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Comedy Hit Packs House

As the curtain opened on the play, "You Can't Take It With You" presented December 16th in the high school auditorium, the audience settled back to watch the actions of the fun-loving Sycamore family with its philosophy of enjoying life to the fullest.

From the very beginning it was apparent that this was no ordinary household, for the members had a variety of hobbies that were startling to say the least. Essie's ballet dancing and Ed's printing press were good for plenty of laughs. Kolenkhov, with his booming voice, his black whiskers and his thick Russian accent helped to liven the scene. Penny Sycamore, who had suddenly begun writing plays eight years ago when a typewriter was delivered to the house by mistake, seemed unperturbed by the fact that her living room was used to house snakes, firecrackers, "Love Dreams" and a dart board. The only person finding anything incongruous about the actions of the family was Alice Sycamore who was engaged to her boss' son, Tony Kirby.

The play proceeded at a lively pace, and after a series of violent explosions, the appearance of Mr. De Pinna in a flowing Grecian robe and Kolenkhov's wrestling exhibition, the audience was prepared for anything.

Bob Shutes is to be complimented on his fine portrayal of easy-going Grandpa Vanderhof, head of the Sycamore family. A round of applause to the entire cast for their excellent performance and to Mr. Cole for his direction of the play.

Xmas Concert Held Sunday

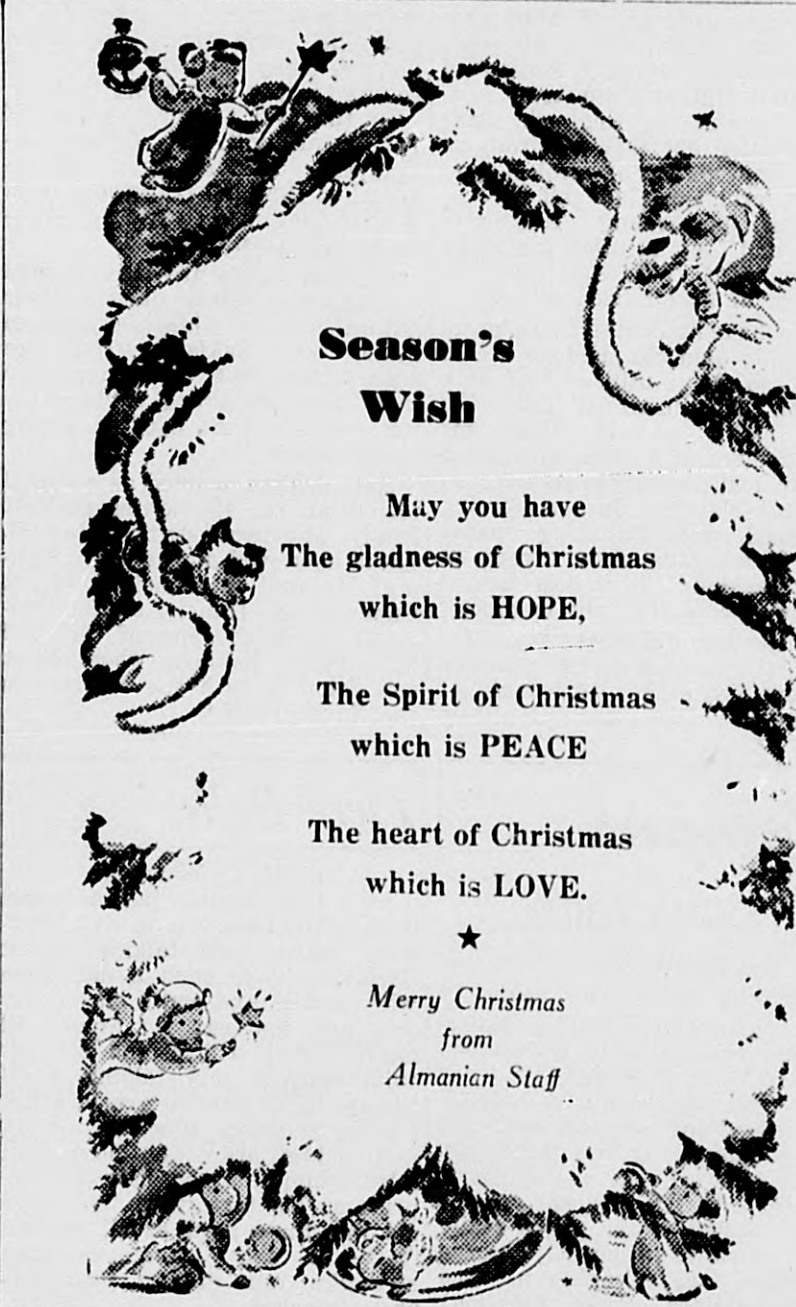
Entering the rotunda of the Alma College Chapel with its brightly decorated Christmas tree and the sanctuary with dimly lit candles, bright Michigan holly, and sweet smelling evergreen boughs, the Christmas spirit was deeply felt on December 17, as the choir sang.

The Annual Christmas Concert opened with the robed choir marching up the aisle singing "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," appropriately followed by the spirited "Fanfare for Christmas Day" and the prayerful "Adornus Te." Immediately following were many carefully arranged numbers including "Glory to the New-Born King," "Stars Lead Us Ever On," and "Carol of the Bells." Soloists were Jean Slaski, Helen Hawkins, Glenn Sempstrot, and Betty June Smith. This beautiful and impressive service closed with the audience standing as the choir sang Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Central Wins from Scots, 61-49 In a Fast Breaking Game

A scoring spree soon after the opening of the third period which netted 15 straight points for Central Michigan, provided the necessary margin to defeat the Alma college Scots last Friday night at Mt. Pleasant 61-49. The contest was even except for this one scoring splurge and the Scots hope to avenge it when the teams meet again in the second of the home and home series set for later in the season.

Central took an early lead and was never headed as some accurate shooting by Ed Bahlow, who racked up 24 points during the evening, provided the biggest punch for the Chippewas. Always in striking distance the Scots were trailing by only a 25-20 margin at the half way mark but soon after the second half started and the Central



Season's Wish

May you have
The gladness of Christmas
which is HOPE,

The Spirit of Christmas
which is PEACE

The heart of Christmas
which is LOVE.

★
Merry Christmas
from
Almanian Staff

80 Couples Enjoy Frosh Frolic Saturday

To the soft and dreamy music of Bob Shinburg's orchestra, eighty couples danced in the V. F. W. Hall Saturday evening, December 16th.

A canopy of green and red crepe paper streamers bordered the dance floor, lending a Christmas atmosphere, and the gay formal worn by the girls made the picture a colorful one.

This was the first time a college formal had been held at the hall, and because of the distance into town and the extremely cold weather, most of the students took advantage of the transportation offered; the school bus or the lone Alma taxi-cab. A few, less fortunate, had to walk, but the dance was well worth it. From the start to finish, the keynote was fun, and the freshmen deserve a big hand for their careful planning of the frolic.

CHRISTMAS VACATION
Christmas vacation begins Friday, for Navy and civilian and back to school Jan. 1.

It Happened Here . . .

A smoker and refreshments will constitute the Christmas festivities this year at Wright Hall, December 20th. It will be strictly a Navy come-and-go-as-you-please affair with informality the air of the evening.

The Christmas tree now decorating the lounge-room will be moved to the dining room and there the evening's activity will take place. It is expected that the entertainment will last from two to two and a half hours and will consist of a stage program of bat-

talton origin, group singing, and two movie shorts.

The Christmas parties of the girls' dormitories are scheduled for Thursday, December 21, after the basketball game. Each house is to have a gayly decorated tree and the girls will exchange inexpensive gifts after a short program and group singing. Then, according to tradition, the Senior girls go to the Delta House and Pioneer Hall to serenade with carols.

Choir Sings At Breckenridge

The Alma College A Cappella choir gave its first Christmas Concert on December 10th at Breckenridge. A carefully selected group of carols and songs was presented there under the direction of Eugene F. Grove.

The program was divided into four parts, the first one consisting of six Christmas numbers sung by the entire choir. The newly organized girls' sextet then sang "Cradle Song of the Virgin" and "Sing Songs of Joy."

The two soloists of the concert were Helen Hawkins, soprano and Glenn Sempstrot, tenor.

A fine concert was brought to a close by the choir singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

CHAPEL

President Hamilton related his famous "Cattle Boat" experience to students and faculty in an assembly last week.

Following his graduation from college, President Hamilton, with companions, accepted the job as cattle-men on a boat to Liverpool, England. From there they toured the continent. During their services under "Cattle Boat Jim" they had poor food, shabby clothing, and worked hard. They prospered even under these conditions, though, for they found themselves in Europe with money in their pockets and adventure ahead.

Fellowship Holds Xmas Service

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Six Months Under Fire Described By Navy Chaplain, Lieut. Willard

Speaking before Alma's V-12 unit, Lieut. W. Willard, Navy chaplain, vividly described the action on Guadalcanal and the heroic battle of Tarawa.

When we went into Guadalcanal we had rations to last 48 hours . . . we stayed 6 months!", the tall, beribboned officer stated. During those six months, Guadalcanal was constantly under fire and all the hate that is war, all the brutality that is war were being experienced by this man of peace.

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"Surprising how fast you can move after awhile," the Chaplain continued, "from the time you hear that telltale whistle of a falling bomb until the time it strikes the ground, you are out of your bed, dressed for battle and in a fox hole."

Lieut. Willard has spend more time at the front than any other chaplain in Naval History. He was presented the Legion of Merit, one of the newest U. S. medals, awarded for extraordinary fidelity and essential service, by Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.

In speaking of Naval Bombardments, he said, "It's fine to be dishing it out but when you're on the receiving end as we were those first few months, it's a different story. At one time, 36 Jap ships steamed into the bay and cut loose with everything they had." Recently published and well on its way to becoming a best seller, "The Leathernecks Come Through," is Chaplain Willard's story of the Marines in action. It is the first book to come out of this war by a chaplain.

"When you're in a fox hole, you're not thinking of your Ph. D from Chicago U., your safety deposit box with \$10,000 in it or that gold bar on your shoulder—you're praying, praying that you'll be spared. The fox hole is a great leveler, all men lie naked before God—there are no Atheists in the fox hole!"

Lieut. Willard went on to recall the unparalleled heroism of three doctors who operated during a bombing raid, saved their patient's life only to lose their own. "That scene was incorporated in the movie "Guadalcanal Diary."

His talk was concluded by an exhibition of battle relics, one of which was a prayer book which had stopped a Jap bullet and saved a Marine's life at Tarawa.

Skating Party Planned by Jrs.

Be sure to bring your ice skates back after Christmas leave for the junior class ice skating party, which takes place January 6. Music will fill the air, and there will be a blazing fire on the beach to warm your toes and fingers. Hot dogs and hot drinks served in Conservation Park and dancing in the chapel afterwards will complete the party. Tickets go on sale right after Christmas vacation, so for an evening of fun and excitement, don't forget the "Night on Ice," Jan. 6.

BUY BONDS FOR VICTORY!

Debaters Participate in Calvin Panel Discussion

After four weeks of preparation for the first panel discussion of the season, the Alma College debate teams went to Calvin College, Grand Rapids, on December 7th.

At Calvin, groups were formed consisting of representatives from the various schools in the Inter-Collegiate Speech League. The students considered the problem of compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes.

At the conclusion of the discus-

sion which lasted for an hour and a half each participant was given a personal rating by the judge, based on the knowledge of the topic, constructive thoughts, co-operation with the group and ability in speaking. After the first round, the groups were re-formed, in order to give each student the maximum opportunity for new ideas.

In the evening, a banquet was given by Calvin, and all the debaters were invited to attend.

spurt took place, dropped behind quite rapidly. Carl Manoogian who started for the Scots at forward for the first time captured high scoring honors for Alma with 14 points.

CENTRAL	B	F	Pts
Heufelder, f	1	0	2
Hodge, f	5	2	12
Richardson, c	4	0	8
Bahlow, g	11	2	24
Baker, f	3	3	9
McArthur, g	2	2	6
Totals	26	9	61

ALMA	B	F	Pts
Krause, f	4	0	8
Manoogian, f	4	6	14
Flaschen, c	5	1	11
Hall, g	2	2	6
Matheson, g	0	0	0
Chapman, f	1	0	2
Wanty, c	2	0	4
Mauch, g	2	0	4
Totals	25	9	49

Referee—Guy Houston, Flint. Umpire—Howard Beatty, Saginaw.



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A Christmas Message

For many centuries thoughtful men have been striving to find out what purposes God has in store for them. The Father, in His wisdom, has answered the query, not by the satisfaction alone of material needs, but through the Christmas gift of the spirit, the Christ Child of Bethlehem. I know of no gift of a more universal appeal, an appeal of love, and faith and hope. What a tragedy, if, at the Christmas Season, we know not the gift of God. What a catastrophe to have the Messiah revealed to us and not to recognize him; to have the opportunity of living a life of good will, only to toss it aside as of no value. It may be that a student will be able to discover the will of God for himself, not in a great achievement but by humbly doing his daily tasks in the spirit of the Christ Child. Let each one of us pray that God at this Christmastide may use us to bring about a peaceful world, governed by men of Christlike good will.

"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee thy soul is still forlorn;
But if our hearts become a manger for His birth,
God will once more become a child upon the earth."
Roy W. Hamilton, President.

Peace on Earth?

Last issue "Pop" was introduced. The father of seven children he is now serving aboard a fighting ship in the Pacific as a fireman. This is an open letter to him.

Dear Pop,

The sixth war loan has just ended, the drive was a success—here at Alma, the sailors averaged over a hundred dollar bond per man. We still remember!

Christmas is just a few days away, the world will be celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace and yet, the world is caught in the throes of a war. A paradox? Yes, Pop, but until "V" Day, we must fight for peace.

Remember Pop, what Thomas Jefferson, whose very life and thought reflected the ideal of American democracy as the American people would have it, said, "Our wisest policy is peace and friendship with all mankind. God who gave us life gave us liberty." Now, God who gave us liberty give us peace.

When more than at Christmas do we feel the spirit of peace, the need of peace, the hope of peace?

This will be your second Christmas at sea, Pop, and while you're standing the mid-watch, my prayer at Midnight Mass will be for your speedy return.

I can visualize Christmas again aboard ship. There won't be any holly, there won't be any tinsel or tree but yet the true spirit of the season will prevail.

The crew'll be in the mess hall singing Christmas carols; forty misty-eyed, homesick, determined sailors taking a few moments off to pay homage to the new born King.

Pop, I wish you could be here this Christmas, but even then I know you'd feel something lacking—Christmas won't be the same until peace, and while war rages in all corners of the world, the prayer for peace is universal.

Merry Christmas, Pop.
Your shipmate,
Bill.

Sergeant P. Baklarz

Relates Battlefield Experiences

As Army Medic

In a recent letter, Sergeant B. Baklarz, a graduate of Alma College, class of '42, told of his work in the dental surgery section of the 101st United State Army general hospital in England. Baklarz pointed out that wondrous as the Army system of medical supply is, problems that call for on-the-spot improvising frequently arise, and their solution can make a significant difference in the welfare of hospitalized soldiers.

"We haven't dental flasks large enough to hold the mold for a chin splint, so we've utilized half of a salmon can discarded from the mess hall," he said. "Then for the problem of holding this splint on, we make a few alterations on surgical masks. By reinforcing the mask and fastening paper clips to the ends of the straps we have fashioned it into a helmet that will hold the split in place."

To the hospital where Sgt. Baklarz is stationed come wounded soldiers from the battlefields of France, Belgium, and Germany.

Given skilled medical and surgical treatment and with the aid of penicillin, sulfa drugs, and blood plasma, many of them are able to return to duty in a short time.

In the oral surgery section of the dental clinic, Sgt. Baklarz assists the dental officer in the removal of shrapnel fragments from the face and in the repair of broken facial bones.

"Rubber bands are used to hold the upper and lower jaws in their natural position while the jawbone heals," said Baklarz. "They are scarce here, but we improvise them from discarded rubber tubing, such as that used in giving blood plasma."

Sgt. Baklarz trained as a dental technician for 13 months at Fort Brady, Michigan, station hospital. Later he served at the Mayo General Hospital in Illinois and at Camp Grant, Illinois, station hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baklarz, whose other son John, is with the Marines in the South Pacific.

you at the dance, i went down to order a corset for you from the flour shop and the lady looked kind of runny i guess i didnt get the right word or something. til then. luv peter a s.

Two veteran Marines were bragging about their respective outfits. "When we presented arms," said one, "all you could hear was slap, slap, click."

"With us, it was slap, slap, jingle," said the other. "Jingle? What was that?" "Our Medals."

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SIGMA PHILO

As the Sigma Philo closed roller skating party drew near last week, rumors of mounting demerits and restriction of the second deck of U. S. S. Wright Hall had more than one poor girl worried, but everything worked out, and nine couples piled into three cars (a bit crowded, but oh, so cozy), and drove to Mt. Pleasant for the party. A few of the group really shone on rollers, especially George McMahon, E. Traphagen, and Emma Richter. Spike (Marion) Jones and Les did an excellent job of dusting the floor, and they have bruises to prove it. And what was that catchy step Barb Lull and Casey were doing while George the Fourth and Bruce were mastering the fine art of staying afloat on four wheels?

Ten-thirty came all too soon, but the party wasn't over yet. Everyone returned to Peterson's for sandwiches, do-nuts, just-out-of-the-oven cookies, and hot chocolate before a crackling fire, with soft music to help furnish a romantic background.

All good things do come to an end, however, and this one did about two seconds before 12:30.

KAPPA IOTA

Now that the closed hayride is over, the air down Kappa Iota way is buzzing with plans for the South American dance, which takes place immediately after Christmas vacation. This open dance, one of the high spots of the year, promises to be even more colorful and gay than ever before. Watch for the date and keep it open for the South American Nights.

The K. I.'s honored the faculty wives and K. I. patronesses at a tea in the chapel recreation room on Sunday, December 3rd. Phyllis Babcock entertained the group by playing Manuel Defalla's modern composition, "The Firedance."

Kappa Iota's are proud to introduce their newest member, Jean Ann Winship, who, after several weeks of pledging, became a full-fledged K. I. at a formal initiation ceremony, December 18th.

Chapel

The Reverend Cruickshank, minister of the Mason Presbyterian Church, gave a Christmas sermon on the subject "Light Shineth in Darkness."

Reverend Cruickshank stated that Christmas is the time of hope, faith and love and expressed his desires for that Christmas when peace on earth becomes a reality.

Dere Belle

by H. C. Wernecke

here I am again, just a couple lines before i see you on my Christmas leave, and talking about Christmas it is such a nice time with parties and santa clause, the only man that can run around all night with a bag and not get talked about, and talking about parties heres how to give a sailor a surprise party: place your arms around him, draw him close, then release him unknissed, note the surprise on his face, then theres the old line thats herd at all parties, "tell me about yourself, your struggles, your dreams, your telephone number."

we went to the show last night and a small boy in the row a head asked his pop what the difference between prosperity and depression was, his dad said, "well son, in prosperity we have wine, women, and song, in a depression we have beer, mamma and the radio."

some of the boys have been writing pomes and here are a few i thought yud like:

AN ODE TO A WAVE
theres lipstick on the scuttlebut,
theres talcum in the head,
theres cold cream on the bulkhead,
hand lotion on the lean,
"evening in paris" sents the air
where was estuary smell:
i just picked up a bobby pin—
believe me war is h—
10 deems

breaths there a sailor with soul so dead
who never to himself has said:
the heck with muster, ill stay in bed.

utterly charment
we look aghast at men undressed,
but girls without garment are utterly charment.

i saw my buddie last week-end, he told about his train ride, he had a black eye, and when i asked about it he said it was a birthmark, asking him to explain, he said he got into the wrong one, a chaplin on the same train sat down beside a tough sailor who said, "where in hell have i seen you before?" the chaplin replied, "i don't know, what part of hell are you from?" my roomy jest inturrupted me and he wanted to know where the Azores were, I told him that in the future hed have to remember where he puts things.

the fellows wanted to know if you smoked and i told them, "well not quite." your swell belle and i know your not like some girls that have been in more laps than a napkin, an i also know that to you dating isnt a drug, you know these girls that take one dope after another, and i also know your not a flirt, who believes its every man for yourself, i can hardly wait to see

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Scots Impressive in 77-25 Romp Over Grand Rapids J. C.

A fast breaking Maroon and Cream team, paced by Keith Krause, broke its losing streak by scoring an explosive 77-25 victory over the Raiders from Grand Rapids Jr. College, here in the college gymnasium. The inability of the Raiders to penetrate the "Scots" defense cost them the game. Repeatedly the only good shots the visitors could get were set shots from far out on the floor.

The Raiders were no match for Coach Bill Lear's hard-working crew which swept into a 12-2 lead in the first few minutes of the game, by tipping in a pair of rebounds, stealing the ball up in front and going in for a dog shot and connecting three times on floor shots from far out on the court. From this early lead the Maroon and Cream drove steadily away, leading at half time by the score of 31-11.

Coach Lear started the last half with his second "5" in operation and didn't seem to be losing ground. During the course of the second half Alma had its "Giant" team on the floor which averaged 5 ft. 9 in. in height. With their fast passing and good ball handling it looked like somewhat of a runaway. Chapman dropped 3 in a row, Seger two and the smallest guard on the team, Clements, dropped a nice floor shot.

Only for a few minutes in this half did Coach Lear put his first "5" on the floor again, and then he sent them to the showers. From here on the "Giants" took over and proceeded to run the score to 77-25, where it stood when the game ended.

Alma was a different team in

this game, controlling the ball superbly and breaking very fast. In Keith Krause, Alma presented the game's outstanding player as he dropped 10 field goals for a 20-point putput.

Tom Wanty, Don Matheson, Hall, Chapman and Manoogian were other "Scots" who played a brand of basketball which definitely stamps them as anything but a setup for the opponents remaining on the Maroon and Cream schedule.

ALMA	FG	FT	TP
Krause rf	10	0	20
Wanty lf	2	3	7
Flaschen c	2	1	5
Hall rg	1	2	4
Matheson lg	2	0	4
Chapman	3	1	7
Seger	2	1	5
Mauch	3	0	6
Manoogian	4	1	9
Batterton	2	0	0
Kostan	0	0	2
Rutherford	1	0	2
Clements	1	0	2
Van Osdol	1	1	3
	34	10	77

Gr. Rapids Jr.	FG	FT	TP
Slack rf	0	0	0
Rooney lf	0	0	0
Whyte c	2	1	5
Sour rg	1	1	3
Jones lg	3	0	6
Huber rf	3	3	9
Hesse rg	1	0	2
	10	5	25

INTRAMURAL CIRCUIT IN FULL SWING

by Bill Ashpole

On the Varsity's game days when it holds no practice, the Alma cage has been free for some action-packed intramural basketball tilts. Under the able direction of an intramural council consisting of Coach Lear, Athletic Specialists Wilson and Burkhart, and a representative elected from each of the six Navy battalion platoons, the games have been well organized and plenty of competitive spirit has been aroused.

Two games an afternoon are played and since the gym will be free on sixteen days this makes possible two five-game rounds. When these are completed it is anticipated that the winner, and possibly the runners-up, of each round will play off for the championship.

In the first round, which is well underway, four of the teams have gotten off to three starts each, while the first company's first platoon "Whiz Kids" and second platoon "Liberty Hounds" have played off a three game, first-place, thousand and percent tie. This battle fell to the "Whiz Kids" with an impressive 16-2 victory. Their other three games were almost as decisive and right now they have little to fear of losing the first round crown.

Most of the practice for these teams has been limited to Saturday afternoons and during the noon hours.

Carter of the Eager Beavers stands highest on the scoring ledger while O'Brien seems to be playing the most outstanding all-round ball.

It appears that wrestling and ping-pong will also soon find their way into the intramural spot-light.

Intramural Standings				
Team	Won	Lost	Pct	
Whiz Kids	4	0	1.000	
Liberty Hounds	3	1	.750	
Sky Larkers	2	1	.666	
Eager Beavers	1	2	.333	
Bodigo Avengers	0	3	.000	
Sad Sacks	0	3	.000	
Individual Scoring				
Carter eb	3	12	4	28
Vlasic sl	3	11	1	28
Catterson lh	4	9	3	21
O'Brien wk	4	10	0	20
Hanrahan wk	4	9	0	18
Strawman wk	4	8	1	17
Brockman sk	3	8	0	16

In the Spotlight

PAUL "STUB" CHAPMAN

The diminutive forward with the keen shooting eye, Paul "Stub" Chapman, hails from Detroit, Michigan where he attended Wilbur Wright High School. During his stay at Wilbur Wright, he participated in football, basketball and golf. He was captain of the basketball and golf teams and was awarded letters in all three sports. He left high school in June '42 and until Feb. '43 he attended Wayne U. where he was also awarded letters and numerals in football and basketball. He enlisted in the Navy in Feb. '43 and after serving outside the States for some time he was brought back to the U. S. for V-12 training, in Mar. '44.

During his first term he was selected by the faculty of Alma college to be a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was the star pitcher on the softball team during the sum-

mer term and registered three no-hitters. Although the football team did not fare so well this fall, "Stub" was a standout in the backfield as its field general. In basketball, the sport that we are all thinking about right now, he is a great team player and being a member of the "Giant" squad that figured in the win over Grand Rapids J. C. is a very good ball handler.

"Chappie" will be leaving here at the end of this term for "Mid-die" school and if his marks here at Alma are any sign to tell how he will fare in his future training, the odds are really with him in all those ways.

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Scuttlebutt from Good Ship Wright

Four days till Christmas leave, and some of the boys are looking forward to the first Christmas at home in several years. Among those who are particularly anxious are Bill Bailey, who hasn't seen his girl for 27 months, and Bill Ashpole, who hasn't been home for Christmas since 1939.

Winter has really descended on Alma, and the fellows who have their skates here have been having some nifty hockey games on the Pine River. We wish they would let us in on their secret of keeping warm. Our morning walk to callisthenics is enough to keep us shivering all day. Relief from those 6:30 musters is one Christmas present we really need this year.

Have you seen Senator Avant (The Rebel) wobbling around the second deck on skates. He had never seen any before, and just had to prove to himself that you could stand up on them.

It has been puzzling us how the calm old philosophical gentlemen of "You Can't Take it with You" played his part so well. We've found out since then that on Saturday he found himself with two dates to the Frosh Frolic. Of course things straightened out, but it was doubtful for a while.

Speaking of the Frosh Frolic, some of the lucky men who had their girls here for the great occasion were Wernecke, Shutes, Hempel, Seger, Cairns and Molyneux.

If you want to put your head into the lion's mouth, just walk into a second deck room next to where the painter is working. Everyone agrees that the rooms look swell when they return, but they also agree that living four in a two man room is pretty awful.

Did you hear about Bill Ellis,

right in the middle of an embrace being so overcome that he shoved his date through a window? Guess that was one kiss he'll always remember.

The "Whiz Kids" of First Platoon, First Company are getting pretty cocky. Because of their easy triumphs, they claim that spotted ten points, the varsity would have a hard time catching up. It might be interesting. Coach, to see what would happen.

You can't say that Eddie Rutherford isn't always on his toes. After usherette Ruth Shaw failed to seat a cute young thing next to him, he bawled her out good. His "Hey, Ruth, if you can get another one like that, put her next to me," got quite a laugh before curtain time.

O. K. Magee is in the house for good now. A certain prof always gave him a hard time, or was it vice versa? Doc Brown's lab clock will never be the same, will it, Magee?

The sight of Stewart Flashen hopping around the Physics class with one shoe last week caused quite a commotion. While he wasn't looking the missing shoe was deftly removed and passed around the class right out the window. A young lady promptly gave it to him afterwards, but not until she had filled it with snow.

We've been puzzled by the absence of snow fights this winter. Could it be that outdoor warfare is too risky and that the class room makes it much more fun? Anyway, that's what happened, as Bill Ellsworth and Ed Ruppel can testify. Both were victims of direct hits in math class the other day.

Well, that's all the scuttlebutt till after Christmas leave. So long, mates, and Merry Christmas.

Pioneer

Here we are again with the latest scuttlebutt and gossip from the home of pioneer women. The dorm has certainly been an exciting place this week, with the Frosh Frolic coming off Saturday night. Formals have been fitted and pressed, coiffures changed, and various articles of clothing exchanged, all in preparation for the big night. Now it has come and gone, and everyone had a wonderful time. Many new faces were seen around Pioneer the night of the dance, including Ellen Angell's cousin, Jeanette Christmas; Ruth Shaw's sister, Kathie; Lit Pratt's almost identical twin sister, Mary; Putt Smith's girl friend Kay from Michigan State; and of course our dear old pal from last year, Gwen Moulton Roxburgh.

It looked for a while as if third deck was going to become the infirmary, what with Vera Parsons, appendectomy, Joyce Copeland's foot, and Lit Pratt's bum leg, but second floor can now claim the Purple Heart for Joan Brett, who broke her ankle last Sunday. We're really sorry, Joan.

While some of the Pioneer gals wonder until show time what they're going to be doing that night, others don't seem to have much trouble along that line. Pat Adams, Ruth Shaw, Pat Atkins, Virgie Kocher, Barbara Kemper and a few others are usually among those missing from the dorm on week-end evenings. By the way, George sure gave Kemper a hard time concerning the Frolic. We were running in every hour on the hour to see what the latest word was.

Pat Atkins has been getting in on time lately. Could it be the new demerit system, or has she run out of good excuses?

We've heard Margaret Watson saying "It stinks" lately. Could it be the influence of the Russian?

The freshmen of Pioneer are very proud of their two stars, third deck's Joyce Copeland and second's Virgie Kocher. Of course the sophomores were not outdone on that score either, for they have Barbara (Rheba) Kemper. Nice going, kids.

Speaking of sophomores, why all the secret about Angell's birthday spread?

That's all the news from Pioneer for a while, so until next time, so long from the sophs and frosh.

DELT DIRT

After hiding behind doors and dodging all kinds of dirty looks this week, here we are with the latest news about the gals of the Delt House.

Our newest addition to the chain gang is Fischer, what with that L. D. bracelet hanging from her wrist. Lucky boy—Guy Greene!!!

If our electrical appliances suddenly go off the beam, you can guess that there is an ulterior motive. One of the many Georges—surname Snively—spent a profitable afternoon in the bonnet of Patton, Waucher, Inc. To satisfy your curiosity, he was merely fixing the vic. (It DID take three hours.) Of course Mac kept an eagle eye on him, since he was operating on her time.

Last week and Marge Bow headed for Kazoo to see her ex-Almanian Gene Hadjewsky, who is well on his way to wearing gold brush at Northwestern. Imagine his surprise to see Bow-wow now wearing a brush cut. Wipe that hair out of your eyes, will you?

That blond Casanova from New York, Dave Berg, seems to find our own Nettie Wilson the object of his affection, or should we say perfection?

And what's this we hear about Casey? The Philo closed party at Mt. Pleasant was quite the thing according to latest reports, and wouldn't you know that another George would be involved. George the Fourth to be exact, alias Albert Fisher.

The ambitious Delt who don't quite get up on time for breakfast certainly appreciate the generosity of our housemother, Mrs.

Kain, who can always be depended on for a slice of toast to ward off the pangs of hunger till noon chow. She is really a mother, not only to her own girls, but to everyone who visits the Delt House. And now, until next time, adios, amigos.

SENIOR HOUSE

The House of Davies opens its closet once more and rattles its bones. Above the sounds which practically raise the roof, one can hear Spats and Wadley conspiring to torture Hass, Jonesy isn't there to protect her anymore. She's too busy at Columbia with a certain newly commissioned ensign, John Rosencrans. Norma seemed to be doing all right not so long ago with an ensign of her own, one of Alma's own boys, Dud Emling. Speaking of Alma men, Trappy is being very good this week with Warren around. And that Glenn girl-what goes with your Zeta man, Lois?

Has anyone seen the guy who

looks like Chuck Teach? Poor Gerry is getting a stiff neck trying to locate him—turning around we mean. There goes the telephone again, Marion Jones—Les or Marion Jones—George." If Walter can't be here, the next best thing is someone who looks like him. Thus Margaret Mason and Jack Kiehl. Say Pat, whose pants were those that you wore at the Dungere Drag? Bugs is doing the rounds—Bill, John, Chuck, etc. Minnie sits in History gazing longingly at seat one, row two. That's what becomes of being the only girl in class of Navy men. If some of you fellows want a good time, just take on Ma Davies for some bridge. She's always ready, willing and very able.

Well, Christmas is just around the corner so your dirt digger had better head back for cover—things can happen to noses. From all the Davies gang to all of you—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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