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STUDENT BODY ELECTS NEW LEADERS

Campus . . .

2ND LT. BOYD U. S. M. C.
Second Lt. Arthur Donald Boyd, U. S. M. C. (Alma ex-'44, Zeta Sigma Fraternity) of Flint, Michigan, pilot of a fighter plane, was killed in a plane crash at the Mairaine Air Station at Mojave, California. He was 22 years old. Funeral services were held at the Central Methodist church in Flint at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, March 30th.

1ST LT. BAKER, U. S. A. A. F.
Philip C. Baker has been promoted to first lieutenant, it has been announced by Brigadier General Thomas O. Hardin, Commanding General of the India-China Wing Air Transport Command, USAAF.

Lt. Baker, son of Mr. Lyle E. Baker of 735 North Main street, Clawson, Michigan, was a clerk before joining the army. He attended Alma College. He has been in the China-Burma-India theater more than seven months.

The India-China-Wing of the Air Transport Command is the U. S. Army Air Forces unit which carries essential war materials over the north Burma "hump" of the Himalaya mountains into China by air, flying large transport airplanes day and night. This Wing recently received a unit citation from President Roosevelt for "exceptionally outstanding performance."

PRESBYTERIES MEET

President Hamilton and Mr. Peterson, business manager, represented the college at meetings of Presbyteries of the Synod in Flint, Detroit, Lansing, and Grand Rapids, on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

CHOIR SINGS IN SAGINAW

The a cappella choir will sing at two churches in Saginaw next Sunday. President Hamilton will accompany the choir to preach.

REV. LAUTENSCHLAGER

Rev. Roy Lautenschlager, educational missionary in China for twenty years, spoke in chapel Monday morning. Mr. Lautenschlager was a teacher in the Christian College at Hangchow and helped to re-establish the college in Shanghai after it was destroyed by the Japanese. He spent his last year in China in a Japanese concentration camp, returning to the United States last December on the Gripsholm.

Personalities on Parade. . .

Hank Brennen has had one of the more meteoric naval careers which has come to our attention. He joined the Navy on January 20, 1943, and managed to be promoted to chief specialist in less than a year. One would gather, and rightly so, that Hank is a man of some merit.

Brennen participated in the invasion of Georgia Island in the Solomons, and after the successful landing, settled down to a fairly sedentary life on one of the Lever Bros. (you know, "keep that schoolgirl complexion") coconut plantations. We say fairly sedentary, for the Japs with their perverse sense of humor bombed the island every night for two and one half months.

In between bombing and blockbusters, Hank and his fellow specialists constructed a swimming pool, ran the library, and took care of the cinema. We assume that Dorothy Lamour was a favorite of the boys on Georgia; sarongs go well with palm trees and tropic moonbeams.

Hank is pleased to call Alma

"Janie" Is Coming To Alma Campus

"Janie", a comedy in three acts by Josephine Bentham and Hershel Williams, now under rehearsal will be produced May 12 in the Alma high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

"Janie" has the advantage of timeliness, being laid in a town near a naval station, telling what happens when a cavalcade of exuberant young fellows in uniform meets a bevy of high school ladies whose parents are the worrying type.

"The fun starts in the Colburn household when Mrs. Lawrence, a flirtatious Southern widow arrives for a visit with her son Dick, stationed at the nearby naval station. The doting mother, having haunted New Haven during Dick's two years at Yale, bids fair to follow him into the navy, but is fortunately sidetracked by a susceptible bachelor who is also a guest at the Colburns."

When Janie and Dick and a few friends get together for a little innocent fun while the elders are dining at the country club, the party gets out of hand. The plot is also complicated to a degree by Janie's seven-year-old sister, Elsbeth, an enterprising child with an inventive mind and a genius for making a nuisance of herself."

The cast consists of: Janie Colburn, Ruth Shaw; Charles Colburn, Lawrence Rowe; Lucille Colburn, Lydia Silvani; John Van

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IRC ACTIVITIES RESUMED UNDER PROFESSOR HOWE

Alma College has again organized the local chapter of the International Relations Club under Professor Henry Howe. The first meeting was held on April 4 at Mr. Howe's home. The topic discussed was "The United States and her relations with Russia." About ten students attended the meeting, and refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held on April 25, and the topic will be: "Germany and the United States." Don Nuechterlein will act as chairman of the discussion. Officers for the current term will probably be elected at the next meeting.

Meetings will be held every two weeks until the end of the term. Anyone interested in discussing current events is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

BELL, SHAW, MOIR TO REPRESENT ALMA AT ALBION TOURNEY

The muse held sway over the chapel program last Tuesday, April 11, as Mary Catherine Bell, Ruth Shaw, Bill Moir, Bob Nixon, and Howard Ward gave voice to their favorite selections of poetry in a contest, the winners of which will represent Alma College in the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League at Albion, Michigan, on May 5th. At 4:10 P. M. of the same day a meeting in the old chapel afforded an opportunity for prose readers to display their oratorical abilities. Those participating were: Mary Catherine Bell, Ruth Shaw, Marion Jones, Howard Ward, Bill Moir, Bob Yoder and Don Nuechterlein.

An unusual situation was created when Bill Moir, veteran of many a theatrical performance and speech contest, was elected to uphold the honor of Alma men in both poetry and prose at Albion. Ruth Shaw, our own "Janie," will recite poetry, and Mary Catherine Bell will read a prose selection in the women's division of the contest.

Eight colleges including Michigan State, Central Michigan, and Western Michigan will compete with Alma. The two judges provided by Alma will be Miss Rosetta Ramsey, who will succeed Prof. Wesley Rowland shortly, and Prof. Wendell Cole.

From all the contestants at Albion three will be selected during the day to participate in a Festival in the evening. Miss Shaw has chosen to read "The Listeners" by Walter de la Mare, and "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight" by Vachel Lindsay. If she participates in the Festival she will deliver

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Lenore Bumpass Plays in Recital

Lenore Bumpass, pianist from Atlanta, Georgia, presented an excellent concert Monday evening, April 10, in the old chapel. Her program included numbers by Bach, Liszt, Brahms, and Chopin, and was concluded with a beautiful rendition of "Polonaise in A Flat" by Chopin. Outstanding was her dramatic performance and excellent control of technique.

Miss Bumpass has been studying the past eight years with Frank Mannheimer, concert pianist and instructor at Michigan State College.

It was unfortunate that the audience was not larger as the concert was truly exceptional. The Music Department hopes to be able to present Miss Bumpass in recital again later in the year.

J-HOP SCHEDULED SATURDAY, MAY 6

Sophistication is the theme—this time it's those jaunty juniors announcing the first formal dance of the term, the J-HOP, to be held May 6 in the chapel - recreation room. Speaking of bands, Ed Berry and his boys from East Lansing will be there to provide that blue atmosphere of rhythm and swing.

The new junior president, Ruthe Kruelein, has chosen the following committees to carry out the program: General chairman, Margaret Davis; decorations, Jim Towne, John Shevrovich, Prudence Taylor, Helen Olander; advertising, Patt Williams, Shirley Sharpe, Carolyn Sanford; refreshments, Don Jorgenson, Gerry Wadley; chaperons, Margaret Jones, Catherine Rowell.

The juniors are counting on this being something stupendous in the way of formals; so come, all you collegiates, it's a "date at eight".

14 Council Representatives Meet To Organize Student Government

On Thursday, April 6, the various classes met and elected officers and Student Council representatives for the spring semester, March-June. The result of the elections follows:

Seniors

President, Charles Pullum
Vice-president, Lois Fowler
Secretary, Grace Stevens
Treasurer, Robert Bowman
Representatives, Mary Catherine Bell, Betsy Ross, Andy Edgerton, and Robert Yoder.

Juniors

President, Ruth Kreulen
Vice-president, Norma Hass
Secretary, Catherine Rowell
Treasurer, Jim Towne
Representatives, Gerry Wadley, Don Mraz, and Margaret Jones.

Sophomores

President, Prentiss Wilson
Vice-president, Lydia Silvani
Secretary, Doris Somers
Representatives, Nettie Wilson, and Gerald Renish.

Freshmen

President, Buford Beck
Vice-president, Ruth Shaw
Secretary, Helen Nash
Treasurer, John Miller
Representative, Don Nuechterlein.

Dance Proves Great Success

Once again the Alpha Thetas chalk up another project as a success; but this, The Theta Tavern, really was a record breaker in dances, boasting a stag line that could be wrapped around the world a couple of times with some left over. Unlike the common situation of the day, women were scarce—but you can't deny that such a scarcity doesn't lead to new acquaintances!!

Wouldn't Prof Ditto have been disappointed had he been present at the beginning of the evening to discover that none of his loyal students of physics could answer the call of "Is there a mechanic in the house?"; but with Ruth Kreulen and Mary "Cat" Bell to the rescue filling in those "lulling" moments until the occurrence of some bright idea (thanks to Francis Loud) worried looks soon disappeared—why do P. A. systems always act up at the wrong time?

The highlight of the evening ushered in, in the dark promptly at 10:00, went over with the biggest bang since January first and was a floorshow enjoyed by even the severest of critics. It's a wonder someone wasn't trampled to death when the Mistress of Ceremony beckoned to the crowd to gather round. . . but who wouldn't rush to get front seats when a chorus line features such Grables as Purdy, Smith, Welgross, Wyllis, Fischer, Finlayson, and Sommers? The setting, a familiar week-end scene to the "majority" present, was certainly aided by Wadley's acquired acting ability whose repentance of a rugged life added another happy family to the list;

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The Student Council is made up of the president of each class plus the representatives elected by the class.

The Council held its first meeting of the term recently, and besides the usual business of organization, voted to raise the Almanian's allotment five per cent. This proposal must be passed on by the Cooperative Council before it becomes valid.

A meeting of the Student Council has been scheduled for 11:40, Friday, April 21 for the purpose of electing officers. All members are urged to be present.

More Gold Braid Dazzles Students

The members of the Battalion were almost blinded by the appearance of new gold braid on the cuffs of two of its officers.

Mr. May, the 'Exec' to most of the fellows, added another quarter of an inch to his stripe and a half and became a full "two-striper." Mr. May didn't mention it at all, but surprised the men as they returned from their Easter weekends.

Not to be outdone, Chief Fowler, one of our "kill-em or cure-em" phys ed instructors, came to school on Wednesday wearing the stripe of an Ensign.

We of the Almanian wish to join the rest of the student body, Naval and civilian, in extending heartiest congratulations to Lieutenant A. B. May, and to Ensign George L. Fowler.

What They Say About It . . .

Considering the Alma campus as a world in itself, one of the most universally chewed pieces of fat is the current chapel program. In an attempt to obtain a general consensus of opinion on the matter we have interviewed ten students, including young and old, male and female, Navy men and civilians. The question was broached thus: "What type of chapel program do you prefer?" So here is your vox pop. The people speak.

Quoting John "Brooklyn" O'Neill, "I have enjoyed the chapel programs so far, but I would like to see more of the type presented last Wednesday when Dr. Armstrong spoke. Topics of current interest such as the political and social aspects of the war would interest me."

A somewhat different point of view is held by Arthur Clements who apologizes "I have been here only a month and don't feel qualified to judge," but who continues, "If the purpose is to hold a religious chapel I don't think they succeed too well. It is more of a weekly assembly than a chapel service. A chapel should be religious in nature."

Nettie Wilson looks forward hopefully to more variety in the programs scheduled for chapel.

Then F. F. Palmer gives us the word on chapels expressing the desire for "more of the Henry Scott type of chapel, and less of the lecture type. For those who were not here when Henry Scott played, he did a fine job of entertaining 300 of us with his piano recitals, humorous and serious. In short, I favor entertainment, not lectures."

The tastes of Chuck Pecor emerge from a metropolitan background and he favors "a few more numbers by the 'Alma Rockettes'. Well! Well!

Ruth Shaw says, "I would like to see more student chapels with student speakers. I think they should be serious as well as funny."

Here is an old salt, who we venture to say voices the opinion of more than one gob. Paul Chapman, after careful thought, concludes that there is a definite need for more speeches pertaining to the type of Navy life most V-12's will be leading in a few months. He would like to know "what the Navy expects of us now. Why

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It Says Here . . .

Howard Ward

—Where is all of the chow line scuttle-butt coming from, and whatever happened to seconds?

Gather round, ye relatives! College newspapers were told last week that ninety percent of all Navy personnel is insured, averaging 8,000 dollars per man.

Tarmacs without college will be interested to hear that twenty-one Waves are now stationed at Dearborn.

Out in Pennsylvania at State College they have the right idea. Dr. Trabue, dean of education, said, "Good teachers should not be drafted regardless of age, but on the other hand, the man who merely hears pupils recite lessons might be more useful in a naval, military or industrial job."

Yeah, Cornell co-eds have finally decided to help the pin-boy shortage. For current bowling tournament a squad consists of eight young women. Any four may participate as a team. Of the four, two bowl, another sets pins and a fourth keeps score. If the midshipmen had more time, they would probably be glad—to keep score.

The University of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and several others are all working on veterans college programs now, but we find Illinois Wesleyan still plugging away at asthetics. By that we mean that they are still more interested in their new art center, complete with a bin for 2,200 slides and a disposal chute for oily rags.

Jots in Jest, a Kalamazoo College Index column, says, "It looks as though the Index will be bidding adieu to the A. S. T. P. unit several times in forth-coming issues. This may prove boring, so this column refuses to say goodbye until they are actually on their way. After all, too much of a good thing can be too much." Now just what do they mean?

The Albion Pleiad struck the watch-word for all college students last week when it blasted: Late to bed, early to rise, gives you circles under your eyes. One of the Pleiad's polite heads read

Students Deposit Questions in Box. Which only brings up our own grip column. A spade is still a spade.

Panorama is now being published by the Pan American Union as a record for inter-American cultural relations. We can still remember when Pan was not an ambassador but only a swell magazine put out by Art Schurgen down at Wayne University. That is until it was banned as lewd. It seems as if there was a girl in it taking a shower behind a screen. So pppft—nor more Pan.

Up at Mt. Pleasant they are putting the bee on themselves this week. The idea is to pin yourself down to an honest statement. We quote—Did you ever spend the time to talk to yourself? If so, why not try it again, right now? Try saying, "I am a rural teacher. Am I proud that I am a rural teacher? Can you answer the question and as proudly reply, "Yes, I am proud I am a rural teacher." —If you give a nasty answer, are you supposed to slap yourself on the wrists?

A peculiar situation has come up down at the University of Indiana lately. The Torch has just recognized the lack of relations (polite term) between its student body and that of the Seminarian. Both are now feverishly trying to cement relations. Why? Because they both belong to the same denomination. One will preach and the other listen in the not too distant future. However, neither really wants to listen right now.

See where the Hope College Anchor has a whole page called the GI Sheet. It's run, written, edited and contributed to by the A.S.T.P. boys on campus. It's a fine example of an old army trick—short sheeting. All in all it's a fine idea though, and shows that the army men know a good thing when it's present.

Wonder if Wellesley is still turning out supply corps officers. Did any of you chaps ever go to Wellesley?

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COMING EVENTS

April—
Wednesday, 19—Dr. W. M. MacKay, Lansing, in chapel
Thursday, 20—Student Chapel
Social Dancing class—7:00 p. m.
Friday, 21—Student Council Meeting—11:40
W.A.A. Mixer—after Happy Hour
Saturday, 22—Delt Fraternity Dance (open to all)
8:30 P. M.
Sunday, 23—Alma College choir concert in Saginaw
Monday, 24—Outside speaker in chapel
Tuesday, 25—Student Chapel
I.R.C. Meeting—4:10 P. M.
Wednesday, 26—Pres. Hamilton in chapel
Social Dancing class—7:00 P. M.
Thursday, 27—Student Chapel
Saturday, 29—Student Piano Recital
WAA All-girl party

CAMPUS CLUBS

KAPPA IOTA
The KIs pledged two new girls to their sorority at the meeting Monday evening; Jean Swick, Detroit; Ruth Burket, Alma, Mich. These girls will join with the sorority in getting things rolling for the KI dance, the 19th of May!! Keep a lookout for further news. The theme of the dance is a surprise—but don't worry, Public, it will be stupendous!

Five ladies have accepted invitations to become new patronesses of Kappa Iota; Mrs. Jackson; Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Hendershot; Mrs. Lawson; and Mrs. Burns.

The sorority received an invitation to the wedding of Barbara Malcomb and Lt. Paul French, April 19th at the First Presbyterian Church in Three Rivers. Paul is a Phi Phi Alpha man. He and Barb hope to visit Alma soon after the wedding.

NAVY CLUB
Committees have been appointed, and plans are well under way toward the first big Navy Club party of the term.

G. E. Cain, president of the club, has appointed John Chulay as general chairman, and the groundwork has been laid for a big party at the Country Club. Watch all bulletin boards for further developments.

SIGMA PHILO
The Sigma Phis have greeted the spring season with a series of closed parties and the election of new officers. On March 27 the girls gave a surprise party, which included an elaborately decorated cake, to celebrate the birthday of Jan Rorem. Monday, April 3rd saw the sorority together at the Strand Theater as the creepy story of Jane Eyre unfolded. After the show it was over to Pattersons for sundaes and cokes.

The recent election of officers put Grace Stevens in the President's chair; Emma Richter, vice president and social chairman; Marion Jones, secretary; Edwina Traphagen, treasurer; and Casey Edwards, sentinel.

DANCE

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Amy's role as a disgusted wife, and Norma's as a pleading and poetically inclined daughter (haunted by a "widdle" shadow); and costumes, supplied by Matejick and Co., added the nautical touch in the finale, strongly flavored with legs.

Candlelight, cokes, and celebrities were the features of the evening; and we boast of such attenders as Miss Gillard, and Lieutenant Scott; old favorites, Mary Ann Bowen and Beulah Galinet, and week-end guests, Marry Pete and Violet Mansevich.

... at any rate, the hinges of the swinging door sure didn't rust!

Of those covered by the survey, 77 per cent of the 215 high school graduates who have not previously been to college express a desire for college work after the war; 89 per cent of the 332 whose college careers were interrupted by the war expect to continue for a degree; and 57 per cent of the 46 who now hold college degrees expect to take up postwar graduate studies.

WHAT'S NEWS

FROM SENIOR HOUSE

Easter week-end, there was a spread for Pud's birthday. But believe me, what looked like a spread was a chicken dinner, and no less.

If you walk by the senior abode along Maple street and notice the side of the house missing, it's because Tomes has been driving a golf ball in her room—getting in good form for the course. There'll be no grass on the tee-off this spring.

Certain girls didn't have any regard for the plaster on the wall when they were rehearsing last Wednesday night. But Miss Gillard was attracted by the previews enough to attend the Theta Tavern.

AT THE JUNIOR HOUSE

Well, spring fever has crept up on us and next thing we know the love bug will bite us—again—tho so far we are all heartfree at our house. None the less we've been seeing some happy twosomes of late—for instance, Patt and Beltz, Bugs and Buck and others.

Norma wants us to tell you she is not blushing—it's just those sun baths she and Wadley have been taking in the back yard (603 Center St.)

We wish to herewith offer our apologies to Big John for the conversations he must overhear on Sunday mornings—he should make a loud noise every 15 minutes to remind us that he is there—the foolish feminine minds.

The secret of our success as hostesses is the home-like atmosphere of our house—Don Mraz and his buddies brought over potluck Thursday afternoon—and we had a picnic in the parlor. Thursday night Gierkin and Gaynor came to call—not for anyone in particular—just to call—we like that stuff. Everybody's welcome at the Junior House.

The girls have been awfully good lately. We'll try to instigate a little devilry for next time.

AMONG THE FROSH AND SOPHS

For the first time in its career, the better half of Pioneer's second deck was caught throwing a party. The occasion—Ruth Shaw's birthday. The gluttons stuffed themselves until they nearly turned green. Honest, Mother Hutton, those bottles were only holding candles.

Wednesday morning the co-eds of Pioneer thought that their big moment had arrived when they heard a low baritone voice echoing through the halls. They were sadly disappointed when they discovered that it was only Lois Glenn, whose voice had dropped a couple of octaves due to a cold.

Because of the help shortage, the girls have donned their aprons, grabbed their brooms and brushes and dug in. They've done a good job, too.

There have been several bets as to how long that Winship-Foster combination will last. How long has it been now—four weeks?

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Friday and Saturday, April 21-22

MARSHA HUNT and HENRY TRAVERSE in
"None Shall Escape"

Sunday and Monday, April 23-24
LYNN BARI, AKIM TAMIROFF and FRANCIS LEDERER in

"The Bridge of San Luis Rey"

ALMA THEATRE

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— DOUBLE FEATURE —

Tues. and Wed., April 18-19

ROSEMARY LANE and DICK PURCELL in
"Trocaadero"

EDWARD EVERETT HORTON and OTTO KRUGER in
"Amazing Mr. Forrest"

Thursday and Friday, April 20-21

LON CHANEY and ANN GWYNNE in
"Weird Woman"

Saturday, April 22

JOHNNY MACK BROWN in
"Partners of the Trail"

Sunday and Monday, April 23-24

ANNA STEN and KEN SMITH in
"Three Russian Girls"

In the Spotlight

ROBINSON

SHEVROVICH

Play is now well underway in both the pingpong and bowling tournaments being sponsored by the Almanian. Up to date, co-favorites Jerry Silver, former Alma College champ, and Jerry Kelly, Michigan State College champ, have led the way in the ping pong competition and are expected to meet in the finals. Probably the outstanding player to date, Silver has knocked off four tough opponents to advance to the finals. Meanwhile, Kelly has advanced to the semi-finals in relatively easy fashion against weaker foes.

As can be expected in such an elimination tournament, all types of matches have taken place. Comedy was best represented in the Dewey Miller-Don Mraz match. Staunch friends throughout the week, and almost inseparable during week-ends, neither had the heart or desire to beat his best friend. Mraz finally decided to turn martyr and let his little pal walk off the victor.

Due to the pecuniary difficulties of a majority of the contestants, the bowling tournament was held up for a while, but has finally gained momentum and is well on its way. Though it is impossible to name a favorite, some very good bowlers have turned up. Particularly outstanding bowling has been turned in by Jim Menza, Ernie Post, and Morrey Foley. It isn't unlikely that the championship will be won by one of the above mentioned players. However, anything can happen—and probably will.

All action around the gym the past few weeks has been in preparation for the strength test that took place today. Evidently displeased by the outcome of the last test, Coach Macdonald appeared determined to have the fellows in top form for this one. Contrary to the wise counsel of his classes, Mac obviously was under the impression that good hard daily workouts would do wonders for the fellows and produce the most satisfactory results. If the fellows have been able to pull through the pre-test workouts in good shape, a bountiful harvest should be reaped for all their endeavors.

Here and There:

If an artist ever needs a model for a picture entitled "Repose" he need look no further than "Muscles" Cathcart. Even while doing arduous calisthenics Bill looks as if he is asleep. If we didn't know Bill so well, we would almost be inclined to think that he were gold-bricking. If anyone desires any information about intercollegiate sports competition for Alma this spring, please contact Terry Gillespie. He has practically written a volume on it soon to appear in the Almanian. He has, indeed, developed some most interesting views on the subject. The most resplendent gym costume we have ever observed is the one possessed by Roy Gerkin. One would almost think that it grew on him. It is indeed a treat for those who happen to have a gym class the same hour as Lou Hagopian. "Swoonatra" is best when under those showers, and the fellows all insist that they've never heard anything like it before. Coach Macdonald wishes to emphasize the fact that we are still to have two track meets with Mt. Pleasant, and that all prospective runners should start getting into shape. Now that spring is here to stay, perhaps we should start thinking of the obstacle course again. It will indeed be a treat to traverse those shady paths once more.

"JANIE"

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Brunt, Andy Edgerton; Rodney, L. T. Hagopian; Bernadine Dodd, Amy Middleton; Paula, Gwen Moulton; Scooper Nolan, Ed Fleche; Thelma Lawrence, Patt Williams; Dick Lawrence, John Cox; Tina, Nancy Wauchek; Andy, Sheldon Stowell; Oscar, Maurice Foley; Hortense Bennington, Jean Sadler; "Dead-Pan" Hackett, Bob Yoder; Frank, Carl Hilton; Mickey Malone, Bill Moir. There are other parts yet to be cast.

Elsbeth Colburn, the seven-year-old sister, will be played by Caroline Crawford who is in the seventh grade here in Alma Public schools.

This play ran for two years on Broadway and was in Detroit until March first of this year. This production will be the first in Michigan outside of Detroit and one of the first performances given by any college anywhere.

After this production the members of this cast and the members of the cast of "Charley's Aunt," plus those who assisted with either of the productions will be eligible for membership in the Alma Drama club.

Do not miss this play. It is the best in entertainment. Come! Bring your friends and have a laughing good time as complications mount.

CO-REC

By Gerry Wadley

All dance fans come one, come all, come stag or drag to the W. A. A. Mixer Friday night in the Chapel Rec room. Everybody come and have a good time. "See you 'round."

Miss Smith's dance classes are really loosening up the sailors. Already they have mastered the two-step, waltz-step, and on the side a few dips and a little jive.

Old man weather is certainly keeping us on edge. If only some warm weather would come to stay. Last Thursday spring hit the campus. The lawn was flooded with sailors playing catch, tennis, football. Also a few tried to get a sunburn before the summer was even here.

WHAT THEY SAY

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can't we hear from boys who have been around?"

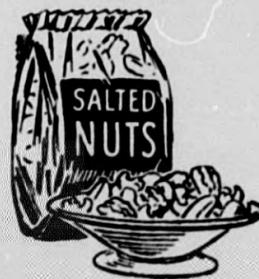
Warne McClelland keenly analyzes the situation. "Chapel programs need a little life. Let's make use of local talent, specifically feminine talent with the accent on sex. I like music—lots of it. That appeals to the soul and to the legs." He, too, is interested in Navy speakers.

One of the new men, Howard Kitchener, is pretty well satisfied with the variety of the present Wednesday chapels. He enjoys outside speakers as well as student talent.

"More student participation and less faculty," is advocated by Marjorie Bow. She suggests music by the a cappella choir and short skits as interest-holding entertainment.

There you have it. Now what do you think?

Approximately one-fifth of the surveyed men are engaged in A. S. T. P. foreign area and language studies, many of them college graduates. The remainder are in A. S. T. P. engineering courses.



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Sportality

Today's sportality athlete, Thomas William Moir, needs little or no introduction. Better known as "Bugs Bunny", Moir sparkled as left half on the Alma football varsity of last fall.

Tom hails from Detroit, Michigan. There, for two years, he played on the football team of the Detroit Catholic Central high school. As left half, he played brilliant ball, spurring on the team of a school which had thrice captured the city championship, and had to its credit a 32 game winning streak.

Tom excelled in football, but in no wise confined himself to this sport. In 1942-43, he played hockey in the Detroit Metropolitan League, and proved outstanding. In the same years, Tom participated in "America's greatest game," baseball.

Before swapping "civvies" for the Navy Blue, Tom completed two semesters at the Universities of Toronto and Detroit. Canada offered "Kanuck" football, and Tom proved his mettle in a sport similar to, but "not like our own."

It was while attending the U. of D. that Tom enlisted in the Naval Reserve. In July he found himself just one of a number entering training at Alma College.

Fall—and football! Tom was out for the first day's scrimmage. It was then that his new teammates, "partly because of the way he ran, and partly because of the way he acted," conceived and bestowed upon him the not uncomplimentary "Bugs Bunny" nickname. "Bugs" lived up to his name; he was as quick as a rabbit and as hard to catch. He showed himself to be a good sport and a hard player—a desirable back in an outstanding backfield.

With spring in the air and track in the offing, Tom is hopefully looking forward to action on an Alma team. Because of the lack of competition, the reality of a regular schedule is yet undecided, but in the event that Alma does place a team on the track, "Bugs Bunny" will prove a valuable asset.

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Well, well—here we are again after the first five weeks of the term and guess what? I think you'll agree with us that guessing is no more. Ever since that certain list was posted Friday, the speculation of its effect on a few individuals ceased to be a myth. Ask us; we know it first hand, and Alma isn't the most lively place on weekends—in spite of what "Jug" says. That list was so complete that it almost seems as if the Exec. took out the muster sheet and went down the line marking off every fifth name. But I suppose that they would tell us that it's all part of Navy life to be restricted—if not for marks, the other most likely way.

The history exam seems to have taken its toll again. "Salts" like Strong, Hook, Dahlstrom and a number of others are at a complete loss as to what course of action to take. I'm afraid that we all agree that the only way to pass one of Prof. Howe's tests is to memorize the whole book, but we're afraid now that that won't do either since he tells us that we shouldn't take the book's word for anything. So, we ask you, what's to be done?

The list of "Square Deal" victims seems to increase every time we write a new issue. It seems as if table number 5 is just a little too anxious to learn mechanical drawing. The strain of Parr, Karer, Scheetz, and Dahlstrom was a little too much for old "Square" so he gave them the air. Well, better luck from now on, guys.

And speaking of mechanical drawing, we are wondering just why Betsy Ross, Pat Williams, and Jean Sadler have taken to drafting. Of course we understand that women are doing men's work nowadays, but with all those sailors in there it seems most unlikely that drawing is the main objective.

You guys on the third deck—if you have cigarettes, stow them, because those leeches in 336 are worse than the mice around there when it comes to finding cigarettes.

Bushnell looks O. K. in stripes. Guess some of the mates around here have been noticing those new pajamas, John. Quite flashy, indeed!

We are glad to see the skipper at the Theta Tavern the other night. He, like all the rest of us, seemed to be having an enjoyable time of it. Yes sir, that was quite

a dance. Of course, the gobs predominated as usual, but in between the five steps that we danced at a time with one girl, we usually got to say "hello" to her anyway.

It was good to see Mary Ann and Bebe again after a few months. They seem to be doing fine with their teaching jobs in Flint.

The Shevovich-Bell affair seems to be perking right along. All Cat's time is taken up with John these days. In fact, she has a hard time getting her Almanian copy written. Well, John, give her a little time off, at least.

Since O'Neil got a "butch" the "head" on the fourth deck seems so deserted. That used to be a daily routine to go in and watch "Roger" gave his locks a workout.

We're glad to have Palmer and Lewis aboard again. What's the matter, fellows, did you get so lonesome for Alma that you had to come back?

The other day in chapel when Prof. Armstrong was telling us his views on economic problems of our country, Abe Zalesnic and his cohorts sat back licking their chops. The reason? Well, it could be that they wanted to get Prof. Unstad's reaction on the speech.

Has anyone seen "Flash Gordon" Fowler around lately? If you haven't, you had better hurry because that suit isn't going to fit long. And here's a warning. If you get within ten feet of him (it's still possible if you hurry) be sure to stand to one side because if one of the chest buttons on his coat snaps it'll mean our eye. We also hear that he's handing out autographs for only a dollar apiece. The line forms at the left, fellows. But all kidding aside, George, we're all mighty proud of you, and we know that you'll be one whale of a good officer.

George Bates gets the most out of Physics Problem class by designing homes. Guess his marks are good too. Maybe that's the solution we haven't tried yet.

Here's an old problem for you new smart guys in physics class. If it takes six months for a square headed woodpecker with a rubber bill to pick out a 7/8" hole in a log how long will it take a crosseyed grasshopper with a corkscrew leg to punch out all the seeds of a lopsided pickle? Ponder on it until next time.

DELTA FRATERNITY GIVES OPEN PARTY

Hurry, hurry, hurry. At last the civilian male population of Alma College have entered the social circle of the elite. And why this sudden rise to the upper strata of society? You guessed it. That's right. The first fraternity social event of the year has hit the campus in the form of a "Drag Party" to be held next Saturday, April 22, 2030.

The big bustup is to be sponsored by the Delta Gamma Tau Fraternity in conjunction with all the rest of the civvies on the campus. But wait, "the Deltas haven't a frat house," you say. No, that's right they haven't, but thru special arrangements with the inter-fraternity council (only Delt members allowed) it has been decided to bury the hatchet of fraternity rivalry, and, for the good of the social life of Alma, let the hep cats hold sway at the Phi House. (Ed. Note—Our apologies to all members of the Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity, living or otherwise).

The proceedings will be under the supervision of Sir Charles Pulum, with the able assistance of Bob Bowman. Tiny (Doghouse) Sempstott is in charge of entertainment and he promises something really "entertaining." Refreshments will be served (strictly not Wright Hall chow and it's all free), and there'll be plenty of good music to dance to. Don't forget, it's strictly a drag affair, so girls, if the boys are bashful remember that this is leap year. Oh, yes, we nearly forgot there will be no admission charge, so come on over and see us. Remember, Phi House 2030 this Saturday night.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR SINGS IN SAGINAW

The a cappella choir now comprised of forty voices, will present three concerts this Sunday, April 23. A full rehearsal schedule has been set up for the week in preparation for these performances.

Via the college bus and several college cars the group plans to reach Saginaw for the morning services at the First Presbyterian church. In the afternoon they will sing a concert at Clio, returning to Saginaw for another complete program at the Warren Church in the evening.

Further choir trips are scheduled in the near future.

REPRESENT ALMA

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"Nightmare at Noon," by Stephen Vincent Benet.

Mr. Moir has chosen "The Monk in the Kitchen" by Anna Hempstead Branch, "The Slave" by James Oppenheim, and for the Festival, "Creed" by Hal Borland.

Prose selections will be made by the judges and given to the contestants one hour before delivery, thereby testing their ability to read and understand rapidly.

PERSONALITIES

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ine complement, the answer was "beautiful but dark," which wound up that subject.

James is an Upper Peninsula man and frankly knows little about the lower part of the state. He concedes that it is nice enough, but naturally can't compare with the U. P.

Here is an indication, Dean Pechstein notes, "that higher education faces the greatest challenge in its history so far as numbers are concerned."

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Cat Chatter

Things picked up a bit after our brief Easter holiday—a few new names creeping into the limelights, a few new couples brought out by the Theta Tavern, but most of those present were stag.

Jean Sadler surprised us again. This time with Lee Matecjek—and she could really follow his jitterbugging. She also comes the closest of any college girl to follow Lum's "sensati'n".

Sharpie came in with John Doyle, her roommate, close behind with Tom Deaton.

We thought we were going to see Tom at a dance with a date—his girl, Great Lakes sailor, Connie. But she's getting Monday—so we won't see him till next week.

Tommy and strong thought we wouldn't keep the boys from his girl. If we hadn't seen him come in with Margaret we would have thought they were

both stag. However, he had her all to himself Saturday night.

Collins was pretty thrilled Saturday when handsome Bill Crimmins pulled in from Columbia, stripe and all, and we hear more thrills are coming to the Purdy house girls in the person of Ensign Duvendeck due in a couple of weeks.

We noticed Shaw and Kemper at the dance with the rest of the Pioneer girls having a crazy time as usual—and we remember how they tried to talk Angell into selling them a date ticket.

Nan Fischer seems to be devoting most of her time to Pat Stowell—a man who needs no further introduction.

Barbara Lull seems to be having a rather lonely time of it with Wynn gone. Actually Barb, you're not alone, there's Sharpie, Hass, Welgoss all kind of yearning for that certain guy.

Then there's Middleton sighing over letters from Bucky—and the rest of us just sighing in the general direction of Wright Hall.

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