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Freshman Class '52' Elects Officers

Chamber of Commerce Aids College to Improve Grounds

The Alma Chamber of Commerce, through a special Alma College committee, has been assisting the college in improvement of the football field and providing parking space. This program has been going on for well over a year, with the college paying half of the expense and the Chamber of Commerce committee paying half for the improvements made. The committee money comes from a fund raised locally by the committee especially for the purpose.

The parking lot north of Memorial Gymnasium has been improved and enlarged to where it now will accommodate 110 cars. A large portion of this parking area was prepared last fall and was used for the football and basketball season. It has been enlarged and improved this year and a boundary fence provided. There is ample room for expansion of the parking lot in the future. The wide cement steps from the parking lot down to the Bahlke Field entrance, and all of the paving around the entrance was also provided on this 50-50 basis.

Another improvement being made this year, is an increase in the lighting of the playing field. Fifty-two 1500 watt bulbs have been lighting the field to date which gave a total wattage of 78,000. Eight new reflectors are being added which will make the system accommodate 60 1500 watt bulbs and will provide 90,000 watts, or an increase of more than 15 per cent in the light on the field.

The third cooperative project has been the white paint job of the high board fence around Bahlke field. This has been completed and this week the bleachers are being painted. Last year and again this year the Chamber of Commerce, through its committee, provided a ton of commercial fertilizer and had it applied to the playing field.

The Alma College bus which is being used for the third season was the first item provided by this committee. The bus was an outright gift and was not included in the 50-50 program.

Gen W. Munsell is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Alma College committee. The other members are: Alvin Sandershot, Mrs. Harold D. and Mrs. Babcock. The committee is composed of members from Alma College, Alma High School and the Chamber of Commerce. A part of the bus was provided by the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee donated about three years ago.

BEAT HILLSDALE

On Saturday, October 3, a number of Alma College students, including the '47-1948 state team, will be in state at the Alma College in the Administration Building between 4 and 6 o'clock, p.m.

The price of these issues, bound in heavy, gray book form is \$1.00.

W. A. A. Features Top Picnic Chow

The W. A. A. Girls were entertained at a picnic in Conservation Park, Saturday afternoon.

At the end of a hike to the picnic area, fires were built and the feasting began with roasted weenies, potato chips, baked beans, olives, cookies, candy, marshmallows, and pop filling the menu and the girls to repletion.

The picnic was arranged by Mrs. Robert E. Rufener, Director of Women's Athletics, who is rapidly developing an expanded plan for women's participation in sports on the campus.

Kiltie Band Sees Busy Year Ahead

The Alma College Band, the famous Kiltie Band of many seasons past, is starting out the year with the largest membership in its long history. Fifty-one members are already enrolled and there are still openings for clarinet, oboe, and French horn.

This year, for the first time since the war, the bag pipes are skirling once again as the band takes to the field. These traditional "whips" of the marching musicians will bring back many memories to campus veterans. The two pipers are Ken Miller of Plymouth and Stewart Grove of West Orange, N. J.

The band room in Wright Hall has been equipped with new shelves, cabinets, and has been sound-proofed. Already it is resounding to football songs and marches. The band will have a busy time this year with football and basketball games and its mid-winter and spring concerts and this year, will be making all the trips out of town in the special band bus.

Members of the band are: William Arbury, Richard Nisbet, Robert Jewell, John Furbush, Ken Burgess, Mary Jo Herren, Ruth Rose, Marshall Wilson, Don Faught, Robert Freeman, Ken Miller, Manley Fay, Elmer Coon, Charles DeNaples, Terry Comstock, John Sullivan, Mary Ann Lee, Alton Whitehead, Chas. Powell, Margaret Rose, Delpha Crawford, Harold Frisbee, Richard Smith, James Roth, Lawrence Behman, Stewart Grove, Betty Adams, Bob Zinn, Geo. Hogg, Art Miller, Lewis Kimball, Jim Wolfe, Bob Jackson, Paul LaGoe, Duane Blaugh, Helen Welte, Harry Hill, John Dobbs, Dick Wing, Ted Smith, Norman Thomas.

Netzorg-Plaxton Added to Faculty

The Alma College faculty has been supplemented by the addition of Gordon Netzorg and Kenneth Plaxton, who will combine talents in teaching a course in Business Law offered by the Department of Economics. The young men are both former Alma College students and are now local attorneys.

FINGERNAILS SHORTENED IN SPECIAL COURES AT ALMA

Does a word make you anxious to join the herd? Does a sign make you want to get in line? It does? Then stand on the other foot awhile—you're home! Read between the lines on the list of required subjects and you'll see a course on "Standing in Line" or "I smell the food, where's the dining hall?" "You'll get no credits, no honor points, only short fingernails.

The chow line at Wright Hall is probably the most dreaded by the uncorned. It's easy to find the line, just circle the lobby twice and step in where the cigarette butts are thickest. The only way to keep your feet from being stepped on is to leave your shoes unpolished.

The line at the Varsity Book Shop, on the other hand, is a carefully planned introduction to the courses in Phys. Ed. At the

Lebanon's Fairest Flower Just a Wee Bit Skeptical



Suad Wakim

Hats off and a warm welcome to Miss Suad Wakim (Soo-odd Waa-keem) who arrived on the Alma College campus this week from Lebanon. Miss Wakim was born in Mieh-Mieh, a village near Sidon. Her father, a mission teacher, moved with his family to the African Sudan when Suad was six shortly thereafter returning to Lebanon where she entered the village school. In 1941 Miss Wakim graduated from the American School for Girls in Sidon and later, in 1945, from the Junior College at Beirut. During the summer of 1946 Miss Wakim became interested in the work of the Bible Lands Union for Christian Education and was recently sent by that organization and the Synod to a conference at Oslo. During this trip she traveled through seven countries of Europe, including Germany. She served at a French work camp doing reconstruction on Student Movement Christian property. She says of her travels, "It was a great experience for me. The great value of the conferences and the wonderful contact with people from around the world made me feel more than ever the meaning of world citizenship."

Lebanon was a state in Syria until it attained its independence in 1945. It is significant that Lebanon, among all the eastern states, stands alone in claiming a majority of its population in the Christian faith.

Miss Wakim, traveling alone, landed in New York and proceeded from there by train to Jackson, Michigan where she was met by Mr. Guile Graham, Director of Admissions. She is 28, can sing alto, collects landscape pictures, dances, and when asked her opinion of American men says "We're 1-1-1, I'm not sure."

Beat Hillsdale Friday Nite

Fall Ball Pleases All

On Saturday, October 2, Alpha Theta presented its first dance of the season, the Fall Ball. The general themes of the evening were autumn and the Alma gridiron.

The decorations consisted of streamers of yellow, green, brown, and orange strung over the dancer's head, and a representation of members of the Scots squad, known only by number, leaning against the foe's goalpost. Peg Powers and Carolyn Miocowski were in charge of this committee.

For several days prior to the party posters were placed in central positions covering the campus and advertising the dance. The most important words found thereon were, "Frosh May Date". As result, the class of '52 was exceptionally well represented at the dance.

Ticket sales were handled by Janie Koehler and Barbara Girvan. The tickets were cut in the shape of colorful fall leaves, adding to the autumn motif.

Couples danced to records which turned under the watchful eyes of Desmoiselles Goodwyn and Stewart.

Cider and doughnuts were served by Kathie Shaw and Katie Gierlings. Nan Harding and Mary Ann Morris deserve credit for their work in handling publicity arrangements.

The party, the first of the year's crop for the Thetas, was a signal success, and the sorority is to be heartily congratulated for starting the social season off with a bang.

Chapel Program

Monday, October 4
Rev. Dr. Henry Fischer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw.

Friday, October 8
Dr. Roy Hamilton.

Monday, October 11
Mr. William J. McKeefery.

La Grone Heads Frosh Group

The Class of '52 assembled in the Chapel yesterday to elect the officers who will guide the destinies of the Freshman Class during the coming year.

The meeting was opened by Arland Edgar, President of the Student Council, who submitted the rules under which the elections would be conducted. Edgar was assisted by John Anderson, Robert Betty, and Robert Smith in supervising the elections.

Officers filled were those of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Freshman also elected one member of the class to represent that body in the Student Council.

Top job went to Melvin LaGrone. He will serve as President and will be ably assisted by Al Garren, who was seated in the Vice-President's chair. In charge of the treasury is popular Al Crisalli. Peggy Rose was elected to the position of Secretary, and Fred Quintar will promote the interests of the Freshman and fight their battles as Freshman representative to the Student Council.

Open \$125,000 Fund Drive for Alma College

A current expense and improvement fund drive to raise \$125,000 for Alma College is announced in a special bulletin sent out to friends of the college.

Buildings listed as needing improvements are the administration building, biology building, chapel painting, inside and out, and Wright hall improvements. The Women's Advisory committee is attempting to raise \$10,875 or \$125 per room for the hall and this will be included in the total of \$125,000.

Individual gifts needed are one of \$25,000, two of \$10,000 each; ten of \$5,000 each, and many gifts from \$1,000 to \$10.

Beat Hillsdale Friday Nite

Alma Musicale Announces Concert Series Program

Offering opportunity for students to hear artists of world wide repute in the field of music, the Alma Musicale will open its concert series in the high school auditorium, Wednesday evening, October 20, presenting Orazio Frugoni, pianist. Other programs will feature Jane Hobson, soprano, and the Bary Ensemble.

Some series tickets are still available from Glen C. Stewart at Alma College, Telephone 205. Mr. Stewart is general chairman for arrangements and tickets and John Pfarr is chairman of the special concert committee.

Orazio Frugoni who presents the initial concert, is described as a "new personality promising a meteoric career in the grand tradition."

Of him the New York Times stated "The youthful artist's work was alike extraordinary for its blazing virtuosity, its vividness and dramatic force. The vitality of his playing, its bigness of line and brilliance would have been gripping in themselves, but, in addition, there was musical sincerity always in evidence that added to his remarkable hold on the audience's attention."

Born in Switzerland in 1921, Frugoni began his musical education at the age of nine as a pupil of the famed Italian pedagogue

Gaspare Seidari. He won top prizes at the Italian National Contest and the "Prix de Virtuosite" at Geneva, later touring Italy and Switzerland with great success. He was an active member of the underground during the Mussolini regime and spent many months in concentration camps.

Jane Hobson, mezzo soprano, who will appear in the Alma school auditorium, February 4, has had the great honor to be chosen as soloist by both Toscanini and Stokowski, two big events in the career of any artist. She looks more like a Powers Model than a pioneer woman, but her story is in the best old fashioned tradition.

Five beautiful young women, each an artist in her own right, make up the Bary Ensemble which is scheduled April 6. Captivating packed houses, they have toured from coast to coast with their unusual program of ensemble and solo performances on their five instruments—piano, violin, cello, viola, and clarinet.

Critics unanimously agree that the group as well as each of the five young women of the Bary Ensemble are "lovely to look at and beautiful to hear" as they play an exquisite program.

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EDITORIALS

RED HERKING

The Student Action Committee at Olivet College, in a recent appeal to The Almanian for support in its publicity campaign to withdraw the administration of that college to reconstitute professor recently dismissed from the faculty. This is an official letter from the Olivet Student Action Committee to students of other colleges, to their newspapers, and organizations. We are requesting assistance in the form of letters to the Student Action Committee, to Dr. Aubrey Ashby, President of the College, and to Mr. Frank Blair, President of the Board of Trustees of Olivet College. We feel that this matter is a definite breach of academic freedom and therefore of utmost interest and vital concern to all.

First, let us examine the facts distilled from all the propaganda, the exaggerated enthusiasms of an embattled student body, and the profound utterances of a wary and shrewd administration. Mr. T. Barton Akeley has been a member of the faculty of Olivet College for the past twelve years. In August, Mr. Akeley was dismissed. No reason was given. This announcement was made after a seventy-five dollar registration deposit was made by students expecting to register this fall. Sixty-two Olivet students have, therefore, refused to register, demand the reinstatement of Mr. Akeley and a thorough investigation of the present and future policies of the administration by an impartial board.

The college authorities, on the other hand, have insisted that the right to hire and fire remain solely with them and have refused to recognize any other authority in such a matter.

The question is thus raised: Does the student possess any voice in the choice or control of the teaching staff or is he a customer, buying education who may either accept the personnel of the store where he is trading or shop elsewhere?

A letter will soon go from The Almanian to the S. A. C. and to President Ashby of Olivet College. It will reflect the opinion of the majority of the students on the Alma campus regarding this controversy. The Almanian, therefore, will be

Greek Gah

ZETA SIGMA NEWS

"The Sixty Year Plan" That's what the activity that is going on around the house might well be termed. Yes, our student organization will be celebrated Homecoming and with only three weeks remaining in which to complete all plans for this great day one might think it reached a new kind of "panic" as it is busy with new and different plans.

At our last meeting committees were arranged for Homecoming as follows: General Chairman, President, Mrs. McCarty; Reception, Carroll Hyder; Float, Ted Jacobs; House Decoration, Stephen Lingham; Entertainment, Matt Lingham; Grounds, George Knicker; Hospitality, Jerry Breen; House, Tom Jordan. These committees will be assisted by an advisory committee of Clare Albee, Dick Scheanwald, and Bary Lauri.

Besides being all-out for Homecoming, Lowell Aldridge has the Zeta football team going all-out daily for practice and it seems as though the veterans of last year's team, Moe Olyer, Leon Fisk, Frank Wilson, Darius Izadi, and Bary Lauri, will be pushed to keep up with Bob Fraker, Jack Burns, Jim Collins, and Bob Daily.

KAPPA IOTA

No News!

PHI-LIP

Don't ever let anyone kid you into believing that fraternity life is anything but swell. For example, your frat brothers are ready twenty-four hours a day to furnish you with anything your heart desires. Ask George Lennox, you Doubtlers. All he wanted was a hair-cut and just like that, he got one!

Without meaning to offend the ruling classes, the Phi's have decided to adopt a policy of placation towards the lowly freshman. After all, we don't want the props knocked out from under our porch. The whole house would probably go with it. Bert White, bless him, has offered to undertake the job of replacing our old porch with a new and sturdy one assuring us cement veranda. He requires only the aid of several of the brothers to begin the job.

It has just reached the shell-like ears of this unworthy person that the eligible men on campus are about to get another chance to become members in one of our three proud fraternities. Which reminds me that I must dash out and become acquainted with some of the nice guys that I understand inhabit the hinterland of our campus. Besides, here comes Bert with that "front porch" look in his eye.

ALPHA TAU

No News

PHILO NEWS

Monday night was the time of much activity in the Phi room. After donning our lemons we thoroughly cleaned up the place and held an informal meeting. It was a most profitable evening.

Betty Snow was appointed to represent us on Student Council. Betty Snow and Ann Hobart were designated to attend the Social Calendar meeting to obtain dates for our closed and open dances and parties. There is a closed party coming up on October 30 and a big open dance on November 12. Watch for more news concerning the dance.

We have obtained the use of the Episcopal Church for our big Homecoming banquet. Also, speaking of Homecoming, the subject of a float comes up. The Phi's are all from asleep on this subject. We are trusting some ideas will materialize so be sure to see the parade in our own front yards, the Phi's heart.

DELTS

No News!

Wright on the Spot

Let's imagine how things were settled down at Wright Hall? Everyone had become used to seeing the Freshmen and the Freshmen are able to see the Freshmen. The upper classmen and vice versa. You've probably heard the "Good evening, Libby" song which has been going on since we celebrated Hell Night. Some of the phrases are: "Good evening, Libby" since we celebrated Hell Night.

Have you noticed the lovely ornate bits of brilliant green that have been so popular with the Freshmen lately? They are so cute, especially when worn with curlers. The Freshies are pretty good at remembering to wear their curlers. They haven't lived until you have seen Pat Newburg, by the way, she's the girl of the green, traveling down the long corridor to her room. Her sudden about face and mad dash back to her room. The forgotten ribbon is something to behold, complete with curlers.

Yes, things are really settling down. The Freshmen of four or three people who can tell the twins apart.

Heard tell of a birthday party in Peggy Dunkin's honor the other night. Sorry that we weren't present with our trusty paddle. Happy birthday anyway, Peg.

Have you seen the new unofficial mascot of Wright Hall? A little tiger-striped kitty who wandered into the lounge Friday afternoon and persuaded a couple of inmates to adopt him? A very cute little fellow, but, sorry kitty, the powers that be say "NO". Sob, sob.

Well, so long for now and back to our nest of neurosis. Say, anyone hear anything definite about Hell Week?

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Ferris Falls As Scots Click in Second Win

Bearcats End Up with Negative Four In Yardage

The Alma Scots made it two in a row with a 15-0 win over the Bearcats of Ferris Institute last Friday evening at Bahlke Field. All scoring was done in the first half of the ball game.

The Scots marched up the field for 60 yards before handing the ball over to Ferris, but just before the end of the first quarter Hex Roseman, Scots captain went over for the first Alma score, plunging from the 100 yard line. A successful conversion by Alma guard Ken Corbin made the score 7-0 as the game entered the second quarter.

Alma came back with another score after running gains by Merle Cosgrove and Hex Roseman, plus passing by Chuck Saxton. The touchdown was made by Saxton on a quarterback sneak from the 2 yard line. The conversion attempt was defeated when the run was stopped on the line, but a Kerris penalty set the play up again. An attempted kick was wide. After a punt to the Kerns 3 yard line, the ball was fumbled, and in the mix-up following the fumble, an Alma safety was scored, netting the locals two more joints.

It was then that Kerris put on a show as they marched 97 yards to a score for the Bearcats. Art Carney, Kerris quarterback, made the plunge for the score from the three yard line. This followed

passes from John Hansen to Norm Skendrovich plus the running of Hansen and Carney. The extra point try was muffed when the Anna line blocked the kick

The second half was a see-saw battle which saw neither team gain much in the way of scoring advantages. Alma was in Kerris territory much of the time but lacked the scoring punch which the must have in the Hillsdale contest. Ferris showed promise as the game progressed and are going to be a rough team to deal with as the season continues.

Alma held the edge in the statistics department, but muffed scoring opportunities. A gain of 230 yards rushing as stacked up against the Ferris negative 4 yards, makes the Scots score seem like a small item. The only department in which Kerris equaled or pulled ahead of the locals was in passing, but Alma more than made up for this deficiency by its ground gaining.

The victory was not without cost. All-MIAA guard Ken Corbin was hurt so badly in the first half that he was unable to take the field in the second period, it probably will be unable to play for the Hillsdale contest. Another injured player, Jim Nesbitt, right guard, will be out for some time yet, due to an injury to his eyes. Both these players were counted on heavily in the MIAA race commencing this Friday evening.

Freshman Joe Catarino was a standout in the Scots backfield as he cavorted up and down the field. Game hero was second year man Chuck Saxton, who connect-

ed on 7 of the 18 passes attempted for the Scots, and also, set up and then made, the second Scots touchdown.

Oldtimers Hex Roseman. I Boots" Jadvmskas. Clare Albee. Dick Derby. Merle Cosgrove, and Stan Hester played a great game to aid the Scots in the victory column. Fred Hayes. Fred Kyfe, I and Hoy Gray were three more I who contributed a share in the win.

Summary:

	Alma	Kerns
First Downs	19	6
Tot'l yards rushing	241	51
Yds. lost rushing	11	55
Net Yds gnd rushing	230	4
Passes Attempted	18	17
Passes Completed	7	7
Passes intercepted by		
Yds. gnd passing	37	130
Total yds. gnd	267	126
Yds. lost	55	42

Starting lineups:

Alma <15>	Ferris (6)
Hayes LE	Knift
Derby LT	Gingrich
Corbin LG	Marshall
Abraham C	Kocher
Albee HT	Donovan
Nesbitt HG	Bowyer
Kyfe HE	Wiseman
Saxton QB	Carney
Hoseman LH	Butler
Cosgrove HI	Hildensbeger
Slotnick KB	Kleiman

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Friday Nite

PONTIAC LADS HELP SCOTS

JAMES NESBITT G - Pontiac

HARD HITTING LINEMEN

BILL YOUNG one of the i of MIAA I Hiii j speedy halfback spells trouble for the Alma Scots in the Friday night meeting of Alma and Hillsdale.

"v Dales Powerhouse Threatens Alma MIAA Standing in Opener

October 8, 1948 That't a date that the Alma Scot' have had marked in red on their calendar since September 1 That is the night the "Dales" of Hillsdale College invade the local scene

"Little Michigan" is starting tin 1948 MIAA campaign with < nev coach. But, none of the first string eleven are new Tach is a veteran of flu 1916 and 1947 squndr that ended those seasons in a tie for the league championship with the Kalamazoo "Hornets" They'll be out this year to gain an undrsput Ierl championship with their new Icoach

James G. "Gib" Holgate is Iru new Hillsdale football coach, and he, like his predecessor, Davey Nelson, is a Michigan man He began his career at the Universit> of Wisconsin where he was active in football, and basketball, winning his freshman numerals in football. After the start of the wai He enlisted in the Marine training plan and was transferred to Michigan where he earned a letter at halfback on the 1943 team Follow ing duty with the Corps, "Gib" returned to the University of Michigan, received his degree and went on to obtain his masters He assisted with the junior varsity coaching duties, learning all the fundamentals of the Michigan system.

Holgate will have the two stalwarts of the Nelson-coached elevens, the "touchdown twins". Tom

Ward and Bill Young Ward has been the leading scorer in the MIAA for two seasons, was last yeai the leading scorer in the state, and ranked fourth in the nation On the receiving end of 13 pass* - good for 200 yards, he was third m the nation with his 756 yards of rushing in 172 tries

Tom Young was fourth in the nation in ground gaining last sen 'on An all MIAA selection in 1946 and 1947, he gained "Little All American" rating last season although nut most of the season due to a leg injury On rushing his total is 606 yards on 87 tries for a 6.9 average Attempted passes number 19. with 22 completions good for 112 yards and returned kicks number 19 for 381 yards

And, not forgetting the line. Dick Pifer an 185 pound guard Is an all-MIAA man of distinction, and George Smallbone is a tackle to reckon with, as is end Hay Perry. another all MIAA selection In the rough 1947 reason Carl Zwieg, called the "human tank" move his 200 pounds around the tackle position quite handily and Cleo Winchell backs up the line with all of his 180 pounds

Yes, Friday is due to be a big night, and the Scots are waiting for the "Dales".

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Mama! Can I take It!

DEAR FAMILY:

Oh, what a horrible day! The exploits here related are strictly something which shouldn't happen to anything lower than a poor, miserable frosh.

Last night, after a cup of tea and some cookies via Anne's mother, I made it into my lower bunk at the stroke of bed-check. Ah, comfort! I was little aware of the diabolical plans which those things called sophomores were dreaming up. Two hours later I was yanked from bed and dragged into the hall in only my PJs. Some of the girls had been allowed to wear slippers, but not this kid! After being blindfolded with I-hate-to-say-it, I joined a group of groaning, fellow unfortunates and we were herded to the beginning of an obstacle course which would make a paratrooper cringe in terror. My soph guide led me, still blindfolded, of course, up and down mattresses, over ladders, chairs, and barrels, and finally up what I am sure was Pike's Peak. From there on I lose track except that I am certain that at one time we were in the basement because I remember the cool cement floor caressing my bloated feet.

At about this point my hand was shoved into a bucket of some sort and I was instructed to, "Catch it! Go ahead, catch it!" I don't know what the evil concoction in the bucket was supposed to do, but it was mostly mercurachrome and added a modish touch of shocking pink to my ensemble the next morning. The only thing I really will "catch," I guess, will be beck from you when my laundry arrives home this week.

During this entire procedure, I was yelling continuously, "I'm a filthy Frosh!" Fifteen push-ups and a few sweats on the posterior & I was led to the lounge and ordered to sit quietly with my legs crossed like a Russian in the midst of his dance. From that position I listened to words of wisdom spoken by a soothing, maternal voice. This sarcastic wench informed me that certain rules of conduct applied to filthy Frosh. Ribbons of green are to be worn in the center of the forehead, one-half inch above the hairline. Nail polish is taboo. We can't talk to nor date freshmen men, must address all upperclassmen by name and the time of day, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

After the ceremony was over, I was conducted back to my room. I found out at four o'clock in the morning that even then I was not to be allowed to rest. My alarm clock went off!

You asked me if I were happy up here. Oh, you bet! Well, give my love to the dog, and send some money.

Your favority, filthy frosh,

Janni



- - William Tells - -

THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE was a faculty tea compared with Bahlke Field last Friday night. What a contest! What spirit! Blazing lights, our really top band, radio broadcast, cheer leaders, hot dogs, dancers, fights, riots, and bag pipes (They reminded me of the night our cat backed into the fan). And do you remember when Fred Hayes tangled with that guy from Ferris over on the other side of the field? He's pretty tough, but he better never tangle with me or there'll be another bed in use down at the Smith Memorial. I'll be in it!

Seriously, though, to witness a competitive scrap such as the game Friday does give one the urge to do combat. Even I succumbed. As a matter of fact, Jerry Breen's daughter came by along about the half and stuck her tongue out at me—and did I give her a good slap!

EVER SINCE I learned over in Genetics that albino corn always withers and dies before it has a chance to propagate, I haven't been able to sleep soundly—even in class. To think that such things can be! And all on account of some lousy gene that has to go around snatching life away before the little fellows really have a chance to know about bees and things. Well, I guess you just have to put up with sordid facts like that if you want to learn all about hybrids, recessives, and such. For example, if my mother and father were both color blind, do you know what chance my sister would have of marrying a half-breed? This is scientific, brother, let's not get nasty.

WELL, WELL, WELL! The mouse with the purple eyebrows who has lived in the pipeline underneath the administration for many, many years, just climbed up on my knee and let me in on something hot!!! Shiver my timbers, lads and lassies, if I wouldn't give up my share in the atomic bomb to be able to tell you what he said, but I'm not going to stick my arm in the threshing machine like I did last year just before I became "formerly of the Almanian Staff". Anyway, look for a major development in campus public relations before the week is out.

Announcements

Mid-semester marks will be published on November 20, and final examinations will begin on January 21, 1949.

The faculty is requested to return all class cards to the Office of the Registrar by October 8.

A charge of \$1 will be assessed all Freshmen who have not turned in Admission cards and who fail to do so immediately.

Mrs. Robert E. Rufener, Social Director, will accept dates for the Social Calendar between 1 and 2 in the afternoons.

The administration wishes to emphasize that smoking is prohibited in the Wright Hall lounge, on the porch, and on the walk leading to the main thoroughfare.

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ALUMNI NEWS

EDWARD A. THOMPSON, '36, joined the faculty of the Minnesota State Teachers College, Mankato, Minnesota, as director of teacher training and education in education. Mr. Thompson has recently returned from Berlin where he was head of the school system for children of American personnel connected with the military government in Germany.

In July, **PETER F. CICINELLI**, '36 was appointed by Gov. Sigler as Saginaw County Circuit Court Commissioner. Cicinelli will fill the post until a successor is elected at the Nov. 2 elections.

Dr. EDWARD A. THOMPSON, '13 has just completed his 15th year at the Park Congregational Church of Grand Rapids. Under the guidance of Dr. Thompson, Park has grown to be the largest Congregational Church in Michigan and the third largest in the United States.

On July 19, President Truman nominated **THOMAS C. BLAISDELL JR.** to be assistant Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Blaisdell was formerly director of the Department's office of International Trade.

GRIDIRON GATE

After the Ferris-Alma game on the first of October, the Sigma Philo's presented the Gridiron Gate, a dime dance.

As one entered the Union, Joyce Fischer was seen at the ticket table encouraging all comers to join the throng on the dance floor.

Ann Hobart of the decorations committee did a good job and the team could see their names on streamers strung over the dance floor.

Jeannie Craig was over taking care of the records and there were some fine selections played.

Despite the dance's short duration, the crowd enjoyed itself immensely cavorting around the floor. Some excitement was aroused when the Freshman came in and gave a big cheer for the Class of '52.

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