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## Resignation of Dr. Rice Announced Monday

The resignation of Dr. Paul L. Rice as Dean of the College and Professor of Biology was announced today by President Dale D. Welch of Alma College. Dr. Rice is leaving to accept a professorship in Biology at Whittier College in California. He will continue his work in Alma through the current semester and the forthcoming summer session.

In announcing his decision to leave Alma College, Dr. Rice said, "It is with a great deal of reluctance and regret that Mrs. Rice and I have made the decision to leave Alma College. One cannot put in ten years of one's

life in an institution such as Alma College and in a community such as Alma, doing work which has been satisfying and rewarding, without finding that roots have gone down deep. It will not be easy to leave our work at the college and give up our associations in the church and other organizations. We have come to feel, however, that leaving Alma in order to accept a position at Whittier college is what we should do.

"Several factors have contributed to making our decision and I would like to mention some of these. Having grown up in the mountain country of the far West and having a great liking for that area, I have long had a desire to locate there again. Most of my relatives live in the West so there is a strong family pull in that direction. Although I have enjoyed a number of the phases of administrative work, I feel that my best ability is in the field of teaching, so have decided that I would like to try again doing instructional work exclusively in a situation where a light teaching load will provide a chance to do some individual research with my insect friends.

"President Dale Welch has been informed and has been consulted frequently since the Whittier offer was first presented last fall. His counsel has been valuable in analyzing various aspects of the proposed change in order that they might be properly

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Dr. Paul L. Rice

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

by Pat Shaw



Every year about this time I'm always wondering about the Irish and St. Patrick. This year I was handed the task of finding out why the Irish wear green, St. Patrick The Emerald Isle, and infinitum.

After consulting the library, members of the faculty and fellow students I am still not in possession of the facts but I have some interesting theories. Of course everybody knows that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland but then he has nothing on Alma college. Doesn't everyone agree that the drinking ordinance does much to prevent the appearance of these morning-after snakes?

The wearing of the green has always posed a question in the minds of most people. Perhaps the most interesting solution to the problem is the sea-weed theory. It is said that certain species of sea-weed found in the Sargasso Sea is carried north by the Gulf Stream and deposited on the Southern Shores of Ireland. It imparts a greenish tinge to the sands of the shore which are visible for miles. Hence we now have the Emerald Isle.

We also have the Shamrock theory. You know what a shamrock is, I'm sure. That's a clover leaf with pituitary trouble. By perfectly logical (?) thinking we can by some stretch of the imagination arrive at the conclusion that since the shamrock is green

the Irish wear green. How logical can we get!!!

The Irish also never wear orange on St. Patrick's day and this aversion has a rather obscure, far-fetched, historical significance. As is typical of imperialistic countries, England, at the time of the Thirty Years war, decided it would be nice to annex Ireland to its expanding empire. But the Irish were not quite in favor of being under the protective wing of the British and put up a struggle. A brief war ensued which did nothing to win the congeniality of the Irish. Now we arrive at the crucial point. The English ruler at this time was William of Orange. Need I say more ??????

In passing it might be mentioned (if I haven't said too much already) that there is an American college custom that closely resembles the Wearing of the Green. I am referring to that custom that decrees that college freshmen should wear green beanies. This is allegedly supposed to remind the poor freshman that he is still young and "green". However, after thinking about certain Irishmen I'm sure that this idea cannot be in agreement with the Irish custom.

In closing I want to appear to both readers of this column to abstain from physical violence till spring vacation so I will have ample time to recover for the remainder of the school year.

## Alma Sweeps National Debate



George Lennox



Peggy Powers



Ralph Appell



Janice Bleil

## Lennox, First; Powers, Second

Alma College speakers won national honors in all divisions of the Tenth Annual National Conference of Tau Kappa Alpha, national honorary speech society, held at the University of Kentucky, March 9-11.

Janice Bleil, Detroit, and Peggy Powers, Saginaw, representing Alma on the negative side in debate, were undefeated in the five rounds of debate. They defeated Western Michigan, Vermont, Kentucky No. 1, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Kentucky No. 2. George Lennox, Ferndale, and Ralph Birmingham, debating the affirmative, won three while losing two. They defeated Berea, Ball State, Bridgewater while losing to Capital and Arkansas. The total of eight wins and two losses gave Alma College first place and the wall plaque award.

A summary of the top schools revealed:

Alma College	W 8-L 2	Score 288
Purdue University	W 8-L 2	Score 285
Cincinnati University	W 7-L 3	Score 318
I. d. State Teachers	W 7-L 3	Score 288
Western Michigan	W 7-L 3	Score 286
Keanoke	W 7-L 3	Score 280
Tennessee	W 7-L 3	Score 259
Southern Methodist	W 6-L 4	Score 321
Brothers	W 6-L 4	Score 267
Louisiana State	W 5-L 5	Score 274
Manchester	W 5-L 5	Score 274

Miss Powers was awarded an engraved certificate for her outstanding work in debate.

James Morrison, Alma, and Robert Scroggins, Flint, representing Alma College in the discussion division, were winners of fourth and fifth places respectively, again winning a wall plaque as an award. Other Alma participants included Sherman Fillmore, Standish, 15th place; David Cornell, Grand Rapids, 19th place, Tom Peace, Alma, 20th place; and Phyllis Hayward, Detroit, 29th place. Morrison and Scroggins were also presented with an engraved certificate for their outstanding work.

In addition, Morrison and Lennox were awarded certificates as two of the ten outstanding legislative participants in the Student Congress.

## Interview with a Dean

by Bill Farris

Loaded with a pencil and a stack of paper, your reporter invaded the office of Jean Fyfe, Dean of the College Women, and launched his campaign. The interview that followed proved to be both enlightening and enjoyable, for the Dean was a very helpful conversationalist.

To begin with, Miss Fyfe is a very busy woman. The twenty-four hours in a day are not enough, she says to do the work she would like to accomplish. In addition to teaching classes in English, she has charge of all the college girls' records and must watch the progress of each individual. She also entertains the guests of the college and sees that they have quarters to remain in if they stay overnight.

Dean Fyfe told me that she would like to clarify matters on a certain rule that exists in the dormitory. The rule concerns dorming the girls. It is not her, but the committee which the girls themselves elect as their governing body that does the dorming. All boys please note: girls, too.

The Dean has also started a new policy with the girls. In order that she and the girls may become better acquainted, Miss Fyfe has instituted the practice of having six or eight girls eat in the faculty dining room of an evening. This informal and friendly gesture is followed by a short meeting in the Dean's rooms, where discussions and idle chatter prepare the

way for clearer understanding between teacher and student.

Such is the life of the Dean of Women, who began her job here at Alma College in 1946. In her fourth year here, she admits loving her job and the campus on which she works.

### PROBLEM IN SEMANTICS

"Though the room is small, it has the largest volume on campus."

This clue will lead you to this week's Strand Theatre passes.

### Shanghai Shuffle

Saturday Night, March 18th, the gym will assume the mystic atmosphere of the Orient. That is the night of the Shanghai Shuffle, sponsored by the Sophomore class. The theme of the dance will be Chinese. The music will be furnished by Charles Bird's orchestra. The fee is \$1.50 a couple and dancing will be from 9:00 to 12:00. The dance is a semi-formal affair at which refreshments will be served. The Sophs are expecting a large crowd and have prepared their supply of refreshments to meet the need.

Past experience shows that Charlie Bird's Orchestra is really a good outfit. The Sophs have promised to use the dance wax sparingly so that the dancers' clothes will not pick up a shine. Even though the theme of the dance is Chinese the people attending are not expected to bring chopsticks or appear in Oriental silk robes.

This dance is to be a semi-formal affair and what Dr. Rice said at the special assembly should be taken into consideration. Business suits, not sport coats, please!!

## Zeta Rat Race

Last Saturday night was the night of the 6th annual Zeta Rat Race. This year the Zeta's are contributing the profits from the Rat Race to the W.S.S.F. The sum contributed will be a large one as a little better than a hundred couples attended, not including the members of the faculty.

The music was provided by Marv Jenkins and his band. The boys did a good job and proved to be equally talented at swing as they were with good dance music. The floor show was really something to see. The guests were honored by the presence of a real live, though poorly mannered, duck. During the floor show the Zeta's president related the history of the Rat Race and announced the king of the Rat Race for this year. The king was Scott Smith. The vast crowd caused crowded dancing conditions, but everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves even though their feet were being stepped on by someone other than their dancing partner.

The books given by the Student Council in memorium of Hans Richter are now on display in the library.

The books are on Religion and Philosophy which were of great interest to him.

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# SHANGHAI SHUFFLE

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## Did You Hear About...

There is an ancient form of communication on this campus which is doing more harm and causing more hard feelings than could be caused by choosing up sides and declaring open warfare. This foul piece of machinery is called the "grapevine", a fitting name, perhaps, as most of its employees do display simian mentality.

It is easy to acquire a position in this colony, all you need is a low, evil mind, a tongue that is not devoted to the truth, and a long proboscis for sticking in other peoples' business. The last is the hardest, as most successful people find they don't have enough time to attend to their own affairs, much less their classmates'.

The parrots and mocking birds who occupy this vine (they do have the intelligence to cackle out the story that some other bird has jabbered into their ears) have a lot to learn. First, no student has to answer to another student for his or her actions. A persons conduct will be judged by our two capable Deans, not by a group of wicked rumor-mongers. Second, if a person makes a mistake, So What? That is why erasers are put on pencils. It is no one elses business and should not be told and retold, until, like a snowball rolling downhill it achieves monstrous proportions. Never in history have two wrongs made a right. Third, everything gets around, and the person you are talking about today will know you were talking about him by tomorrow morning at least, so what do you gain? The idea is, if you are a member of this odious group, keep quiet about your friends, both of them, that is.

So let's wise up, and give malicious gossip back to the frustrated old maids, the senile, and the warped and twisted souls it came from. It would do a great deal towards making Alma College a better place to learn and live.

The next time one of these boils on the countenance of civilization starts out with "Did you hear about . . ." don't be common or gullible enough to listen. Stay away from them, they stink to high heaven.

—W.R.

## :: Greek Gab ::

### ZETA SIGMA

The Zetas held their formal banquet for the newly initiated members Wednesday, March 1st. The boys enjoyed a delicious meal and a spontaneous round of entertainment, in fact the Swiss steak was enjoyed more than the entertainment. But many thanks to Barry Laur, Tom Washburne, Jake, and Luigi. The after-thoughts, Duke and C. C. Kempe, divided the eighty-eight keys. Bill Ludwig pushed a poem that he hadn't told before . . . much to everyone's surprise.

A set of warm muffins and hot coffee to those boys that turned out to serenade the Thetas in that miserable weather the other night. They certainly took it cool.

Here's a public complaint to the Thetas on their terrific show-dance one Saturday. Haven't seen the likes in many a moon.

We wish to thank you-all for your fine attendance and participation at our Rat Race. That's the stuff which gives for a good time. Many thanks.

### SIGMA FILES

We all appreciate and thoroughly enjoyed the dinner prepared and served by our Patronesses at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harris last Wednesday. There was an air of hospitality and rosebowl to add a final touch to the tables. Nan Bower directed two group participating games. Those freshmen can really roll dice as three tied for the prize, but Mary Ellen Splitstone who claims she always rolls ones and twos came out on top. The trio always wanting to make harmony, suggested we do a little vocalizing. All in all we're sorry there won't be any more parties so are putting all our dreams and plans into the formal dance. Our efficient corresponding secretary, Nan Bower, has made all the necessary arrangements so May 12th can just come along any day now. (That'll be a dollar for having your name in twice, Nan). The ukelele bug has spread further on second floor. Please, Philos, one sorority with the bug is enough.

### ALPHA THETA NEWS

Well, the Theta Tavern has come 'n gone in a blaze of glory. It was a lot of work, but it was well worth the time and effort spent. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. Marv Jenkins' combo provided very danceable music and a good time was had by all. That "Senior's Lament" in the floor show sort of hit home. We're going to miss those "five graduating seniors" just terribly, but we're trying hard not to think about June and graduation day.

We were mighty glad to see E. J. and Lucie back for the Tavern. Come again soon, gals.

Our final rushing dinner is over and we certainly had a grand time. We journeyed to St. Louis to the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Waggoner where we had a marvelous dinner. By the way, Miss McKinney made a very efficient bus-boy. The show hall ought to sign her up, pronto!!!

A 9 lb. 9 oz. baby boy was born March 7 to Marty and Bill Wendt. She is the former Mary Butterfield. Bill is a little the worse for wear, but Marty and the baby are doing nicely. The baby's name is Bill Jr. Congratulations, kids. . . hey, that makes us all aunts, doesn't it?

Bye for now . . . see you next week.

### Delt News

Saturday, March 25! That's the big night to watch for! Yes, readers, that is the night that the Deltas present their annual Spring Swing. We plan to make this a fine dance, and also to be shown is one of the greatest, most stupendous, most colossal floor shows ever to be presented on the campus. Just ask Johnny Upledger.

Warning to Tom Hollowood: whenever anyone points a finger at you, don't grab it—it might not be a finger. Besides, knives are sharp.

The athletic teams are hot again. The Delt Dynamos took undisputed possession of first place in the basketball league, by winning Tuesday night. The bowling team took four points to remain in second place—congratulations to Bill Kirby, who rolled a terrific 231—high game for the league so far.

"Abbie" Sanford has decided to get haircuts downtown from now on—or else he intends to wait until "Barber" Jackson is in a better mood.

Bill Taylor, who has been recently de-reconverted, is still proud about his prize-winning paddle. Great news! —George

Kamperman played the phonograph in the Delt house.

We notice neither Fowler nor Crossman have given in on their no-smoking bet; both agree that it was a good thing cigars were excluded in the bet.

### Kappa Kapers

Well, they're over. Rushing parties, that is. Maybe peace and quiet are just around the corner after all. Nobody can say it isn't fun, though, not after that KI Karnival that was held Wednesday before last. Twenty-one rushees plus twenty-three KI's in our li'l ol' cubby-hole sure gave the impression of all a well-patronized midway. To fit right in with the theme, a be-steamed booth dispensed coke, hot dogs, potato chips, and bubble gum. We even had a wild animal show. Most of the beasts were kept behind bars, but some managed to escape and roamed around the room over everything. Naturally there were many balloons. The program started with a freak show. We sat in a circle and drew a portrait of the girl next to us. Easy enough, does it sound? Maybe, but we did it with the paper held on top of our heads. Of course, the results looked like the Morning After the Night Before, but that was beside the point. Later on the rushees were serenaded with a song written especially for them. The Big Apple was taken out of mothballs and shaken around a bit. Finally came the witching hour, when the party broke up with many regrets, and the guests went home loaded down with sovenirs, balloons, an animal from our menagerie, and many fond memories.

This week brought the final rushing dinner. It was held at the beautiful home of Mrs. Albert Koler of State Street. The dinner, prepared by our patronesses, would have been delicious in itself, but the thought of the sacrificial meal we were missing made it that much better. A gift corsage of a baby orchid was found at each rushee's plate. The evening was spent very pleasantly playing all sorts of card games, ranging from Canasta to I Doubt It, singing song, and going on sight-seeing tours all over the house. We'd like to thank our patronesses for their help.

We just got some wonderful news about an "old" KI — Helen Welte is now Mrs. Albert Kurrasch. The couple is living in San Francisco, where Al is stationed with the U. S. Navy.

The KI's would like to announce that the name Kappa Iota Literary Society has been officially changed to the Kappa Iota Sorority.

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# Sports

by Ted Emery

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## Butler Greet 37 Prospects

Baseball candidates numbering 37 reported to Coach Bruce Butler Friday afternoon, as the first signs of spring brought the balls and gloves out of hiding. Ten lettermen are included in the group.

While practice sessions are limited in scope until the ground sufficiently dries to permit outdoor activity, the Scots will be going

through some preliminary conditioning exercises. Pitchers and catchers are working out in the gym daily. Others are doing some work at present.

Lettermen candidates include Captain-elect Bill Saxton, Chuck Saxton, Ray Mohre, John Coe, Stan Hester, Don Tacia, Cass Hoffman, Bob Mohre, Willard Putnik and Dick Nudds.

Others greeting Coach Butler in his first year at the reins of the baseball squad included.

Bill Healey, Bob Naru, Bill Allen, Ray Carless, Fritz Curtiss, Rolly Duguay, Robert Fell, Paul Finchem, Bob Freeman, Leonard A. Gadzinski, Rodney Grover, Richard Halpin, Clarence Hoffman, Bill Kirby, George Lawrence, Jim Leavens, Dan Leaver, Pedro Martinez, Ronald Penner, Bob Pueschner, Joe Slotnick, Bill Smith, Scott Smith, Larry Dick Waggoner, Jim Wallace, Myron Williams, Richard Wylie.

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## Captures Scoring Crown

Charlie Saxton took double honors as the members of the Alma Scots Varsity basketball squad held their annual election and picked him as "Most Valuable" and honorary 1949-50 captain. This is the second time in three seasons that the East Jordan youth has gained this double honor. In 1947-48, his first year with the Scots, Saxton was also a unanimous choice for these same honors.

Charles was a mainstay of the Alma basketball squad again this season, as in the past two seasons, and took the varsity scoring crown with 185 points in 20 games. A standout performer at a guard position, he has twice received honorable mention for all-conference honors.

The Scots placed two members of the MIAA championship Kalamazoo College squad on their all-opponent team, Bucky Walters and Bill Bos joining with Fred Jackson, Michigan Normal, Jack Hammerberg, Ferris and John Parfitt, of Central Michigan. Each of the five named was a potent scorer against the Alma team, with Hammerberg gaining 30 points in the close 58-57 battle taken by Alma.

For their all-league selections, the Scots once again gave a nod to the Kazoo lads. Bos, Walters, and Tom Wilson were named to Alma's all-MIAA team, along with Nick Yonkers of Hope, and Ed Johnson of Hillsdale. Each of the men selected not only scored heavily against the Scots, but also turned the tide for their team when it looked like the Scots might pull through with a win.

## Spring Sports Start April 15

The Alma College Scots will start off an ambitious Spring sports schedule with triple action against Ferris Institute April 15 at Alma. Baseball, tennis and golf will hold the spotlight that day.

Following this will be a season of 12 baseball contests, eight golf matches, and eight tennis meets. To date, only three dual track meets have been scheduled but it is hoped that at least two more will be added.

Baseball games include ten MIAA tilts on a home and home basis which will substitute for the playoff formerly used in the league. The team with most wins during the round-robin season play will gain the championship. Bruce Butler will handle the diamond coaching duties for the first time, succeeding Charles Skinner who has handled these duties for the past three seasons.

Prof. Robert W. Clack will again handle the golf squad, MIAA champions in 1943 and 1949.

The tennis team will play the five league schools, with non-league meets against Ferris, Calvin, and two against Central Michigan. William Stielstra will handle the tennis coaching reins for the third season.

Lloyd W. Eaton, director of athletics at Alma College, will be in charge of the Scot thinclads. (continued on page four)

### BASEBALL

GLOVES — BATS  
EQUIPMENT

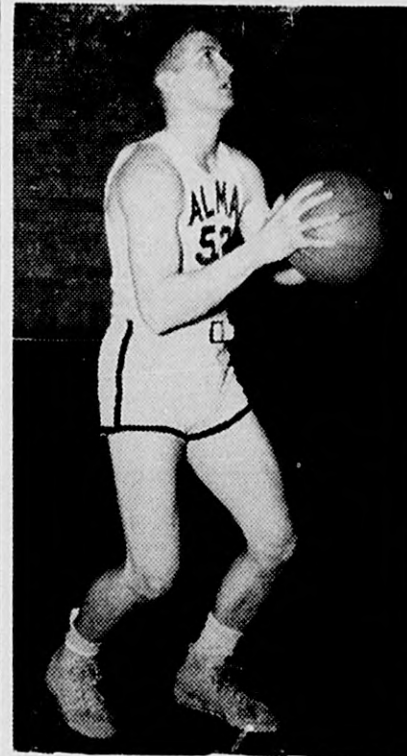
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Chuck Saxton

## Team Honors Charlie

Charlie Saxton walked off with the Alma College cage scoring crown as he nipped Bill Healey by one point in the final count. Saxton turned in 185 points in 20 games, one more than Healey in the same number of contests. Saxton finished sixth in the MIAA with a count of 101.

Kirk Hamilton and Bob Pueschner were next in line for honors as they tallied 149 and 140 respectively. These two lads appeared in two less contests that did either Saxton or Healey. It was not until after the Christmas recess that they took places as regulars with the Scots.

Complete scoring:

Chuck Saxton	20	66	53	185
Bill Healey	20	76	32	184
Kirk Hamilton	18	56	37	149
Bob Pueschner	18	53	34	140
Skip Halpin	20	38	32	108
Bob Mohre	20	38	18	94
Don Carey	12	16	12	44
Bill Budge	10	6	10	22
Milford Mason	15	3	3	9
Bill Saxton	13	0	6	6
Hess Wever	8	0	1	2

## Gutter News

The Delt's and Phi's closed the gap between them and the Chargers last Thursday afternoon by each sweeping four points from the Pioneers and Gym Crew respectively. The Zeta's helped the cause by taking four points from the Chargers Saturday afternoon, and threw the race for first place in the Alma College Bowling League into a three place tie. Below are the team standings as of Saturday, March 11th.

	W	L
Chargers	21	11
Delt's	21	11
Phi's	21	11
Zeta's	17	15
Gym Crew	11	21
Pioneer's	5	27

### AVIATION CADET INFO

Major Ralph E. Monroe, U.S.A.F., has tentatively set the dates April 13, and 14, to be on this campus. His mission is to talk to the men students in connection with Aviation Cadet-Officer Candidate School Personnel Procurement for the United States Air Force.

## Borton Names Letter Winners

Eleven letter winners were announced for the 1949-50 basketball season by Norman Borton, head basketball coach of the Alma Scots. The Scots finished the season with a respectable 12-8 record, and had a 5-5 league record which gained them a tie for third in the MIAA along with Hillsdale and Albion.

Bill Saxton, Chuck Saxton, Don Carey, Bill Healey, and Bob Mohre repeated as letter winners, while Kirk Hamilton, Rich Halpin, Bob Pueschner, Milford Mason, Bill Budge and Hess Wever received their first award for basketball.

Bill Saxton, Bill Budge and Don Carey will be graduating this year, but all others will return for next season.



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# Wright on the Spot

by VICKI GRUNMAN

Boy, many more of those sacrificial meals and Chris and Beulah can retire on the profit they'll make from their sandwich business.

Cupid just ain't got no chance around this place. First they kick him out of the lounge, next, the Union. Wherever can the poor little cherub operate in this cold weather on this cold, cold campus? (Chuckle, chuckle, we know, but we'll never tell, 'cuz it's a big secret known to only 578 people at Alma.) So cease the passionate handholding, boys and girls, and watch your steps. (All five of them.)

Well, rushing is over at last, and

peace once more reigns in the Whighteous halls, more or less. Anyway, the strain of the dreaded silent period is over. Roommates and best friends can once again speak to each other.

There seems to be a general regression back to the Roaring Twenties going on, and Alma isn't lagging behind. The Theta Tavern went all-out Flapper style, ukeleles, racoon coats, and everything. We do believe the high spot of the floorshow was that future hit song, "Way up in Old Alma." If the Powers That Be don't watch out it's liable to become a Senior theme song.

## Dr. Rice

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weighed and evaluated. He has graciously expressed his feeling that we have made a significant contribution to the college and the community. Dr. Welch extended himself in making it attractive for me to remain at Alma College. He has "gone the last mile" both in offering to meet the financial advantages of the Whittier position and in agreeing to let me choose the type of work I would most enjoy doing here. Yet when Mrs. Rice and I looked at matters as objectively as possible we felt that we should accept the Whittier offer.

"From another standpoint I am sure that in college work one should not make all his mistakes in one place. We hope that we have made a contribution to the college and community but we have made our mistakes, too. Now we are going to the challenge of a new position, and new and stimulating leadership will be

brought in to fill our place. Alma will always occupy a warm place in our hearts and we will be ever anxious to hear of the progress of the college and town."

In commenting on this resignation, President Welch said, "It is with great reluctance and sincere regret that we are accepting the resignation of Dr. Rice as Dean of the College and Professor of Biology. He has been a superior teacher and an excellent administrator. I have never worked with a finer person, both in terms of professional competence and personal worth. Paul Rice is a good and gifted man, who has had a tremendous influence on the life of Alma College, and wherever he goes he will be the kind of a teacher and person who will make a real contribution to the students whom he serves and to his colleagues on the faculty. We certainly wish him and his family the very best as they move to new work on the Pacific coast."

### Memorandum to Faculty and Students

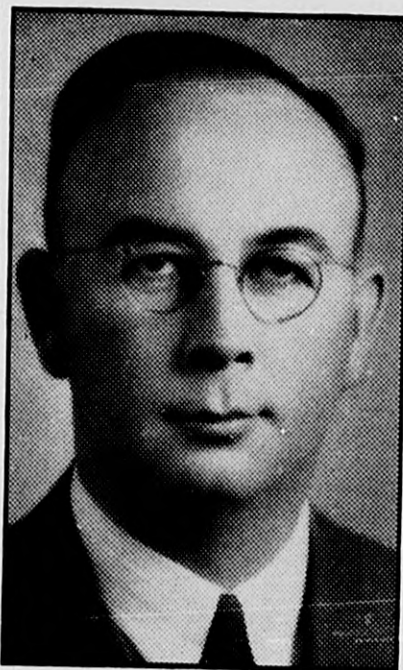
In order to clear the 11:00 o'clock hour on Thursday for chapel services during Spiritual Emphasis Week, the college will operate under a different class schedule. All four morning classes will be telescoped into the period from 8 a. m. to 10:50 a. m. Only five minutes will be allowed for between classes so one must move promptly from one class to another. The class schedule will operate Thursday as it did on Tuesday is as follows:

- 1st Period: 8:00 to 8:40
- 2nd Period: 8:45 to 9:25
- 3rd Period: 9:30 to 10:10
- 4th Period: 10:15 to 10:50
- Chapel: 11:00.

Your cooperation in carrying out this change in schedule with a minimum of confusion will be appreciated.

Paul L. Rice, Dean

## Takes New Post



Earl E. Peterson  
College Business Manager

The resignation of Mr. Earl E. Peterson, business manager at Alma College, was announced today by President Welch. Mr. Peterson is leaving his work as business manager to become the Superintendent of Schools at Brooklyn, Michigan.

Before assuming his duties at Alma College in October, 1943, he was for fourteen years the Superintendent of Schools at Breckenridge, Michigan, and is well and favorably known as an educator in central Michigan. He will take up his work at Brooklyn on July 1st. In addition to his work at the college, Mr. Peterson has been active in community affairs. He has been the secretary of the Alma Rotary Club for six years, and chairman of the Town Hall series for nine years, active in Chamber of Commerce affairs, in the Presbyterian Church, and the Pine River Country Club.

In commenting upon Mr. Peterson's resignation, President Welch said, "It is with real regret that we have accepted the resignation of Mr. Earl E. Peterson, who has so effectively served as our business manager. He has made a real place for himself in the life of the college and the community. His quiet and effective leadership has made for him many, many friends among the students, faculty, and staff of the college. We shall miss him on the campus, but we rejoice with him in the splendid opportunity that has come to him to return to the type of work in which he was previously engaged so happily and effectively."

## Spring Sports

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three dual track meets already scheduled are with Hillsdale, Calvin, and Kalamazoo Track, tennis, and golf teams will participate in the MIAA Field Day on May 18 and 19 to decide league championships in these sports. The MIAA All-Sports trophy will be awarded at that time to the school attaining the best showing in league sports on over-all basis.

## Meet the A.C.A.

Of the many organizations which adorn the campus of Alma College, one of the most outstanding is the A.C.A.—the Alma Christian Association. Being a Christian college, it is only proper that such an organization should exist.

The A.C.A. consists of representatives from the fraternities, sororities, and independent groups on the campus. These representatives are divided into four committees, namely Faith and Life; Stewardship; Christian Fellowship; and Christian Outreach. There are four members on each committee; and they have a rotating system for the chairmanship.

Once a month the representatives from the various groups have a meeting, at which time they discuss the problems before them. Every other Wednesday the A. C. A. as a student participation group meets, usually at the chapel, for an hour or so of fellowship. At this time all the denominations represented on campus join together in mutual ties. A movie, a speaker, or one of the other numerous activities the organization has planned for, is presented.

True Christian fellowship is felt at these meetings. The A. C. A. welcomes everyone, skeptic and Christian alike. They want you to come as well as anyone else, because you are an intricate part of the life on Alma College campus. The larger the group present, the more inspired will be the leaders of the A. C. A., and greater programs can be planned, knowing full well that there will be present a large enough body of students and faculty to warrant the extra work.

The people behind the scenes of the A.C.A., the people who do much of the work, are Bert White as the Chairman; Glenn Rogers as the Vice-Chairman; and Ann McKinley as the Secretary. As advisor for the group, there is our capable Dean of Religion, Dr. McKeefery.

Among the many activities for which A.C.A. plans during the course of a school year, is the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week. This year it will be held during the present week, March 13 through March 17. You are invited to each and every program, so set aside the homework a couple of times at least, and drop over to the chapel.

Each morning at 7:30 there will be a short devotional service in the chapel. These periods will be called Pause for Power. At 11:00 every morning there will be a regular chapel service. During each afternoon there will be two hour periods in which personal interviews will be held; these periods

will run from 2 until 4 o'clock. At 4 o'clock a Skeptic's Hour will be held, for those who doubt the Christian faith and for those whose faith is already strongly founded. Evening chapel services will be held at 7:15, and after each service fireside chats will take place. These chats are open to all, and it is fully hoped that you will attend.

Many of the activities the A. C. A. has planned cannot be made public at the present because final plans have not been laid. However they can promise you a wonderful experience if you will only come to the meetings. So the next time you see that the Alma Christian Association is having a get-together, drop around, won't you?

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