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## Michigan Team Debates Alma In Exhibition

The student body received an unusual and educational treat in Wednesday's chapel when they witnessed the clash of two University of Michigan men. Martin Shapero and John Condyllis, with two of our own members. Margaret Jones and Don Neuchterlein, in an exhibition debate on this year's intercollegiate debate question, "Resolved, that the United States should cooperate in establishing and maintaining an international police force upon the defeat of the Axis."

The affirmative ease based on a two-point need of (1) preventing aggression and (2) creating an era of peace in which to solve the basic problems of war; a practicable solution consisting of a police force under an international organization which would solve the basic causes for war, and a benefit of world security and peace, was attacked by the negative on the grounds that (1) peace cannot be maintained through force (2) an international police force would not solve the basic causes of war and (3) the nations would not and should not cooperate in such a plan to freeze the status quo.

Though a bit apprehensive prior to the debate, the Alma representatives, upholding the affirmative side of the question, were well (continued on page four)

## THETAS' STAG PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Alpha Thetas didn't wait for a formal invitation from Mamma Nature but crashed the season by staging the first break for outdoor life from among Almanites by having an outing in honor of pledges at Conservation Park last week.

Thanks to the organizing committee, all went off smoothly; and the girls are still talking of the fun that was had, and all without the slightest masculine touch. Oops, almost forgot Andy's and Jerry Katz's good will in driving supplies and a luscious vie to the cabin (and since when 4Ae Purdy, (continued on page four)

## Program of Contemporary American Art Presented to Appreciative Audience

### NOTICE

The sophomore class has made a change in plans due to conditions beyond control and wishes to announce the Victory Shuffle. This will be an informal stag or drag affair with music by your favorite bands, decorations, and side lines, all combined to make it a good April 1st date. Dig plans are being made for this occasion; so save Saturday night for a good time.

## Professor Rowland Soon to Leave

After a year and a half at Alma College. Professor Wesley Rowland, of the speech department is leaving for the U. S. Navy in the near future. He has made application for a commission but his exact plans are dependent on the decisions of the government.

Professor Rowland is from Kalamazoo, Michigan. After graduation from Western Michigan College of Education, he received his Masters Degree from the University of Michigan. Before coming to Alma in September, 1942 he taught speech in a Muskegon high school.

In the short while that Professor Rowland has been at Alma, he has contributed to college activities with great enthusiasm and untiring energy. Not only has he very capably headed the speech department and the Alma debate teams, but he has acted as chairman of the War Council directing Bond Drives and other projects made necessary by the war emergency. The past two semesters he had had charge of planning the chapel programs which play so vital a part in the schedule at Alma. In addition to these activities Professor Hamilton announces, "Mr. Rowland's work on student enlistment has been very commendable."

The Presbyterian church will also feel the absence of Mr. Rowland, who has been superintendent of its Sunday school and an active church member.

Mr. Rowland hopes to return to Alma following the war, and with this end in mind has applied to the Board of Trustees of the College for a leave of absence. The date of his departure is as yet in definite, but his wife and young son are moving to Kalamazoo next Friday.

A fan-well party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland was given Saturday night, March 25, by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grove. It was attended by various close friends among the faculty.

Surpassing average entertainment in originality. "A Contemporary American Evening," presented last Friday night in the Chanel Recreation Room, brought to the campus a review of modern trends in the theatre, architectural design, and music.

The inimitable Don Nuechterlein in the role of Master of Ceremonies, wove the three features of the evening into a harmonious pattern, introducing a short ultra-modern skit. It represented an extreme trend in one-act plays known as arena staging, which groups the audience about the

## SOCIAL DANCING IN CHAPEL THURSDAY

There will be a social dancing class this Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 P. M., and every Thursday thereafter in the chapel recreation room, Miss Smith, the girl's athletic instructor, wishes to announce. Girls from all the sororities have volunteered to be on hand to help the boys who wish to learn the fine art of darning. Only beginners are invited to attend this dancing class.

So all you fellows who have been waiting for such a golden opportunity, come on over to the chapel this Thursday. You too can be the life of the party! You too can come to all the college dances with confidence after a few lessons from the co-eds and Miss Smith.

## William Betz, USN Dies at Monmouth

William Betz, Y-5 cadet doing tarmac duty after graduation from Alma college last semester, died last Tuesday from cerebral hemorrhage at Monmouth Naval Air Station, Illinois.

Betz, better known as Willie by the student body, had completed his two semesters here on the Alma campus as a member of the Naval V-12 Unit.

Members of the unit, as well as the rest of the student body, were stunned last week to hear of the

## GOMFLU/1 . . .

Prof. Hamilton Speaks  
President Hoy W. Hamilton will speak to the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis club on April 3rd at 0:30 P. M.

Knox Sends (Jreelins)  
President Hamilton recently received a letter from Col. Frank Knox. Secretary of the Navy, in which he expressed regret that he will be unable to attend the commencement program on June 24, due to confining work. Secretary Knox wrote: "For the overall picture, we are delighted with the progress the V-12 units are making. I hope things have gone well with the young Naval Cadets at Alma College."

Spring Vacation  
The official announcement from the office of the President is that spring vacation will begin Friday, April 7th at 11:30. Classes will be resumed on Monday, April 10th as usual.

Dehnke-Smith  
Of interest to Almanites is the recent marriage of Helen Dehnke and Dane Smith. The bride, a former president of Kappa Iota sorority, was graduated from Alma in January, 1943. Lieutenant Smith, former Phi Phi Alpha man and graduate of 1941, is now overseas.

Dick Hamilton Graduates  
Richard A. Hamilton, Auburn, N. Y., is one of 113 cadets just graduated from the Naval Flight Preparatory School at Colgate University. He now begins the War Training Service course at Cornell University, where he will receive his first flight instruction. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hamilton, Auburn, attended Alma College before joining the Navy.

Kenneth McKee Moffat Makes Debut  
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Moffat announce the birth of their son, Kenneth McKee Moffat, last week-end.

Time Changes  
At midnight next Sunday night all Alma clocks will be set ahead one hour as the town changes from Eastern Standard Time to Eastern War Time.

## Sennu the //drill rath Harry Oliver

While it is a little difficult for us to speak with an open mind on the subject of Harry Oliver, we will try to be impartial. Harry, along with such present and past notables as Dale Wares, Gwen Moultyw\* Hob Smith, Juan Hardy, and Nancy Finlayson, is a graduate of the Traverse City school of hard knocks. From what we know of this chap, however, there seems little likelihood of his carrying on in the grand tradition.

Harry joined the navy a year ago with the rancid breath of the draft board blowing down his button-down collar, and, quicker than you can say Jack Robinson after a Zombie, he was doing boot training in Great Lakes, where he was distinguished at Great Lakes mainly for not being distinguished. In fact, at the end of eight weeks, half of his company didn't even know there was a Harry Oliver in the company. This period of boot training is the only period on record during which H. Oliver has kept his mouth closed longer than ten seconds.

After an hour's struggle with a magnificently mispacked sea-bag, Harry managed to get him and the hag placed on the troop train headed from Great Lakes to Norfolk. This trip took a day and a half, during which Harry looked

out the window and tried to ignore the lad from Harlan, Kentucky, who kept singing the old hill-ballad, "John Hardy Was a Desperate Little Man." At the end of the trip, H. Oliver was a desperate little man, too. Almost as desperate as John Hardy who "shot him a man on the West Virginia line."

At Norfolk, Harry spent three weeks serving mess to an assorted group of storekeepers and yeoman. and made it a point to serve these chow-hounds as little as possible. Many were the men who promised to get that little (this space censored) some night. Harry solved this problem with his usual agility, merely by refusing to go out on liberty. A whole generation of storekeepers were thus destined to go through life frustrated.

And then came the night when Harry, with limbs shaking, boarded his ship. Since the ship's decks were blacked out, Harry gained the impression that he was emboweled in some erratically planned labyrinth. Examination of the ship by daylight proved that he was not far from correct. . . . He was on a Navy tanker.

H. Oliver quickly gained a name aboard ship as the only man who (Continued on page three)

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through the chou line. Mi! Ich! and grown men. too. Or. what is  
thr phrase future "officers and gentlemen .

With the current milk situation, tins problem has become so critical  
that we deem it worthy of scientific investigation. Now, looking at the

## COMING EVENTS

MARCH-

Wednesday, 2» Rabbi Jehudah M. Cohen in chapel- 11:15

Thursday, JO- -Student <hapel ^  
Social Dancing class 7:00 P. M.

APRIL-

Saturday, 1 Sophs Victory Shuffle (informal)

Sunday, 2 Recital for piano students only  
Vespers service, New Chapel 1:00 P. M.

Monday. 3 Mr. Hamilton is in charge of a series of Raster  
services

Thursday, 0 Social dancing class

Friday, 7- Good Friday (no afternoon classes)

Saturday, K Vacation

Monday, 10- Mr. Hamilton in chapel

Tuesday, 11 Prof. Unstadt in chape!

## In the Spotlight

ROBINSON

SHEVROVICH

In contrast to the past few weeks, we finally had a little action emanating from the gym last Friday. Rather than vigorous physical action, as one would expect from such a physical culture center, the action was supplied by an edict engineered under the supervision of Coach Macdonald. The essence of the document deals with the care and maintenance of gym clothing and equipment. At present it seems to us as if it contains more angles than the proverbial fourth dimension and only a good clubhouse lawyer can always remain in good standing. A lot of interesting situations are bound to arise in the very near future.

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That the strong as well as the weak must sometime fall was proved last week by our Chief Fowler. A veritable human dynamo and powerhouse, "Roaring George" finally bit the dust. Strange as it may seem, our brave chief was a casualty on the comparatively quiet volley ball front. On a tricky flanking maneuver, George lost his footing and sustained a bruised ankle. Since that epic moment "Pudgy" has been screaming to the world that he is deserving of the Purple Heart. We certainly hope that he gets his just reward—whatever it may be.

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Pairings for the bowling and ping pong tournament have been made and play will begin some time this week. The tournament is to be run on a round-robin basis with the best two out of three games series determining winners. Thirty-two have signed up for bowling and twenty-two for ping pong, thus competition in both sports promises to be very keen as there are several excellent players entered in each. Though the main purpose of the tournament is to fill in the shortage in sports activities, several prizes will be awarded to stimulate added effort on the part of the contestants.

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### HERE AND THERE:

Among the athletes who left Alma last semester is Keith Krause, star basketball forward. Keith expects to be called by Uncle Sam soon, and decided to take a short vacation prior to entering the big game . . . Probably the most ambitious athlete on campus as present is Gene Hadjisky, "Hedge", an aspiring distance runner, has been seen taking five and six mile jaunts several times the past week. Such diligent and arduous training is certain to do something to or for the lad . . . What astounds us particularly is the fine shape most of the athletes on campus keep themselves in. We venture to say that if the basketball team scheduled a game for next week, they all could go the full distance without showing any undue effects. Those boys certainly have struck the right note in their training . . . Now that beautiful spring has arrived in Alma, outdoor sports will come to the fore again. As a result, there are no prospects for a varsity snowball-throwing team.

## Spring Season Shows Promise

Out came the mits and track shoes last week when it began to look like spring outside and feel like spring inside. A lot of men wanted to know about the spring set-up for athletics just as soon as it began to look like good weather for sports.

Three points should be covered with spring in mind. One, and probably most important to coach Macdonald and the Navy is that sports won't be going outside for some time yet. Gym classes will probably have to wait a long time before Bahlke Field will be dry enough to stand up under our full program. Pre-season enthusiasts usually tear up more sod in the spring than ground keepers can fix all summer.

In connection with this, the track should probably be mentioned. If the ice rink can be removed from the running track, it may be possible for trackmen to get outside long before gym classes can.

Secondly, this spring will see an all-campus program set up that will include baseball and track for everyone. Perhaps some other activities can be worked out in the near future. We imagine the athletic department has its usual eye out for anything and everything that will interest the men.

But finally, and maybe even less agreeable, is the fact that our athletic program will be carried out in direct opposition to the amount of co-operation the student body gives. It is pointed out that teams and leagues require the same kind of spirit that was shown in the basketball league, and that this system is directly dependent upon the college activity fee returns. Without a fair amount of co-operation from all of the student body this fee will be insufficient to support a full athletic program.

It must be remembered by the students that intra-mural sports give more students a chance to compete, but do not bring in any return, which inter-collegiate competition does.

### HARRY OLIVER

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wouldn't climb back up the ropes after having painted over the side. (Harry had never climbed a rope before, and reasoned that ten fathoms of water was no place over which to learn.) The bos'n therefore used to rig up a life-line and haul Harry up like a bucket of bilge-water.

Harry liked Scotland. Even the slums looked romantic, and the little boys all talked like Roddy MacDowel when they asked for a cigaret for their mothers. Harry used to confuse these youngsters when he would tap one of them on the shoulder and ask for a cigaret for his mother. The Children's Labor Union finally rode Harry out of Scotland on a rail.

Casablanca was nice too. Harry and an Italo-American buddy made the usual tourist's trip to the Sultan's Palace. The Sultan's harem turned out to be in Rabat at the time so the trip was rather a wash-out as far as these simple sailors were concerned. However, Harry retains many pleasant memories of the leprous old gentleman who charged 20 francs for every empty room they visited. (Anyone wishing a section of palmtree leaf, filched at great cost from the Sultan's garden, contact H. Oliver at Wright Hall: \$2. per square inch.)

In desperation, the officers of Harry's ship finally conspired to have him transferred to V-12. No other ships in the fleet would have him. And now Harry is at Alma. Lucky Alma.

## Sportality

The man in the limelight today is that 5'8", 180 pound dynamo of Alma's backfield last fall, Clarence "Pee Wee" Wilson. "Pee Wee" was noted especially for his hard line plunging and vicious tackling. The harder and tougher the game became, the more "Pee Wee" would enjoy himself. With teammates of his being injured in every game, Clarence was forced to shift around in the backfield and by the end of the season had played all four backfield positions.

Upon completion of the football season, Wilson became a candidate for the basketball squad, becoming a member of the squad as a guard. Perhaps the greatest and loudest cheer ever given the Navy in Memorial Gymnasium burst forth when Clarence made his first basket of the season. As in football, "Pee Wee" was noted for his aggressiveness.

Before entering college competition, Wilson was an outstanding athlete at East Detroit High School. He played fullback on the varsity eleven for two years, was second baseman on the diamond team for two years, and served for three years on the basketball five, becoming co-captain in his senior year.

In the autumn of 1943, Clarence entered Michigan State College. While attending what he calls a "cow college," Clarence was a member of the freshman football and basketball squads. His enlistment in the Navy and subsequent transfer to Alma put an end to his participation in sports there.

If there is any single outstanding trait about "Pee Wee," it is his aggressiveness. In his rough play, "Pee Wee" has enjoyed dishonorable ejection also proved that when the going gets tough, the tough get going.



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## Scuttlebut from Good Ship Wright

We're having a hard time thinking of something hot to write this time. So bear with us while we refresh our memories.

On the third deck we have a "boot" named "Boot" who seems to have all the salt of a big time sailor. Even some of the fleet boys have a time keeping up with him. If anyone is interested, his name is Perry.

These new arm "bands" that the battalion officers are wearing seem to be quite the last word in decorations. Letka walked into Sheetz's room the other night and informed us that he likes his so much that he wears it to bed every night. Maybe that's so he won't forget to put it on for muster. Cain tried in vain to fold under the half that identified him as a V-12. Do you know what V-12 means? Victory in twelve months' fight. And we mean it. So, Tojo, take our advice and get into it.

There's been some discussion about a couple of names this semester. There are two William Johnsons on board our battleship. The only way to separate them is to call them Johnson number one and Johnson number two. Which is which we haven't been able to discover as yet.

We haven't heard from Ernie Post since he moved out of room 400, but we know he's still all out for women. Can't see our "anchored men's club" go; right, Ernie?

Jug Beck is at it again. He and Charlie Hook just can't seem to stay on the right side of "Square Deal". Why don't you try the left side, fellows?

We're wondering who that new, oversized, lanky blond is on the third deck who has a way with Patt Williams. Either it's size or looks that gets the women.

"Roaring" George Fowler's sweet complexion is being missed by all since he gave up many of his classes to Bob Wilson. Give us a break, George, and bring your sunny disposition to the gym more often.

Bob Yoder seems to be off to a flying start both in Almanian work and with Carolyn Sanford, (Almanian business manager). Is it strictly business, or otherwise, Bob?

For the benefit of you new guys, when you're eating chow and someone tells you to "pass the Matecjik", they are referring to the salt. By the way, Leo has been in the Navy almost six years and will soon receive another raise.

Charlie Love had a little trouble with the Alma College music department about playing the organ. So now he insists that his talents will be exhibited at the Methodist church since he doesn't feel that he should be expected to take lessons when he knows all about the organ already, quote Charlie.

Chuck Fossati gave an interesting speech the other day pointing out that Detroit is a suburb of Grosse Isle. Well, everyone is entitled to his own opinion.

Keep calm gang until next issue when we'll print some more incidents that others shouldn't know about.

P.S. Confucious say—He who does not want things known should keep honorable mouth shut.

## DEBATES

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able to match wits with the Michigan men who at times resorted to audience appeal to disguise the vagueness of their argumentation. At the outset the negative team had the edge, but as the debate progressed, with each team utilizing the well known art of hedging, avoiding the major issues in a maze of technicalities and analogies, the two sides were neck and neck.

The four rebuttal speeches brought little change in style, the only clinching evidence a statement by Hull, which could have been used more effectively earlier in the debate, being brought in by the last affirmative in overtime. As neither team left any glaring hole in its opponent's case, it was fortunate that the debate was non-decision. The position of a judge would have been an uncomfortable one.

An amusing insert in the affirmative case, immediately taken up by the negative and receiving quite a reaction from the audience, was the statement that some of the Alma sailors would form part of the post war force. The negative felt that if such were the case, and the sailors were to act as judges, the debate would unquestionably be theirs.

The friendly attitude of the debaters, the liveliness of the debate itself, and the determination of the participants to convince their audience made for an entertaining chapel hour.

Professor Rowland and Mr. Beal, of the University, arranged the debate, with student help being given by Mary Catherine Bell as chairman, John Miller and Ruth Shaw as time keepers.

## STAG PARTY

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Collins, and Somers supplies?). It wasn't long before "heated canines" were dangling from sticks and coated with a rich skin of black. Ask Tomes about the trouble she had with her dog . . . it just wouldn't stop snapping at people! Too bad a talent scout wasn't present or Norma Hass would be on her way to Hollywood . . . baby talk, shadow, and all. Even Tarzan's mate Middleton was there and can she ever dangle from rafters! Much of a chance Pud and Lydia had against the "new system bridgers" Kraulen and Oley . . . by the time they're through bidding they know what each other has and everyone else. Poor Marge Bow, after Amy came down she had to spend the rest of the evening looking for slivers. A roommate to the rescue! Lucky gents whoever get Kay Wyllys and Ellen Angel . . . they'll make darling little housewives because they surely can straighten out a crowd's messes!!!

There is always the first to leave . . . in fact, Fischer wouldn't even stay to criticize Frank Sini's crooning . . . so she ventured forth in the dark of night, alone and unafraid to keep that date with B. C. She literally went through blazes to make it on time, too. Wonder why Huff ran an advertisement for a new pair of feet the next day?

The event ended with determination to do it again, but soon! !

## CAT CHATTER

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eyed, what will she be like when he gets here? . . . Who was the lucky gob who conveyed Helen Nash down to the local cinema last Tuesday? . . . He looked 4.0 to us, Helen. . . That new co-ed on campus as of a week ago is Betty Fischer-Welgoss, Nan's sister. . . She has returned to college for at least the remainder of the term.

And, now lest you forget—the sophomores promise something super in the line of a Soph Shuffle—next week-end. Have you got your date? After all, Saginaw and its amusements (how tactful we are) will always be there, but a Soph Shuffle comes but once a year!!!!

## KI GIRLS THROW MARATHON PARTY

The K.I.s greeted the spring with a bang and . . . something really outstanding in parties. . . certainly the longest and probably the best for many a year. 16 sailors, staunch and true. . . and 16 good K.I.s with Dr. and Mrs. Phillips . . . she was a K.I. in co-ed days . . . set out for Conservation park promptly at 4:15 oops! I mean 5:00 when Bob (wait just 45 minutes) Gaynor came tearing in. Anyhow there were lots of good hot dogs and a blazing fire awaiting the hikers. . . thanks to the able planning of the new members. . . Bill (Scout Troop 49, Wolf Patrol) Febel cut down small trees and carved them into sticks for roasting the winners. . . Lois Church chased Jerry Lacey right up on the roof of the cabin. . . these energetic freshmen. Then back to the Strand to see the IMPOSTER. . . which some of the K.I.s thought was good Friday. . . but even better Saturday. On to the chapel. . . to cut a square rug . . . with the help of Mr. May and his fiddle man. . . Coach and Mrs.

MacDonald and Dr. and Mrs. Du-Bois came over to watch this part of the festivities. . . the fellows are hoping Coach didn't get any ideas for P.T. . . from these oldtimers like. . . Tex, Helen Hayward, Gunner, Gaynor, and Febel. After two hours of square dancing the evening was topped but delightfully . . . with the traditional KI skit. . . which gets funnier every time. New couples were everywhere. . . in fact, we hardly saw a familiar twosome. At midnight everyone went home. . . tired and happy. . . and might I add, hungry. . . It was a wonderful party with not a dull moment. . . in the immortal words of Don Mraz, quote: I'm going to Saginaw next week-end. . . You don't get so beat out.

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