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## STUDENT FORUM

Within the next week, the students of Alma College will be given a chance to voice their opinions on how the school should be run. The Student Council has voted to sponsor an hour long chapel program in the form of a student government forum.

For over two months now, we've heard many individuals gripe and groan about some ruling or plan, how it's for the faculty, or some one person's advantage. Now they can bring their problems forward in a sensible, straightforward presentation. They can say what they think is wrong, and they can expect reasonable satisfaction.

**BUT, THIS IS TO BE REMEMBERED:** No one can be recognized as having a legitimate gripe unless he can also offer some suitable plan for correction.

The Student Council asks that all think seriously about this, and that they come to the forum prepared to take an active part in the discussion. The members of the Co-op Council will sit on the rostrum and conduct the meeting.

Another student forum will be held soon after the first of the year. Elizabeth Whiting will at that time make a report on the Student Government set-up at the various other religious colleges throughout the state.

**LET'S WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL— IF YOU HAVE A GRIPE BRING IT BEFORE THE COUNCIL FORUM.**

## REV. HENRY ROTH DIED NOV. 16th

The Rev. Henry Roth, father of Dr. J. V. Roth, Dean of Religion here, died on Saturday night, November 16, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. The funeral was held last Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Roth was at his father's bedside when he died, having been with him constantly for two and a half days before he passed away.

The deceased was 80 years of age, the last of a pioneer family of fifteen whose father had come from France. He had lived throughout his life in the community of Grabbill, Indiana, a small town near Fort Wayne where he had served as a minister for many years. In the earlier years of his ministry he conducted services in numerous communities around his home, the meetings often being conducted in schoolhouses where no churches had yet been organized. For about 15 years he was pastor of the community church in Grabbill.

At his request, his favorite study Bible was open on his casket at the twenty-third Psalm during the time of the funeral, and the service centered on that Psalm.

Mr. Roth was a man of widely varied interests who always showed an enthusiastic interest in all worthy pursuits. In his retired years he became rather widely known for his skill in the culture of flowers, and many people came to see his gardens.

At Dr. Roth's Old Testament classes last Thursday, he paid high tribute to his father, and remarked that the religious heritage he had received from his parents was worth more than a controlling interest in General Motors.

Dr. Roth's mother, who is 80 years of age, survives. December 18 would have been the 58th wedding anniversary for this pioneer couple.

## SPEECH

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judged by a board of three faculty members. The final contest will be held at 8, Thursday evening, January 23 in the College Chapel. This contest will be judged by an outside board of three members.

Subjects for the orations should be centered around the theme of War and Peace and turned in to Professors Rowland or Eldersveld on or before Thursday, January 9, 1947. Anyone is eligible to try whether a speech student or not. Further information may be obtained from either speech professor.

## :: Greek Gals ::

### DELTA NEWS

The swishing of the paint brushes of the past week, or more properly for the past month, in the Delta mansion was performed by Bud Savage, Roger Barrette, Red Cornwell and Dan Elston.

With the coming of the snow and the cold weather, the Eskimos of the sleeping quarters are crawling further and further underneath their blankets.

This last week the Delta began publishing their monthly news letter to their alumni. Also this last week the Delta held another music open house.

### KAPPA KEERS

Any Kappa gals seen walking around on their knees can explain their sad state by the number of card tables and chairs and cards and signs and score cards and just plain work that went toward the House of Blue Lights.

The worst of the trials of the pledges is over. The formal banquet was held last evening at the Wright Hotel dining room, preceded by an initiation ceremony at Wright Hall.

## ROWE'S JEWELRY SHOP

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## Faces and Places . . .

by Baker

*Come, ye thankful people come,  
Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin . . .*  
—Rev. Henry Alford.

Once again Thanksgiving vacation rolls around, and is dreaded by industrious Alma students and faculty, who have no alternative but to take a short vacation and pause a few days from academic tasks to reflect upon their blessings. Thanksgiving is much more simplified this year, with nearly everyone observing it on the same day, which is more to the satisfaction to most people, except of course, those who were formerly able to enjoy a feast day two Thursdays in succession.

We feel, and perhaps there are other people on the campus who have felt the same, that this is the second day of Thanksgiving for us, the first one being the day we returned to Alma College. The reason is, simply and directly, that we like Alma College. There are things here at Alma about which we aren't entirely satisfied, things that we hope to see changed, imperfections that probably never will be corrected, but they are very important, for they make Alma a real place, not just another dream. Absence does make the heart grow fonder, and nothing is completely appreciated until it is realized to be out of reach; old words these, and much used; but especially meaningful in the case of those who have been away from their Alma mater. This year one of our first givings of thanks will be for Alma College, and the FAOFS and PLACES comprising it.

The Delts took a step in the direction of musical enjoyment and appreciation via records in their instituting of the Delt Music Open House, featuring music of a wide variety of tastes. This has been very successful and should in time develop into a regular weekly habit with a large percentage of the people of Alma College. The on-

ly limitation might be that of insufficient space to accommodate everyone interested. Perhaps the function becomes more popular, larger meeting places can be taken advantage of. Congratulations, Delts, especially Red Cornwell and Dave Sanborn.

We think that the advertisement for "The Late Christopher Bean" is about the cleverest we've seen around Alma. Now that we have figured out what it's all about and WHO and WHAT Bean is, we are informed that "Bean is Coming." This unique advertising campaign came to us through Jim Kress who noted the success of a similar type of ad used for a West Coast production of "Harvey." Versatile professor A. W. Rowland, who by the way is also coach of the mighty faculty volleyball and basketball teams, warned us to get our tickets early, as all seats are to be reserved for this production, one which we feel will be worth seeing. . . .

We regret to see Ralph Fisher leave Alma. He has been very popular here since he came to Alma at the beginning of the last semester. The Navy was here, during the summer of '45. We extend to Ralph, one of the best guys ever associated with Alma College, all the luck and good fortune he so richly deserves, when he gets back to Washington. . . .

Biggest laugh of the week was the contrast in the appearance of the people who attended both the K I Bridge Dance and the Phi Hard Times Barn Dance over the week end, practically 'from rags to rags' or 'sophistication to sloppiness.'

Be seeing you places. S. L. K.

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# Cagers Sharpen Up For Initial Tilt

There has been little rest for the Alma college football squad who also seek places on the basketball squad. First cuts on the basketball squad have been made by Coach Steve Sebo since the non-football members have been participating in workouts for the past month.

A 20 game schedule will be arranged for the Scots this winter with nearly this many already booked and with others pending. To carry this rugged schedule through Coach Sebo has a few veterans on hand but is seeking to locate some extra height and size for under the basket work. Mike Budge, Warren Hartt and Pete Greenhoe are back from the squad of last year and though all top six feet, lack the rugged size required in present day basketball for under basket work.

### Face MIAA Competition

Some of the other members of the cage squad of last year are on the campus but not reporting for basketball this year while some of the football squad members will try to earn places before a final cut is made. Art Teixeira and Jack Temple are two in this category while Rocky Walker and Mike Tobin may also earn places. Sebo plans to cut very shortly to a twelve man squad since opening of the season is only two weeks away.

The squad will face all members of the MIAA conference but unless some additional height is found the chances of competing against some of the six foot four and five inch men from Hope, Albion and Kalamazoo, will make this year's team an under-dog in each game. Help from incoming freshmen may be secured but this rugged height is still lacking. Another Adams

from Fairgrove, brother to Bob and Hienie, two former Scot athletes, apparently will have a place on the squad as a freshman but he is under the six foot mark in height.

### Five Before Christmas

Five of the games booked thus far will be played prior to the Christmas holidays and the remainder before end of the season next March 1. A home and home series between Alma and Central Michigan has been arranged while a newcomer to the Scot schedule is the team from Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek Ferris and St. Mary's of Orchard Lake make up the other non-conference foes for Sebo and his men.

The schedule:  
Dec. 4, Ferris at Big Rapids; Dec. 6, Hillsdale here; Dec. 10 Albion at Albion; Dec. 12, Percy Jones hospital there; Dec. 17, Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo; Jan. 15 Percy Jones at Battle Creek; Jan. 17, Hope here; Jan. 21, Central Michigan at Mt. Pleasant; Jan. 24, Adrian here; Jan. 28, Ferris here; Feb. 6, Albion here; Feb. 11, Olivet at Olivet; Feb. 14, Adrian at Adrian; Feb. 15, Hillsdale at Hillsdale; Feb. 19, Central Michigan here; Feb. 22, Olivet here; Feb. 25, Orchard Lake at Orchard Lake; Feb. 28, Hope at Holland; Mar. 1, Kalamazoo here.

## STUDENT COUNCIL ACTS ON TROPHY CASE

Acting upon a motion of Ted Emery, freshman class representative, the Student Council voted at its regular weekly meeting last Thursday evening to purchase a trophy case for the college.

The question of a trophy case has been an outstanding one about the campus for the past five years, and has brought much argument, pro and con. Reprinting in a recent issue of the ALMANIAN of an editorial written by Jack Crittenden '42, back in 1942 served to put the issue once more before the student body, and the Student Council, appointed Ted Emery and Russ LaMore as a two-man committee to find out where and when a case may be obtained. Cost will be assumed by the Student Council.

Acting upon all suggestions of the ALMANIAN editorial, arrangements are being made to have the Varsity "A" Club compile the records that are necessary for complete stories with each trophy, and also articles on former Scot athletes who have gained prominence through individual ability.

Any organization that has a Varsity sport trophy in its possession should contact the Student Council or Ted Emery.

## STEVE NISBET DOES IT AGAIN

With Captain Steve Nisbet clicking off the pace with a time of 22:12, the Scots Cross-country cindermen played host to the Central Michigan harriers on Friday afternoon, dropping the contest to the Chips 47-60. Seven places for each term were considered in the scoring.

The four mile course was lightly covered with snow, and the mercury was down to 15 degrees necessitating running in sweat suits. Harold Smith went a bit further, with his red flannels serving to further slow him down.

Fred Snellenberger of Alma held second place for the last two miles, but was nosed out exactly at the finish line by Jim Little of the Chips. Both were timed at 23:04.

The Scots had nine men in the run, with Central having eleven entered. Central men (Frazier Ross, Knox, Jarobek) finished fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh while Alma (Dykema, Anderson, Grover) finished eighth, ninth, tenth. McCalley and Eddy finishing eleventh and twelfth completed the scoring for Central, while Emery and Watson, thirteenth and fourteenth completed the Alma Scoring.

Complete listings for the meet are:

1. Alma, Steve Nisbet, 22:12.
  2. Central Jim Little, 23:04.
  3. Alma, Fred Snellenberger 23:04.
  4. Central, Frazier, 23:59.
  5. Central, Ross, 24:27.
  6. Central, Knox, 24:27.5.
  7. Central, Jarobek, 24:28.
  8. Alma, Bill Dykema, 24:40.
  9. Alma, George Anderson 24:40.
  10. Alma, Rodney Grover, 24:57.
  11. Central, McCalley, 25:07.
  12. Central, Eddy, 25:37.
  13. Alma, Ted Emery, 26:01.
  14. Alma, Chuck Watson, 27:04.
- Other listings were Taylor (C) 27:08; King (A) 27:10; Kimbal (C) 27:47; Smith (A) 28:04; and McGillen (C) 29:00.

While this meet served to close the season for the Scots, Central Michigan was scheduled to participate in the Nationals held at Lansing yesterday afternoon.

### POLL

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tire students body participation is "What Should be the U. S. Policy Towards Russia."

The poll was as follows:  
I Atomic warfare can be prevented by:

(a) The U. S. keeping its bombs and production knowledge, and working to keep its headstart in atomic energy. Class in U. S. History, 5. Class in Advanced History, 2.

(b) All nations agreeing through treaties to ban the use of atomic bombs. Class in U. S. History, 0. Class in Advanced History, 0.

(c) Pushing the Baruch proposal, which provides for a United Nations Atomic Development Authority with control over atomic production, means for world inspection, and power to punish violators without the application of the big power vote. Class in U. S. History, 16. Class in Advanced History, 8.

(d) Setting up the same sort of authority as (c) with punishment

to be handled by the U. N. Security Council with the existing veto power. Class in U. S. History, 0. Class in Advanced History, 0.

(e) Changing the U. N. into a world government with power to make and enforce laws concerning atomic energy and all other weapons of mass destruction. Class in U. S. History, 0. Class in Advanced History, 1.

(f) Changing the U. N. into a federal world government which not only would control the weapons of war, but also would have power to attack economic and social problems. Class in U. S. History, 2. Class in Advanced History, 0.

Total number of students polled. Class in U. S. History, 23. Class in Advanced History, 11.

II Right now, the United States should:

(a) Keep the bombs and production secrets as long as possible. Class in U. S. History, 6. Class in Advanced History, 0.

(b) Keep the bombs and production secrets until an effective world control system has been accepted. Class in U. S. History, 19. Class in Advanced History 11.

(c) Destroy the bombs and publish the production secrets as a gesture to the world of America's good will. Class in U. S. History, 0. Class in Advanced History, 0.

Total number of students polled, Class in U. S. History, 25. Class in Advanced History, 11.

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Under a special plan, students may pay for their copy in installments of 25c a week, by signing up any morning immediately after first hour class. A member of the subscription department will be on hand in the Ad building to take orders and to accept payments.

Editor Peyton Millhinch has announced that the first section of copy goes to the printer on Dec. 19. He asks that all who have personal snapshots they wish to donate contact him as soon as possible.

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