we have been able to peer thru the bags under our eyes to see:

That Brown boy strolling into Sunday breakfast comfortably attired in robe and slippers... What a homey idea... but how are we going to struggle thru the snow and ice in a pair of bedroom slippers?

Neufeld and Shevrovich tied to chairs in the Almanian office grinding out words five minutes before the deadline... Assistant Ed. Neufeld maintains he's the brains of the twosome and Shevrovich just keeps stealing his copy.

That card sharp, Chuck Stout, who has everyone baffled with his tricks... He confesses, "I've never really seen how they work myself, since the hand is quicker than the eye."

A lot of screwy people climbing

into a convertible truck Saturday nite, (must have been about a hundred of them) to drive 20 miles just to skate in circles for a couple of hours... Yeah? so we're screwy too! We had a wonderful time... playing flashlight with Breiden... watching Bowman freeze as he plugged out some solid harmony with Wunderlich.

Jones, Welden Taylor, Chulay and dozens of others on "It's Just an Old Beer Bottle" and "The Marine's Hymn."
A lot of dusty seats where navy blue hit the rink... Abe and Beth, a couple of newcomers to the game, struggling along together and enjoying every minute of it... Bud (never been on a rink before in my life) McMurray, tearing around like a professional... O. O. Ross showing us something new, skating cheek to cheek... If you don't think it's difficult, we just dare you to try it.

That Perkins-Wauchek duo gaining momentum... Those newly acquired sparklers dazzling us from the hands of Misses Anderson, Lintz and Traphagen.

Well, mates, see you around at all those big events coming up soon, like the Stage door Canteen and W.A.A. Spaghetti dinner the following week... We sure ought to be able to pick up some good material things there—we mean gossip of course.

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Navy Scratch Pad

By The Bluejacket Reporter (This feature is prepared and distributed by the Navy Public Relations office, 130 West Larned street, Detroit, Michigan.)

Hitler Won't Forget Them—Oh No! Michigan war workers learned a little more about the German fighting man recently from Patrick F. Ford, 32-year-old bluejacket and veteran of the Sicilian invasion. Ford was wounded and came back to the United States with a large group of German prisoners. "The Nazis weren't sorry to be captured and be brought to the United States," Ford said, "because they really believed they were Hitler's advanced guard. They thought New York was in flames and they believed their particular destiny was to head the German Army of occupation. Many of them were planning to study so they would be prepared to govern us as soon as their comrades came. They were a surprised bunch that saw the New York buildings still scraping the sky—but then, my guess is, the Germans have a lot of surprises in store for them."

Navy Man Takes Bar Exam During Battle

Within sight and hearing of a battle that raged on a Pacific island, Lieut. (jg) James F. Dinneen, Medford, Mass., did some intense concentrating last June aboard a tossing seaplane tender and successfully completed a seven-hour written Massachusetts bar examination. Long after the battle had subsided Dinneen wrestled with the law questions. Last week he came home with a row of campaign ribbons and was sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts state bar. A few hours later Lieut. Dinneen was on his way back to the Pacific.

Champion Fox Hole Racer

There are still fox-hole sprinters on Guadalcanal, but the champion scamperer is a four-months old puppy, Little Griff. The champ is the canine mascot of a Marine Corps dive bombing squadron stationed on the island. Little Griff usually is the first one in the dug-outs when the air raid warnings are sounded, but recently he was a little mixed up and his confusion resulted in a new speed record. The pup beat everyone to the fox-hole as usual but returned to the barracks with the pilots before the all-clear sounded. When the siren wailed the all clear signal, Little Griff tore down the hill to the fox hole again. Then the Japs came over again, the mascot heard the siren wail and thinking it was the all clear signal headed for the barracks once more. One of the Japs sent down a bomb not so far away from the pup. Without waiting for another siren the dog, skidded, turned and raced towards the underground shelter establishing a new record for the Guadalcanal fox hole racers.

Everybody Takes The Swimming Test.

Navy Chaplain Lieut. John K. Wheaton abandoned ship when the cruiser Helena was sunk in the Kula Gulf. He clung to wreckage for one day and floated for two more days on a life raft before he was washed ashore on a tiny island. This week, the chaplain now stationed at the Sampson Naval Training Station, was notified he had not yet taken the swimming test and the abandon ship drill required of all officers and men assigned to the station. Incidentally, Chaplain Wheaton took the test, and what's more, he passed it.

Navy Notes of The Week

With a thrilling chapter of achievement under fire behind them, the Navy Seabees commemorated their second birthday Dec. 28. During the two years period, 262,000 men have joined the "builders and defenders," 115,000 are now overseas, 79,000 are awaiting the word now, to shove off, and 68,000 are now in training in the United States.

First Seabee to win a citation for bravery was the late Lawrence C. Meyer, seaman second class, Toledo, Ohio who was awarded the Silver Star medal posthumously for heroic action in the Solomons in October, 1942... Liberty ships are being launched at a rate of five a day throughout the country at a cost of \$1,000,000 a piece.

A new movie portraying the life and heroism of the U. S. submarine crews was previewed this week at the Navy's sub base, New London, Conn. Name of the pic-

ture is—"Destination Tokyo." The Navy's new supercargo flying boat Mars carried 13,000 pounds of Christmas mail on a 4,375-mile nonstop flight to Brazil, making the trip in 28 hours and 25 minutes. On the return trip, the Mars brought back 48,000 pounds

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