

®hp Almantan

Where Friendliness Links Learning to Living

ALMA, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1949

Number 10

Alma College Enrollment Now 689

Alma's Curriculum Problems Surveyed

Dr. Frank Clippinger, Coordinator for the North Central Association, was on campus last Thursday and Friday to counsel with the faculty on curriculum problems. Last year Alma College joined the North Central Association, which is composed of various member colleges joined to study problems of curriculum. Professor Howe, representing Alma, attended a joint study session of the Association at the University of Chicago last summer.

Under this program the faculty participates in supervised study in problems at Alma College. The faculty is divided into four committees, each of which is making a study of one particular problem. Dr. Clippinger was here as one of the group of men who are sent to coordinate the study of the different member colleges. He met with the individual committees at luncheon and dinner meetings Thursday and Friday. On Thursday evening he met with the entire faculty at the president's home.

Drama Club to Produce "Apple of His Eye"

On March 18 and 19th the Drama Club will present the three-act play Apple of His Eye. It is a light comedy with Sam, a mild-mannered middle-aged widower who lives on a prosperous Mid-Western farm. The plot thickens when Sam's housekeeper becomes ill and a young girl from a neighboring farm comes to cook for him. The cast is as follows:

Stella Mary Ann Morris
Foss Jerry Pozner
Lily Judy Phillips
Jude Glen Rogers
Sam George Lennox
Nine Mary Jo Herron
Carol Ann Barbara Flaws
Ott Huss Harvey
Nettie Betty Lobenstein
Glen Doug Smith

Fraternity Bids Given Tomorrow in Chapel

B Dean Rice reports that all boys who are eligible to join a fraternity (those having an all over "C" average) appear at an assembly meeting in the Chapel at 11:00 Wednesday, February 16th. The bids will be handed out at that time. They must come prepared to make their decisions at this time. Bids are determined by each fraternity receiving an eligibility list from which to select its pledges. At the meeting each boy will be handed an envelope from each of the fraternities. If a fraternity extends a bid a card with the name will be enclosed in the envelope. If a boy is accepting a bid, he will so indicate by signing the card.

Dietitian Leaves Faculty

VMrs. Marion Johnson, a graduate of Michigan State College, has found it necessary because of conditions at home to give up her position with Alma College's Home Economics Department. She was teaching a course in Introduction to Foods and the Nutrition course, as well as helping with the administration of the Dining Hall. Mrs. Joseph Fowler and Mrs. King are planning to assume her duties.

Grant L Cook Gives Awards

The establishment at Alma College of the Grant L. Cook Awards in Creative Writing was announced today by President Welch.

These awards have been established by Mr. Cook, who took his pre-legal training at Alma College, to stimulate interest and excellence in creative writing. A total of \$100 is being made available each year for prizes and it is Mr. Cook's hope that these awards will stimulate widespread interest in effective writing.

The donor is a member of the Board of Trustees of Alma College and a prominent attorney in the city of Detroit. He is the senior partner in the law firm of Cook, Beake, Miller, Wrock and Cross.

Campus Improvements

Modern fire escapes are being installed on the Administration Building and Wright Hall. They will take the place of upright wooden ladders that have been serving as fire escapes. The ladders were installed in 1944 when the Navy V-12 Unit was on campus. There will be two new escapes for Wright Hall.

Job Outlook

Good for Grads in Most Fields

The next few years will see an increased demand for college graduates in the fields of medicine, psychology, kindergarten and elementary school teaching and certain phases of electricity.

At the same time, competition will grow keener for positions in the fields of engineering, chemistry, pharmacy, law and personnel relations.

These conclusions were contained in a study report prepared by the Occupational Outlook Service, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

The study is being used by VA advisement and guidance officers as an aid in counseling disabled veterans planning to take educational and training courses.

The nation's demand for health service is outstripping the supply of newly graduated doctors and dentists, the report said. It estimated that "about two-thirds of this year's 5,543 medical graduates (from schools accredited by the American Medical Association) and all of the 1,515 dental graduates will be needed to replace the physicians and dentists lost in the field annually because of death and retirement."

As a result, only a small expansion of the country's medical staff will be possible.

Although a record number of bachelor's degree were awarded in psychology during the past academic year, there still is a need for well-trained persons in this field, the study disclosed. However, the shortage of training facilities will prevent many of those with bachelor's degrees from entering graduate school.

"Over the next ten years nearly 1,000,000 teachers must be trained if the educational goals recommended by leaders in the profession are to be met," the report said. Greatest needs will be for kindergarten and elementary teachers.

The report predicted a "moderate increase" in employment in the electric utility industry over the next decade. The increase will be reflected in openings for over 1,000 electrical engineers to help plan, install and operate new facilities.

Rabbi Akselrad Heard at Assembly

Students and faculty of Alma College were privileged to hear as the Assembly speaker Wednesday morning, February 9, Rabbi Sidney Akselrad of Detroit.

Rabbi Akselrad appeared before the student body at 11 a. m. in the College chapel, using as a topic for his message, "Jewish Contribution to Civilization." He was brought here by special arrangement with The Jewish Chautauqua Society, which was founded in the year 1893. He had many interesting points to relate to his audience.

Women's Senate Elects

In the last meeting of the Wright Hall girls dormitory at Alma College, the following senior girls were elected to office: Marilyn Temple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Temple of 19922 Renfrew, Detroit, President; Shirley Dittmar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. fe-raJR0d'Owa'IIOrOi'S--Oc'IxJOe'IxJO,On'IG-Oa'IG-Ol'IG-O 'e'IzJxeG

onR-Om's-Oi'I y kSGxOp'RL-ISOd'zROgn'I-Oo'ofeeIIIIIdIIIIIIIIIIIsIOSxoty>4Qb:Ow'yeWIJR0wSOOb'JWOi'

Roll #4

Feb 16, 1949 Vol. 44 No. 10

Page 2

The Almanian

Student Publication of Alma College

Entered as second-class matter Sept. 24, 1907, Act of 1879, Alma, Mich.
Subscription price: \$1.50 per semester.

Published by the
Weekly during the school year
Almanian Publishing Co.
614 W. Superior St., Alma, Mich.
except vacation periods.



Member
Associated Collegiate Press
Distributor of
Collegiate Digest

CO-EDITORS

Stanley G. Boynton Jr.—Robert A. Dengler

NEWS EDITOR

Maxine McLeod

FEATURE EDITOR

Vicki Grunman

BUSINESS MANAGER

Jerry Breen

SPORTS EDITOR

Ted Emery

SOCIAL EDITOR

Mary Jane Keith

CIRCULATION MANAGER

Virginia Benson

COPY EDITOR

Janice Bleil

STAFF

Dan Clark
Lyle Beversdorf
Judy Phillips

Hazel King
Allam Wing
Kathryne Thalas

Ed Koepke
Wynne Clack

Professor Rowland Named at State Press Meeting



Will Head College
Public Relations

Professor A. Westley Rowland, Head of the Department of Speech and Director of Publicity of Alma College, was elected chairman of the Michigan College Public Relation conference at a meeting held in conjunction with the Michigan Press Association in Lansing on January 21. This conference is made up of the public relations officers of the Michigan colleges.

Professor Rowland will preside over the fall meeting which will be held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, on September 9. At that time the public relations directors will hear talks on television and newspaper coverage which directly affect colleges.

Professor Rowland replaces Ivan D. Cole of Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant.

Two Seniors to Present Recital

The music department of Alma college will present Joyce Fischer, soprano, and Jeanne Flegel, accompanist, in a senior recital in the college chapel, Tuesday, February 15, at 8:30 o'clock.

The program follows:

Program

- I
 - Let Me Wander not Unseen Handel
 - Now the Sheep Secure are Grazing Baeh
 - Pace, pace, mio Dio—
 - "La Forza del destino" Verdi
 - II
 - Les Filles de Cadix Delibes
 - Arioso Delibes
 - Chanson de L'Alme Delibes
 - Je veux vivre—"Romeo and Juliet"
 - Gounod
 - III
 - Four Songs of the Hill .. Landon Ronald
 - Away on the Hill There Runs a Stream
 - Come Home, My Thoughts from the Hill
 - At Dawn
 - A Little Winding Road
 - IV
 - If You Have Forgotten
 - Elinor Remick Warren
 - Spring Voices Roger Quilter
 - The Bells of Home Nina Koshtez
 - Bird of the Wilderness .. Edward Horsman
- Feb. 23, 8:30 p. m. Jeanne Flegel, pianist
Mar. 14, 8:30 p. m. Senior Recital, Elmer Coon, violinist.

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club is off to a flying start this semester. Their first major endeavor is the presentation of "Apple of His Eye", to be given on March 18 and 19. The play has already been cast and promises to delight its audiences as the original Broadway production did for such a long run.

The club, whose membership to date is 34, will receive six new members on Thursday, February 24th. Bill Castile, Don Clark, Jim Crossman, Donna Holland, Judy Phillips, and Bill Torpy will be initiated at the candlelight formalities that night. On the Drama club's waiting list are Jean Crandall, Bill Farris, Mary Jane Keith, Paul Small, and June Towersey.

The new officers of semester 126 are Jenette Faber, President, Ted Emery, Vice-President and Production Manager, Janni Bleil, Secretary, Russ Harvey, Treasurer, and Mary Ann Morris, Keeper of the Records.

This organization, which is growing in popularity daily, hopes to soon present its productions on Alma's own campus. Plans for converting the Old Chapel into a "Little Theatre" are now being carried out under the supervision of the club's sponsor, Mr. Homer Parris.

RADIO SCHEDULE

Radio programs from the campus over the facilities of WFYC, 1280 kilocycles, Monday and Wednesday, 3:05 to 3:20 p. m.
Monday, February 14—"Valentine Day" an original drama by Peggy Powers.
Wednesday, Feb. 16—"The Second Mile" and oration given by Donna Campbell
Monday, Feb. 21—"Stump the Students" Student quiz program.

:: Greek Gab ::

PHILO FILES

Our new officers are: Joyce Fischer, President; Betty Snow, Vice president; Rosemeri Nicoli, Treasurer; Joanne Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Hazel Brown, Recording Secretary; Margaret Bennett, Sentinel; Jeanne Craig, Reporter; Bette Adams, Keeper of the Archives; Beverly Yoder, Scrapbook.

Have you noticed the latest style of the Philo's—green fingernails and eye lashes. Of course, it's the walls of our Sorority room that are supposed to be green. We plan to have our room completed by Open House. Although at the present we have only the walls and ceiling done, we have in fact, had our first visitor. Joyce Fischer discovered him upon entering the room Monday night. However, Rosemeri Nicoli, who swings a mean broom, soon put an end to his existence. Our mysterious visitor? Of course, he was none other than a very black cat who likes green walls and a white ceiling.

We hope you all enjoyed our Amo Te. We certainly enjoyed putting it on for you. Thank you for helping us make our valentine dance a success.

DELTA NEWS

We are sorry to report that Paul Stoppert has transferred to the University of Michigan.

A new room has been added to the Delta House; Doug Callow and Ed Kinker have installed a photography darkroom—it has provisions for developing, printing, and enlarging.

Among the new officers that were installed in the fraternity are: Elmer Coon, President; Dick Carr, Vice-President; Secretary, Art Miller; Treasurer, R. G. Curtiss; Jim Clevenger as Corresponding Secretary; Doug Callow as Historian; House Manager, Charlie (Chili) Williams; Pledge-master, Bob Perry; Sgt. At Arms, Waite Palmer.

New drapes and a upstairs repainting are some of last month's projects.

Former Deltas Harry Craig and Freddie Larea visited the House over the Mid-Semesters. Pledge-voting will be the main topic of conversation at our next meeting.

The pinochle department of the Detroit Free Press has nothing on The Deltas; Doug Callow and Charlie Williams both have had a Double Run in the past three weeks. Doug also had a hundred aces with the same hand—both double runs were held in a three-handed game.

K I NEWS

The election of K. I. officers took place at the last meeting of the old semester with the following results: Marilyn Temple and Peg Woodley were elected president and vice president respectively; recording secretary, Helen Gracie; corresponding secretary, Donna Campbell; social chairman, Dot Micheal; critic and pledge mistress, Bobby Flaws; keeper of the archives, Nancy Baxter; sentinel and messenger, Eileen Probst; and "Almanian" reporter, Helen Welte.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new officers and wish them the best of success during the present term.

At long last the book-cases have arrived! they are a grand addition to our room, and we are duly proud of them.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Donna on her success in the oratorical contest, and we also wish to welcome back Monna Campbell, who, for the past semester, has been a student at Mt. Pleasant.

THETA NEWS

Congratulations for a successful and active term of office are due our retiring officers of last semester, Shirley Dittmar, president; Esther Johnson, vice-president; Janie Kohler, recording secretary; and Katie Geerlings, treasurer. Elected to succeed these officers are Esther Johnson, president; Lou Kolberg, vice-president; Nancy Luther, recording secretary; and Nancy Heering, treasurer. Mary Ann Morris was re-elected as corresponding secretary.

Also the following appointments have been made: Parliamentarian, Sue Flanigan; room chairman, Gatie Geerlings, Keeper of the Archives; Joanne Hookey, reporter; May Jane Keith, sentinel;

Gloria Albrecht, second critic; Shirley Dittmar, guide; Ruthie Schmidt, scrapbook keeper; Lois Preston, student council; Barbara Girvan.

Further planning for the Theta Tavern and spring formal is keeping everybody busy. Plans for other forthcoming events are also being laid. Contributions for CARE are being collected. Any additional contributions would be appreciated.

In conclusion we would like to remind everyone that
T.T.M.M.F.

The Phi's have lost a few members who have either transferred, or are not attending college, or who have graduated at mid-term. We are very sorry to see these fellows leave. We are glad to see that "Jack" McCarty is back with us. The regular meeting of the Fraternity was postponed because of the number of members who went to Albion to back the Scot's basketball team. At the next meeting we will vote for new members so all active members should be present.

ZETA NEWS

The second semester has started and we are all back into the routine observing the resolutions we made at the first of the year.

Last week end the most honorables Charlie Kegal and Berry Laur took time off to pay us a visit. We hope that Jim Cole and Stan Boynton had a pleasant time in New York over the week end.

The winter seems to be keeping up and along with it winter sports. The outdoor men and the sportsmen were helpful in making the Silver Valley Snow Carnival a great success.

Moe Oliver, the new president of the frat presided over his first meeting (western style) Monday before last. We wish to congratulate Moe on at least knowing his parliamentary procedure. Frank Wilson, our new secretary, had to take a quick course in rhetoric in order to write the minutes.

PAUL LA GOE ELECTED PRESIDENT

Paul LaGoe, son of Mrs. Marie LaGoe of Marion, a junior at Alma College, has been elected by his fellow band members as President of the band for the following term. Serving with Paul will be Charlotte Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Yoder of Alma, as Secretary; James Clevenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Clevenger of Alma, as librarian; and Douglas Davey, son of Rev. Seth Davey of Alma, and Arthur Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller of 22741 S. Riverdale, Detroit, as stage managers. Philip Daab, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Daab of McArthur, Ohio, a senior and music major, has been chosen as Student Director. The band, under the direction of Robert E. Rufener, recently presented a concert in the Alma High School Auditorium.

IWO NEWS

The IWO's started off their first meeting of the new semester with the election of officers. They are President, Hazel King; Vice-President, Marge Wilke; Recording Secretary, Charlene Sette; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Ward; Treasurer, Carol Dengler; and Athletic Director, Phyllis Stevens.

We are sorry to see Nan Fullen leave. She was one of our original members, and served last semester as Vice President and Athletic Director. She transferred to the University of Maryland.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

The Episcopal group will meet at 7:30 this week for a meeting at the Episcopal Church. Everyone is invited to come.

The Presbyterian group will meet Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30. Red Rogers will conduct the service.

Chapel schedule is as follows: Friday 18th—Service planned by the music faculty.

Monday 21—"Brotherhood is God," planned for Brotherhood week.

Friday 25th—Rev. J. T. Tuttle, Monday 28th—Personal Dedication to God. Led by students.

EDITORIAL

CHOW CALL . . .

The Almanian has for a long time observed the usual discontent among some of the student body regarding the regulation requiring us to eat in Wright Hall dining room; therefore we should like to point out a few of the advantages, yes, even educational advantages, which can be gleaned from our dining facilities.

Perhaps the greatest of all gains is that of humbling the ego. To stand in line awaiting to partake of the meal, while it grows from the front, middle, and rear is indeed a thing which shows one that he is not the only student on the campus who is hungry, and that his need for sustenance is not the only one. Indeed, this situation could be formulated into an interesting mathematical equation involving cube roots and trigonometric functions (though we fear that the math department has, as yet, overlooked this practical application of the subject).

Then let us not forget the element of surprise, if not elation, which is received when one first learns of the *specialite de maison* for the day. If one looks upon the situation as a game, great pleasure can be derived from it. Will it be chili con carne or chile con color pero frio, today?

Not only is this element of suspense a goodly thing, but look what happens to those who eat downtown. They must decide which is the more economical; the 75c dinner of macaroni and cheese which has a salad but no dessert or the dollar plate of roast beef which includes soup and dessert. We are afraid that not all of us are well enough trained in husbandry to cope with such a situation.

Chapel Speaker

John Mason Brown, noted drama critic, author, and lecturer, was the first chapel speaker of the semester. He is widely known for his many books and for his column in the Saturday Review of Literature. He devoted most of his talk to the plays of Shakespeare — contrasting the young, immature Juliet with the passionate Cleopatra. "The love affair of Anthony and Cleopatra was definitely blessed with central heating!"

He bemoaned the fact that college students look on Shakespeare as a difficult subject to be studied, as well as being responsible for tough exams. In reality, he believes, Shakespeare's writings are classics. "A classic is a great book because it has something to say to you."

Mr. Brown compared the many Hamlets he has seen, including John Barrymore, Raymond Massey, Leslie Howard and Maurice Evans. "Some have that bounce, that old Battery D feeling!" He criticized the movie for its "pedestrian approach"—too much time is taken up following Hamlet up and down stairs. He concludes though that the movie "Hamlet," as a whole, is an excellent portrayal. Mr. Brown characterized Polonius, the loquacious Prime Minister, as an old man who "loves to blow bubbles of words."

IRC CLUB

The International Relations Club had a lively meeting at Professor Howes' home on Thursday evening. The topic for discussion was the implications of the Cardinal Mindzenty trial. Although no definite conclusions were reached on this matter the members did take the opportunity to express themselves on the conflicting claims of Communism and Capitalism. One of the purposes of the Club is to give the opportunity for opinions such as these to be viewed.

The International Relations Club is devoted to the study of international affairs in order to promote international understanding. The Club hopes to broaden the viewpoint, both culturally and socially, of people. One of the aims of the Club is to learn more about other countries, along with the discussion of world events that concern those countries.

League Leading Bearcats Trounce Scots in Low Scoring Battle, M

Basketball Leagues All
Tied Up at Start

With two Kiwi's played by each
team to date, the Intra Mural Bas-

ALUMNI NEWS

HAROLD A. DRAPER, '42, has recently resigned as assistant prosecutor in Flint to join the staff of Hugh Brenneman of Lansing, Public Relations officer of the State Bar of Michigan.

DR. LAWRENCE PHILLIPS, '38, former chemistry instructor at Alma College and at Indiana University, where he received his doctor's degree, has recently been