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## FIFTY-ONE SENIORS TO GRADUATE

### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1948

Sunday, May 30	BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
2-5 p.m.	Open House, Pioneer Hall
8:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Service, College Chapel Address, Dr. Dale D. Welch, "The Necessity, Character and Implications of Choice"
Thursday, June 3	SENIOR CLASS DAY
8:30 a.m.	Senior Breakfast, President's House
9:00 p.m.	Senior Promenade and Farewell to Buildings
Friday, June 4	ALUMNI DAY
10:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, President's Office
10:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee, The President's House
12:30 p.m.	Faculty-Trustee Luncheon, Home Economics Department, Arts Building
3:30 p.m.	Tea for Seniors and their parents, Wright Hall
5:00 p.m.	Alumni Social half-hour, Wright Hall Lounge
5:30 p.m.	Alumni Dinner and Business Meeting, Wright Hall
8:00 p.m.	A Cappella Choir Concert, College Chapel
9:00 p.m.	President's reception at the President's house. All friends of the college are invited. Informal.
Saturday, June 5	COMMENCEMENT DAY
9:45 a.m.	Academic Procession from Wright Hall
10:00 a.m.	Commencement Convocation, College Chapel. Commencement address "God and the College", Dr. Frederick H. Olert, First Presbyterian church of Detroit
12:15 p.m.	Commencement luncheon, College Grove. Complimentary but attendance will be by ticket.

All Exercises on Eastern Standard Time

### Dr. Olert - Speaker for Commencement

Dr. Frederick H. Olert, minister of the First Presbyterian church, Detroit, will be the speaker at the 61st Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 5, when 54 students will be graduated.

His topic will be "God and the College."

Awarded an honorary D.D. Degree from Hope College in 1940, he also holds an A. B. degree from Western Theological Seminary, and Th.M. degree from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Dr. Olert also has studied at the University of Chicago and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

He is a director of the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, a member of the Knickerbocker fraternity of Hope College and a member of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A. He serves on the National Commission on Evangelism for both the Federal Council of Churches and the Presbyterian Church, and is Vice-President and a director of the Detroit Council of Churches. Dr. Olert is a former president of the Detroit Pastor's Union.

### Awards Given in Wed. Assembly

Nan Harden, president of the Student Council, presided over the chapel program on Wednesday, May 26. The program was devoted to the presentation of honorary and athletic awards.

Dr. Paul Rice presented certificates of national recognition by the American College and Universities Who's Who to the following students: Rex Wood, Grant H. Wessel, Gayle B. Saxton, Guile J. Graham, Mary Nancy Harden, Shirley Irene Dittmarr, Robert A. Dengler, Arlan L. Edgar, Helen Patricia Adams, and Elizabeth H. Adams.

Tila Martinez presented the women's softball award to Sally Miller, captain of the Independents, and the volleyball award to Shirley Dittmarr, captain of the Alpha Thetas.

The Ping-pong doubles award went to Darius and Farrouk Izadi.

Professor Robert W. Clack, golf coach awarded the M.I.A.A. golf trophy to Robert Blanc, captain of Alma's team, and medalist at the M.I.A.A. field meet held at Kalamazoo.

### June Wedding for Leslie L. LeMieux

Mrs. Murray J. Dailey of Flushing announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Mildred E. Dailey, to Leslie L. LeMieux, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. LeMieux of Flint. The bridegroom-elect is a junior at Alma College.

The wedding will take place Saturday, June 12, at First Presbyterian church, Flint, with the church pastor, Dr. Ralph D. Kearns, who is president of the board of directors of Alma College, officiating.

A reception for 450 guests will follow at the home of the bride's mother and the couple will leave afterwards for a wedding trip in Canada and the New England states. On their return they will be at home in the Sylvester Manor apartments in Flint.

### Record of Personal Achievement Outstanding in Class of '48

Fifty-one seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises to be held on Saturday, June 5, in the Chapel. Many of the graduates have been active in extra-curricular activities also, and many have definite plans for the future.

**Hollis Fuller Abbott**, Minnesota, will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He is majoring in religion and plans to do graduate work before returning to India as a missionary.

**Helen Patricia Adams**, Sterling,

in Education with a major in Biology. She is affiliated with the Sigma Philo Literary society and, upon graduation, plans to teach in Edmore, Michigan.

**George Curtis Alward**, Traverse City, has also completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Orthella Anderson**, Croswell, who is a music major and president and assistant director of the A Cappella choir, is graduating with a degree in Music Education and will teach next year in the Davison Public schools. She is President of the Kappa Iota Literary Society and secretary of the Women's Senate and reigned as Campus Day Queen this year.

**Alice Lucille Black**, Standish, will receive her degree of Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education. Her major is English. She has been president of the Alpha Theta Literary Society and Social President of the Women's Senate.

**Joan Elizabeth Brett**, Hazel Park, has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her major is Sociology. She has been president of Youth Fellowship and for three terms vice-president of the Sigma Philo Literary Society and has been Social Chairman. She will marry Robert Nixon in August and has a position in a Presbyterian Neighborhood house in Chicago this fall. They will live there until Bob completes his seminary course.

**Wilma Rose Breu**, Breckenridge, will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education and will receive a Secondary Provisional Teaching Certificate. She is primarily interested in voice, having been for four years a member of the A Cappella choir. She is active in the Independent Women's organization.

**Barbara Jo Bunting**, Port Hope, will be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree, her major being Biology. She plans on working as a Medical Technologist with the Department of Health in St. Lawrence Sparrow hospital.

**Ralph Harlan Burroughs, Jr.**, Pontiac, is entitled to a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He will continue with his work in chemistry as a graduate student in Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college. He received two scholarships while here and is a member of the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity.

**Ivan Paul Carroll**, Blanchard, will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Bible studies and is returning in the fall to his second term of missionary service in India.

**Janet Alice Cordes**, Detroit, has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. She has held the office of president of the Women's Senate. She is a member of the Sigma Philo Literary Society.

**Robert Arthur DeYonker**, Flint, will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He is a member of the Zeta Sigma fraternity.

**Donald Edwin Eaton**, Clio, who majoring in Biology, will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science. He plans to go to graduate school. While here, he has belonged to Delta Gamma Hau fraternity and Band.

**Oliver Robert Elliott**, Flint, has completed the requirements for a degree in Biological Science. He plans on going into exports. While here, he has been affiliated with the Zeta Sigma fraternity.

**Florence Elizabeth Ellis**, Saginaw, will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and will teach in Saginaw. Her major is sociology. She is a member of the Kappa Iota Literary Society, the A Cappella choir, (continued on page four)



Dr. Frederick Olert  
College Speaker

has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, her major being English. Pat was, as a Freshman, Homecoming Queen, and was a member of the Campus Day Queen's court this year. As a member of the Alpha Theta Literary Society, she has held the offices of treasurer and president. Also, she served on the Inter-sorority council and on the Student council and has been the Women's Senate Social president and presidents of both the Women's Athletic association and the Home Economics club as well as the Secretary-Treasurer of the senior class. She has had the honor for two years of being named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Pat plans on being married in the near future.

**Ardelle Mary Allen**, Alma will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree

### Band and Choir Banquets Held

At the last meeting of the season, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Carol Dengler; Vice President, Nan Fullen; Recording Secretary, Hilde Kemp; Corresponding Secretary, Marjorie Wilkie; Treasurer, Helen Welte; Sports Supervisor, Mary York, and Keeper of the Archives, Grace Avis.

A spread was given in the recreation room of Wright Hall in honor of Wilma Breu, Flossie Lifton, and Jean Slaski, who are in this year's graduating class. Entertainment was provided by Grace Avis, Jeannette Faber, and Janie Haller. Janie read a poem written specially for the occasion, which, to all appearance was entitled, "And We Wanna to Know It's Been Fun".

On Wednesday, Campus Day, the Independents softball team played the Philos in the final softball game of the tournament. The first game played was taken by the Independents 12 to 5, which made a tie for first place between them and the Philos. A second game was played which the Independents won, 12 to 7, putting the I. W. O.'s in possession of the little brown jug. Mary York pitched both games and Sally Miller was manager of the team.

### Religion Is Basic in Education

In every life there must be a "magnificent obsession." Some controlling purpose dominates the actions of all of us. There are probably people to whom pleasure is the highest good. There are others to whom money and material success are central. To the careful thinker, reason may be the dominant influence. To others the love of beauty may provide the greatest satisfaction.

Education, which is concerned with the whole man and his harmonious development, needs a controlling point of view about which all learning falls into its proper place. It is my conviction that no passion is so universal and so surely satisfying to most of us as is religion. At the moment I am speaking in broad terms of religion, and not specifically of Christianity as a particular religion. I should say that every educated person ought to have at the core of his learning a deep and satisfying religious faith. It is the only safe obsession with which to endow an educated person.

I shall have to say further, and without apology, that I believe that the noblest obsession of all is an understanding and acceptance of the Christian religion. By that we mean the particular religious faith and experience which centers about the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the transforming experience which comes to a person who accepts Him as Saviour and Lord. The acceptance of Christ and His clear ethic for living will make of an educated person a safe and serviceable citizen, properly prepared to discharge magnanimously all the duties of life, both public and private.

Dale D. Welch

### Used-Book Exchange Planned by I. W. O.

Plans have been made to open a used-book exchange on campus in September 1948. It will be non-profit, run on a cooperative basis. A 10 cent charge will be made to cover the costs involved. The method of operation will be as follows: The student will bring in the book which he wishes to sell and will state the price he wishes to receive for it. The Exchange will not buy the book, but will handle it for the seller. After the book has been sold the original owner will be given the money received from its sale. The Exchange will be open to receive and sell used books at the beginning of fall term, 1948. The Independent Women's Organization is sponsoring the Exchange on an experimental basis. Its reception and use by the students will determine whether or not it will be continued in future semesters.

### Annual Player Awards Voted

Freshman athletes gained honors this week with their selection by baseball teammates as "most valuable player" and 1949 captain. Chuck Saxton, East Jordan pitcher, received the player award, the second major sport award for him this year, he being also the recipient of the basketball award. Cass Hoffman, Detroit, was elected captain for next season. Cass played at the short-stop position.

In track, Rex Roseman, Grand Rapids repeated as "most valuable player," while Arlan Edgar, Ithaca, was voted as 1949 captain. These two have been the mainstays of the track team for the past two years, each scoring heavily in dual meets. Edgar was Alma's leading MIAA Field Day scorer, gaining 7½ points in the day's activities. Roseman earned the player award in track last season, and was also recipient of the football award last fall.



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## EDITORIALS

### They Are on Their Own

During the next week fifty-one seniors will don their caps and gowns, symbols of their academic success, and pass another milestone on the road of life. We congratulate them upon their achievement and wish them continuing prosperity as they pursue their diverse callings. No guarantee of success goes with their diploma, but the seeds have been planted during four years of moral, social, and intellectual training here; the harvest will depend upon future cultivation.

Thomas H. Huxley, in Science and Education, compares the world with a chessboard, the phenomena of the universe to the pieces, and the laws of Nature to the rules of the game. . . "Education is learning the rules of this mighty game." The graduating seniors have had an opportunity to observe how others have played the great game of life and have learned some of the rules of living. Now they are going to take part in this great adventure. The vast and various prospect of life lies before them, with all its uncertainties and dangers, its hopes and promises.

For some of the graduating students formal studies may be over, but for all of them education in the deeper sense is just beginning. Armed with a pride and an understanding of our intellectual, social, and moral heritage, and secured by a faith in the future, the graduates of '48 will soon find their places in a world looking for leadership. The world welcomes their technical understanding, intellectual acumen, and moral courage.

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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

After reading the editorial in last week's publication of the Almanian entitled "It's Up to You", I was rather disturbed about the statement in the fourth paragraph. This stated that "the Co-op Council says the Independents have not proven themselves worthy of representation." May I remind the L. W. O.'s that the Co-op Council did not feel you were not worthy of representation, but felt definitely that a trial period of two months would be best before allowing your organization or any other newly organized group representation in the council.

Next year's council will be the deciding factor for your representation.

Nan Harden  
Student Council President

### Student Stuff

#### Class History 1944-1948

We seniors, freshmen in the years 1944-45, entered Alma College while the Navy still occupied Wright Hall. There were very few civilian men on campus. Thirty freshmen and ten Sophomore girls occupied Pioneer Hall. Their life there, with hardly any Senate restrictions and Mrs. Ella Hutton as house-mother, was easy going and full of fun.

We ate in Wright Hall dining room immediately after the Navy was through and, believe us, there was always enough food left for us. In the spring, Mrs. Hutton had a terrific time keeping the men off the porch and keeping the women off the fire escapes and back-porch. How we hated to see our freshman year end as June 23rd brought it to a close.

Our sophomore year was really the first year of civilian campus life. Activities, in the pre-war tradition, were slow in getting started. The men moved into Pioneer Hall again and all the women were housed in Wright Hall, with Mrs. Davies as house-mother. What a strange life it was to us sophomores! Senate rules and regulations were enforced and quiet hours were something entirely new. Fraternity houses functioned again and social life began to pick up. Many returning veterans became fully interested in the traditions and customs of Alma and we were soon back to normal.

Our class gradually expanded with the return of veterans and we were able to arrange a successful J-Hop and hopefully awaited the time when we would be seniors.

Our last year saw us in many activities—the choir, drama club, Vets' club, speech trips and Student Council. Practice teaching kept us busy for a full term. On skip day we took a trip down the Au Sable River and it was a day that some of us will never forget.

But along with the worries of last year including exams and term papers, we had to think seriously of our future life—beyond the doors of Alma. Well, some of us are yet undecided but the majority are going to enroll in the "joint institution" of matrimony, some on to school for those higher degrees and the rest of us will be teaching in either elementary or high schools.

We are the last class of Alma College that started during the war years—an experience that we shall never forget!

In parting, we, the class of "48", leave to the undergraduates all the richness and happiness that we obtained from our college life.

GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK  
TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US.

Detroit handed the Alma Scot net team a 7-0 setback Tuesday on the Wright Park court as the college racquets club ended the season without a victory.

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### PHI-LIP

As elsewhere on the campus, all of us at the Phi House are getting ready for the final nightmares. Noticed the whole fraternity at Wright Hall for open house, and holding an impromptu inspection of the girls rooms (and the girls). Everyone had a fine time on Campus Day and we were all thankful the weather wasn't any worse than it was. About the biggest news concerning the Phis this week is the elections that were held last Monday night. Our new president is Bill Davis, with Ed Bathum as vice-president. Recording secretary is Bob Smith and Bert White was elected corresponding secretary. Treasurer's post will be held by George Lennor, and Al Tryhuk takes over the duties of house manager. The Keeper of the Keys is Jim Anderson with the two red-heads, Bob Christenson and Bill Anderson as Keepers of the Archives. Social chairman went to Red Rogers with his assistant being Freddy Arnold. Chuck Lemke retained his post of Sergeant at Arms, and that up and coming City Editor Bob Polluck was unanimously, putting it mildly, elected to the post of reporter to the paper. Congratulations to all the incoming officers with the best of luck and a heartfelt thanks to all the outgoing men who have done such a fine job. Our bouquet of roses this week goes to all those members of the fraternity who have caught that seemingly incurable disease called marriage. We find Mike Budge, Tom Williams, Charley Lemke, Paul Kreft, Harry Hendershot already on the sick list while Dick Denny, and Red Rogers are running high fevers. The very best of luck fellows. Well folks, that's all for this year, so from all of us to all of you a very happy vacation and hope to see you all back next year. Bye now.

### KAPPA PEEKS

The K. I.'s are mighty proud of the gold trophy we have been awarded for the organization on campus with the highest scholastic average for the year 1946-1947. We have obtained a 1.743 average, and since this is the third year we have accomplished this, the trophy will be a permanent fixture on our shelf.

The place? Crystal Lake. The time? Last week end. The occasion? The house party. Sixteen game K. I.'s packed their jeans, shirts, and saddles, and were off to spend the week-end having a nice quiet time to forget those pre-exam worries. But how could there be quiet with Sue Brede's imagination working over-time on ghost stories, and Bobby Flaws and Phyl Smith insisting on bringing everyone their breakfast in bed—at 4:00 A. M.? Anyway, there are sixteen sunburned girls who will testify that this was one of the best house parties in the K. I.'s history.

Many congrat's to Putt Smith and Barry Laur on their very recent engagement.

Elections were held Tuesday night at a special meeting. The results were:

President, Donna Campbell.  
Vice President, Norma Pinkerton.

Social Chairman, Marilyn Temple.

Corres. Secretary, Ann McKinley.

Recording Secretary, Mary Wiltse.

Treasurer, Ella Orr.

Student Council Rep., Barbara Strimbeck.

Almanian Reporter, Emily MacLeod.

Critic, Dorothy Michael.

Sentinel, Barbara Flaws.

Keeper of Archives, Donna Jensen.

### ALPHA THETA

Mike Black, senior, president of Alpha Theta for the past semester, turning her gavel over to Shirley Dittmar in the final meeting for this school year of the Alpha Theta sorority. Monday, May 24, at the same time the following other new officers were elected: vice-president, Esther Johnson; recording-secretary, Jane Kohler; corresponding secretary, Mary Ann Morris; treasurer, Katie Geerling. All of us are going to miss our senior members, Mike Black and Pat Adams. We wish them lots of success and hope they will come back to see us often.

A final graduation breakfast will be given in honor of these seniors on Saturday, June 5, at Wright Hotel. Each Alpha Theta will bring her mother as a guest.

Last Saturday afternoon found the Alpha Thetas hiking to Conservation Park for an afternoon of hunting biological specimens and collecting plants—all this was originally intended to be a picnic, but those scientists never pass up an opportunity. However, after removing every available crayfish for Janie, umbrella plant (May apple to Mike) and some poison ivy for Gervan, a group of staving in the activities with us again, fixed over an open fire which had been especially constructed for the occasion by Peg Powers. Joining in the activities with us again was Jane Gregor.

### ZETA NEWS

Congratulations, Bill Wendt and Marty Butterfield. We hear that June 18 is scheduled to be the big day. Alumnus member Barry Laur seems to be in the chips these days—at least by the way he is giving away rings and things.

Jim Collins, Tom Jordan, Don Shankweiler, and Joe Omby are sure glad this semester is over. One hundred and fifty bugs are a lot to collect even if there are some 40,000 different kinds in the world.

Among those missed next year will be Wally Bonk.

The following men were elected officers of Zeta Sigma for the next semester; Justin McCarty, President; Clare Albee, Vice President; Jerry Breen, Corresponding Secretary; Dick Scheanwald, Treasurer; Tom Jordan, House Manager; Al Aldrich, Social Secretary; Leon Fisk and Moe Oliver, Critics; Bob Daily, Keeper of the Archives, and Bill Baltes, Sergeant of Arms.

Some of the boys have been trying it since 1938, but the following are going to be out in the cruel world, and from now on will have to work for a living: W. Callahan, O. Elliott S. Ingham, S. Larson, M. Tullis, W. Wendt, V. Hardy, R. De-Yonkers, G. Graham, R. O. Walker, and Don Tobey. Good Luck, fellows!

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# Blanck Medalist as Scots Gain MIAA Golf Crown in Field Day

Alma College gained both individual and team honors in the annual MIAA Field Day in Kalamazoo, Thursday and Friday. Bob Blanck posted a 36-hole total of 156 for medalist honors and paced the Scots to the MIAA gold crown. The Scots, undefeated in MIAA dual competition, trailed Hillsdale after Thursday's 18-hole round, 524 strokes to 513, but the Alma linksmen came back on Friday and edged the Dales, 1037 strokes to 1041, for the two-day tournament.

Following the top two squads were Albion 1055; Hope 1076; Kalamazoo 1088; and Adrian 1196.

John Anderson, Alma's No. 2 man, wound up fourth in individual scores with 167 and Paul McDonnell, only upperclassman on the team, tied for fifth with a 169.

Other Alma scores were Wally Bragg 182, Dick Knox 175, and Botts Jadvinskas 188.

Coach Robert Clack announced that the above six men and Alex Kish will be awarded varsity letters.

## The box score:

Detroit		AH	R	H
Holdt, sh	.....	0	0	2
Londzion, 2b	.....	0	0	1
Prenderkast, 3b	...	0	0	0
Orr, if	.....	1	1	1
O'Connor, c	.....	1	0	0
Heym, cf	.....	1	1	1
Hirt/, lb	.....	0	0	0
itcudinK, rf	.....	2	2	1
ZuliKirix. p	.....	2	2	3
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
Alma		AH	R	H
Hoffman, hb	.....	1	1	1
H. Saxton, cch	:pnmc:kaZ<p6mZj			

# Detroit "Helps" Alma End Season

## Alma Downed 6-1 in Final Game

Pitcher Ed Zaligiris was the big noise at the Titans stopped Alma, 6-1, Tuesday on reconditioned Davis Field in the season's finale. The Detroit right hander limited the Scots to a meager three hits and banged out three of the winners 10 safeties.

George Vinson was on the hill for the Scots and pitched well until the fifth. A Detroit run in the second was unearned but in the fifth the Titans utilized a walk and a pair of singles for two more tallies. An inning later Detroit notched two more on a double by John O Connor and a triple by Bob Heym.

Zaligiris had the Scots helpless until the ninth. In the last inning singles by Cass Hoffman and Bill Saxton put runners on first and second. Hoffman raced home when the Titan shortstop threw high over the first baseman's head on an attempt double play. In six of the stanzas the Scots went down in order.



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