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## 61st Year Starts Today: Record Enrollment



Bruce Butler



Miss Jane Charlesworth



Wilson Daugherty



Franz Gunther Eyck



Mrs. Rose Lee Reed



Robert E. Rufener



William Stielstra



Miss Winnetta Thomas

### Choir, Band, Choral Club Offer Students Opportunity

The Music Department of Alma College will offer numerous opportunities for student participation in several musical organizations this year. As the result of an expanded program with an enlarged music faculty, there will be three large musical organizations, viz, A Chapella Choir, band, and women's choral club.

Membership in the A Cappella Choir directed by Professor Eugene F. Grove, head of the Music Department, will be limited to 50 voices. Tryouts for the choir will begin Thursday afternoon (today) at 3 o'clock in the recreation room of the chapel. The choir, which is regarded as one of the outstanding college choirs, is well known for

its numerous concerts and radio broadcasts. The band will be under the direction of R. E. Rufener, who is joining the music faculty this year as an instructor in instrumental music. All students interested in this activity are requested to meet in the chapel recreation room with their instruments on Wednesday evening, October 1, at 7 o'clock.

Miss Margaret Vander Hart will be in charge of the women's choral club. This will be an entirely new organization open to all women students. The first meeting for organizing this group is scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 23, at 7 o'clock.

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### VETERANS SUBSISTENCE CHECKS IN 60 DAYS

Student veterans enrolled under the G. I. Bill no longer are required to make periodic reports of outside earnings, according to VA officials.

Veterans entering full time training in institutions of higher learning under the G. I. Bill this fall will estimate their earnings from productive labor for the full period of their enrollment when they register. The amount of their subsistence will be based on these estimates.

The rate of payment will be authorized for the full enrollment period certified to VA by the institution, and will remain unchanged unless subsequent evidence justifies an adjustment.

Previously, in addition to the estimate of earnings, veterans were required to report their actual earnings once each semester for that period. These reports were checked against the amount of subsistence authorized to determine if the combined earnings and subsistence were within the limits prescribed by law of \$175 a month for veterans without dependents and \$200 for veterans with one or more dependents.

VA officials said today that government subsistence checks would be mailed to eligible student veterans enrolled under the G. I. Bill is approximately 60 days from the time the school certifies to VA that the veteran is enrolled in the institution.

Student veterans should be in a position to meet their personal financial obligations for approximately the first 60 days of the college year. Subsistence checks normally are mailed to the veteran on the first of each month, covering benefits due for the previous month. In most cases, a veteran should receive his first check during November or early December.

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### New President, Nine Additional Faculty Members Augment Staff

Commencing of classes this morning at Alma College marks the beginning of the 61st year for this institution of higher learning. An over-all record enrollment of 700 students will file through the corridors of the Administration building where the majority of the classes are held. Dr. Dale D. Welch, former president of Duquesne University becomes seventh president of Alma College at the same time.

The freshman class totals over 230, with World War II veterans making up over 60 percent of the total enrollment.

In keeping with its ideals of individualized learning, Alma College has made nine additions to the faculty. Mrs. Rose Lee Reed and Robert Eugene Rufener have been appointed to the staff of the music department. Miss Jane Charlesworth will become social director and instructor in physical education for women. The history department has been augmented by the addition of William Stielstra. The staff of the language department was supplemented with the appointment of Miss Winnetta Thomas and Franz Gunther Eyck. Wilson Daugherty has been appointed instructor in English. A special course in the religion department will be offered by the Reverend George DeWitt. Bruce Butler will become assistant coach and an assistant in the mathematics department.

Freshman Days will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 22 and 23, with the new students completing registration on Tuesday. Upperclass registration will be held on Wednesday, and the schedule of classes will begin to operate on Thursday. The opening convocation with academic professional will be held on Thursday, at 11 a. m.

The complete Alma College faculty for 1947-48 includes:

Administration—Dr. Dale D. Welch, President; Dr. Paul L. Rice, Dean of the Faculty; Miss Jean Gordon Fyfe, Dean of Women;

Miss Molly Parrish, Registrar; Dr. Josiah V. Roth, Dean of Religion; and Earl E. Peterson, Business Manager. Art—Mrs. Julia Roecker; Biology—Paul L. Rice, Lester Eyer, William V. LaPaugh; Chemistry—Howard A. Potter, Charles E. Skinner; Economics—Lyder L. Unstad; Education—Harlan R. McCall; English—Roy W. Hamilton, Herman W. Spencer, Miss Jean Fyfe, Richard H. Darbee, Wilson Daugherty, Alvin Eldersveld; History—Henry W. Howe, James E. Mitchell, William Stielstra; Home Economics—Mrs. Ray King; Language—Miss Margaret E. Foley, Miss Helen Louise Dickinson, Franz Gunther Eyck, Miss Winnetta Thomas, Miss Molly Parrish; Library—Miss Charlotte Klein, Mrs. D. W. Robinson; Mathematics—Robert W. Clack, Bruce Butler; Mechanical Drawing—Clifford B. Young; Music—Eugene F. Grove, Glen C. Stewart, Miss Margaret Vander Hart, Miss Barbara Bacon, Mrs. Rose Lee Reed, Robert E. Rufener; Philosophy and Psychology—Alward E. Brown; Physical Education for Men—Steve Sebo, Bruce Butler; Physical Education for Women—Miss Jane Charlesworth; Physics—Raymond C. Ditto; Religion—Josiah V. Roth, George DeWitt; Sociology—Miss Florence M. Steward; Speech—A Westley Rowland, Alvin Eldersveld; Accounting—Robert L. Anthony.

### LIST ALMA COLLEGE FOR ELIGIBILITY IN SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Alma College is among 33 Michigan colleges and universities certified for participation under the \$2,500 Detroit Free Press Debating scholarship fund.

The scholarship fund, first in 27 years of Free Press debate sponsorship, will become active at the fall term in 1948.

### President's Message

It is a pleasure in this first issue of the Almanian to extend a welcome to the new students on the campus and a word of greetings to those who have been here before. In a very real sense it is hardly appropriate for me, a newcomer, to be extending a word of welcome and I only do it to those who are as new as I am. It is my hope that those who have been on this campus for a few years or many, both students and faculty, will help those of us who are new to get adjusted to the traditions of Alma College. There is much that we must learn and we want your tutelage as we enter upon our work.

I shall say repeatedly that the two things essential to a good college are a competent faculty and a body of students who want to learn. Other things may be and are important, but without these two there can be no real college. You will find on this campus a competent faculty. We shall start with the assumption that you are a body of learners, and if so we shall have a happy fellowship together.

There is a further assumption with which we begin our work. It is that you as students are competent to plan your own time and to discharge your responsibilities without the sort of close surveillance that obtains at the high school level. You are young adults and the time has come for you to act the part. You are not to expect that the college will provide some activity for your waking moment. We assume that you can make wise use of your time without our



Dr. Dale D. Welch

guidance or interference. We might suggest that the reading of good books or magazines could well occupy your spare time. You might do nothing more constructive than to reflect. Goethe once said that in every person's life there ought to be time during the days to listen to a little good music, to read some poetry, and to look at a good picture. We challenge you to be good stewards of your time and to do those things that will enrich your life and push back your horizons.

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## TO THE FRESHMEN

Welcome to our college—your college. You represent a large part of the record enrollment attending Alma this year. You will become students and members of the gang.

We have a democratic form of government, with students and faculty alike participating. Sophomores and upperclass elections are held in the spring of each year, while the freshmen elect their officers in the first month of the fall term.

Alma College is a friendly environment because the faculty and students have made it so in the past. It will remain friendly as long as the students will cooperate with each other in building up a strong foundation for higher learning and better living.

Extra-curricular activities are planned for maximum participation by the student body. There are many things that may be done outside the class and study periods. Active participation by an individual in an organization betters that organization and the person concerned. Don't be one of those who lets the other fellow do all the planning and all the work.

For the women, there are three sororities on campus, which may accept you as members following your first term at Alma College. Three fraternities are available to the men under the same conditions.

The veterans of World War II are banded together in an organization known as the Alma College Veterans Club. This group is chartered by the State of Michigan, and is itself, a charter member of the State of Michigan Student Veterans Association which represents over 27,000 student veterans.

You will enjoy the Homecoming holiday on November 1, and the Campus Day festivities in the spring. The pajama parade will rout the men out this fall, as will the flag rush against the sophomores. The women will also discover they have a share in the "tradition" of Alma College.

And for the next four years you'll learn, and at the same time have fun. You'll make new friends, and at homecomings, renew old acquaintances.

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## Alan Goodrich Taken by Death

### Alma College Graduate Would Have Coached at Breckenridge This Year.

Alan Powell Goodrich, 25, of Ithaca, a 1947 graduate of Alma College and veteran of World War II, died Sunday, August 17 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. His death came suddenly from a mysterious ailment.

Becoming ill early in July while serving as counselor for the Detroit Y. M. C. A. camp at Oscoda, he entered R. B. Smith Memorial hospital in Alma for medical treatment and later was removed to Ford hospital.

He had accepted a post as football coach at Breckenridge for the coming year.

Alan Powell Goodrich was born at Ithaca, February 14, 1922, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goodrich. He was graduated from Ithaca high school and was a junior in Alma college when he enlisted for army duty in War II. He served as a private first class in the American division of the 245th Field Artillery more than three years, seeing duty in the southwest Pacific from New Caledonia to Japan.

He came home December 7, 1945, and returned to Alma college, where he was graduated in June. He was an officer of the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity during his senior year and was a member of the a cappella choir. He played guard on the college football team three years and participated in intramural sports.

Surviving, besides the parents, are one brother, Phil, and one sister, Janet.

Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, president of Alma college, officiated for the funeral and interment was made in Ithaca cemetery.

## Speech Department Organizes Today

The Speech Department of Alma College will begin the 1947-48 year with a meeting for all students interested in speech activities on Thursday, September 25 (today) at 4 p. m. in room 15 in the administration building.

Alma College will participate in all contests of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech Association which includes Albion, Alma, Calvin, Central Michigan, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, Michigan State, Michigan State Normal, Western Michigan, Wayne, and the University of Detroit. The contests in this league involve extempore speaking, discussion, debate oratory, and interpretative reading. Other activities will include participation in peace oratory and extempore speaking for men and women, Tau Kappa Alpha regional congress at Purdue in October, Tau Kappa Alpha National Discussion and Congress at the University of Indiana in April, and individual debates with other colleges in Michigan. In addition, various teams of the college will be sent out to service clubs and other organizations in the community.

The National Intercollegiate Debate Question for 1947-48 is Resolved: that a federal world government should be established. Those participating in discussion will consider the question "What should be done to insure peaceful relations among the nations of the world?"

Forensic participants returning from last year include Grant Wessel, Beverly Winton, Virginia Smith, Charles Jones, Al Kligman, Kathleen Shaw, Jean Messecar, Peggy McNaughton, Peggy Powers, Dorothy Dugal, Betty Adams, Bill McMillan, Arthur Fowler, Nan Harden, and Edward Rouleau.

Professors Rowland and Eldersveld will attend the annual meeting of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech Association at Michigan State College on Friday, October 3. Four students will accompany them as representatives of the various activities on Alma's campus. The formation of a schedule of dates and activities will be the foremost item on the agenda of the meetings.

The Alma College Elizabeth Bradley Oratorical Contest for men and women placing 1st, 2nd,

## CHAPEL CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept. 30 .....Dr. Welch  
Wednesday, Oct. 1 .....Dr. Welch  
Thursday, Oct. 2 .....Malone Sisters, Rotary Series

and 3rd. This contest is sponsored by Dr. Preston W. Bradley, former Alma College student, who is now pastor of the Peoples Church of Chicago.

The Drama Club will organize early in the semester with plans for a full dramatic schedule. Tentative plans call for three productions, and "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "Papa Is All" are already listed for early production.

Because of its work in the field of speech and general high academic rating, Alma College has chosen among the 33 Michigan colleges and universities for participation in the \$2,500 Detroit Free Press Debating Scholarship fund. The scholarship fund, first in 27 years of Free Press debate sponsorship, will become active at the fall term in 1948.

During the summer additional facilities have been added to the radio equipment of the speech department. A production booth with a mixing panel has been added to

the previous equipment. A line is being sought to commercial radio stations in the near vicinity. This will make possible broadcasts of a professional character.

## FORMER STUDENT KILLED IN CRASH

Bob MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. MacDonald, Farmington, who entered Alma College last fall as a freshman, was killed in an auto accident July 20. He fell asleep while driving, and his car struck a tree on Seven Mile road, near his home.

The funeral was held July 23 in Northville, and Ed Rutenbar, Farmington, and Douglas Slessor, Northville, who attended Alma last year, were pall bearers.

Bob was graduated from Northville high school in 1944, and was a navy veteran.

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# "Reds" Smash "Whites" in Scots Inter-Squad Tilt

Sparked by two newcomers, one a freshman, the other a transfer student, the Alma College "Reds" put on quite a second half show in trampling the "Whites" 45-6 in an intra-squad game at Bahke Field last Thursday night. The game was full of fine looking prospects for the Scots MIAA schedule but the two outstanding boys were freshman Ray Mohr of Charlotte and red-haired Rex Roseman, Grand Rapids junior. Coach Steve Sebo had counted heavily on Roseman to fill the important left half spot and he wasn't disappointed in his performance Thursday. The big redhead scored two touchdowns, one on a 25 yard gallop off tackle, and was consistent ground gainer when he was in the line-up. Mohr was the most surprising player on the field—to both the coaches and the fans. His hard, sharp tackles were the best seen on Bahke Field in several years and on running plays from his right halfback position the Charlotte lad left little to be desired. He sparked the Reds in their second half drive when they outscored the tired Whites, 39-0.

hamper the Charlotte senior a bit as he made several long gains, including one touchdown dash of five yards. The change will give the Scots a definite threat on plays to the left, something they lacked last year.

**Panther Grads Impressive**  
In the line two Alma High grads looked impressive. They were Jack McQuaid and Stan Hornacek, both freshmen. Both boys are small for college guards but they are fast, scrappy, aggressive players and on their performance Thursday will see plenty of action this year.

Ken Corbin, a converted back, also looked strong defensively. In the last quarter Corbin was a fifth man in the Whites backfield. Coach Sebo seems to have a wealth of guards as John Anderson, Birmingham freshman, was the outstanding lineman for the Whites. It was Anderson's fine defensive play that held the Reds in the first half.

Sebo had a host of ends running in and out of the game with Roy Gray, Freddie Hayes, and Bill Floore showing the most promise. Hayes caught several passes for the Whites while Floore's forte is his tough defensive play.

The undermanned Whites made things tough for the vaunted Red for a half, scoring first and then holding the eventual winners to a 6-6 tie at the half. Sparking the Whites was Fay Parkes, Alma sophomore, who called signals and backed up the line in highly creditable fashion. Although the Whites running game couldn't make any headway both Roy Dunne and Neil LaPaugh, left halfbacks, completed several passes for sizable gains. LaPaugh passed to Keith Van Duzen for the White's only touchdown. The most consistent ground gainer for the Whites was driving Ken Conway who picked up three first downs on spinners thru the line.

**"Whites" Score First**  
The contest started with the Whites taking the ball on the 20 yard line and after reeling off two first downs Parkes kicked out on the midfield stripe. Tullis raced off tackle to the 30 yard line but a bad pass from center cost the Reds 20 yards and Roseman punted.

The Reds recovered a fumble on the 30 but a holding penalty set them back 15 yards and after Tullis had picked up 20 yards on a reverse the Whites held and took over on the 20. After making three first downs the Whites kicked out of bounds on the Red's 30. Ken Conway picked up the first one on a 12 yard drive over center. After two off tackle plays had gained four yards Conway smashed over guard for seven more and another first down. Wells, on a reverse made eight and LaPaugh went off

tackle for five. The Red line held and Parkes punted as the first quarter ended.

At the start of the second period a pass from center rolled to the Reds three yard line and Gene McQuaid fell on it for the Whites. After three running plays had lost three yards Keith Van Duzen caught LaPaugh's pass over center and stepped over for the score. Parkes' place kick for the extra point was low.

The Reds took over on the 20 and were in trouble immediately when a fumble cost them 12 yards. After Anderson and Gene Naeri had piled up Roseman on a line play Rex punted to the 44. On the first play the Reds recovered a White fumble on the 48. The Red running attack bogged down and Roseman kicked to Wells on the 20 who dropped the ball and a host of Reds piled onto the rolling pigskin. That was the break the Reds needed and they drove for their first score. Tullis picked up two yards on two plays, Roseman passed to end Joe Thibedeau for five, and Rocky Walker played to the 5 for a first down. The Whites called time out and after the break Walker plunged the rest of the way. Dixie Howell's placement was low and wide.

After failing to gain, Parkes kicked to the 50. Anderson fell on a free ball on the White 40 but Parkes again had to kick, his short punt being downed on the Red 40. The half ended as Anderson and Parkes came up fast to toss Roseman for a five yard loss.

**"Whites" Threaten Again**  
The Whites last threat came right after the second half opening whistle. LaPaugh threw a 20 yard aerial to Don Cappaert for a first down at midfield. But a fumble set them back 15 and Parkes was forced to kick. Stan Hester grabbed the kick on the 30 and raced back 10 yards to the 40. The teams traded interceptions at this spot and the Reds started its T. D. parade. After Clare Albee had shook Hester at the line Roseman made a first down, stepping 20 yards before being chased out-of-bounds by Stan Boynton. Rex plowed off tackle for 10 more and then after two line plays Roseman scampered 25 yards for the second marker. Max Tullis kicked the extra point and the Reds took the lead 13-6.

The Reds were on the move now and Roseman galloped over again after the Whites were forced to kick. Tullis again converted and the score was 20-6.

Jack McQuaid and Ray Mohr came up with a pair of sharp tackles and the Whites quick-kicked to the Red 40 yard line. Roseman went over the right side of the White line for 25 yards. After two Roseman aerials were incomplete the big red head picked up 15 around end. A short pass to Fred Fyfe put the ball on the five yard marker and Tullis scored on a reverse. Howell's try for point failed.

**Howell to Thibedeau—TD**  
Again the tiring Whites had to kick and the Reds started to move from the 40. A long forward, Howell to Thibedeau, was good for 30 yards and a first down on the four. Two line smashes were stopped and then Howell went over on a quarterback sneak. His kick was low and the score mounted to 32-6.

The Whites finally solved the Red defense and moved from their own 20 to the Red 20 before losing the ball on downs. A Dunne pass to Hayes picked up 15, another was good for five. Lott thundered thru center for seven and a first down at midfield. Dunne hit Hayes again on the Red 40 and the Whites headed goalward. The attack was halted on the 20 however and the Reds scored in just nine plays. Ray Mohr made eight on a reverse and came back with 10 on a "T" formation hand-off. Dick Hook slashed over for 15 and Mohr hit 10 again on the reverse. Howell raced for eight and Mohr made a first down on the 22. Ed Warner picked up 20 on a nice cutback and then hit tackle for the score. Blocking back Bruno Krause split the uprights and the score was 29-6.

The Whites put the ball in play

## VETERANS

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Veterans may authorize VA to deduct National Service Life Insurance premiums from their disability pension, compensation or officer retirement benefits which are paid by VA. However, deductions cannot be made from subsistence allowances. Veterans desiring to take advantage of the insurance payment plan should contact their nearest VA office.

on the 40 but Krause intercepted a forward pass and romped to the 30 before being downed. Warner hit Mohr with an aerial and the Red parade started again. Warner scoring on a 21 yard dash off tackle. Krause converted making the final score 45-6.

| Starting line-ups: |      |              |
|--------------------|------|--------------|
| "Reds"             | Pos. | "Whites"     |
| Fyfe               | LE   | K. Van Duzen |
| Derby              | LT   | Macri        |
| Corbin             | LG   | Anderson     |
| G. Saxton          | C    | Slaski       |
| Leiberman          | RG   | G. McQuaid   |
| Bailey             | R T  | R. Hornacek  |
| Gray               | RE   | Wilcox       |
| Martin             | QB   | Parkes       |
| Roseman            | LH   | LaPaugh      |
| Tullis             | RH   | Wells        |
| Hester             | FB   | Conway       |
| Reds               |      | 0 6 20 19-45 |
| Whites             |      | 6 0 0 0-6    |

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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30, at 7 o'clock in the auditorium of the chapel.

A cordial invitation is extended to all students desiring to continue their musical activities to avail themselves of the many opportunities offered this year.

## EX-PANTHER DRAWS STARTING BERTH



Stan Hornacek, former Alma High griddier, will be in there fighting tomorrow night when the opening whistle blows. Stan plays at left tackle.

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## TRAILER COURT GROWS IN YEAR

Alma College trailer-town has grown! Originally twelve standard trailers comprised the entire court, but things have changed.

Twelve auto-trailers have moved in during the past year, with at least six being new to the campus this semester.

For the most part, occupants of the trailers are married veterans, but at least two house veterans are "hatching" it.

No recent count has been made of children or livestock, but we hope to accomplish this in the near future.

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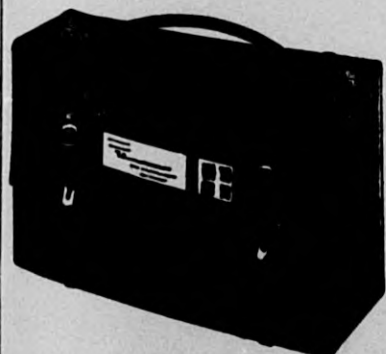
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT ALMA COLLEGE

Organized some years ago by Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, Alma's student government is divided into five sections: Men's Senate, Women's Senate, Student Council, Co-operative Council, and the Administrative Council.

Each term elections are held to determine who shall sit on these various sections. Vote for the senates is by popular choice, and those selected are charged with setting up and enforcing rules and regulations of the different dormitories.

The Student Council consists of representatives from each class and organization on campus, popularly elected for a school year by the student body. The Council handles all activities pertaining to campus life—a few of its many activities being: Arranging dances and mixers on free week end nights, setting prices and backing dances given by the different classes and groups, setting up of the programs for both homecoming and Campus days.

The Co-operative Council is made up of the President, and two members of the Student Council elected from that body. These three are then the direct link between the students and the faculty.

The Administrative Council is made up of seven faculty members, from which three are chosen to meet with the Co-operative Council.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of all ALMANIAN staff members this afternoon at 5:00 p.m., in the Old Chapel. All members of last year's staff, plus any student who may wish to help out on the college weekly this term are asked to attend. Staff assignments will be announced in the next issue of the ALMANIAN.

Ted Emery, Editor Mission Maps

Many blank spots on standard maps of the Pacific area were filled in by the army map service from charts made by missionaries, by traders and skippers of the islands, and by surveys of oil and rubber companies. Today, however, the South Pacific is as well charted as Connecticut, for aerial photographers of the service mapped every square mile of the vast area. In the United States a re-mapping by aerial camera is now underway, with areas around army posts and valleys in which army engineers are working on flood control the first to be charted.

Happy Medium for Alma Co-Eds

It was bound to happen. All over the country it's the topic of conversation, and so, Alma College just had to have its say on the subject.

Thus, during the lull in the festivities at the freshman mixer Monday night, a little experiment was conducted.

How do the freshmen women stack up on the matter of hemlines? Well, here's your answer.

Lining up thirty-four of the class of 1951, and using a string stretched the length of the line, held 14 inches off the floor, we find the Alma women have struck a happy medium.

Eight measured short length skirts, and twelve were almost ankle length. The largest number, 16 by count, were found to have medium length hemlines.

A noble advance was made in the world of learning.

MIAA REPRESENTATIVE



REX ROSEMAN

Rex Roseman, former Grand Rapids Union student, is the student representative of Alma College on the MIAA Administrative Board. Rex was elected to that position last spring by vote of the student body.

First entering Alma College in the fall of 1943, as a member of the Naval V-12 unit, Rex excelled on the gridiron. He served overseas, being located for the most part, at Okinawa.

Returning from service, Rex entered Michigan State College, and transferred last February to Alma, where he immediately became a member of the varsity basketball squad.

He gained much fame last spring while a member of the track team, scoring a total of 134 points including 20 firsts. Eleven of these points were scored in the MIAA conference meet.

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