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## 59TH CLASS TO GRADUATE JUNE 15

### Romo Tata Elected President of M.C.C.

The Michigan Composer's Club held its 13th Annual Meeting at Alma College on Sunday, June 2nd. The meeting, conducted by the president, Mrs. John W. Nelson of Dearborn, was held at the President's House, and included the election of officers and plans for programs for the coming year. New officers elected were Mr. Romo Tata of the Music Department at Michigan State College in East Lansing, president; Mr. Clark Eastham, composer and teacher at Royal Oak, vice president; Mrs. Mae Nelson Stewart, of the Music Department at Alma College, secretary; and Mr. Theodore Beyne, contractor and builder from Grand Rapids, treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Directors was Dr. J. Murray Barbour of the Music Department of Michigan State College, and Miss Mildred Thomas of Ferndale.

At 4 p. m. there was a program of choral and organ works by club members, sponsored by the Music Department of Alma College under the director of Prof. Eugene F. Grove, in the College Chapel. The public was invited to attend this program, and thoroughly enjoyed the creative work of native Michigan composers.

#### PROGRAM

Let God Arise... Paul Harder (E. Lansing)  
Alma College A Cappella Choir  
Eugene F. Grove, Director

Chorale  
Canon  
Aria  
Intermezzo... David Strickler (Albion)  
Glen C. Stewart, Organist  
Lullaby (Elinor Chipp)... Esther Frost (Detroit)

Never Another (Veo Foster).....  
.....Maria Lund Royce (G. Rapids)  
Joyce McKinley, Soprano  
Jean Slaski, Mezzo-soprano  
Wilma Breu, Contralto  
Orthella Anderson, Accompanist  
Sonata for Pipe Organ... Thomas Hartle (Ferndale)

Moderately Fast  
Slowly  
Lively

Mae Nelson Stewart, Organist  
Nocturne (Donald Jeffrey Hayes)....  
.....Mildred Thomas (Ferndale)

### YOUTH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JUNE 17-24

A conference of Presbyterian young people will take over the Alma Campus immediately after commencement under the auspices of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan and Alma College to promote a Christian Service Center at Alma College and to help with the problems confronting young people over the entire state. The Conference will be from June 1 until June 24. Mr. John Forsythe will be the Director with an enrollment of one hundred and ten members of the teaching faculty.

Following the Conference is to be a Christian Laboratory Training Period for Youth Leaders using facilities of Alma College and of Alma's Churches. The program will be completed on June 29.

### Paul Bunyan Idea Used for Dance

Introducing the Rec. Room Committee for the chapel, the volunteer group, under the sponsorship of Miss Jean Rice, held its first open night Saturday, May 25th, in the form of a rugged dance appropriately termed the Paul Bunyan Formal.

Dancing to popular recordings, the jean-clad group found the atmosphere of a forest most inviting. The pillars were wound with crepe paper to represent trees and an electric campfire on one side of the floor was placed to produce a camp effect. The stage of the Chapel was decorated to resemble an old-fashioned restaurant.

Refreshments of hot dogs and coffee were served throughout the evening. Strictly stag, the dance proved to be an outstanding success. Another free party of this kind was held Saturday, June 1st, with Miss Rice chaperoning.



Dr. Preston Bradley

### FOOD STUDENTS GIVE DINNER FOR HOME EC.

The students of the food division in Home Economics held a formal dinner Monday, June 3rd, for the Clothing and Family Health classes. Under the supervision of Mike Rosendale and Mrs. King, the food department placed the tables to form a "T", decorated them with floral arrangements and candles, and prepared a six-course meal, complete to canapes, demitasse, and fingerbowls. The dinner was a required project of the class.

### Eight Changes in Faculty Scheduled

A recent announcement from the President's Office states that with the enrollment at Alma College already reaching the saturation point, certain additions will have to be made to the faculty of Alma College for the coming year. Complete announcement follows:

The Department of Biology is to add an instructor equipped to teach certain necessary courses.

The Department of Education, which has been ably handled by Professor Swigart and Mr. Peterson, will have a full professor in charge, who will teach the courses in Education and supervise the practice teaching.

In the Department of English, two instructors will be added to care for the fields of Rhetoric and English Literature.

As professor Lawrence W. Phillips is leaving the campus after several years of efficient service to assume a position in the University of Florida, the Administration has asked Dr. Howard Potter, who received his Ph.D. from Harvard and who was an instructor there and at Swarthmore College, to assume the duties of an assistant professor in Chemistry in Alma College. He will need an associate to care for the division of physical chemistry.

We regret that Coach Floyd E. Lear is leaving the college. Announcement will be made soon of the appointment of a coach and director of physical education who will assume his position on July 1.

After a year of helpful service as head of the Department of Religion, Professor Elmer E. Baker is returning to Chicago to continue his studies. With the promotion of the Christian Service Center at Alma College, a Dean of Religion will soon be appointed to teach the courses in Religion and to develop the joint interests of the College and the Presbyterian Church of Michigan.

With the appointment of a social director and instructor in physical education for women, the college faculty family will be complete.

It will be necessary to close the enrollment for the fall semester when the number reaches 400.

### 26 Seniors to Receive Degrees in Commencement Exercises

The Commencement exercises of the fifty-ninth graduating class will be held Saturday, June 15. The academic procession will form on campus at 9:45 a.m. At 10:00 the graduation exercises will be held at the Dunning Chapel, during which twenty-three B. A. degrees and three B. S. degrees will be conferred.

Dr. Preston Bradley of the People's Church in Chicago will ad-

dress the graduates on the subject of "Education and Life." Dr. Bradley, through the pulpit and on the air, has gained national recognition as a minister. He is also an active civic leader, and has written several books of which "Courage For Today" and "Mastering Fear" are best sellers.

Commencement week is to begin with Senior Class Day on Thursday, June 13, when President and Mrs. Hamilton will honor the graduates with a breakfast in their garden. The Senior Promenade and Farewell to Buildings, under the direction of Professor Henry Howe, is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. that evening.

Alumni Day, to be observed Friday, June 14, will open in the morning at 10:00 with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College, to be followed by a meeting of Women's Advisory Board. A joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Synod's Committee on the Christian Service Center will be held at 2:00 p.m., and at 5:00 the Alumni Social half-hour will be held in the Wright Hall lounge.

The first postwar meeting of the Alumni Association will be in the form of a dinner-business meeting, with Dr. E. Fay Campbell, Secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., as guest speaker. Dr. Campbell will bring to the alumni a vision of what the Christian college may be. The A Cappella Choir Concert to be held in the College Chapel at (continued on page two)

### Four to Receive Phi Sigma Pi Keys

Prof. Robert W. Clack reveals there are four graduating students eligible for membership to the Phi Sigma Pi Honorary Scholarship Society. Those to receive keys are William Bowen, Jane Patton, Robert Pitcher, and Margaret Watson. Ruth Edwards, the only remaining member of the Society in Alma College, will present the awards.

To receive a key the student must have maintained an average of 2.75 up to the fourth semester, 2.60 for the fifth semester, 2.50 for the sixth semester, and 2.35 for the seventh term. If the student doesn't receive a 2.75 until his seventh semester he is still a member of the Society, but is slated as an alumni member.

### NINE SENIORS SECURE POSITIONS BY PLACEMENT

Under the direction of E. E. Peterson, the following seniors have secured positions through the Teacher Placement Bureau: Helen Collins will teach kindergarten at Lake Odessa; Jake Howe coaching in Lowell; Frank Navarre coaching in Linden; Jane Patton mathematics in Roseville; Ruth Shaw English and Spanish at Lake Odessa; and Margaret Watson social studies in Eau Claire. Marge Wunderlich, Amy Middleton, and Nan Fischer will teach in the Detroit system.

### Baccalaureate to Be Sunday, June 9

Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, president of Alma College, will deliver the address at the Baccalaureate Service to be held in Dunning Chapel Sunday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. His subject will be "Unrepented Corners," the text taken from Leviticus 9:19.

Following the processional and invocation, the choir will sing several selections. The benediction will be given by Rev. Clyde Vance of the First Presbyterian church of Alma. All churches and the public are invited to the Baccalaureate service.

### MRS. KING TO STAGE PICNIC FOR CHOW-LINE

Mrs. King, school dietician, has invited the chow-line and all student help in the kitchen to her home in St. Louis for a picnic Wednesday, June 5. Dates are optional. The college bus will leave at 7 p.m. from Wright Hall.

### MRS. HARWOOD TO FETE SENIORS AND MOTHERS

Mrs. Harwood is to be the hostess at a tea to be given Friday, June 14, in the Dickie Room of Wright Hall. The tea is in honor of the graduating seniors, both men and women, and their mothers.

### Student Council to Stage Formal

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind,  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
In days of auld lang syne."

Goodbye, goodbye seniors. We know you'll leave part of your hearts here when you leave Alma.

Everybody will turn out to bid farewell to all departing seniors when the last formal dance of the year gets underway, Saturday, June 8, at the Memorial Gymnasium. This dance will be sponsored by the Student Council and is under the general direction of Mike Rosendale and Marge Wunderlich. Dancers will glide and sway to the sentimental music of Fred Ortega's orchestra, with a few fast numbers for the jitterbugs. The dance is to be open to all, free of charge, and the tentative hours are from 8:00 until 12:00. No definite decoration scheme has been decided upon yet.

### Registrar Reveals New Enrollment

A recent report from the registrar's office reveals approximately 220 of the present students enrolled will return next fall, 25 who previously attended Alma College will return, and an additional 75 students to be enrolled as freshmen are already registered.

Among those who previously attended Alma and plan to resume their studies here next fall are Bruce Butler, Jean Humphries Butler, William Clements, Kenneth Corbin, Robert Dengier, Arthur Duwe, William Ellsworth, Murray Hanna, Harry Hendershot, Jack Kauffman, James Malcolm, Florence McDonald, George McMahon, Leo Neimi, Jack Ruffe, Jack Shader, Marian Spalsbury, and Edwin Welter.

#### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1946

Sunday, June 9	BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
11:00 a.m.	Farewell Communion, First Presbyterian Church
7:30 p.m.	Baccalaureate Address President Roy W. Hamilton College Chapel
Thursday, June 13	SENIOR CLASS DAY
8:30 a.m.	Senior Breakfast
9:00 p.m.	Senior Promenade and Farewell to Buildings
Friday, June 14	ALUMNI DAY
10:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees
10:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Woman's Advisory Board, The President's House
12:30 p.m.	Faculty-Trustee Luncheon
2:00 p.m.	Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Synod's Committee on the Christian Service Center
3:30 p.m.	Tea for Mothers of Seniors, Wright Hall
5:00 p.m.	Alumni Social Half-Hour. Wright Hall Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Alumni Dinner and Business Meeting, Wright Hall. (Price \$1.25. Make reservations with Alumni Dean James E. Mitchell as soon as possible).
8:30 p.m.	A Cappella Choir Concert, College Chapel
9:30 p.m.	President's Reception at the President's House. All friends of the College are invited.
Saturday, June 15	COMMENCEMENT DAY
9:45 a.m.	Academic Procession from Wright Hall
10:00 a.m.	Commencement Exercises, College Chapel Commencement Address by Dr. Preston Bradley, of The People's Church, Chicago
12:15 p.m.	Commencement Luncheon. In the Grove.

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## THESE KIDS ARE NO DIFFERENT . . .

In the name of a printer's tradition, they say editors must bow out their term in office with meaning words, always with a touch of simplicity and kindness added, though not to the point of an actual swan song, but in any case, prove that you're glad to have had the chance to feel and record the pulse of a grand college campus. And these kids are no different. In no uncertain terms editors learn that Webster means every word he says about w-o-r-k, but in the long run, many satisfying memories persistently stand out above the few dark moments in these two tired minds who had one hundred and one other things to do besides listen to gripes. Lots of times the walls got really hard to beat against, but at least you have the knowing thought that we got our hands dirty trying to overcome the worst difficulties.

So with a feeling of thankfulness for the chance to learn more about you and put it down on four glossy sheets to whom it may concern, we take our editor's bow and with a knowing look, mutter "meet you at the ad building at 4:10. And bring an extra nickel—I'm dying for a coke!"

## Vets Honor Dead on Campus Day

The solemn note to an otherwise festive occasion was sounded by the Veteran's Club of Alma College in its portion of the Campus Day activities.

Commencing with the raising of the flag by six members of the Vets Club in a dawn reveille ceremony in the oval opposite Wright Hall, the climax was reached with the retreat memorial service late in the afternoon.

At five p.m., a BT-13, piloted by Al McCuaig swooped low over the campus, dropping wreaths of flowers in honor of those former students of Alma College who paid the supreme price during the late war. A color guard representing the Army, Navy and the Marine Corps stood by while Vets club president Wally Moore read the list of the twenty-five honored dead. A short speech by President Hamilton followed, after

which a firing squad comprised of eleven members of the Vets Club, fired three volleys in air. Taps were sounded, the flag lowered, and the program ended when the color guard and firing squad marched off in an orderly formation.

To many, this seemed to be the most impressive part of any Campus Day program, and it is felt that the college should be immensely proud of its active Veteran's Club.

## TWO FROM ALMA ARE DEGREE CANDIDATES AT MICHIGAN STATE

Two, formerly from Alma College, are slated to receive bachelor's degree at Michigan State college's 83th annual graduation exercises to be held Saturday afternoon, June 8, in the college auditorium. President John A. Hannah announces. The local candidates for degrees are Samuel Fortino and Henry Klein.

## :: Greek Gab ::

### SIGMA PHILO

It was a peppermint house in the Rotary Room of Wright Hotel where the Sigma Philos and their respective fellows tripped the light fantastic on Saturday, May 26. White carnation boutonnieres and favors of gold engraved matchbooks were given each fellow as he entered. Dance programs of gold felt-effect completed the formality of the event. In every way the dance was a huge success, from the choice recorded music to the spicy punch. And what could complete an evening better than a midnight breakfast of hot scrambled eggs (Maatsch did them!), hot muffins, and hot coffee, in the coziness of candlelight with a background of dreamy music in Mrs. Harwood's home?

Plans for a week end in the "thumb" of Michigan had to be forgotten for an eventful day at Crystal, which proved to be the greatest of fun. Milham's cottage made a cozy retreat from the mad weatherman, but even so three boatloads of couples braved the storm of Crystal Lake. Marian Mattson and Fred McDonald even had the nerve to go in swimming! Inside, singing and dancing made a mad jumble until Bob Smith started to give out with Polonaise, Hungarian Rhapsody, and Deep Purple at the piano.

Outdoor roasts may be tastier, but indoor roasts have their merits. Filled and completely satisfied with life, all ventured forth to the Pavillion for skating later in the evening. So another gay and successful party is chalked up to the Philos. Chaperoning were Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, and Dr. and Mrs. Rice. Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Milham for the use of their cheerful cottage on the lakeshore.

Future events will be the election of officers for next semester, and a final slumber party in the Philo room. "Paint-it" days are scheduled for the days between exams and commencement.

### ZETA SIGMA

With our first peacetime year almost behind us, Zeta men are looking to next fall when once again they will be back in what they call "Zeta Land". Already necessary plans for opening the house are in progress and all will be ready to welcome new and old members.

At the last meeting the following men were elected to guide the frat next term: Don Tobey, president; Hank Osterhout, vice-president; Russ LaMore, secretary; Jus McCarty, corresponding secretary; Jack Maatsch, social secretary; Sinclair Ingham, treasurer; Charles Kegal, house manager; Dick Scheanwald, keeper of archives; John Burns, first critic; George Alward, second critic; and Jerry Oliver, sergeant-at-arms.

To our three graduating seniors, Al McCuaig, George Orluck and Frank Navarre, the frat sincerely hates to see them leave. Through their efforts the Zeta Sigmas reorganized at the beginning of this spring term.

### ALPHA THETA

On June 15, the Thetas packed up and drove over to Crystal for their annual week end house party. Again this year they were the guests of Miss Jean Rosendale, a member of the sorority. Bridge, boating, swimming, and loafing were the order of the day. Some now sport brilliant sunburns, but all in all a very enjoyable time was had by the group.

On June 15, the Thetas are to hold their annual Mother-Daughter breakfast in honor of the graduating seniors and their members.

### DELTA GAMMA

The mighty Delts are finally rearing their heads and proving what was possible when they held their annual Mother-Daughter breakfast in honor of the graduating seniors and their members. The Delts are now in the process of reorganizing and will be ready to welcome new and old members.

Aside from the athletic activity, the Delts have been active in the pledging by staging a successful Smoker on Wednesday, May 23, with coffee, smokes, and ice-cream for all. Dave Sanborn, Virgil Jessup, Peyton Millhensch, Cliff Pitts,

## Are You In the Know?



Originated in 1919, the Student Council is the highest student executive body on campus. Its purpose is to give the students representation in the governing of the college. Aside from sponsoring any activity that includes all the students, the Council takes care of any repair work that the caretakers cannot manage, such as the fixing of Wright Hall's front porch. Each year money is contributed to the Richter Memorial Fund. This year on June 8th, the Student Council is sponsoring the Farewell Formal, the last dance of the term. Campus Day is still another of its numerous activities.

The Council is composed of representatives from each class: four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman. Any organization on campus that is not represented on the Council may send a representative if they wish. Their meetings are held every Friday.

This year the president of the Student Council is Ben Clark; vice-president, Al McCuaig, secretary-treasurer, Marge Wunderlich; and social chairman, Butch Whiting.

The Student Council is an organization of which we can be proud. Let's always get behind them and give them our support!

Ron Taylor and Federico Larrea have pledged Delta.

The many Delts who served their nation have begun to turn up. Bill Hunter and Don Mattison visited here for a few days, and Bruce Butler, Murray Hanna, and Bill Lemon are to return to Alma next fall.

The Delts are planning for the fourth annual Senior Formal Dinner to be held in the Rotary Room of the Park Hotel in St. Louis, June 8, just prior to the Student Council Formal Dance.

The fellows will soon be leaving for the homes and summer jobs before coming back next fall, but they wish to extend best wishes to all the graduating seniors. The Delts will continue their traditional policy of friendship, fellowship, and scholarship in accordance with the highest traditions of the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity and Alma College.

### KAPPA IOTA

With the season here again for swimming and sunning, the KIs have been no exception. Plans for a very gala week end fell through when the thermometer took a sudden dive for the lower bracket. The KIs are not ones to be discouraged, however, as it only encouraged plans for a bigger, better party right after the last exam has been written.

Instead of the planned week end, they all donned jeans and went to work on the room. All Saturday afternoon the two crews of members worked on the room, painting and working with hammer and nails with hopes of finishing the painting and repairing before the end of school. The floor is yet to be varnished and the last minute details will be finished before the furniture committee will function next fall.

Looking into the past for a minute, the dance which was held at the Bancroft was a big success. Fred Ortega's orchestra and singing entertained for the evening's dancing after the turkey dinner. It seems that everyone finally got to Saginaw and was glad to sit at the tables which were decorated with spring flowers and the place cards held a tiny sprig of lilac and letters of the sorority and frat in the corners. Everyone arrived back without any casualties on the road.

Since this is the last issue of the Almanian, on behalf of the entire Kappa Iota body of girls, your reporter, Putt Smith, wishes your summer to be the happiest and we'll be looking forward to seeing all of you next fall. See you then!

### PHI PHI ALPHA

Campus Day the Phi indoor baseball team ran off with the honors by defeating the married men 3-2. The trophy was presented to Mike Budge, captain, at the program in afternoon following the inauguration of the queen on Campus Day.

May 24th was the big day in the itinerary of Phi Phi Alpha. We

held our annual formal dinner dance at the Hotel Bancroft in Saginaw. The dinner included turkey with all the trimmings, and music was provided by Fred Ortega and his Rhumba Kings.

The past week has been busy with pledging. Thursday a smoker was given for the non-frat men. During the evening entertainment was provided by the playing of bingo, with prizes to the lucky winners. Refreshments were later served, after which the Phi's and their guests serenaded the gals at Wright Hall.

The Phi's pledged twelve new members to the fraternity and they are Dave Walsh, Gerald Chappell, Charles Watson, Ted Emery, Charles Bird, John Johann, Ossie LaFleur, Don Shankwiler, Linwood Snow, Bob Pollack, Fred Strauss, and Clyde MacIntyre.

As the year comes to a close, the Phi's wish to congratulate the seniors who are graduating from the frat. Graduating are Paul French, Jack Heimforth, Floyd McMillan, Spadafore, and Jim Hicks.

## COMMENCEMENT

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8:30 that evening is to be followed by the President's Reception at the President's house, to which all friends of the college are cordially invited.

Those to be graduated in the Class of '46 are William Bowen, Detroit; Eleanor Brow, Charlevoix; Helen Collins, Detroit; Ruth Edwards, Charlevoix; Kathryn Fischer, Detroit; Paul French, Three Rivers; George Gillert, Saginaw; Jack Heimforth, Traverse City; James Hicks, Alma; Jack Howe, Alma; Barbara Kemper, Detroit; Alfred McCuaig, Alma; Floyd McMillan, Alma; Amy Middleton, Detroit; Mary Milham, Alma; Frank Navarre, Dearborn; George Orluck, Fosters; Jane Patton, Roseville; Robert Picher, McBrides; Betty Richter, Detroit; Lawrence Rowe, Detroit; Ruth Shaw, Detroit; Frank Spadafore, Three Rivers; Margaret Watson, Detroit; Marjorie Wunderlich, Detroit and James Towne, Lansing.

## COMMENCEMENT DAY JUNE 15

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by Bill Cornwell

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# Pictorial Review of Past and Present

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## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

### HISTORY

"Resolved, That in view of the facts brought before us, we will, with God's help, establish and endow a college within our bounds."

... Synod of Mirhitran, Grand Rapids, October 14, 1887. Thus it was, at a meeting of the Presbyterian Synod in the Westminister Church of Grand Rapids, the action was taken which eventually caused Alma College to be established, the doors opening September 12, 1887. Two buildings, which had previously been erected as part of the Central Michigan School System, a short distance

from the business district of Alma, were donated by Mr. Ami W. Wright, a noted Alma citizen. A pledge of fifty thousand dollars was received from a Mr. Alexander Folsom, and Alma College was then well on its way.

First President of Alma College was Dr. George H. Wright, who served from 1887 until 1891. At that time, Dr. A. T. Bruske was appointed, serving until 1912. Subsequent Presidents are listed elsewhere on this page.

Mr. Wright, a member of the board of trustees of the College kept the school out of the red for many years due to his great generosity. Yearly deficits were cov-

ered by him by the simple expedient of writing a check to cover the red side of the ledgers. In 1889 a Library was erected; in 1895 the original gymnasium (now the chemistry building); in 1900 the Hood Museum was built and given to the College; in 1902 the college received the grant of land to be known as Davis Athletic Field, and Wright Hall, the new women's dormitory was completed—the most modern up-to-date women's dorm in the country at that time.

In subsequent years, the College has received many grants of land and buildings. In 1922 the Memorial Gymnasium was built, the central heating plant underwent a

### DR. JAMES MITCHELL

2nd President of Alma College. Dr. Bruske served in that capacity for a period of twenty-one years, making many friends for himself and for the college.

### PTOMAINE TAVERN NO. 1

All that is Alma College may be summed up in the person of Dr. James Mitchell. Known by all who have ever attended Alma College, or who have had contact with the college in any way, "Jimmy Mitchell" has endeared himself to all by his friendly manner and his willingness to help all.

Graduating with an A. B. in 1891, "Jimmy" continued his graduate work elsewhere. His A. M. was received at Columbia University. Work on his L. L. B., was accomplished at Alma College; Cambridge University; Oxford University; University of London, immediately prior to his return to Alma College in 1897 as a member of the faculty, he held the position

of Superintendent of Schools in Kalkaska, Michigan.

Appointed to the Alma College faculty, "Jimmy" began in September 1897 as Professor of History and Political Science. Since then he has remained in the same department, teaching the same subjects, but branching out in his work by filling numerous other positions. He has held such jobs as: Dean of Administration; Dean of Faculty; Dean of Men; and is now Dean of Alumni Association.

The Alma College spirit in "Jimmy" was passed on to his three sons, who also boast of being Alma College Graduates.

In recent years, "Jimmy" has entered into business in the City of Alma, being the president of the Alma Realty Company.

### OH MY ACHING BACK

Back about 15 years ago, the campus Lotharios had to sit in these straight-backs while waiting for the girl friend to put in an appearance. How that lounge has changed in such a short time. The idea must have been then, that the more uncomfortable the seats were, the less time the fellows would spend there.

### Sweepings

**Pioneer Prattle . . . .**  
The second semester at Alma College ends with quite a little bit accomplished over at Pioneer. For example, look how many of the fellows have finally gotten around to finding out that Wright Hall is more than just a messhall.

After weeks of trying, we finally got George Kregger, Edsel Rutenbar, Clare Albee, Don Ferriby, Dan Elston, Buck Yoh, and John Winteron to give the female contingent here on the campus a break. Don't get mad, all we could do was get them over there. It was up to the girls to hold these

to the Delt House. Gone but not forgotten . . . .

Incidentally, how many know that the reason for Dave Barr's absence around the campus this past week is due to an operation performed at Carney-Wilcox hospital last Monday? We wish him a speedy recovery.

In case anyone is interested, the caliber of this column will definitely be better next semester. Reason: this writer is retiring after this issue of the Almanian for good and but def!

The final results on the Clare Albee weight reducing campaign are a loss of 33 pounds in 6 weeks. See last at all!

Of course, no one needed to know just what to do.

That first night here, February 24, was really a cold one, and the snow coming down for the next four days, many of us wondered whether we ever would see the sun again. The rooms were too warm so we opened the windows. At midnight the heat went off and a nice little thaw set in. On an off bed and we to close the windows.

Two Mikes have been swinging the gates of Eden since the day of their swabbies and it is one of them is going to swing the gates before fall.

The "only eyes for each other" couple, Amy and Hank, are pretty well set for the summer. What other couples can we draw when Amy laves about Mrs. O' cookery.

Then the last two months, it seemed as though ever one in the hall either was taking Biology themselves, or had a Wright Hall companion that was as the Bee collecting one. One day Ed McDonald showed up with a three foot long garter snake, and he decided to have some fun with Lieberman by leaving it on the bed. Yes, he did have fun with Lieberman!

Another couple completely unaware of the world are Carroll and Bern. So far, like the McCoy from the local art and were possible no one would be looking for them. They started a store of dipping to the melody of "Far from home on my finger."

We were all proud to punch to see Maxine on for annual day. She's proving that competition for Ralph on the walking stick. But when what would she like to have that at a competition.

Chuck Kegel spent many an afternoon collecting bugs and the like that could have been spent playing golf.

These folks, spring days created a new spirit. The former was in the art and the latter was in the art. They were both in the art.

Things have never been the same at Pioneer since that duck day in April when Dave Barr moved over.

Wendy has been up in the clouds for weeks cause her robust hunk of a man is graduating from U. of M. Gonna hear him but for that a little with the Dr. before he goes. Wendy?

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Wanda & Tiny . . . . . Sunny  
George & Pat . . . . . Cold  
Bill Bowers . . . . . Unpredictable

**Have You Noticed:**  
What pals Prof. Umstad and Joan Lott are; that Bob Wolfe is still that way about Eddie; Virgie and Dave discussing wedding bells; that the Cat is the official Detroit chauffer; how refreshed Tom Jordan looks after being with Joy; the abundant number of stags at the last two dances; Flossie waiting patiently for her Bay City call; that your bug collections are due Saturday!

**Phi-Lip:**  
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Goody getting in the groove in a jam session.

Mike and Phil are learning how to greet the elite. If you're wondering how, just ask them!

Harold (D.) Smith is still wondering why his bed receives so much attention. It's a rough deal and now rumor has it that Smitty has declared war.

Steve's Morse code isn't impressing at all, says the knowing Mike. For the past few weeks, all she has been able to make out of the flicker across the way is S. O. S.

The latest talk at the Phi House centers around the bashful and congenial Don Converse. All we can say is "Ain't it amazing?" Corin Grover is another of the same type.

### Former Student Gets Appointment

Dearborn, Mich. — Appointment of Herbert Estes, of 256 Roland Avenue, Belleville, Mich., as Lincoln-Mercury district supervisor of the Dearborn Branch has been announced by J. C. Doyle, Ford Motor Company Dearborn branch manager.

Estes' appointment is part of a nation-wide program to establish an exclusive Lincoln-Mercury division within the Ford Motor Company, Doyle explained.

ants. An I. D. bracelet was presented to Marge Wunderlich for her outstanding activity in the field of sports for four years. Amy Middleton earned an Alma "A" for her splendid work in publicity and art for the W.A.A. also over a period of four years.

Officers for the coming year were named and Pat Adams has been elected president; Shirley Dittmar, vice president; Eda Pollock awards; Kathy Shaw, individual sports; and Jessie Stover, group sports.

Friday, May 24th, was a great day at the Phi House as the boys denoted their best party for the ladies. The occasion was the dance at the Bancroft. The boys were needless to say all the work was greatly appreciated by the girls.

The Dearborn Branch territory includes lower Michigan, north-west Ohio and northeast Indiana. Under the new plan, the country is divided into 21 Lincoln-Mercury branch territories. Each branch headquarters is being fully staffed to completely supervise and service the rapidly expanding Lincoln-Mercury dealer organization.

Mr. Estes began work for the Ford Motor Company in 1924 in the Rouge plant and moved into the sales division the following year.

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As the end of the term draws near the Phi's feel with regret the fact that they will not have Mrs. Harwood with them next year. At this time the Phi's especially those living in the house, wish to thank her for all the wonderful times she has done for them. For her cooperation and help in the late snacks she prepared for them.

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### College Golfers End Fine Season

The college golf team closed its season with a satisfying season. The team's record was 12 wins and 10 losses when it really got started. The team was led by Bob Wolfe, who shot a 72 in the final round.

During the war he worked as materials control supervisor and expediter in the production department at Willow Run bomber plant. In October, 1944 he returned to the Dearborn Branch as zone manager and later he was a special representative under A. P. Briggs, sales manager, until his appointment as Lincoln-Mercury district supervisor.

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The loss to J. C. so provoked the Scots that two days later they scored back to shellac Kalamazoo's Huskies, 12 to 0.

The Scots were in their best form of the season and the visiting Huskies could not cope with them. Chuck Kegel took low honors for the day with 75. Bedford shot in and Moore and LaMore each carded 77.

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