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### DELTA NEWS

The acoustics of the Delta House in the past week have been headlined by "Sirs" and the resounding smash attendant to the learning of humility by the pledges. Those sprightly aspirants answer to the names of Elmer Coon, Wynne Crosby, Jim Crossman, R. G. Curtiss, James Fowler, Cecil Good, Louis Harding, Art Rupert, Charlie Williams, Bob Williams, and Gordon Willoughby. Their wise and learned "papas" have counselled them well, and sparkles of true worth are showing through their unpolished exteriors.

Wallpaper removal and a thorough pre-spring house-cleaning have been the top jobs accomplished by the fledgelings. Extremely time conscious, they devoted an afternoon to the conspicuous display of timepieces. One Delta Alumnus is reported to have been slightly chagrined in the classroom when his lecture was punctuated by the sonorous tunes of two alarms - in action - simultaneously.

Committees have been chosen for the Delta Spring Semi-Formal Dance, and they have begun operations. Every effort is being made to make this year's dance as successful in all respects as the one last year, which topped the dances for the season.

### PHI LIP

"Hell" week is over and I know eleven fellows who are mighty glad. The fellows with the little pails are now our brother Phis. To each and every one, we extend a hearty welcome into the fraternity. It seems to me that a fellow really shows his colors under a pledge-master like Al Tryhuk. I didn't say what or where the color was... just ask one of the new Phis.

I don't know how he got the name, but Willie Hepner is now known as "Cuddles". That trip to Detroit with the boys might have had something to do with it. You can draw your own conclusions!!

The fraternity extends its best wishes to Paul Kreft upon his recent engagement. A shower like that would cool anyone off! Lots of future happiness, Paul.

In closing, I want the girls of

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Wright Hall to know that Phis have just completed a week of pledging. I doubt if some of you girls knew this because of the docile manner in which "hell" week took place. You have a great deal to be thankful for if you remember last semester's pledging.

### Alpha Theta

The Alpha Theta sorority flower, America Beauty Roses, formed the centerpiece of the tea table at the first "rushing" party given on Thursday, March 4, in the sorority room. Former member Barbara Kemper Hyde and new honorary member Lou Cross Winewica were among the guests.

The next party, a spread, will be held Wednesday evening, March 10.

At the last meeting of Alpha Theta it was decided that the annual spring formal would be held on May 8.

### ZETA SIGMA NEWS

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT:** There is such a place as Seoul, Korea. There is a missionary named Ye Yun Ho who needs \$100. There is a fraternity named Zeta Sigma who is sponsoring him at the RAT RACE.

Congratulations Moe Oliver and (a bit belated) Bob Lieberman. The only 100% bachelor that Zeta Sigma can boast these days is George White. True Blue, (at least he says so) Krueger.

\$%&"'@!b or Greetings, Messers Izadi.

"If you have talent or think you have talent" don't write Arthur Godfrey, Hollywood, or a radio station, but see Bob Dengler. He may get you a spot in the entertainment of the RAT RACE.

### KAPPA KEEKS

Last Wednesday the Woodley residence was the scene set for a very successful rushing tea given by the Kappa Iota Literary Society. Bertille Tobin, vice-president, poured. The table was decorated with flowers of the sorority colors. Clever favors were given to each guest at her departure.

This week is going to be a busy one for the KIs. The rushing spread is scheduled for Thursday night and the annual Benefit Bridge, "Ace High Cabaret," will be presented on Friday night. Don't forget the date, Friday, March 12, for an evening of enjoyment. If you don't play cards, you can dance; if you don't dance, you might be lucky and win the big door prize; but if you don't feel lucky, come anyway. The KIs are planning a floor show like only the KIs can plan... and that's good.

Gotta run...committee meeting you know.

### Our Reporter Asks Banker

## Can the Public Debt Be Paid?

Q - To whom does the Government owe the public debt?  
A - To the banks and the people.

Q - Does the money the banks loaned belong to the banks?  
A - Only a relatively small part of it.

Q - Who owns the rest?

A - The people.

Q - Then it is substantially true, isn't it, that the Government owes the public debt, directly or indirectly, to the people?

A - Yes.

Q - How will the Government pay its debt?

A - Directly or indirectly, by taxing the people.

Q - Do all the people own Government bonds?

A - No.

Q - Then those who don't have bonds, will, for the most part, have to pay taxes to help pay the money back to those who do?

A - Yes.

Q - Is this fair?

A - Yes, if the taxes are fairly distributed among the people. It is the same as if the Government borrowed the whole amount of the public debt from God and all the people pay it back through taxation.

Q - Can the people pay God?

A - God only knows.

### MR. NESBIT PRESENTS INSPIRING CHAPEL TALK

"It is not impossible to walk on the waters" quoted Mr. Stephen S. Nisbet in chapel, Tuesday, March 2.

These were the words spoken by William Saroyan's father after he had read his son's first attempt at writing.

"You too can be the best there is if you really want to do it", said Mr. Nisbet. "You can have the best team, the best newspaper, and the best school if you want them badly enough." He cited, as an example, the Grand Rapids high school football team who were champions for the second time in two years because four boys wanted to win and took the others along with them.

Referring to a beautiful orange grove in the middle of a dry section of country in California he said, "We are similar to those trees. They needed one important substance which was water to make them grow; we need the presence of God to make our lives complete."

"The man carrying the ball in a football game receives the praise and publicity" stated Mr. Nisbet, who has been interested in sports for many years. "But it is the blockers that put the runner out in the clear. We must be on God's team. We are the blockers that enable God to do his work in the world. There would have been no Miracle of the Five Hundred if it had not been for a little boy." Mr. Nisbet, a trustee of Alma College, is head of the Public Relations Department at the Gerber Company in Fremont, Michigan and a member of the State Board of Education.

### DEBATE SQUAD

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ference. Schools represented were Alma College; Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.; Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; University of Colorado at Boulder; University of Illinois, Urbana; Indiana State Teachers, Terre Haute; Cornell College, Mt. Vernon; Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.; Iowa State Teachers, Ames; Northeastern Missouri State Teachers at Kirksville; Knox College of Galesburg, Ill.; St. Olaf of Northfield, Minn.; Drake University, Des Moines; and University of Iowa, Iowa City.

### NEEDED

(Written for Mary)  
Just a kiss to make me live;  
(A kiss that only you can give).  
A pair of arms to circle my ribs;  
(And various other loving ad  
libs).  
Sweet words from thy ruby lips;  
(Perhaps some matrimonial  
tips).  
Date upon date to remember long;  
(Dating you I can't go wrong).  
What I really need my dear, is  
you;  
(So acquiesce and bring me to).

# EDITORIALS

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

THE HONORABLE KIM SIGLER,  
GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN,  
SIR:

Self-preservation is generally acknowledged to be the first law of nature.

Without question it was at once the underlying and dominating motive behind human action in the early ages, when speed, agility, and skill constituted the principal currency exchangeable for food and other necessities.

With the gradual development of the human mind, somewhere in the dark pages of history an individual (presumably male) conceived the idea of accumulating these necessities beyond the needs of the moment. Perhaps the idea was unfortunate for the generations to come, yet here it was that the first seeds of trade and commerce were planted and took root; here it was that the natural urge toward self-preservation began to assume the subordinate position it now holds—that of being merely a wayside inn on the road to wealth and power.

As trade between human beings grew and became an integral part of their lives, competition, jealousy, and greed expanded accordingly. Trade, at first, must have been something new and exciting which inspired man to reach out for new levels of mental exertion, but it undoubtedly also served to create in him and nurture certain capacities for criminal acts of various kinds, such as are present in society today. It was with these sinister methods that men of inferior intelligence sought to cope with those of superior mental and moral qualities.

The condition still exists and is reflected in all phases of our every-day life, perhaps most strongly in the darker backgrounds of political activity. Theoretically, democratic government has as its purpose the just administration of the communal affairs of a social group in the sole interest and according to the will of the group members. In practice, this purpose fails of true accomplishment.

The reason for this failure lies principally at the door of politics, the science of government. In the hands of unscrupulous persons, politics can constitute a powerful and dangerous weapon. Control of this weapon, which carries unlimited opportunities for the dishonest manipulation of public funds and affairs, is therefore eagerly sought by those who, for selfish purposes alone, try desperately to thus attach themselves, like leaches, to the body of the government.

To secure and maintain such control, these true public enemies, because of their inability to enlist the aid of the more intelligent and genuinely public-spirited class of people, are forced by this disadvantage to depend materially on the gullibility of the ignorant, the disgruntled, and the advocate of anti-government "isms." For the balance of their support they must turn, as we have seen in one of these paragraphs, to the denizens of the so-called underground, which receives protection from justice in return for a share of the proceeds of its crimes and its votes at the polls. All too often these sources prove adequate.

For many years the people of the United States of America, through various religious and other organizations, have sought, at tremendous cost in time, money and effort, to better the conditions of countless tribes and peoples of foreign lands. The last war has caused these activities to take on enormous proportions. We have now reached the point where we seem to think it our duty to reform entirely the customs, morals, habits, and political beliefs of millions upon millions of such individuals.

Here in our own land crooked politics still walk hand in hand with the exponents of crime-for-a-vocation. United they constitute an ever-growing menace to the domestic happiness of our own people. No difficult mental process is required to come to the realization that this sinister partnership should be dissolved and its components broken into fine bits and scattered to the winds.

A firm demand that reform begin at home is also a most est one.

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# Cagers Success Surprises Experts

## SCOTS SHRUGGED OFF CELLAR FORECAST

The big problem facing Coach Steve Sebo at the start of the basketball season was the critical lack of experience of his charges.

1946-47 squad were Mike Budge and Rocky Walker, and substitute returnees were Rex Roseman, Bill Saxton, Bruce Brown, Fritz Adams, and Murray Hanna.

With two weeks to work out before the first contest, Coach Sebo was forced to pour it on the boys, and as a result, one player, Rocky

Walker, was injured in a practice session two days before the opener against Orchard Lake, Pontiac. He was lost to the squad for the season.

### First Game Easy

The first game was easy for the Scots as they ran up a 61-28 score, and the MIAA opener against Adrian four days later was another victory for the locals, 58-48. Successive victories were gained over Lancom University of Pennsylvania and Grand Rapids Junior College, 56-52, and 65-46, before the locals suffered their first defeat at the hands of Kalamazoo College, 45-35.

Following the Christmas recess, the Scots met Ferris Institute at Grand Rapids and gained a 52-44 victory, which was followed by the second loss of the season, 48-46, at the hands of Michigan Normal, Muskegon. In what was undoubtedly the most badly played game of the year, the Scots fell to Olivet at Memorial Gymnasium, 43-36, the first loss on the home floor.

### Albion Folk in Overtime

Bouncing back from this rather tragic defeat, the Scots took on a superior rated Albion five in an all important MIAA clash, and at the end of the third overtime period emerged victor by a 77-71 count. Captain Mike Budge led the locals in scoring, but it was Roy Clark, Pontiac freshman, who pulled the locals through when things looked dark. He sank a free throw in the second overtime to keep the Scots in the game, and then sank a field goal and a free throw to start off the scoring in the final overtime.

A road trip saw the Scots gain victories over Adrian and Hillsdale, 57-45, and 46-41, which was followed by a startling upset of highly touted Hope College, 49-48. Clark once more provided the victory margin as he tossed in a field goal and a free try in the last seconds of the game.

### Lead MIAA

Alma led the MIAA and traveled to Detroit to take on Michigan Normal before a scant crowd of 3300 at Olympia Stadium, the first game of a college double header between the two schools mentioned and Notre Dame and University of Detroit. Again it was Clark who put the Scots in winning position, 41-38.

Central Michigan scored erratically, but managed to pull sufficiently ahead of the locals to gain a 51-43 win. Budge returned to scoring form, sinking a total of 18 points.

Albion was host to Alma in a game which would have a great deal to say about league champions, and the Scots were pushed round the first half so badly that the Britons had a 25-7 margin in that period. The second half was a little better, but the Scots were so far behind that they could do no better than settle for the short end of a 47-31 score.

### Win One, Lose One

Olivet again dumped the locals, winning 51-49 in a closely contested battle which was not over until the last gun had fired. Hills-

dale was ready meat for the locals, although trailing by only two points at halftime, finally succumbing, 63-51. A high scoring night found the Ferris squad falling 85-50, with reserves playing most of the contest for the Scots.

### Carey Stars Against Kazoo

Kalamazoo was the third potent MIAA five to taste defeat on the local court in a close contest. Don Carey, second semester addition to the local five sank 12 points, and it was he and Roy Clark who

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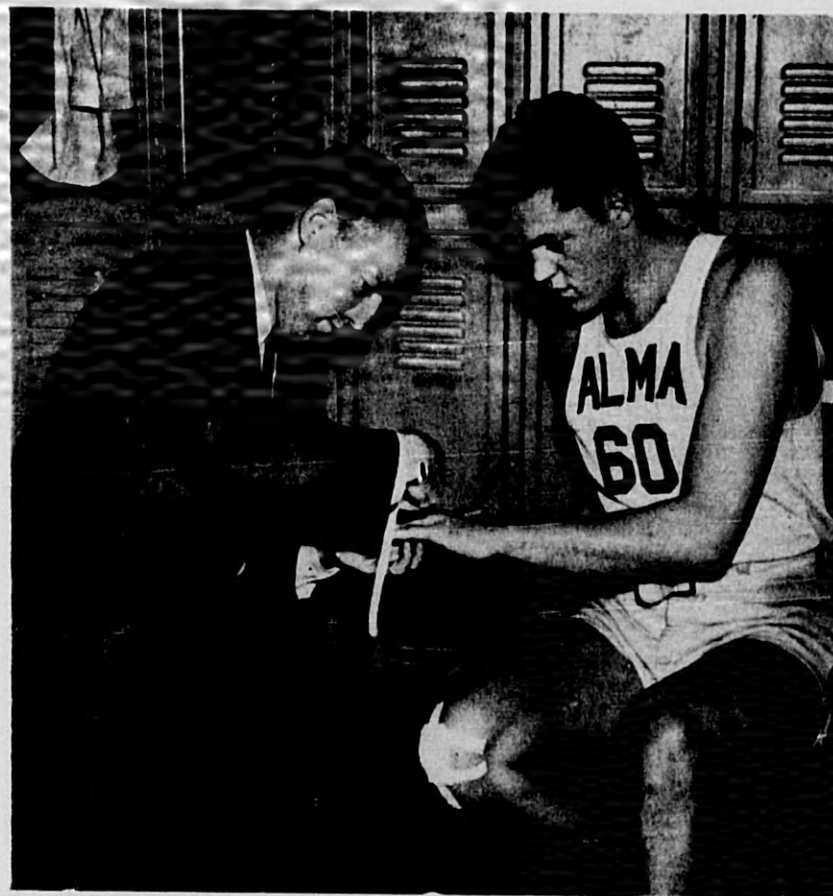
Manager Bob Beatty issues uniforms to Mike Tobin and Russ Hester. Manager Beatty handled all equipment for the Scots during the past season.



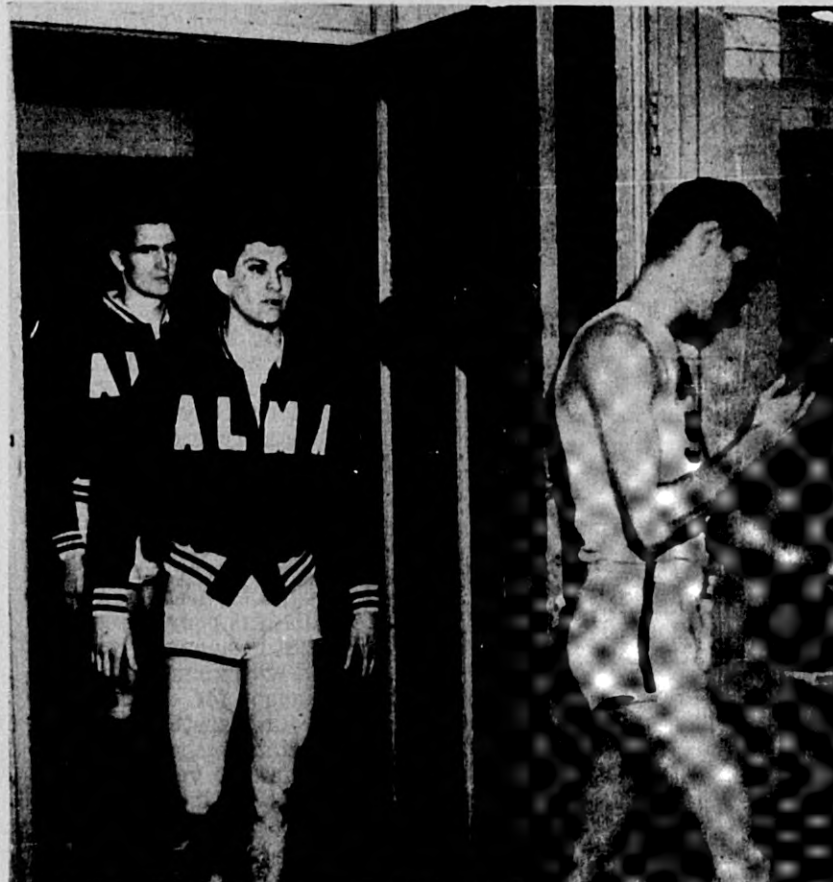
The tip off! 40 minutes of rough playing before this night ends.



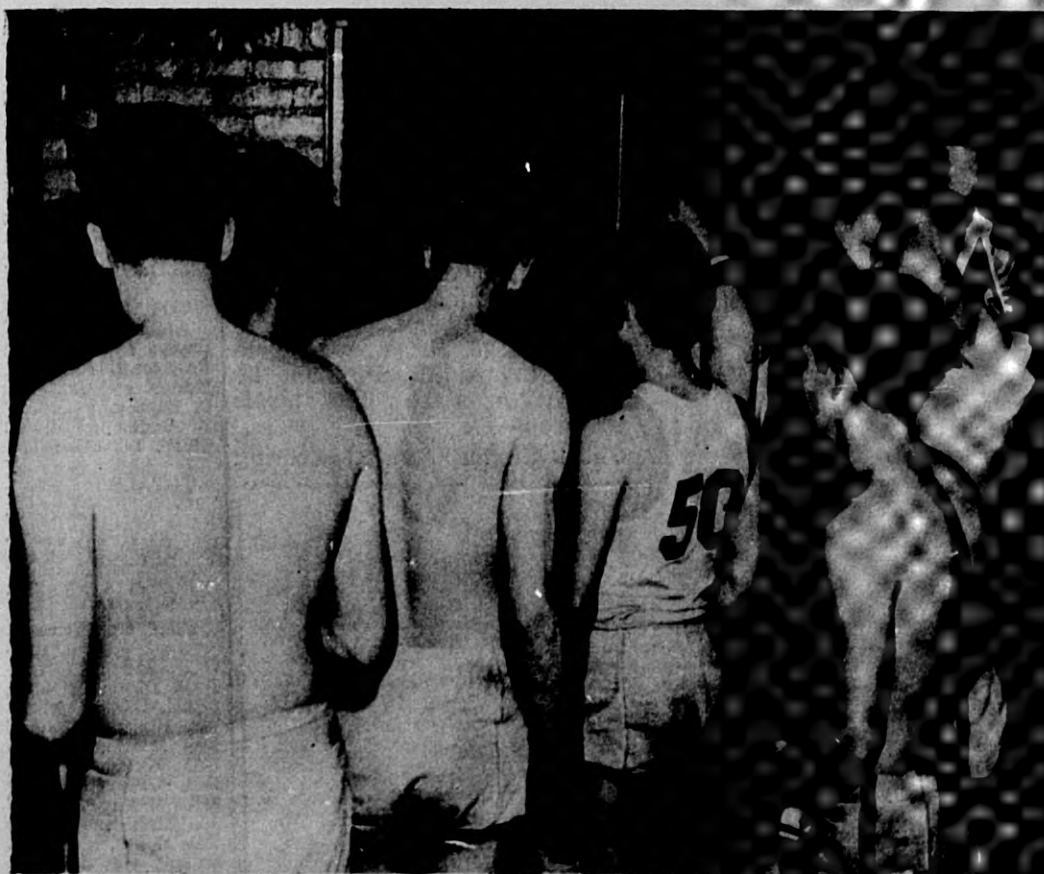
"Don't let that number 17 get under the basket," cautions Coach Steve Sebo. Halftime talks usually provide the spark that means victory.



Proper taping aids the player. Coach Steve Sebo adjusts tape for Center Russ Hester.



"Let's get em!" Don Carey followed by Chuck Saxton and Joe Thibedeau head for second half warmup.



Game complete, uniforms go back in the rack. A successful season is recorded by the Alma Scots.



# Tennis, Track, Baseball, Budge Rated Golf Fill Scots Spring Sports Calendar All-Western

Spring sports schedules for Alma College varsity teams are completed, and the practice periods are being arranged by the various coaches. Competition in golf, track, baseball, and tennis has been arranged with all sports being listed as official in MIAA.

Professor Robert Clark will coach golf, while William Stielstra will handle the tennis squad. Bruce Butler will be in charge of the indoor and outdoor track squads, and Chuck Skinner will handle the baseball team for the second year.

Last year's edition of the diamond dustiers saw the locals finish with an enviable record of 7 wins against 2 losses. This was due mainly to the ability of their "most valuable man," George Vinson, who pitched the squad to many victories. He will once again be on the mound, and others slated to be trying out for positions include John Wilkins, Dave Walsh, Bill Moore, Ken Corbin, Chuck Saxton, Bill Saxton, Joe Thibedeau, and Russ Hester.

Golf competition will find an all new squad on the greens for the Scots. With all members of last year's team lost through graduation or transfer, Coach Clark will have a big job before him. Candidates include Ed Jadvinskas, Bill Blanck, John Anderson, and Dick Knox.

Bruce Butler will have a rough two weeks readying a small squad for participation in the MIAA indoor meet to be held at Jennison Field House, Michigan State College on March 23. Those probably slated for attendance at this meet include distance man Chuck Williams, hurdler Rex Roseman, dashmen Tom Taylor and Stan Hester, and javelin man, Chuck Lenke.

Tennis fans will find the Scots provided with rough competition in a ten game schedule. Foremost on the list is a match against the University of Detroit. In MIAA competition the locals are listed an even chance with all opponents except Kalamazoo which each year has an outstanding squad. Schedules include:

### Baseball

- April 19 Detroit at Detroit
- April 23 Albion at Alma
- April 26 GR JC at Alma
- April 30 Olivet at Olivet
- May 4 Hillsdale at Alma
- May 10 Central at Mt. Pleasant
- May 11 Ferris at Big Rapids
- May 15 Hope at Alma

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May 17 Central at Alma  
May 21 2 Games-MIAA Field Day—Golf matches at Kalamazoo  
May 25 Detroit at Alma  
Coach: Chuck Skinner

**Golf**  
April 16 Kazoo at Alma  
April 23 Albion at Albion  
April 29 Calvin at G. Rapids  
May 1 Mich Normal at Ypsi  
May 4 Hillsdale at Alma  
May 7 Adrian at Adrian  
May 10 Central at Mt. Pleasant  
May 15 Hope at Alma  
May 17 Central at Alma  
Coach: Prof. Robert Clark

**Track**  
April 22 Central Tentative  
April 27 Detroit at Alma  
May 1 Calvin at Alma  
May 6 Albion at Alma  
May 12 GR JC at Grand Rapids  
May 21 MIAA Field Day-Kazoo  
Coach: Bruce Butler

**Tennis**  
April 16 Kazoo at Kazoo  
April 23 Albion at Alma  
April 27 Calvin at Alma  
May 4 Hillsdale at Hillsdale  
May 7 Adrian at Alma  
May 10 Central at Mt. Pleasant  
May 14 Hope at Holland  
May 17 Central at Alma  
May 21 MIAA Field Day-Kazoo  
May 25 Detroit at Alma  
Coach: William Stielstra

## College Squad Closes Calendar with 8th Loss

### Fail to Show Form Which Garnered 2nd Place Tie in MIAA

The Alma Scots closed the 1948 season by dropping a 48-41 contest to Central Michigan February 28, at Memorial Gymnasium before a capacity crowd. It was the Scots eighth loss in 22 games.

Although the game was rough and hard-fought the Sebornen didn't display the same brand of ball that gave them a second place tie in the MIAA. Their most obvious fault was poor percentage shorts. Central managed to control the ball with a smooth passing team but except for Bob Marbonie and John Parfitt, who made 17 and 15 points, respectively, the Chippewas weren't very adept at basket making. As it was the final tilt for both quintets, both seemed to be just playing out the string.

Central dashed off to an early lead after two push shots by Marzonie had started the scoring but Alma began to move and a push shot by Don Carey gave the Scots a 9-8 margin after seven and a half minutes of play. The score was tied three times in the next five minutes with both teams using a controlled offense. Late in the first half, however, the visitors, paced by the ubiquitous Parfitt, racked up nine points while holding Alma scoreless for a 24-15 halftime edge.

The Chips were deadly on the free throw lane, chalking up 18 points in 24 attempts. Alma converted 11 of 18. Those seven charity tosses gave Mt. Pleasant its final margin as the field goals were even—17.

Chuck Saxton gained scoring



Mike Budge, Ithaca Junior Captain of the 1947-48 Scots cagers, was honored with special mention in the all Western Basketball team selections released last week by Truman Stacey, Director of Publicity, University of Detroit. The list is compiled from votes of coaches throughout the western area, and while the larger schools gain the majority of positions Budge gained a guard berth, the only MIAA player to achieve this honor. No coach may vote for his own players.

Scoring 244 points in 22 games, Mike was often the vital link in the Scots offense. The first game against Albion saw Budge at his best when he sank a total of 33 points to lead the locals to a victory over a strongly rated opponent. Hope listed him as the standout performer against them in the last MIAA tilt of the season.

honors for Alma with 14 points. Carey contributed 10 more and shared defensive honors with Russ Hester, who was a giant on rebounds.

Some fine man-for-man defensive play by the Chips' Fred Gallert held Mike Budge to seven points. Big Red Doornbus, Central pivotman, did a good job under the backboards for the winners and he connected successfully, eight of nine free throw attempts.

The second half was virtually even, Alma outpointing Central, 26-24, but never quite catching up. The Chippewas maintained their nine-point superiority until late in the game when Alma cashed the last four points, with Mike Budge sinking a free throw after the game ended for the final tally.

Central Michigan (48)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Marzonie, f	5	7	3	17
Gallert, f	2	0	2	4
Sweeney, c	0	0	0	0
Parfitt, g	6	3	3	15
Kjohede, g	2	0	4	4
Doornbos, c	0	8	2	8
Stauffer, f	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>48</b>
Alma (41)				
Carey, f	5	0	2	10
Roseman, f	1	2	4	4
Hester, c	0	2	3	2
C. Saxton, g	6	2	3	14
M. Budge, g	3	1	4	7
Clark, f	0	4	3	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>41</b>

### FINAL UNOFFICIALS SCORING RECORDS

Final Unofficial Scot Scoring Records			
	FG	FT	TP
Mike Budge, g	97	50	244
Russ Hester, c	69	39	177
Chuck Saxton, g	56	49	161
Roy Clark, f	41	51	132
Rex Roseman, f	38	28	104
Bill Saxton, f	22	40	84
Don Carey, f	25	14	66
Mike Tobin, g	18	11	61
Joe Thibedeau, c	18	6	42
Ray Mohre, g	12	9	33
Murray Hanna, f	8	9	25
Bill Budge, f	5	4	14
George Vinson, g	5	2	12
Don Cappacert, c	4	3	11
Bob Mohre, c	2	2	6
Louis Harding, f	1	0	2

### RESULT IS TWO-WAY TIE FOR SECOND

## Alma Scots Edged 54-52 by Hope

FINAL MIAA STANDINGS			
	W	L	PCT
Albion	8	2	.800
Alma	7	3	.700
Hope	7	3	.700
Kalamazoo	6	4	.600
Adrian	1	9	.100
Hillsdale	1	9	.100

A partisan Dutchman crowd kept quite silent as the Alma College Scots leaped to a 10-0 advantage in the early minutes of the Alma-Hope contest played Thursday, February 26 in the Tullip festival city. When the Hope five took over late in the final period, the noise was deafening. The local quintet dropped off in the late stages of the game, with Hope having complete control of both backboards. A 32-24 advantage held at halftime by the Scots ended in a 54-52 final for the Dutchmen, and the two schools now share second place in the MIAA final standings.

Sparkling the Scots offensive, Don Carey, Charlevoix, dropped in 14 points in the first half, but was definitely held down in the second half with four fouls being charged against him. Russ Hester, consistently holding sway over the backboards during the first

period, left the game early in the fourth quarter, and it was then Hope took over.

With a minute and ten seconds to go, the score stood at 52-47, in favor of Hope. A fast shuffle in the center of the floor saw the ball passed off to Marema who was under the basket, unguarded. The shot was good, and the score stood at 54-47.

Chuck Saxton raced down with the ball and made a quick dog shot, and when Hope started off with the ball, Chuck broke through, stole the ball, and made another quick basket, and then sank a free toss to end the Scots scoring. Saxton gained 15 points in all.

Early in the game, with the Scots ahead 10-0, the Hope cagers shot from every position to make up the difference. When they had gotten the score to 10-9, the Scots once again leaped ahead.

Coach Bud Hinga had his charges using every trick of the trade to stop the Scots, but for quite a while it looked as though it would be of no use. Nick Yonkers was forced out of the Hope lineup via fouls.

Curiously enough, the Dutch five gained its victory by sinking only one more basket than did the Scots. Both teams were allowed 22 free tosses, both teams completed 14 of these.

It was Don Mulder, one of the leagues leading scorers, who hurt Alma most, with a point total of 20 for the night's work. He was closely followed by Bud Wende-Wege, hard driving forward who sank 16 points.

Coach Steve Sebo and the Alma fans present were well pleased with the showing made by the locals even though it stopped short of victory. Each man showed excellent form and ability as the Scots held the usually high-scoring Dutchmen for three quarters losing out only in the last few minutes of play. Alma was considered an excellent choice for the MIAA cellar in pre-season ratings by the league coaches, and the second place tie gained with Hope speaks well of the team and coach.

## LaPaugh Leads Scoring Race

As the College Intra-mural basketball league continues in play, Bill LaPaugh, faculty forward, holds the largest point total, having a total of 87 points in five games. Bruce Brown of the Phi Phifers holds down second place with a 66 point total in 7 games, and John Wilkins of the same Phi team in third with 65 points in 7 games.

Skid Row, which has two players listed in the high eleven scorers, hold down first place in team standings, with the Phi Phifers a close second. The Skid Row team is undefeated in league play.

Scoring leaders, and team standings are as follows:

Team	G	TP
LaPaugh, Faculty	5	87
B. Brown, Phi Phifers	7	66
J. Wilkins, Phi Phifers	7	65
Butler, Faculty	5	62
Adams, Phi Phifers	7	61
Gray, Skid Row	6	59
B. Lines, Deltas	6	58
B. Dunn, Gremlins	6	52
Derby, Faculty	5	50
Cosgrove, Skid Row	6	47
W. Clark, Trailer Ct.	5	46
Team		
Skid Row	6	0
Phi Phifers	6	1
Faculty	4	1
Trailer Ct.	4	2
East Siders	3	2
Deltas	3	3
Pioneer	2	3
Gremlins	2	4
Zetas	2	4
Playboys	1	4
Underworld	1	5
Phi Zebras	0	5

### CAGER SUCCESSFUL

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led the victorious Scots in the scoring column.

A tune-up for the Hope tilt at Holland was arranged when the Orchard Lake contingent arrived on the local scene, the Sebo-men gaining a decisive 84-28 victory. Reserves allowed the first five to rest the major part of the game.

### Hope Wins—Albion Champs

Hope College was headed 32-24 at the end of the first half of play but came back strongly in the last eight minutes of play to gain a close 54-52 victory, which left the locals in a tie for second in MIAA with the Dutchmen, Albion, who since a defeat of Kalamazoo that same week, backed into the Championship uncontested.

A weary Scots five lost their eighth contest of the season in the finale, 48-41. Opposition was provided by a rough Central Michigan quintet which gained its victory on the foul line. Alma and Central matched baskets, but the Chips completed 18 of 24 free tosses while Alma made 11 of 18.

And so, the season becomes part of the record book. Considered an excellent chance for the MIAA cellar in pre-season ratings, the Scots scampered to a second place tie in league competition, and gained an all-competition record of 14 wins, 8 losses.

Summary				
Alma (52)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Carey, f	6	3	4	15
Roseman, f	1	2	2	4
Hester, c	1	2	5	4
Saxton, C. g	5	5	1	15
Budge, M. g	5	1	3	11
Clark, f	1	1	3	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>52</b>
Hope (54)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Yonker, f	2	1	5	5
VandeWege, f	6	4	4	16
Buter, Herk, c	4	2	3	10
Mulder, Don, f	7	6	3	20
Holwerda, g	0	0	4	0
Marema, f	1	1	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>54</b>

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### PLEDGE WEEK IS OVER . . . .

Carrying children's sand pails, wearing alarm-clocks around your neck, and spending long hours shoveling snow are not signs of an impending mental breakdown. These, and various other amusing antics which were observed on Alma's campus last week, simply mean that the week which the members of Alma's three fraternities anticipate with diabolic planning has arrived. Yes, last week was "Pledge Week" and the time-honored custom of giving the new pledges something to occupy their time with was in full view again.

The pledges may have been

somewhat worn out by the end of the week, but you can be sure that they had as much fun as their "Daddys" did.

The new members, welcomed into the fraternities last week, are: Phi Phi Alpha: Cass Hoffman, Hugh Harsha, Willie Hepner, Norman Johnson, Jim Austin, Vern Trower, Jim Anderson, Dick Wilcox, Russ Hester, Bill Budge and Gene Macri.

Zeta Sigma: J. E. Aldridge, W. L. Aldridge, William Baltes, Merrill Bogardus, Jack Burns, Walter Bonk, Jim Collins, Ken Conway, Bob Daily, Tom Dustin, Bob Fraker, Don McFarland, Ted Jacobs, Jack Haller, Matt Ingham, Al Kurrasch, Duane Snyder, William Paine, Bill Slack, Ed Warner, Roland Gohlke, Lee Proctor, and Roy Clark.

Delta Gamma Tau: Wynne Crosby, James Crossman, R. G. Curtiss, James Fowler, Cecil Good, Art Rupert, Charles Williams, William Williams, Gordon Willoughby, Louis Harding, Elmer Coon.

### SKID ROW

It seems that one of the fellows in the other barracks has the modern counter part of the ancient flying carpet. He is "Duke" Smith. The other night "Duke" went out and when he returned his sack had mysteriously disappeared from his room. It turned out that the sack, discontented with its surroundings, had flown to the roof. A few days ago Dean Ferris, John Thurston, George Cicinelli, and Art Miller were playing pinochle. It was a close game with Thurston and Cicinelli leading 84-50 when Dean turned up with eight little aces.

Our Cribbage tournament seems to be pretty nearly over and Steve Veselenak leads with a mighty score of 273. Two of the other fellows, Tommy Washburne and Cliff Fossitt, are feuding over who is the best cribbage player. This debate has been going on hot and heavy for some time.

### There'll Be No More Soldiering for Me! Skid Row Vet Faces the Next War

Three years ago, in the mud and strife of Anzio, my skid row baritone was frequently joined to the lusty and anticipatory throats of many of my kind in a song that I remember well. It was a wholly blasphemous ditty, sung at the drop of a C-Ration can, the opening stanza being something like this:

When this bloody war is o-o-o-ver, Oh! how happy I shall be,  
When this bloody war is o-o-o-ver No more soldiering for me.

There were many verses and versions of this song of hope, all equally irreverent and most of them unprintable. Yet, if memory serves me, it was one of the most popular over there, and the one we sang with the greatest fervor. We were satisfied, at the time, with the prospect of being able to return to our own little occupations in our own little home towns, there to resume the life which absence had endeared to us.

Well, the end of the war finally came, and most of us were returned to the happy life we had been singing about. It was wonderful at first, but, when we had again become accustomed to sleeping between clean, white sheets and walking on cement sidewalks along well-lighted streets, we began to feel that something was missing. We had adapted ourselves, during a number of years,

to an entirely different way of living, a life of considerable physical activity and exercise in the open air, a life tinged with adventure, often with high adventure, in close communion with comrades who shared the same conditions and the same risks. It was difficult to force ourselves to settle down to routine of factory and shop, of office and mill, to drive ourselves to the additional effort required to catch up with those precious years spent overseas. It had to be done, however, and, as time went by, we became reconciled to the changed conditions, and life moved on again much as before.

To all outward appearances we had succeeded in getting back into the old rut. Inwardly, and with some slight exaltation, we realized that we hadn't. Most of us planned a life which would provide the required stimulus and, at the same time, enable us to live and raise our families in the approved and conventional manner. However, the net result has been that, with a few notable exceptions, none of us has accomplished anything worth mentioning, and we have not been nearly so happy as we thought we would be.

That is the true sadness of war. It would be impossible to calculate the myriad, lasting disruptions which this change in perspective has wrought. In any event, it will be many years before the healing balm of time has effected its cure—then the next war will be at hand. All of which brings me back to what I started out to say: that now this war is over, and now that the boys have come back and are taking over the older generation's responsibilities, there'll be no more soldiering for me!

### TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries for the new year tournament for the second post-war all college tournament. The tournament will be conducted under the auspices of Mr. William Steinhilber and Jus McCarty. All college men are eligible and play will be conducted in men singles and doubles, and mixed doubles. Entries will close March 15 at 4:00 P. M. with play schedules to start Monday, March 16. All play will take place at the Student Union. A box will be placed in the union and all notices will be placed in this box.

#### RULES FOR THE TOURNAMENT

1. All players will furnish their own balls.
2. All players will arrange the time of their own matches.
3. Failure to play by specified time will constitute a forfeit.
4. All play, up to the quarter finals, will be the best two games out of three. Three games out of five after the quarter finals.
5. First round play must be concluded by Saturday, March 20. Second round play must be concluded by Friday, March 26. Third round play must be concluded by Friday, April 2. Play on further rounds will be announced later.

For further information contact either of the above and watch this paper. The draw for the tournament will be posted in the College Union.

### VARSITY SELECTS MIAA OPPONENTS

Alma College varsity basketball players picked five of the leading MIAA scorers on their all opponents team in balloting which took place in Coach Steve Sebo's office Wednesday. Albion College, MIAA champion, placed two on the team, while Hillsdale, Hope, and Kalamazoo gained one position each.

The only unanimous choice was that of Don Mulder, head of the Hope forward, while Lou Black of Albion, and Gil Edson of Hillsdale received all but one vote. Bob App, Kalamazoo, and Lou Moon, Albion, round out the select five.

Second team choices include Jerry Edwards, Albion, Charley Stanski, Kalamazoo, Bud Vande Wege, Hope, Bud Bennett, Adrian, and Bud Holwerda, Hope.

### BOOK REVIEW

We live today in an age when countries and continents fight for power. They have few dreams beyond the acquisition of power. How are we to recognize the weapons and the tools with which we war upon each other?

One way we can do it is by reading a little book written in Italy way back in 1513 by one Niccolo Machiavelli. The name of the book? "The Prince". Why is this book worth reading in this enlightened age? Because it is a book devoted to political realism. It is the first detailed study of the methods necessary for gaining and keeping political power. It discards metaphysics, theology, and idealism and deals with the stark realities of actual politics.

Machiavelli has been called the father of power politics which is absurd. He only wrote down what rulers had been doing for centuries, and what rulers have done since his time. All he did was scrape the sugar coating so you could see the bitter pill beneath.

Machiavelli's greatness does not

come from his writing of the realistic use of power; his greatness lies in the fact that what he wrote became the imperatives by which men govern and are governed in political communities, whatever the epoch and whatever the governmental structure. "The Prince" is a part of the world's great controversial literature because it is definitely and unequivocally for realists. It brushes aside, scornfully, the tender-mindedness of reformers and idealists.

Most of us have a slight case of the shudders when we hear Machiavelli's name mentioned. I would like to suggest this as a reason: we recognize that the realities; that men, whether in politics, in business or in private life, do not act according to their professions of virtue; that deceit and ruthlessness crop up in every state of living; and that the art of being ruled is easy, while the art of ruling ourselves is monstrously difficult.



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### Saginaw Concert Series Rated as Brilliant Annual Musical Event

For several seasons Alma College students have enjoyed the privilege of student memberships in the Saginaw Community Concert Association. A brilliant array of outstanding soloists, conductors, and symphony orchestras make up each season's series of concerts. It is hoped that next year additional transportation facilities can be provided to accommodate an even greater number of students. At present there are over fifty students and faculty members attending the concerts.

Last Thursday evening a magnificent concert by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Fritz Reiner was presented as the fourth concert in the current series. This great organization, which is regarded as "one of the nation's finest orchestras," has been closely associated with the musical life of America for many years.

The program was as follows:

Fritz Reiner

### College Presents Midland Program

On Wednesday night, March 3, the Alma College A Cappella choir presented its first program of the Spring Series at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Mich-

igan. The program, sponsored by the John Knox Men's club of the church, was given at 8:00 p.m. as the climax of the Club's Ladies Night. The guest speaker for the banquet was Dr. Dale D. Welch, President of Alma College, who spoke on the subject, "Some Current Educational Heresies".

The program was well received by the club members and by the Choir Directors and representatives of the choirs of the various churches of Midland.

Beside the numbers sung by the choir, Jean Slaski sang "My Heart Ever Faithful" accompanied by Orthella Anderson. Elmer Coon, violinist, played Romance from the "Second Violin Concerto" accompanied by Gloria Anderson. Incidental solos within the choir numbers were sung by Helen Hawkins, Clark Pester, John Kuhlman, Jim Price and Robert Zinn.

Donuts and coffee were served to the choir after the program.

Symphony No. 35 in C Major ...Mozart  
J ...

### COUNCIL REPORT

Pursuant to call, the Student Council of Alma College met on February 24, 1948. Roll taken and minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Absence of Wood on February 17 excused. Old business: The turntable in the Dining Hall will be rewired by Bob Scharrer. Rogers read recommendation that a memo board be placed outside of the Dining Hall. Recommendation will be forwarded to Mrs. King for her approval. The membership amendment, proposed by Albee at the last Council meeting, was discussed. Motion carried with a vote of eight affirmative and three negative.