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## COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE CAMPUS DAY

### Campus . . .

**President Hamilton**  
President Hamilton will deliver commencement addresses on May 18 at Elsie and May 25, at Manclona High Schools.

**Alma Commencement**  
Commencement exercises at Alma College will be held Saturday, June 24, at 10 a. m. The speaker will be Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the Chapel, University of Chicago.

**College Catalog**  
The 1944 Alma College Catalog is now off the press and available.

**Hillsdale Celebration**  
President Hamilton will represent the college at the centennial celebration of Hillsdale College, May 20.

### Successful J-Hop Given last Week

The class of '45 may chalk up another successful party to their record, as they look back to Saturday, May 6, which was the date of the J-Hop. Those jaunty Juniors under the leadership of Ruthe Kruelen gave the fair sex on campus a chance to blossom out in their very loveliest spring formals, and gave those salty sailors a chance to cut a dignified rug to the strains of music rendered by Ed Barry from Michigan State.

The dance was truly a May celebration complete with a May pole and spring flowers in pale pastels so typical of the first blossoms of spring. Helen Olander may take the credit for the fine job of decorating.

To Margaret Davis goes the prize for some of the nicest poster work to be seen advertising any dance. She along with the rest of the publicity committee combined to convince a very good crowd that the J-Hop was an event not to be missed.

The faculty was well represented, as was the Navy officers' group.

The next formal on the calendar seems to be the Bon Voyage Dance scheduled in June. Let a word to the wise be sufficient.

### What They Say About It . . .

Comes spring with hearts and fancies turning lightly to you know what, it becomes fitting to pose a springy question to some of the maidens about Alma campus. The question of the week is, "What are the qualities you think most admirable in a fellow, sailor or otherwise?"

Betty Fischer Welgoss states emphatically, "Courtesy, humor, honesty, personality, and, well, I like a fellow who has been around some."

Puzzling long and seriously over the problem, Nettie Wilson finally states, "He must above all have a very good sense of humor."

Lydia Silvani's dream man has many admirable qualities among which, "He must not have a superiority complex, must be versatile, humorous but not sarcastic, and serious at times, one who reads 'Esquire' as well as 'Fortune.'" As an afterthought she adds, "He must also be conscious of his appearance."

Jean Swick says, "I like a fel-

### Lois Fowler Rules Over Campus Day

The campus day festivities this year will be ruled by Alma's Latin from Detroit, Lois Fowler. Green-eyed Lois is a senior who claims her only accomplishment is singing, but the record hardly bears out her statement, for she is president of the Kappa Iota sorority, vice-president of the senior class, and secretary of the choir, not to mention such sidelines as her co-editorship of the Almanian. Besides the grey-green eyes, Lois has lustrous black hair and a will knit figure. Put a rose between her teeth, and a sarong on the well knit figure, and she could double for Maria Montez.

To gild the proverbial lily, Lois can boast for her court an assemblage of other "queens."

Honey-blond Shirley Sharp (five-five; one-twenty-five, for the numerically inclined) has made the sailors wonder if everything worth while in Saginaw isn't, after all, in Alma. Shirley is a KI, a choir member and a senior.

"Pud" Taylor is from Kudyard in the U. P., and has preserved intact most of the freshness of the pine-treed north woods. She is dark-haired, Junior, and AO.

Ruthe Kruelen, Alma College's organist, looks like the girl all mothers wish their sons would marry. In addition to Ruth's chording to the Alma Mater, she is president of the Junior class, member of AO.

Mary Tomes is just another reason why the sailors wish Detroit weren't outside the 50 mile limit. She too is AO; a senior.

Norma Hass, the sweetheart of Alpha Theta, is petite and the original blonde bomber. Norma was Freshman queen in her year, and has been around heart-breaking even since.

Last, but as always, far from least, is Margaret Jones. Margaret with her expertness in debate and her genial personality proves that all Hoosiers are not hicks with a drawl. Margaret graces the student council, is Independent and a Junior.

You are defied, now, to stay away from the Campus day celebrations.

low with intelligence, personality, who is a good sport, broadminded, thoughtful and respectable."

Without a moment's hesitation, Wadley replies, "Personality, high ideals, intelligence are the qualities I admire. Looks are very unimportant."

Mary Tomes agrees with Betty in admiring gentlemen, also admiring intelligence. She adds, "I know a sailor who fills the bill exactly."

Norma Hass demands that a fellow be courteous, independent but not dominating neat in appearance, intelligent, and not conceited. He must above all be a man's man.

We find that Catherine Rowell admires poise, responsibility, good sportsmanship, and a person who is well groomed and entertaining in himself.

Now you know just what makes a dream man. Surprising, isn't it, how unimportant beauty is, and how easily intelligence and a sense of humor overshadow it?

### CAMPUS DAY CALENDAR

- 0930—Men's Softball
- 1045—Girls' Softball
- 1230—Picnic in the Grove
- 1400—Coronation
- 1500—Track Meet
- 1915—Community Sing on Chapel steps
- 2030—Informal Dance

### DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "JANIE" TO APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

Playing to a receptive house, a large cast from the Alma College Drama Club produced the current 3-act Broadway hit, "Janie" in the local high school auditorium last Friday night, May 12.

Its theme suggested many of the hilarious complications which may result from the attempts of the young and not too sophisticated girls to raise the morale of the Navy by entertaining a small fraction of it at home. With Ed Fleche and Jack Cox in the role of Scooper Nolan and Dick Lawrence respectively competing for the attentions of Janie, interpreted by Ruth Shaw; with the giggles of Bernadine, Amy Middleton; the subtle and mutual flirtation between suave Van Brunt, Andy Edgerton, and widowed Thelma Lawrence, Patt Williams; the domestic difficulties of the elder Colburns, Larry Rowe and Lydia Silvani; and the strange friendship between Uncle Poodgie, Wally Brieden, and little Elsbeth Colburn, Carolyn Crawford; with all these projected on the same scene, an uproarious comedy was the inevitable outcome.

During the curtain between the first and second acts, Prof. Wendell Cole, director of the play,

### PHILO FARM FROLIC EVENT OF WEEK-END

Promenading and doe-ce-doeing the gents swung their partners out at the Philo Farm Frolic Saturday night in the Chapel rec room. With music from violin and piano, everyone from Dean Gillard to Don Mraz joined in the square dancing, while Mr. May called the dances. During the intermission the All-Maniacs, the high school all girl orchestra gave forth with their jive. All right, so the music was really from a phonograph hidden behind a pile of straw. Square dancing continued again until 11:00 o'clock when the tempo was changed to a more solid rhythm. A barn yard atmosphere was in evidence by straw scattered everywhere, from the floor to sticking out Vera Baney's left ear. Special receptors of the cokes and cookies which were served all evening were Margaret Davis and Don Bouton, Cat Bell and John Shevovich, Gene Hadjisky and Janie Patton.

Chaperons for the dance were Miss Klein and Mr. Cole and Dr. and Mrs. Pruett.

The 'Bitter Enders' stayed until midnight at which time Mr. Cole and Miss Klein decided to play the record "The Night is Young."

was presented with a set of studs and cuff links from the cast.

The cast in order of appearance consisted of: Charles Colburn, Lawrence Rowe; Elsbeth Colburn, Carolyn Crawford, Lucille Colburn, Lydia Silvani; Rodney, Louis T. Hagopian; John Van Brunt, Andy Edgerton; Janie Colburn, Ruth Shaw; Bernadine Dodd, Amy Middleton; Paula Rainey, Gwen Moulton; Scooper Nolan, Edwin Fleche; Thelma Lawrence, Patt Williams; Dick Lawrence, John Cox; Tina, Nancy Wauchek; Andy, Sheldon Stowell; Frank, Carl Hilton; Oscar, Maurice Foley; Hortense, Jean Sadler; "Dead-Pan" Hacket, Bob Yoder; Carl, Francis Loud; Jack, John Chulay; Joe Jerome, Jack Miller; Mickey Malone, Bill Moir; Uncle Poodgie, Walter Brieden; Ted Duggan, Henry Brennan, Robert Gaynor, Roy Gerkin, Abe Zaleznik.

On the production staff were: Executive producer, A. Westley Rowland; assistant to the director, Jean Pruett; student director, Carolyn Sanford; business managers, Margaret Jones, Traverse Du Vall, Emma Richter; properties, Emma Richter, Eleanor Spadafore, Vera Baney, Nancy Wauchek, Ruth Edwards; sound effects, John Miller; setting, Glenn Sempstrott, Bob Nixon, Ruth Ellison, Ellen Angell, Aritha Hammond, Amy Middleton, Nancy Wauchek, Lawrence Rowe; ushers, Margaret Watson, chairman.

Acknowledgements are due also to Mrs. Julia Roecker, Miss Rosetta Ramsey, Miss Jean Smith, Packard Furniture Company, Alma College V-12 Naval Unit.

### KI SOUTH AMERICAN NIGHTS ANNOUNCED

Cui Cui Conga!! The news is out! The KI party Friday, May 9, will be a South American Night. Entertainment for all. Glamour and girls! A gala evening for everyone. So plan to come—even if you can't speak Spanish, conga, rumba, or —!! Ticket sales will begin Wednesday, Stag 35c, Drag 50c. Hasta la vista señores y señoritas.

#### NOTICE

The Rev. Clark H. Phillips, pastor of the Methodist Church of Alma, will be available for student conferences on Thursday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 o'clock in the President's Office.

BUY BONDS FOR VICTORY!

### May 24 Marks Day of Festivities

The faculty and student body of the college are looking forward eagerly to the annual Campus Day, May 24. Miss Jean Smith and Andy Edgerton, co-chairmen of the event, assisted by various Student Council committees, have planned a gala day for all.

The day will get off to a flying start with a men's softball game. Who will play is not known yet, but it will probably be two teams from the intra-mural league. After the men have shown their prowess on the diamond, the women of the college will take over the field and will have their championship playoff at that time.

By the time the women's game is over, everyone will be hungry, and will find chow, served up picnic style, in the grove.

After sufficient time to let the food digest, the Coronation of the Queen of Scots will take place, literally the crowning event of the day. Miss Kay Peske, last year's queen, has been invited to crown her successor, lovely Lois Fowler. Some extra color will be added to the coronation ceremony by some novelty dance numbers under the direction of Miss Smith.

After the queen has been crowned, the scene will shift to Davis Field for an inter-company track-meet.

In the evening, there will be a Community sing on the chapel steps. Dancing then starts in the Chapel Recreation Room and will be in full sway the rest of the evening.

Committee chairmen, assisting Miss Smith and Mr. Edgerton, are: Ruthe Kruelen, Dance; Don Mraz, Sports; and Betsy Ross and Buford Beck, Picnic.

### Sneaking Back

1938: The a cappella choir and the chapel choir returned from a very successful tour.

Turning around from other quizzes of the usual sort, the Almanian was questioning the thoughts of the male part of the campus on the Ideal Girl and Future Wife. The statistics proved most interesting. Boys preferred girls to smoke Camels above other cigarettes if they happen to smoke. 46 percent did not desire wives that used nail polish, an alarming percentage, girls!

The debators were competing down at Indiana U.

Art Smith was the only Scot chosen for the All-star second team.

There was talk that Alma might have baseball again after having junked the sport during the Depression.

1939: An article on the demand for sex education in college was printed and was noticeable for the percentage of students in college who wished for this type of authoritative information.

Henry Fonda was to choose the Queen of Scots.

The KIs were holding a "Varsity Swing" and all students were to wear old clothes.

Two Sociology majors spent 90 days of study in the Classification Dept. of Jackson Prison.

Senator Nye in the Senate was asking for less armament fearing that discrimination between democracies and dictatorships in our

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8:30-11:45

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MAY 19

KAPPA IOTA PRESENTS

South American Night

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## Straight From the Shoulder...

Student activities reached a crisis last week when the newly elected co-operative council began the task of planning to finance student social programs and clubs.

Planning any kind of a social program looked dark for the student council in lieu of the situation, and so it was thought that it might be better to drop any kind of a program for the summer months. Student council president, Andy Edgerton, however, felt that the months from May throughout the summer were equally as important to the student as the fall and winter months, and so a plan was adopted whereby the students could be informed about the true situation.

As things stand today, the governing student body has gone ahead, planning the May Day Festival and the Bon Voyage semi-formal dance in hopes that a clear understanding might come about among the students. The council still hopes to carry on this summer if an agreement is reached. This will mean that the Almanian will not have to close down, clubs will not have to be disbanded, and the regular student council activity program of dances, picnics and swimming parties will be carried out.

Navy men were contacted last week also, and those who were reticent about paying activity fees to somewhat dubious sources were shown how the fee works, where it goes, and who benefits from it. It was shown to be a case of student troubles alone in which the administration was neither affected nor hampered. Students pay the fee, students collect the fee, students allocate the fee, students plan the activities which receive the fee, and students receive the social advantages of the fee.

We know, as a part of the student body and social program, that all of us are desirous of a fine social program all year around. No program at all is rather a dark outlook. And so it is that the Almanian is urging every student who has not paid his fee to pay before we all lose the right to have an activity program.

## An Open Letter From the Students:

The Alma Mater is to us a symbol of our school, the school we chose to attend; the school which becomes dearer to us the longer we stay here. To us the Alma Mater is more than words and music. It represents all that Alma College means to us—things which cannot be put into words, things which perhaps cannot be understood by those who have not made Alma their school. The Alma Mater is not a field song; it has not the swing of "Barnacle Bill" or "Bell Bottomed Trousers"; it is a hymn. As a hymn and for what it means to us, we expect people, especially our friends, to respect it.

Loyal hearts will cherish ever  
Thoughts of you throughout the years,  
Pledging thee a fond devotion  
Guardian of our hopes and fears.  
Alma, Alma,  
Sing of Alma Mater.  
Thy loyal children  
Chant thy hymn of praise.  
Memory holds a cherished picture  
Jungle, grove, and campus fair,  
Sons and daughters ever faithful  
Hail thee one beyond compare.

**G. J. MAIER**  
CLOTHIER

COLLEGE FELLOWS and  
NAVY BOYS

MEN'S SHOES

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

MAY—

May 17 Wed.—Lt. May in Chapel  
Jean Pruett and Phyllis Babcock in recital, 8:00 p.m.  
Thurs.—Social Dance class 7:15 p.m.  
Student chapel  
Fri.—KI open dance, "South American Nights"  
Sun.—Choir trip to Detroit

22 Mon.—Pres. Hamilton in chapel  
Tues.—Mr. Phillips in chapel  
Wed.—CAMPUS DAY (no classes)  
Calendar on front page  
Sat.—KI closed party  
Mon. Lois Fowler in voice recital 8:15 p.m.

## WHAT'S NEWS

### DELT HOUSE

What's new at the Delt House, hmmm. You mean things like the lipstick all over Hass' face after the J-Hop—the fact that "Chuck" Teach is the dream man of two of our members now—not only Gerry but "Spats" Spadefore. What is it he has anyhow?—Or maybe we should comment on the luscious orchid that Tiny sent Jean Huff last week. We here see a man who knows how to do things in a big way—We've heard a certain Delt wondering if Bill Feble is really as shy as he says—or if he just doesn't like co-eds, Alma style—We the girls of the Delt House herewith nominate John Rosencrans as our dream man and notify Margaret Jones that forthwith he will be considered as community property—We worked on Bugs for inside info but she claims competition is still open. Don't all you swabbies run for the Delt House now.

### PIONEER HALL

Someone had better inform Casey Edwards that men are not to be entertained in the Pioneer lounge after hours.

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to baseball and other forms of pitching, but the co-eds' thoughts turn to ways and means of sunning themselves. This has been especially evident on Pioneer's lawn, where such sunbathers as Gwen Moulton, Arlene Paineau, Helen Hayward, and Jeanne Swick have been seen.

Who was that sharp guy who escorted Marjory Bow to the play Friday night? He looked plenty swell to us, Marge.

Speaking of the play, Pioneer is proud of its contribution in the names of Ruth Shaw, Amy Middleton, Nancy Wauchek, Gwen Moulton, and Lydia Silvani. Our hats are off to you, girls. You did a grand job!

### SENIOR HOUSE

Champion tennis players at the Senior House are Phyll Yunker and Ruthe Kruehn. And have you noticed the beautiful sustans? Oley and Kruehn are racing to see which can get ahead with the best coat of tan. And at this point in the game we have to compare legs. So far it's a draw.

Mary Tome's room was filled to capacity last Saturday night (Saturday night! Whoops!). Both Monty and Cat Bell. Rama bunked in with Sharpe and Fowler. Nobody got to bed before one-thirty. The dance was all talked over and besides the girls had to wait up until one o'clock anyhow for Miss Gillard to come home.

Miss Ramsey is a new resident at the Senior House. She is all alone on third floor and no doubt thinks things are always peaceful and QUIET!

We are glad to see Grace Stevens back again. She went home to look for a job and stayed a week. But it was her birthday.

Soldier-students of the army specialized training unit at the University of Cincinnati are looking to the day when they can return to peace time college and university study as civilian students.

Dr. L. A. Pechstein, director of the university's war training program and dean of the teachers college, announces 82 per cent of these men expect to attend institutions of higher learning after they have done their part for Uncle Sam.

Coming from every state and representing the full Army range of ages, from 18 to 38 these 600 soldier-students are believed by Dean Pechstein to form a typical cross-section of the approximately 140,000 A. S. T. P. men on nearly 225 campuses throughout the country.

## Cat Chatter

'Tis spring, the leaves are on the trees and here we are in love . . . or is that camouflage? Jonesy and John sure did look that way at the J-Hop. . . Gerry Wadley is taking that Ed. 33 class quite seriously when she takes care of kids instead of going to see "Janie" . . . G.G. Middleton and Z. G. Williams surely did steal that show . . . Blondie Hass is right in there with Aunt Kate . . . She was 'restricted' for a week. . . whatever that means . . . What's this about Klein, Smith and Roecker hitch hiking . . . tsk-tsk . . . We'd be kicked out of school for doing the same. If they caught us . . . M. C. Bell, after months of hard work, finally got John's frat pin . . . now she's mad because it isn't larger more people will notice it . . . Bill Gayner says there's only one Queen on this campus for him . . . She must naturally live in the Delt House . . . Now that we're talking about Queens . . . Little ol' Fowler was pretty thrilled about Gabby being back . . . The Sigma Phi Barn Dance wore more than a few of us out Saturday night . . . ask Shaw, Hammond, Nash and Richter . . . and the boys are still remedying their necks as a result of stretching to get a glimpse of Shaw's little sister . . . Lee and Jean Ann . . . Lum and Lois . . . maybe it's because they have jittersbugging in common . . . Barney thinks that the "American ways are odd" . . . Is that a South American custom of taking two girls (Wauchek and Wunderlich) out on the same date? . . . It was like the good old times having Beth, Ray, and Monty back . . . Need we wonder who these girls really come back to see? . . . We think that Betty Fischer—Welligoss is asking for it. All we know is what we see . . . Is Marion Jones really going steady with Homer, or is that just more Cat Chatter? . . . Oley can't seem to make up her mind between Tom and Red . . . Or can she? . . . These choir trips haven't changed much in custom . . . Uncle Gene Grove still has a few more trips in store and the gang will be ready for the fun . . . Guess Eleanor goes pretty muchly for that Teach boy. . . But of course we aren't ones to say anything . . . Biggest laugh of the week is the girl's soft ball games . . . Kruehn decided, after hitting a couple of homers, that the game was 'fun' . . . It's all a lot of fun . . . and what would we do without players like Lydia, Christine, Finlayson, and Hayward . . . We hear that Lois Glenn

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is still writing to Billy . . . We hope to see him back in the fold again soon . . . Now that we have knives and spoons to eat with . . . How do you use them?

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DUNNE, VAN JOHNSON and  
LIONEL BARRYMORE in  
"A Guy Named Joe"

Friday and Saturday, May 19-20  
ROBERT PAIGE, LOUISE ALL-  
BRITTON, ROBERT BENCHLEY  
in

"Her Primitive Man"

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WALLACE BEERY and  
MARJORY MAIN in  
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ANNE ROONEY in  
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JOHN ARCHER and  
MARY MCLEOD in  
"Purple V"

Thursday and Friday, May 18-19  
GEORGE BYRON and  
RUTH TERRY in  
"Jamboree"

Saturday, May 20  
TEX RITTER and  
FUZZY KNIGHT in  
"Oklahoma Raiders"

Sunday and Monday, May 21-22  
JIMMY LYDON in  
JANE WITHERS and  
"My Best Gal"



## In the Spotlight

ROBINSON

SHEVROVICH

An indication of the type of softball that can be expected was furnished in a practice game between the teams representing the ship's company and the first platoon, first company, last Friday afternoon. In a pitchers' battle, Max Murray bested the ship's company hurler, Roy Gierkin, 1-0. Murray's feat in winning by a shutout is especially outstanding inasmuch as he held a team scoreless that a few days before had overwhelmed the civilian team by scoring twenty times. Much of the credit for Murray's victory, however, must go to the fine infielding of Ted Duggan and Terry Gillespie, and the catching of Rex Roseman. Gierkin contributed to his own downfall by walking in the winning run.

As is usually the case, it appears that the team with the best pitching talent will walk off with the honors this year.

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Track practice is finally getting under way in earnest. Coach Macdonald is getting the boys in shape for their first taste of competition, which will be an intra-college meet on Campus Day, May 24. Due to the inexperience of many of the aspiring trackmen, Coach is experimenting at present and trying to determine what events the men would best be able to compete in. It seems that the team will probably be most strongly represented in the dashes, where men like Hollosy, Shader, Temple, and Moir will compete. The first meet with Mt. Pleasant is tentatively scheduled for May 21.

Jim Menza and Prentis Wilson have become the finalists in the bowling tournament by virtue of victories the past week. Menza advanced to the final round through a hard earned three game victory over Ernie Post. Wilson, in the meantime, was using yours truly, as an easy stepping stone to earn the right to meet Menza. Though the tournament has been featured by a number of upsets, Menza and Wilson are well matched and the one lady luck decides to smile upon shall be the victor.

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### HERE AND THERE:

Paul Chapman will make the first platoon, second company team, one of the strongest in the intramural league. Possessing probably the fastest ball in the league, "Chappie" has had a great deal of experience, varying from pitching against Michigan's state champs, Pontiac, to pitching against strong service teams in North Africa. We predict that victories against Chappie will be few and far between. . . . The most enthusiastic fisherman on campus appears to be "Little John" Rosencrans. Every Sunday afternoon John can be found near the banks of the roaring Pine river fervidly pursuing his favorite pastime. . . . The newest obstacle on the golf course appears to be the newly increased fee. This is going to keep even more of the fellows away than the millions of dandelions and eight inch grass.

## Sportality

What with track in season, Chuck Hollosy is undoubtedly the most appropriate and deserving personality your reporter could possibly interview. The boy's a trackman, and his record very well bears out that fact.

For three years Chuck starred on the Linden High School, Linden, New Jersey, team. The school records he set, through his ten second hundred yard dash, 22.1 two twenty, and 50.1 four forty, still stand. A twenty foot eleven inch broad jump in his junior year added luster to an already shining record of achievements.

In 1941 Chuck won the New Jersey state title in the 220. During the same year his team ran away with the mile relay championship in the Penn. Relays.

In 1942 Chuck left Linden to pursue an education at Michigan State Normal College. A lame leg slowed him down a little, but he proved valuable as a dashman to the '42 Normal thinclads.

Naval enlistment interrupted his college life. In the summer of last year Chuck found himself entering training at Alma College. He seemed to be something of an extrovert. At any rate, he had no trouble making friends. Long having been a basketball enthusiast, Chuck welcomed the news of an Alma team entering inter-collegiate competition. He was out for the first practice session, and survived the ensuing eliminations. Brilliant as a floor man, and generally aggressive as a player, Chuck sparkled in the guard position throughout the season.

With spring and track, Chuck is again showing promise—this time as an Alma dash-man.

## CO-REC

By Gerry Wadley

You think spring is here, don't you? Well, it is. This has been proven by taking one look at the campus any night after chow. Not only the fellows are loosening up their arms, but the weaker sex (?) too are going all out for the national pastime, baseball.

The intersorority league got under way with a big bang May 5, with the Alpha Thetas smothering the K. I.'s 25 to 6. The K. I.'s came through again on Saturday by taking another one on the nose from the Independents 16 to 13. Looks like they think they are the Tigers, but then you can't win them all, and the season is young.

On Saturday last the game that staked up to be the grudge battle of the year turned out to be only another victory for the Thetas over the Independents by the resounding score of 22 to 5.

Because teams are not permitted to go south for spring training the pitchers are still ahead of the batters, and the fielding eyes are not yet sharp enough to scoop up those scorchers that are hit. This is the cause of so many high scores that remind you more of a football game than of baseball.

Keep your eyes on the women—men, they aren't as bad as one would think. Maybe the campus day game will prove to be a slugfest. Speaking of feast, I better hurry over and get that wonderful Sunday chow. Chicken mayhap. See ya'round.

## How Valuable Are Intramural Games?

Leo Matejcek

In an interview last week, Coach Macdonald stated that there would be intercollegiate sports this spring at Alma.

This seems to put a crimp in two of the best things about our traditional athletic program, which raises the question, "How are our men to be trained? How are we going to provide suitable competition for the baseball talent of Alma College and at the same time develop team work for all the men on the campus?"

The most reasonable solution seems to be an intramural athletic program. This program, properly conducted, will not only benefit the talent by keeping them in practice but will also help talent to develop.

However, men who have skill in any game lose interest by playing only with inferior talent. The games become too slow and players get careless. So why should skilled players be made to work with amateurs when their only way of bettering themselves is to practice with men of equal ability?

On this campus there are about 200 navy men with few other male students. These men are being prepared for war, and to win this war there must be team work. No soldier or sailor can act as an individual; he must cooperate with other men, regardless of how small or how large a unit he is with. Therefore, no player can be

allowed to "star" and neglect the team. He must learn to play the game with his team-mates.

Some sort of athletic program ought to be drawn up so the talent will not become stagnant. This would keep the men alert and the training in team work will make them better officers.

The problem of providing suitable competition can be solved by an intramural program. Divide the boys into teams with the best talent distributed equally among the teams. Make the skilled players coaches of the teams. This method would better the average player. Under these war conditions, we need firstrate leadership, team work and a co-operative spirit more than ever. There is no better way of learning these things than by actually working and playing with a unit. Eighteen men and a diamond is all we need to start an intramural schedule.

It is not so extensive as inter-collegiate sports; the boys would not have to travel, practice would not have to be more than an hour every other day and regulation uniforms would not be necessary. This would allow ample time for study and save the college money. Intramural sports is a deciding factor in teaching a man to become more alert, to expect the unexpected, to put to use his knowledge and skill and to think for himself so as to benefit his unit.



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## Scuttlebutt from Good Ship Wright

Don Nuechterlein

By the time you read this column it seems quite likely that you should know the bad news—report cards we mean. It would be a shame to be confined to Alma for six weeks, especially when the weather is so swell. But as usual some of the boys, like "Lum" Buck are getting their seats in the library reserved. Miss Klein must have quite a time with that little group on Saturday afternoons.

Judging from the Naval Org marks, it looks as if Charlie Stout takes the place of honor this time. Confidentially, we're quite willing to relinquish our chances for that honor in favor of a better man.

Now the talk is going around that "Parson" Teach is going to join the chaplain corps. Since he got that A in religion, we understand that he feels it his duty to straighten out guys like D. Miller and "Orson" Wells.

"Horizontal" Johnson, as Number II is called now, has quite a picture that was taken while he was in Hawaii. It's a good picture, Jim, but our eyes always seem to focus on the more appealing part of it—a "hula" girl, for instance.

If it weren't for size, we're afraid that we'd have two Mulvahills around here. One is enough, but now we find that Dipka, his roommate, is adopting the same tactics. We wonder if it's catching. If so, a lot of guys are going to be quarantined.

Can't let a week go by without mentioning Saginaw, and the fact that our boys are supporting the Franklin Hotel on week-ends, not to mention the Saratoga and the Ronrico.

Fred Bell must be one of those cold water fiends. He was down to Pine River the other day swimming while we were just nicely getting rid of our pea-jackets. He'll probably get sent to Alaska to hunt submarines.

Dana has found that "goldbricking" at reveille isn't the best idea he's had. He tried it the other day and consequently in a few minutes was leading the whole battalion in exercise.

John Cox got excused from physics lab the other day because he was sick. If we got excused every time we got sick of physics there would be no job for Profs. Ditto and Brown.

Freddie Jackson and Lyle created quite a rumpus on the third deck when they got going on those airplane motors. Judging from the looks of the models that are being built now, Ed Link ought to turn over in his bunk.

We'd like to commend the cast of "Janie" for their excellent performance. One thing we'd like to know, however, and that is whether there was really a wine cellar where those Navy men were celebrating. We saw a few of the boys after the play and they appeared as though they had been to a real celebration.

We're also glad it wasn't our rug that Jack Chulay went to work on. After watching him for a while we can plainly see where the term "rug-cutting" comes from.

Lou Hagopian seemed right on the beam too. He tells us the only reason he's staying in V-12 is so he can learn to be a good butler (and have access to the ice-box, no doubt).

## SNEAKING BACK

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foreign relations might bring on war! (Remember those daze)

"Vic" former chef of Alma College, was visiting Ann Arbor to note conditions down at the U. of M. to improve service with some new ideas.

A fairy tale called "Snow White and the 40 Thieves" proved to be of much interest.

Under Prime Minister Chamberlain, Great Britain was thinking of a mild disarmament.

1941: The U. of Dayton sent a team up to debate against Alma's best.

Alma's best basketball team in recent years was going great guns in the National Intercollegiate tournament in Kansas City.

The American Chemical Society granted recognition to Alma College. The only other state school listed was the U. of M.

Alma College freshman debaters won the state title.

Two frats were planning formal.

1942: A beautiful vesper service started off Religious Emphasis Week.

An amusing article on how valuable and interesting were the mailboxes. A good chance to bump into someone, or see if she's going steady.

The chapel windows was used as the frontispiece for the Christian Herald.

Two Phi pledgemasters saved the fair maidens then in residence in Wright Hall from a dastardly plot to take students from their regular studies and kidnap all the fair maidens in the Hall.

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Harcourt, Brace and Company, publishers

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