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ALMA SCOTS WIN 20-18 MIAA THRILLER

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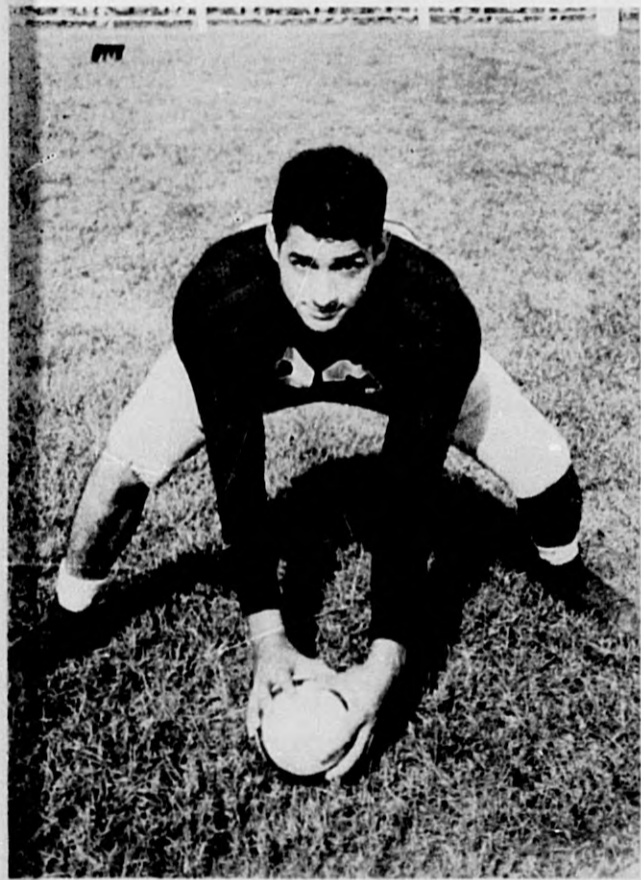


CHUCK SAXTON
QB—East Jordan



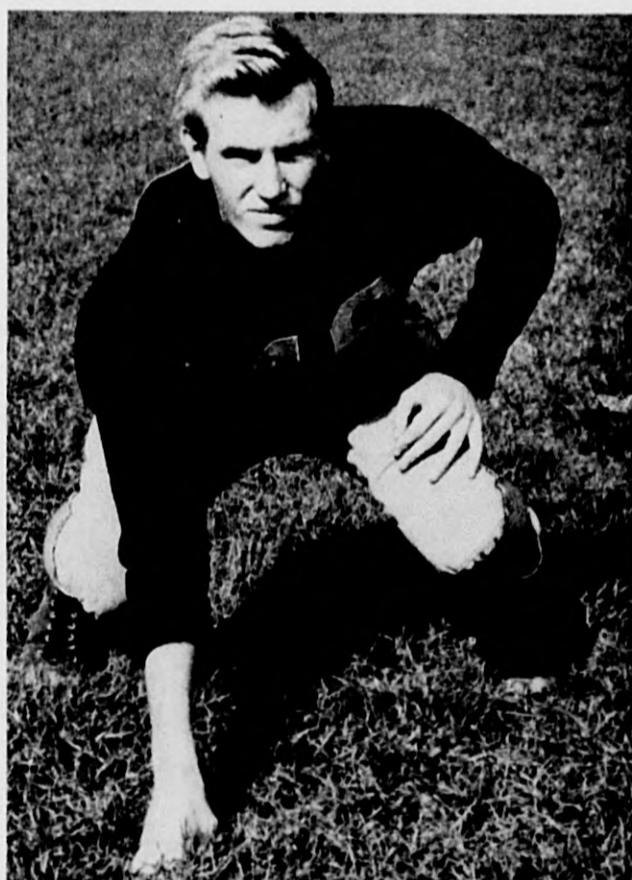
JOE CATARINO
LH—Wyandotte

RUNNER



DICK ABRAHAM
C—Lansing

BLOCKER



JOHN ANDERSON
LG—Birmingham

Dales 18-7 Halftime Lead Wiped Out by 4th Quarter Surge

"The day of the game is the day to make good," and the Alma Scots showed they had the spirit and ability as they upset the highly favored Hillsdale in an MIAA opener last Friday night. Rated a two-touchdown underdog by Detroit sportswriters, the local eleven gained a 20-18 win before 3,500 wide-eyed fans who overran Bahlke Field at the final whistle.

Spirits were low from the spectator standpoint as the first half ended with Hillsdale, MIAA co-champion in '46 and '47, leading the local squad 18-7. The victory snapped a 17-game winning streak for the south Michigan team and now puts Alma in the fore as the team to beat in the MIAA.

Alma Scores First

Late in the first quarter, Dick Abraham, Alma center, intercepted a Dales pass on the Hillsdale 45 yard line. The Scots moved from there and scored on a twenty-five yard pass from quarterback Chuck Saxton to end Joe Thibedeau. Conversion by Chuck Saxton was successful and the locals led 7-0.

John Anderson kicked off to Hillsdale and Bill Young, left-half took the ball and then handed it off to Tom Ward, who scampered 87 yards down the far side of the field for the first Hillsdale score. Conversion attempt by Young was no good as the kick went wide of the uprights.

Second quarter activity was all Hillsdale as the visitors opened up to put on quite a show for the fans. Sub quarterback Rod Oberline made a short pass to Shaheen who in turn lateraled to Young who then went down the sidelines 67 yards to paydirt. Again Young failed in his conversion attempt as the Alma line broke through and the punt was hurried.

The Dales scoring continued and the Alma team didn't look like they could do much about it. Late in the first half, Shaheen passed to Ray Perry for 39 yards. Two running plays put the ball on about the six yard line, and then Spud Huston, in at fullback, passed to Shaheen from that point for the third and what developed to be, the final Dales score. Young once again attempted a conversion, but the Alma rush again hurried the kick and the ball was high and wide.

Albion Potent Threat to Scots

They'll all be rough now, and the Alma Scots expect no picnic as they travel to Albion this Saturday to engage the Britons in an MIAA football game. Albion fell to Kalamazoo last Friday night 14-0, while the Scots were besting a strong Hillsdale squad 20-18.

A tough rival always, Albion is this year under a new coach and will be out to avenge a 19-7 beating suffered last year at the hands of the Scots. Not too much is known of their team, although the line has looked impressive in games spotted by members of coaching staff. Several players from the Youngstown and Cleveland area are included on the roster, being prep starts of the new Briton's coach.

The Alma squad will be pretty much the same as has seen action in the Scots victories thus far. Injuries in the Hillsdale contest may limit action of Chuck Saxton, Alex Kish, Rex Roseman, and Ken Corbin. Clare Albee is another doubtful starter due to a twisted ankle.

Alma needs this game to stay at the top of the MIAA heap. Hillsdale faces a potent Hope outfit while Adrian and Kazoo tangle in a do-or-die affair.

MIAA STANDINGS

	W	L
Alma	1	0
Adrian	1	0
Kalamazoo	1	0
Hillsdale	0	1
Albion	0	1
Hope	0	1

Alma 20, Hillsdale 18.
Kalamazoo 14, Albion 0.
Adrian 14, Hope 13.

Hillsdale had the ball in the third quarter and drove to the Alma 30 before being stopped. The Scots took over and went all the way to the Dale 15 yard line when the quarter ended. Changing positions on the field, the Scots went on down the line with Roseman scoring from the one-foot line in on off-tackle smash. The conversion by Saxton was good and the locals were back in the ball game although trailing by four points.

Dick Abraham came to life again for the Sebo-coached squad as he snared another Hillsdale pass on the Dales 38 yard line. Driving to the 23 yard line, the Scots then scored on a 23 yard pass from Chuck Saxton to Merle Cosgrove. Saxton missed the conversion as the ball went wide of the uprights.

In a mad attempt to get back into the play, Hillsdale tried a passing attack, and Joe Catarino gave the ball back to Alma when it really counted with his interception of a Dales pass on the 50 yard line. The game ended with Alma knocking on the Hillsdale goal once more, with first and ten on the Dales 16 yard line.

Victory Establishes Alma

A better finish couldn't have been obtained as far as the strictly partisan Alma fans were concerned. The local squad is a tough challenger for the MIAA crown this season and they served notice upon all, Friday evening, that they will be in there fighting all along the way. The line is tough, the backfield is fast and shifty. The dreaded Dales are down, and there seems to be no reason why the Scots can't go all the way. We are strictly optimistic, but not over-confident. The tough games are still ahead; one victory does not make a champion.

Chuck Saxton was at his best passing the ball around the field and doing much in the way of backing up the line. Dick Abraham is one to be proud of in the victory as his two interceptions of passes from Young set up two Alma scores. Ray Mohre in the defensive backfield consistently snared the enemy ball-carriers as did Rex Roseman. The entire Scots team functioned the second half like a powerhouse and left little to be desired. Merle Cosgrove and Stan Hester gained yardage in their ball handling and Ken Corbin, Alma's All-MIAA guard saw much action on the line despite an injury received in the Ferris game which kept him out of practice sessions all last week.

	A	H
First Down	11	8
Tot'l yds. rushing	172	131
Yds. lost rushing	13	17
Net Yds. rushing	159	114
Passes attempted	18	12
Passes completed	8	4
Passes intercepted by	4	0
Yds. gained passing	119	126
Tot'l yds. gained	278	240
Fumbles	1	2
Opps. fumble recovered	0	0
Yds. lost penalties	15	45
Punting average	34	30
Kickoff returns	75	139

Alma	Position	Hillsdale
Fyfe	LE	Knack
Proctor	LT	Pifer
Anderson	LG	Zweig
Jadvinskias	C	Clelland
Walcott	RG	Holbeck
Nickel	RT	Smallbone
Hayes	RE	Perry
Saxton	QB	Stevens
Mohre	RH	Young
Roseman	LH	Ward
Cosgrove	FB	Shaheen

Harriers Shake Hillsdale, 18-45

With runners finishing in the first four positions, the Alma Cross Country squad swamped their MIA rival Hillsdale 18-45 last Friday in a meet over the 3 1/2 mile Pine River course. Chuck Williams was the number one runner for Alma covering the distance in :10.04 which is a minute better than the winning time in the conference meet last season.

Close on the heels of Williams were Bob Mohre, Jim Colter and Rodney Grover. The fifth Alma runner was Louis Marx who finished eighth behind Hillsdale harriers Mike Gass, Jerry Hein, and Bill Beck.

While only six Hillsdale runners participated Alma had twelve men making the distance run. Only four of the Alma men had seen previous college exper-

ience at cross country, with Williams, Marx, Watson veterans of the '47 squad and Rodney Grover a veteran of the '46 team. Williams has shown vast improvement since last season and should be a potent threat in the MIAA conference meet to be held here on November 16. Bob Mohre and Jim Colter are newcomers to the roster who show much ability, as do Lou Marx and Jack Cowan. Watson, Bruce Brown, Bill Stover, Dick Irwin, Charles Ayer, and Furd Quintar are rated about even.

Only six runners will make the trip to Albion Saturday for the second MIAA meeting of the season. Next home appearance will be on Homecoming Day when the Alma squad will meet Kalamazoo at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the parade.

Summary:
Alma, Charles Williams, Auburn, N. Y., 1st, :17.40.
Alma, Robert Mohre, Charlotte 2nd, :18.20.
Alma Jim Colter, Detroit, 3rd, :18:30.

Alma, Rodney Grover, Alma, 4th, :19.06.
Hills, Mike Gass, Hillsdale, 5th, :19.15.
Hills, Jerry Hein, Kalamazoo, 6th, :19.15.5.
Hills, Bill Beck, Hillsdale, 7th, :20.00.
Alma, Louis Marx, Alma, 8th, :20.01.
Alma, Furd Quintar, Buenos Aires, 9th, :20.15.
Alma, Jack Cowan, Grosse Pointe, 10th, :20.30.
Alma, Bruce Brown, Port Huron, 11th, :20.40.
Hills Bill McCurrie, Hillsdale, 12th, :20.45.
Alma, Bill Stover, Detroit, 13th, :21.40.
Alma, Dick Irwin, Birmingham, 14th, :22.00.
Hills, Bob Moore, Hillsdale, 15th, :22.10.
Alma, Charles Ayer, Detroit, 16th, :22.30.
Alma, Charles Watson, Detroit, 17th, :23.00.
Hills, Jim Macaskill, Hillsdale, 18th :25.00.

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EDITORIALS

A Riddle Solved

For years without number Almanian editors have stormed into print decrying the lack of school spirit. They have pleaded with, cajoled, criticized, and even fruitlessly ordered the student body to get out there and make with the rah rah when the team was locked in combat with Old Adenoids, Ferris Institute, or Upset U.

What is the answer to this old problem? It is so uncomplicated and basic as to make unnecessary, ever again, a further word upon the subject. Given a team with the fighting quality that enable our Scots to come from behind Friday night to win against heavy odds, no student body could contain its roaring spirit.

Of what need were our cheer leaders, our band, our thousands of words on the subject of school spirit at that time? A thousand throats screamed in support of a team that didn't know it was licked. And it wasn't.

School spirit? It's as simple as that!

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How to Get the Bird

In spite of the opening of the bird season next Friday, classes will meet as usual. To the many who will be among those not present, we say "Have fun, but take it easy." A day in the field is good for your morale and it's good for your health. And the game you get—with its high protein value in these times of costly protein—is good for you, too.

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COMMENTS

We read on the bulletin board that a young lady in Wright Hall has mislaid her black-jack and desires that the finder return it to her at once. Well, we must agree that these freshmen are pretty difficult to handle sometimes.

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The Detroit Free Press informs us that insured veterans are about to share in a cash surplus being held by the National Life Insurance Co. The cost of getting the checks made out and delivered will be \$23,000,000! We should have died.

Greek Club

Kappa Kappa

The Kappa Kappas are buzzing with activity. One of the first things on the agenda is putting the finishing touches to our sorority room.

This Saturday, the room will have a piano, and several new ornaments have been added to it. Sunday, the sorority is having a tea and business meeting with our patroness. Several new sponsors will be introduced and their names will appear in the next issue of the Almanian. See you then.

Philo Files

"The busy bees." That's us—the Philos.

We have great plans for our Sorority room. Virginia Bryan and Joann Wilson were appointed to get our curtains in order. Joan Bower heads the room committee, which sees that the room is always in "apple pie" order before every meeting.

Beverly Yoder keeps our scrapbook up-to-date, and Rosemary Nicoli has charge of the archives.

Our next meeting will be a work meeting at which we will clean our closets. What more could you want?

The plans we made, and are making, for Homecoming, seem to be going along smoothly. The Episcopal church ladies will serve us the dinner in the Guild Hall. Ethelyn McArthur was appointed chairman of the float for Homecoming. Her committee includes Anne Hobart and Hazel Brown.

The patronesses were present at our meeting, and to bring them more in contact with the Sorority we are going to send a social calendar every month to the head patroness. Mrs. Milham wished to be relieved of the position as head patroness. Mrs. Miller graciously accepted our invitation to the position. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mrs. Milham, who has given us much able help for so long and to say that we are delighted at having so capable a person as Mrs. Miller to continue with us as our head patroness.

A coffee followed in honor of our patronesses. The committee in charge of the coffee was headed by Anne Hobart, Jo Wilson, and Betty Snow.

Theta News

Homecoming is near, and the Thetas are busy working and planning for a bang-up celebration. With Kathy Shaw as their chairman, the following girls are on the float committee: Lu Kolberg, Jeanne Minard, Aud Kneal, Katie Geerlings, Joanne Hookey, Becky Lyberg, Carol Mioskowski, Janie Kohler, Nan Luther, Glor Albrecht, Esther Johnson, and Lil Goodwyn. Table decorations for our banquet are in charge of Barb Girvan, Shirley Dittman, and Esther Johnson.

Following Homecoming on Friday, October 30, Gittleman's will sponsor the annual Alpha Theta Style Show. Peg Powers, chairman, Mary Ann Morris, Nancy Heering, Sue Flannagan, Ruthie Schmidt, Joyce Stewart, and Roma Woodworth make up the

Style Show committee. They will be making brides and bridesmaids' too. Don't miss it. The week end of the Fall Ball was a wonderful one for us. We appreciated the wonderful time out for our dance, and we were happy that Mike Black and Mary Pool could be with us to enjoy the week end.

Zeta Sigma News

Thank the Good Lord that voting for pledges is over for another semester. The boys have settled their minor disputes and a harmonious atmosphere hovers over the house once again.

Homecoming plans are progressing rapidly. Ted Jacobs, chairman of the float committee, claims that he is going to surpass anything that has ever come out of Zeta Sigma in the past.

The invincible Jack Burns, after succumbing to a minor head cold, has returned from a few days visit in Milford. (He said that he caught the cold while sleeping in the house, but a few of us have heard a different story).

Bridge is running a poor second since Tom Dustin and his pin-ochle deck moved into the house. For the last few evenings Tom has been taking lessons in the use of the said deck. Some of the fellows are hoping that he never learns how to play the game as well as he thinks he can.

Red Young and Bob Dengler are still practicing their piano duets. As a result, there are no sleepy afternoons. We are all wondering if that piano is still in Pioneer Hall.

The defeat in our first inter-mural football didn't lower the morale of the boys. We are becoming conditioned to it after two years of the same treatment. Well, anyway, we held them to four touchdowns.

DELT DOPE

Well, readers, October 23 is going to be more than Homecoming for the Deltas. This year of 1948 marks the Tenth Anniversary of our existence. Mr. Barney Roepke, founder of our fraternity in 1938, will be present at the big Anniversary celebration along with many other fraternity brothers. We are hoping to have a large turnout of alumni to enjoy the festivities.

Flash . . . John Kimball, player-coach of the Delt football team reports that he expects his men to be a big threat in this year's intramurals.

R. G. "Curt" Curtiss and Don Muntener, a transfer senior from the University of Michigan, are now living in the house.

The big question of the week is why Gordon Willoughby raced home to Flint at 3:00 Friday and dashed back the same night for the terrific game played by the Scots against Hillsdale.

Events to watch for: Delt Homecoming Anniversary on October 23; also, the Delt-sponsored Musicale next spring.

Beat Albion

Wright on the Spot

Wright Hall is clothed in mourning. Reports have come to us via certain bus-boys that George, the mascot kitty, played the leading role in Friday noon's lunch. Ah, the wondrous mysteries of hash.

No doubt the effect of the latest torture inflicted by the Sophs was plainly visible to one and all last Tuesday. We personally think that wearing pin-curls and restricting make-up to one side of the face are fashion trends that will never catch on. . . . And to think that all that punishment came to us just because we couldn't sing the Alma Mater in French at two o'clock in the morning!

We have just been asked by a little gal who wishes to remain anonymous to forward her apologies to the lad she came upon accidentally in the shower room while she was seeking the location of the coke machine. Honest, Buster, she doesn't remember your face so you can face her fearlessly. Anyway, that's what you get for depriving Wright Hall of its own pop vender.

It is doubtful that many realize the talent hidden so well, up to now, by Lynn Campbell and Libby Williams. Maybe it was only their high spirits at being on the way to the Canterbury Club weenie roast that impelled them to pirouette and arabesque all the way to St. John's Church. Have you been offered a spot with the Ballet Russe yet?

Friday night after the game (and some game it was!), the Kappa Iota girls held an informal party for their little sisters in the room of Marilyn Temple and Norma Pinkerton. Peggy McNaughton gave impersonations of several types of women waiting in a hospital. Songs were sung and "Temp" recounted a New York adventure with a murderer. That reminded others of similar encounters, but somehow, the stories didn't quite ring true. Refreshments were served too.

Say, Sophs, when in the heck does Fall Week start? For goodness sake, let's get it over with before we fresh have a collective nervous collapse.

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- - William Tells - -

Oh, they cut down the old pine tree, and they hauled it away - - -. Like so many other of life's good things, we probably never gave it a thought until the woodsman's axe (courtesy of Pete Weatherby) struck her down. How that old grey giant would liked to tell of the things she has seen during the thousands of vigils since the cornerstone of the Ad building was laid. But, alas, with a leafy nod to prey and the Board of Trustees, she kept the faith with her host of friends, and went mutely to the grave.

Some people scoff at the power of the press. Nevertheless, when this column carried a protest two weeks ago against the price of seven cents for a cup of coffee at the Union, the results were dramatic. A held a meeting with B, and then both of them went up to C's office for further discussion. A, B, and C then went to see D, who told them to go to H. The upshot of the whole matter was that today the price of a cup of coffee is - - - seven cents! So, there!

I see by the papers that the college is out to raise \$125,000.00 for improvements. Do you suppose that we could have \$2.30 of it for a couple of butt cans at the rear entrances of the chapel?

Our rejuvenated Kiltie Band is stirring up more enthusiasm than this tired, old soph has seen in two years on the campus. If those pantsless wonders get the support that such a fine organization merits, they will outshine, outplay, and outmaneuver any outfit in the MIAA. Everyone agrees that we have also an excellent group of cheer leaders this year. The veterans of last season have welcomed Nancy Hitzell, Shirley Lyons, Leonard Netzorg, Patricia Newburg, Erina Smyrnof, and Galina Smyrnof to their ranks. Dean of the group is Shirley Dittmar, who gives a difficult demonstration at each game on how to make a two-way stretch stretch seven ways.

Christian Ass'n Elects Council

The Alma Christian Association, new organization for the voluntary religious life of the College, was publicly presented and launched at the chapel hours on Sept. 27 and Oct. 1.

Elections and appointments made since then have largely filled the numerous representative posts in the Association's Cabinet and Denominational Council.

All the positions in the Denominational Council have been filled. This Council consists of the Dean of Religion, Dr. J. V. Roth, and a student chairman and vice-chairman for each denomination having twenty or more students here. The following have been elected to the Council by their respective groups: Baptist, Esther Anderson, chairman, and John Kimball, vice-chairman; Congregational, Bob Zinn, chairman, and Ann McKinley, vice-chairman; Episcopal, Doug Smith, chairman, and Bert White, vice-chairman; Lutheran, Bob Dengler, chairman, and Bob Lieberman, vice-chairman; Methodist, Clayton Bunce, chairman, and Hildegarde Kemp, vice-chairman; Presbyterian, Bob McComb, chairman, and Red Rogers, vice-chairman.

The first meetings of denominational sections were held last Wednesday, Oct. 6, with about 125 present in the various groups. Denominational section meetings are regularly scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of each

month. The purposes will be to develop churchmanship through denominational fellowship and responsibility.

The Association Cabinet, which administers the interdenominational phases of the religious program, is mainly composed of student representatives of the major campus organizations and of the chairmen of the several denominational sections. The denominational representatives are the same as the chairmen listed above. Additional representatives elected are as follows: Student Council, Red Rogers; Delta Gamma Tau Fraternity, John McLeod; Kappa Iota Sorority, Barbara Milham; Independent Women, Nan Fullen; Pioneer Hall Men, Willard Needham. Representatives are yet to be reported for Phi Phi Alpha and Zeta Sigma Fraternities and for Alpha Theta and Sigma Philo Sororities, for the College Sunday School Class, and for the Religious Life Committee whose vice-chairman will automatically be a member of the Cabinet. Bill Blewett is on the Cabinet as a student assistant, while Dean of Religion, Dr. Roth, and Mr. Wm. McKeefery of the Religion Department are the faculty members of the Cabinet.

The first of the interdenominational meetings to be held regularly was conducted by members of the Canterbury Club (Episcopal denominational section) on Wednesday evening, September 29, with about 65 students in attendance. Next Wednesday evening, October 13, at 7 p. m., another interdenominational meeting will be held in the Chapel, the program being a Hymn Sing led by the choir, interspersed with special music selections. All students and



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faculty members are invited. The October 27 interdenominational vesper service will be addressed by the Rev. T. M. Greenhoe, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Niles, Michigan, who is a forceful and popular speaker to young people.

A major responsibility immediately ahead for the Association Cabinet is the detailed planning for the program of Spiritual Emphasis Week, which is scheduled for November 15 to 19.

PHI PHI PHILLS PICNIC PLATES

The Phi Phi Alpha fraternity held its first closed party of this school year on the cold Saturday night of October 9. This party, which was in the form of a picnic, was held at Conservation Park.

By 7:30, enough shivering couples had gathered around the roaring fire, which was built and supervised by Scottie Grove, to roast weiners and marshmallows. Though it was too cold away from the fire and too hot near the fire, though many, many got crabapple thorns in their fingers after foraging for roasting sticks, and though Red Rogers forgot to bring anything to spread the relishes or slice the hot dog buns with, none could deny that the food tasted mighty good. By 9:00, most of the food had disappeared and the group had adjourned to the conservation league lodge to dance, drink cokes, talk, and last but not least, get warm. From observation, it looked as though, when the party came to an end, most of the groups would agree that they had a swell time.

The fraternity wishes to thank Dr. Unstadt and Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, who acted as chaperones for the party, and to recognize the many new pledges who were present.

"SAY IT WITH MUSIC"

1. "The Way You Look Tonight", House meeting at Wright Hall.
2. "Patience and Fortitude", The lunch line.
3. "Black and Blue" Freshmen hazing.
4. "It's a Quiet Town" Alma
5. "That Ain't Right" Spot quizzes.
6. "More Than You Know" Frosh Psych. Test.
7. "It's the Talk of the Town" The current epidemic.
8. "Long Ago and Far Away" Summer vacation.
9. "Temptation" Park benches.
10. "I've Got a Crush on You" In French class.



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Alma College Takes to the Air



Alma College "hit the airways" on Monday, October 11 at 3 p.m. with the production of "Johnny Appleseed." This was the first of a series of programs which will be presented twice a week, Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 3:15 p.m., during the college year over the facilities of W.F.Y.C., Alma, 1280 on the dial. These programs can be picked up within a 65 mile radius of Alma.

Program offerings will be varied and will include drama, music, talks, interviews and quizzes. Opportunity will be given to all students interested in radio acting, producing, sound effects, announcing and engineering.

Students participating in the first radio program were Ralph Appell, George Lennox, Peggy Powers, Virginia Benson, John Lucas, Douglas Smith, Dick Hinderliter, Don Thomson, Howard Clarke, Anne Hobart, and Clarence Flegel.

On Wednesday, October 13,

Professor Glen C. Stewart, will present an organ recital. George Lennox will handle the announcing and narration. The program for Monday, October 18 will be a "stump the student program" which will be conducted along the "Information Please" technique. Participating will be Professor A. Westley Rowland, moderator; Glen Watterson, Shepherd; Bette Adams, Mason; Peggy Powers, Flint, and Bill Blewett, Detroit.

In preparation for broadcasting, the college has sound-proofed the studio in the speech room with celotex, purchased a non-directional Electro-Voice dynamic microphone and a bi-directional RCA Junior Velocity mike. To assist in broadcasting, a wire recorder with an hour spool has been added to the equipment. Three origination points have been established on the campus of Alma College: the speech room studio, the chapel, and the athletic field. These are connected with

the control room of station W.F.-Y.C. by telephone wire.

Students who are working in the radio broadcasting club are: Peggy Powers, Flint; Janice Bleil, Detroit; Janette Faber, Lymington, Ontario; Ralph Appell, Birmingham; Neal Johnson, Fremont; Carole Rohlf, Akron; John Lucas, Pontiac, Douglas Smith; Bill Blewett, Detroit; George Lennox, Ferndale; Bill Baxter, Detroit, Jim Sanford, Grosse Pointe; Dick Hinderliter, Pontiac; Don Thomson, Coleman; Howard A. Clarke, Detroit; Lorraine Szemraj, Detroit; Hal Fisher, Livingstone; Paula Gugelyk, Detroit; Virginia Benson, Ithaca; Anne Hobart, Birmingham; Phyllis Hayward, Northville; Bette Adams, Mason; Donna Campbell, Sandusky; Dora Martinez, Detroit; Jeannie Craig, Milan; Kathleen Shaw, Detroit; and Delores Metcalfe, Detroit.

Announcement of the weekly programs will be carried in the Almanian.

Professor Herman Wallace Spencer to Be Honored by Alma College

October 23 is the date of Alma's homecoming. It has been designated as Spencer Day in honor of Professor Herman Wallace Spencer, who came to Alma in 1926 and remained to give twenty-two fruitful years of his life in service until his retirement in 1948.

Professor Spencer made his first contact with the English language in the town of Portland Mills, Indiana, in 1873. Shortly after, the Spencer family moved to Pennsylvania, and in that state he received the major portion of his education. He was graduated from Westminster College in 1894. He went to the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where, after two years of graduate work, he decided that his real future lay in the fields of rhetoric and literature. The next year found him teaching Latin, Greek, and English at a prep school in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. A few years later he went to Chettenham Military Academy to accept a chair in English.

Officers Elected by Campus Wives

The Campus Wives of Alma College met Tuesday evening, Oct. 5 in the Dickie Room, Wright Hall to elect officers for the 1948-49 school year. Elected were: Mary Coon, President; Virginia Walsh, Vice-President; Irene Turbin, Treasurer; Sharlene Hill, Secretary; Barbara Hyde and Peggy Breen, chairman.

Refreshments were served after the close of the meeting by Betty Corbin and Catherine Thomas.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 19. A party is being planned to honor new members. All wives of students attending Alma College will be cordially welcomed.

Alumni Form Midland Chapter

Over fifty Alma College Alumni met Oct. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland to adopt a constitution and to form an Alumni Club.

After a luncheon, the group enjoyed moving pictures taken on the Alma College campus and was addressed by Dr. Dale D. Welch, President of Alma College. Dr. Welch described the present situation at Alma, and outlined his hopes and plans for the future.

James Day, '35, acted as temporary chairman and introduced Mr. Guile Graham, Director of Admissions and Alumni Relations, to the group.

Lee Clack, '42, was elected President of the Midland chapter. Three meetings each year are planned.

IWO

The IWO's will soon be in the midst of splashing paint and flailing brooms, as they begin decorating their new room. Our art students, Charlene Sette, Hilde Kemp, and Helen Welte, will decide the color scheme, and direct the efforts of the rest of us.

Nan Fullen is our new Athletic Director, replacing Mary York, who did not return this fall.

This will be the first Homecoming since the IWO was organized, and therefore we are looking forward to having our first float in the parade this year. Jeanette Faber, Betty Lobenstein, and Marion Davison, are on the float committee.

We were pleased to hear the favorable comments regarding our book exchange, and wish to thank you for the cooperation and help given this new project.



Pictured above is the new student council as it meets to discuss plans for Homecoming. With President Arlan Edgar presiding, the members are from left to right: Paul Stoppert, Delta Gamma Tau representative; Barbara Strimbeck, Kappa Iota representative; Barbara Girvan, Alpha Theta representative; Fred Quintar, Freshmen; Bob Betty; John Anderson, Sophomores; Fred Fyfe, Seniors; Bob Smith, President of the Senior Class; Betty Snow, Sigma Philo representative; Charles Lemke, Phi Phi Alpha representative.

After a brief stay at Chettenham, he returned to Kittanning to become assistant principal and Professor of English and Mathematics. Following his marriage two years later, he again donned the student's garb at Johns Hopkins University where he majored under Gildersleeve, the great Greek scholar. Knoxville College next received his valuable attention and it was there that he received his masters degree while teaching in the departments of English, German, and Latin.

After 1908, his career was a succession of events which so enriched him in his chosen field that he was to become one of the most successful teachers ever to serve at Alma College. He began his career in newspaper work as copy reader for the InterOcean in Chicago. He worked on numerous other newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune, until the summer of 1926 when he was induced to come to Alma in order to benefit the student body with his ripe and mature experience.

Professor Spencer has always been an avid sports fan, favoring baseball among college sports. It was back in the early '30's that the varsity squad gave him the title of "Honorary Bat Boy," signifying their affection and his standing as a loyal follower. He used many sport phrases in the classroom. One of these, "fumbling the ball," meant that the student was either failing or falling behind in his work, but, instead of being added to the failing list, the student was privileged to attend practice another day.

And so, on October 23, the Annual Homecoming of Alma College, we wish to pay tribute to this great man who has so ably and unselfishly served the students of Alma throughout the years.

WAA

On Monday, Oct. 3 a mass meeting of the W. A. A. was held. Plans for the W.A.A. float were discussed by Mary Jane Keith, chairman of the float committee. This will be the first time in the history of Alma college that the W. A. A. has had a float in the homecoming parade. Quoting Mrs. Rufener: "I hope that this will be only the beginning of new history made by the W.A.A. on our Alma College Campus."

Twelve girls were chosen at the meeting to represent Alma at the playday to be held at Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 9. These girls will participate in four sports, basketball, swimming, dancing and volleyball in this afternoon of competitive athletics.

Dr. Welch Heads College Group

The Michigan Association of Church-Related Colleges, meeting in Alma on Oct. 4, elected Dr. Dale D. Welch, President of Alma College, as President of the group. Dean Emil Leffler was re-elected as Secretary.

Representatives of Six M.I.A.A. colleges attended including Alma, Albion, Hillsdale, Adrian, Kalamazoo, and Hope. The Calvin

Missionary College of Berrien Springs was also represented by its President and Dean of Men.

The meeting on Oct. 4 was the regular fall meeting of the executives of the body. The particular purpose of the meeting was to discuss common problems and to ascertain how other colleges are meeting those problems.

Announcements

It is very important that students attend their classes regularly. Even excused absences, when they total double the number of credit hours given for the course, are a basis for a failing grade.

Dr. Welch Off on Barnstorm Tour

Dr. Dale D. Welch, president of Alma College, will be absent from the campus during the week of October 10-17. He will make a speaking tour of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to interest churches and high school seniors in Alma College. The churches where Dr. Welch is scheduled to speak are located in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry, Marquette, Iron Mountain, Menominee, Escanaba, Munising, and Manistique.

The President will be accompanied by Mrs. Welch. Both are looking forward to enjoying the beautiful scenery for which Indian summer in the north is famous.

ALUMNI NEWS

FRANK "SPANKY" NAVARRE '46 is coaching at Orchard Lake this fall after moving from Roosevelt High.

A son, Robert Hamilton Lehner, was born Oct. 1 at Edward W. Sparrow hospital, Lansing, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lehner of Lansing. Mrs. Lehner is the former CONSTANCE HAMILTON '40. The baby is a grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Hamilton.

ED BAKLARZ '42 is now teaching at the Coleman High School. Ed has received his master's degree from the University of Michigan, and he recently returned from graduate study at the University of Zurich in Switzerland.

W. ROGER ZINN '22 of 507 South Knowles Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of education and associate director in charge of film production, in the audio-visual center of Indiana University. Mr. Zinn is the father of Bob Zinn who is a Junior at Alma.

Announcements

Mrs. Rufener will be in her office from 1 to 2 in the afternoons to accept dates for the social calendar.

The student body has requested a class in baton twirling for beginners. Those interested meet in the gym at 6:45 Thursday evening. Batons will be furnished.

Beat Albion

To Attend Speech Congress



Bette Adams



Kathleen Shaw

Alma College speech students will make their initial appearance of the 1948-49 forensic year when they participate in the Seventh Annual Tau Kappa Alpha Regional Congress at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, on Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15.

The five Alma students who have been chosen to attend the Congress include Bette Adams, Mason; Kathleen Shaw, Detroit; Peggy Powers, Saginaw; Bill Baxter, and Bill Blewett, Detroit.

All students have been assigned to committees and will legislate on Federal Guaranty of Civil Rights and Federal Aid to Education.

Miss Adams will serve as a chairman of the sub-committee on Federal Guarantee of Civil

Rights. She also will represent Alma at the Tau Kappa Alpha Council.

After the committee meetings, the delegates will meet in a legislative session for the purpose of considering specific bills on the Civil Rights and Federal Aid questions. Fred F. Eichhorn, Gary, Indiana, former Indiana State Senator, will preside over this congress.

Colleges which will be represented will be the Alma, Manchester, Evansville, Indiana University, Indiana State, Wabash, Western Michigan, Earlham, Butler, and Purdue.

Professor A. Westley Rowland, Head of Alma's Speech Department, will accompany the participants and act in the capacity of critic judges at the Congress.