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## J-HOP DATE SET FOR APRIL 27

### *Wright Hall Will Open Its Doors to Public April 25*

The curiosity of Wright Hall never ceases and at long last, the women of said institution are about to open their doors for open house inspection. April 25th has been set aside for the display, so keep that date in mind!

For glistening windows and "sunbritc" walls, the Wright eons women now scrub and polish as never before. It has even been rumored there is to be a new porch railing on Wright Hall for the event!

Maintenance and administrative officers have been named for committees to carry out this project

### **A S** women organize for tennis tournaments

Marge Wunderlich and Helen (ol-  
lins; hostesses, Jean Rosendale  
and Marian Morgan; clean-up. Liz  
Ann Whiting and Carol Dengler;  
decorations, Betty Ellis and Ruth  
Edwards; and house, Carol Me-  
Leod, Peg Powers, Barbara Bunt-  
ing, Lou Ann Cross. Joan Lott,  
Katherine Shaw. Libbie Green-

A tennis team has been organiz-  
ed recently for all those interested  
in varsity games. The procedure  
for competing has been worked  
out by the pyramidal system in  
which the player's names are plac-  
ed on a pyramidal rack, the final  
top player being the winner over  
all others. Players may challenge

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# 9h the Ptem Rox, Track Season to Open April 30

by Bill Cornwell

In the last issue\* of this newspaper, yours truly strongly urged Alma College to organize a baseball team. It appears, however, that any plans that have been held forth for baseball at Alina College this spring have been discarded. The decision of the heads of Alma College to cast off baseball as nothing but a hopeless and useless venture might well prove to be a damaging move.

This is a modern age in which we are living. Baseball, "the great American game", is increasing in nationwide popularity year by year. Even with the popularity that baseball has enjoyed in years past, it has never been so tremendously popular as it is today. With the return to professional baseball of famous stars who have been in service, this is even more so.

Years ago baseball was not considered a major sport by most college faculties or student bodies. Previously, football and basketball have been considered the most important events on the athletic roster. But today, in most colleges and universities, baseball is just as highly emphasized as any other sport.

It is time for Alma College to wake up! The students here want baseball and are fervently hoping it will be played. They fully realize that baseball is just as important as any other inter-collegiate sport. If Alma College can carry on inter-collegiate competition in track, tennis, and golf, why not in baseball? Although track, tennis, and golf are great American sports, they do not arouse the interest that baseball does. The

student body of this college would be far more interested in the outcome of a baseball game than they would in the result of a track, tennis, or golf contest.

There is good material around which to build a successful baseball team, and Bill LaPaugh is capable of producing a winning combination. He has told the business office where baseball uniforms and equipment can be purchased, but nothing has been done about this. He has also attempted to have the baseball field put into good playing condition, but has received no cooperation in this matter.

Why doesn't the business office cooperate? Unless they begin to realize that stress on athletics is essential to the future success of the institution, they will discover Alma College overshadowed by other neighboring schools.

## Intra-Mural Race Won by Missfits

Carroll Hyde's "Missfits" gained top honors in the intra-mural basketball league, boasting a record of five victories and no defeats. Interest faded rapidly as four of the last six games were won by forfeits, nice spring weather and mid-semester exams probably being the main reasons for the absence of players.

The only game\* to be played in the fourth week of action found the "Phi Phoiffers" defeating the "Hat Racers" by a score of 54 to 13. Johnny Wilkins with 20 points and Jack McCarthy with 14 topped the Phi's, while Al McCuaig netted 11 points for the Zeta's. The "Dynamic Delts" forfeited to the "Missfits" and the "Kilroy Kids" forfeited to the "Phi Phoiffers" in the other two games of the week.

In the finale of basketball for this season, the "Filthy Five" downed the "Dyaaauc 3a2i" to 34. Mike Budge paced the Phi's with 12 points and Bill Davis also scored 12 to lead the losers. The "Kilroy Kids" forfeited to the "Phi Pheiffers" and the "Rat Racers" did likewise to the champion "Missfits," thus bringing to an end intra-mural basketball for 1945-46.

The final standings:

	W	L	Pct
Missfits . . .	5	0	1.000
Phi Phoiffers .	4	1	.800
Filthy Five .	3	2	.600
Kilroy Kids .	2	3	.400
Dynamic Delts . . .	1	4	.200
Rat Racers .	0	5	.000

Carl goes rushing through the halls of Pioneer with a paint brush . . . .spring, spring fever, and Ma Kains rooms is getting no less than a new coat of paint.

The cinder track in front of the Alma College gymnasium is the scene of heavy activity these days with 30 boys limbering up for the approaching spring track season. Although half of the prospects have had no track experience, there is some promising talent present and Coach Bill Lear is hoping for the best.

Among the best looking aspirants are Art (Tex) Tiexiera, who starred as a high jumper at California and Great Lakes while in service and at Alma before entering service; Bud Kohler, who specialized in high jumping and broad jumping at Alma before entering the Marine Corps; and Steve Nisbet, a mile and two-mile dash man at Alma previous to entering service and a member of the cross-country team at Oberlin College.

Others boasting track experience are Marty Dean, Jim Hicks, Frank Navarre, Charles Kegel, Don Shankwiler, Clare Albee, Bob Liebermann, Mike Budge, Virgil Jessop, Bud Howe, Johnny Wilkins, "Buzzy" Snow, and Detloff. Those with no track experience are Rodney Grover, Harold Smith, Hoffman, Ted Emery, Jack McCarthy, Hank Osterhout, Duane VanDuzen, Bud Savage, Warren Hartt, Willard Tryon, John Tobin, Arlan Edgar, Ossie lx\*Fleur, and McDonald.

Inter-collegiate track competition will be carried on this season in the following fields: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard dash, one-mile dash and two-mile dash, one-mile relay, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, javelin, discus, and the shot put.

The complete schedule has been announced by Coach Lear and six events comprise the list. The first match will be with Central Michigan at Mt. Blasant on April 30. The highlights of the schedule will be the triangular meet at Albion on May 4, with Hope, Albion and Alma competing; the M. I. A. A. meet at Albion on May 17; and the inter-collegiate meet at Western Michigan in Kalamazoo on June\* 11. The schedule is as follows:

- May 4- Triangular meet at Albion (Hope-Albion-Alma)
- May 10, Adrian at Alma
- May 17 M. I. A. A. meet bsfft

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**Sweepings**

**UNCLE BEN'S CABIN:**

How high is a twelve foot ceiling???? Just ask the cabinettes on the second floor for they have come within an eighth of an inch but have not as yet reached it. You would have thought they were bothered with the little animals that go with the DT's to see them jumping around. In fact we could hold a track meet on the second floor. We also have high jumping and a broad jumping pit.

There is something about the atmosphere of the first floor because there is always at least one cabinette sick all the time. What they need is a liquid diet, don't you agree, Van? ???

We want to express our gratitude to our neighbors for the refreshments they brought over during exam week. All we have to do is to remember to return the plates.

In the last report from U.B.C., we said something to the effect that Mac and Jerry have trouble studying physics. Well, we don't have any sympathy for them anymore. The reason—those wild bridge games they throw from dinner until—

The newest member to join the cabinetters is Dave Barr, who wanted for various reasons, and we can't imagine what they are, to move out of Pioneer Hall. We had quite a problem for we didn't know where to put him. Finally after a long session, we decided that Bud should move in with Larry, and that Dave should move in with Ben. That was all well and good but Bud (eager beaver) said

**CHAPEL CALENDAR**

April 16	President Hamilton
April 17	Easter Program by the Speech and Music Dep'ts
April 18	Student Assembly
April 23	Service of Worship
April 24	Presentation of "Johnny Appleseed" by radio class
April 25	Student Assembly
April 29	President Hamilton
April 30	Clark W. Stockford

there was no time like the present (the present being 12:30 a.m.) and he started to move Dave's belongings over to U.B.C.

**PHIL-LIP:**

The Blue room is now having competition with the Green room and the rivalry is keen. Ever since Miller and Wolbers painted their room it has become the center of attraction, much to the disgust of the lads occupying the Green room.

Al Goodrich is the president of a new club on campus, the Green Chair Club. Anyone interested can just ask Al, he will gladly give you the low-down about it.

We have five new additions to our family—Smokey's five kittens. We're sure there are enough to be distributed among the other frats and sororities, so if you desire one, please come at your convenience and select one.

If you have wondered about the blinking of the lights and hollering on second, put your mind at ease 'cause it's just Steve making with the wool.

Requests have been pouring in everyday for favorite tunes to be played on our radio network. In case your haven't submitted yours yet, Mike Budge would be willing to accept your entry.

The Phi's turned out in masses, a short time ago, and gave the lawn a thorough cleaning up. Now if we can get some ambitious souls to cut the grass, we'll be all set. Any volunteers????

**WRIGHTEOUS WHIMS:**

The secret has slipped out that the dorm is in for male inspection shortly after Easter vacation and three-fourths of the gals are scurrying about in a worrisome dither. Some of the anti-labor advocates have been accused of actually sweeping the dirt out from under their beds, not to mention

the corners and crannies where the dust parasites congregate. The upperclasswomen have the matter well in hand though and all the sorority pledges are working overtime giving the "big sister" a helping hand.

Dugie rated 13 red roses from Russ when she was bed-ridden last week and the mystery yet to be solved is how and why the 13th rose got there. Who said chivalry was dead??? Not to change the subject, the infirmary log has had several new cases these past two weeks and those on the critical list were Sally Palmer, Virgie Kocher, Marian Morgan and Barb Kemper.

We are of the opinion that a dorm should be erected for the convenience of visiting alumni women. Our beds are of the narrow variety and who likes to sleep halfway on the floor? But we don't gripe about doubling up when gals like Patton, Bow-Wow, Wadley and Wauchek came a calling, always room for a few more.

The surprise visitor last Sunday was "Ify" Cottrili (Isaac) and her hubby Gene, from Flint. Ify and Gene have been out in California for almost a year and all the former Pioneer femmes were certainly happy to see her again. Two other visiting alumni were Shirley's brother, Harry Dittmar, and George "Air Medal" Hogue, former V-12 trainee here last year. Aggie Feagler and Jimmy Watson were also guests for the week end.

Now that exams are over, we're breathing easily once more and much to our contentment, hitting the sack before the midnight hour. Joan Lott found it rather tiresome to study in her room, so she gathered a few pillows and settled down comfortably in the bathtub on 4th. That's what make this place interesting, you can never know what to expect next....

Some of the new date combos seen on campus in the past week are: Bill Hawkins and Carol MacLeod, Johnny Miller and Eatmore, Carmen Hocker and Ed Rutenbar, Ginny Buck and Don Ferriby, Butch Whiting and George Orlock, George Krueger and Pat Pilson, Jackie Kronberg and Fred Strauss and Kathy Shaw and Williard Jackson.

**PIONEER PRATTLE:**

Clare Albee, man mountain of this fair institution, is attempting to work off excess poundage

through golf and track. Imagine, five pounds the first day! At that rate he'll be a mere skeleton in 30 days.

Freddie, our South American friend, works hard undoing all the good Miss Parrish accomplishes in her Spanish classes. It seems Freddie has taken a few of the students and has given them private "cuss" lessons.

Don Shankwiler, on an early morn recon trip, is of the opinion that to try and wake those of Pioneer is to try and wake the dead. Don was looking for a hall light switch, hit instead the fire alarm—causing a 30 second ring of same. Not a soul stirred!

Gillert, Albee, Bucky and Ellston are working hard for their "major"—Bachelor of Bridge. Wright Hall has them obsessed with the idea, and that great game of pinocle suffers accordingly.

We had begun to think that perhaps Leon Bonner and Edsel Rutenbar, roommates at Pioneer Hall, were a little bashful as concerns the campus belles, but as this goes

to press we find that at least Ed has broken down, and is now giving the Wright Hall gals an even break.

Rumor has it that Jack Maatsch was seen waiting outside the Stovall Studios bright and early Monday morning to have his picture taken along with the "trophy of the race."

Words have come to an end—action is now in order to choose the ping-pong champ of Pioneer. Step up McCarty!

**OBSERVATION DEPT:**

Have you noticed Kegel's "Short" cut; Burroughs wearing a pair of shoes; Mike so eagerly awaiting Bundy; Virgie Kocher's ring; Joan Brett and Bob Nixon back together again; the curtained windows on the first landing of the Wright Hall stairway; Tiny playing tennis in the afternoon; how swell Maxine looked on her recent visit; how large Alma's Chamber of Commerce is; that spring is a trifle late in arriving as compared to last year.

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