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## Bradley Oratorical Contest Thursday

Finals for the third annual Anna Elizabeth Bradley Oratorical contest for Alma College students will be held at 8 Thursday evening in the old chapel, Room 100, Ad. building. This contest has been endowed by Dr. Preston W. Bradley, pastor of the People's Church, Chicago, Ill., in his mother's name. Dr. Bradley, who attended Alma College in 1905 and 1906 and was a member of the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity, has presented the college with \$100 for cash prizes.

The women's preliminary contest will be held at 3 Thursday, January 13, in the old chapel. Contestants and their topics include: Bette Adams, Mason, "Illegitimate Children;" Janice Bleil, Detroit, "America — A Totem Pole;" Donna Campbell, Sandusky, "The Last Mile;" Jenette Faber, Leamington, Ont., "Russia Friend or Foe;" Paula Gugelyk, Detroit, "Time — Wasting;" Lita Potter, Detroit, "Opportunities Unlimited;" Roma Woodworth, Grand Rapids, "Euthansia — or Mercy Killing."

Judges for the women's preliminaries will be Dean Jean Gordon Fyfe, and Professor Wilson Daughtery, Professor Richard Darbee.

Men participants will have their preliminary contest at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, January 14, in the Old Chapel when the judges will be Professor Richard Darbee and William McKeefery, and Dr. Lyder Unstad.

Those taking part in the men's contest and their topics include: Walter Adams, Alma, "Holy Day vs. Holi-Day;" Ralph Appell, Birmingham, "Emotion Behind the Wheel;" Bill Blewitt, Detroit, "The Importance of Decision;" Hal Fisher, Livingston, "These, Our Aged;" Keith Needham, Alma, "A Way of Life;" Tom Peace, Alma, "Is It Our Responsibility?" Roy Peterson, Ithaca, "Federal World Government."

Judges for the finals will be Judge Paul Cash, Alfred Fortion, and Ken Plaxton. The prize money will be divided between the two divisions of the contest, the first, second, and third prizes in each section being \$25, \$15, and \$10.

Winners in the finals in each division will represent Alma at the State Contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League on Friday, March 4, at Alma College. Competing schools will include Albion, Alma, Calvin, Central Michigan, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, Michigan State Normal, Western Michigan, Wayne, University of Detroit, and Detroit Institute of Technology. Local arrangements for this contest are under the direction of Professor A. Westley Rowland, Head of the Speech Department, Alma College.

## Radio Schedule

Alma College will present the following radio program from the college campus over the facilities of WFYC at 3:05-3:20:

Wednesday, January 12—Radio Address, by Dr. Roy W. Hamilton.

Monday, January 17—Band Concert.

## Resolutions

**MAINTENANCE CREW:** Put salt on the walks and steps of the campus so that nobody breaks his neck.

**WRIGHT HALL:** Eight o'clock permission.

**PARVIZ KHABIR:** Learn the English.

**DARIUS IZADI:** Teach the Parviz.

**DINING ROOM:** Three squares a day.

**STUDENT UNION:** A nickle cup of coffee.



Dr. Preston W. Bradley

## Death Claims Ex-President of Alma College

THOMAS C. BLAISDELL WAS HERE 1912-15

Thomas C. Blaisdell, 81, retired educator and former president of Alma College, whose sons are prominent in the federal government, died December 11th, at Sanford, Florida. Dr. Blaisdell was at Alma College from 1912 to 1915.

Dr. Blaisdell was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania. He studied at Allegheny college, Syracuse University, the University of Nebraska, and the University of Pittsburg. Formerly an English professor at Michigan Agricultural College (now MSC), he also had been dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Pennsylvania State College and professor of English at the State Teachers college in Slippery Rock, Pa.

He was a member of the National Education Association, National Congress of English Teachers, Phi Delta Theta, P. K. I. 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of the Congregational church.

He also wrote a number of English textbooks and traveled as a student of conditions in Russia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kate Christy Blaisdell; and four children: Thomas C. J., acting assistant secretary of Commerce; Donald C., of the State Department; and William M., of the Economic Cooperation Administration; and Mrs. Charles Dawson of Sanford, Florida.

Dr. Blaisdell retired to Florida ten years ago.

Private funeral services were held in Sanford.

## Duane Van Duzen Injured in Auto Mishap

Duane Van Duzen, senior, and his brother Keith, a sophomore, were injured on Christmas Day in an automobile accident near Breckenridge. Keith received only minor injuries, but Duane suffered a broken back. His pelvic bone was broken and several vertebrae were injured.

"Van" is confined to University Hospital in Ann Arbor where he will be hospitalized for three or four months. He may try to continue his studies by correspondence in order to graduate in June with his class.

## Nickle Coffee Went with Spencer

Questions and complaints have been heard from the students in regard to the Student Union. Being aware of this the Student Council asked Dr. Welch to help clarify matters.

At a recent meeting of the Student Council, Dr. Welch offered facts concerning the Union. He stated that it would help if the student body understood the basis on which the Union operated and also facts about the funds appropriated to set up the Union. Dr. Welch began by explaining that the total cost to establish the Union, as it is now, was ten thousand dollars. This includes floor, furniture, and snack bar, the snack bar alone costing six thousand dollars.

Five thousand dollars of this money was loaned to Alma college by the Board of Trustees to open a Student Union. The agreement made then was that from each month's profit the Board of Trustees would receive five per cent for the interest on the money loaned seventy-five per cent to the manager of the Union, and the remaining twenty per cent was to pay back the principal of the original five thousand dollars; therefore, the college is not making money on the Union.

In regard to the prices, Dr. Welch explained that the students should consider four things:

1. The clientele is limited to college students.
2. The Union is in operation only eight months.
3. Most of the business is in short orders.
4. Convenience of having a Union on the campus.

He also reminded the Student Council that other colleges charge a Union fee each term. This fee is simply to keep the Union in operation.

## DRAMA CLUB PLANS THEATER WORKSHOP

At last Friday's meeting of the Drama Club, Mr. Paris revealed that plans have been made for a new Drama Club workshop, which will be built in the Old Chapel. The room will be large enough for scenery work and costumes. Construction on the project will begin immediately.

At the same meeting, the club elected new officers for next semester. They are: President, Janette Faber; vice president, Ted Emery; secretary, Janice Bleil; and treasurer, Russ Harvey.

## SUAD WAKIM ATTENDS KANSAS CONFERENCE

Miss Suad Wakim attended the Christian Students' Movement conference during Christmas vacation at Lawrence, Kansas. This was the first of the group's meetings to be held in the United States. The movement is affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation, whose headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.

Miss Wakim reported that 1500 students attended the conference, with forty-six states and three hundred colleges represented. She was one of the sixty foreign students present.

The program included lectures by Trueblood, Nash and Bixby.

## Pres. Welch and Dean Rice Attending N.Y. Conference

Dr. Rice and Dr. Welch will be in New York this week attending the meeting of the Association of American Colleges. The meeting is from Monday through Thursday. In connection with this, there will also be a meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges of which Dr. Welch is now president.

## FRAT SMOKERS OPEN RUSHING

Eighty non-fraternity men enjoyed the first of three campus smokers last Thursday evening at the Zeta Sigma house.

The smoker season commences the beginning of fraternity pledge rushing. Any Alma student who has an over-all C average is eligible to join any one of these organizations next February.

The two remaining smokers will be presented on January 11th by the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity, and on January 16th by the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity.

## Student Council Purchases War Memorial

A plaque honoring Alma College's war dead has been temporarily installed near the flag-pole. The bronze plaque was attached to a granite memorial on the order of the Student Council. Among the names included in those who died in service during the Second World War is that of Colonel Frank Knox. After the memorial has been placed on a permanent foundation, it will be formally dedicated.

## Alma Lists Two in World Biography

Two of the Alma College faculty, President Dale D. Welch and Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, have received international recognition by inclusion of their biographies in "World Biography," the largest international biographical reference book, which has just been published.

"World Biography" was prepared with the cooperation of numerous scientific, cultural and learned societies and was compiled with the aid of governmental agencies in 60 countries. It comprises two volumes totalling 5,120 pages and lists sketches of 40,000 living men and women distinguished in the arts and sciences, politics, education, literature, commerce and industry, military and naval affairs, and other fields of endeavor. The work is published by Institute for Research in Biography, New York City.

## Mme. de Leon Addresses Students on French Culture

Madame Jacqueline de Leon from Paris appeared before Alma College students and faculty on Tuesday morning, January 11, at 11:00 a. m. in the college chapel. A familiar and popular platform personality, Madame de Leon spoke about France and its way of life. Having devoted her interests to international education, Madame de Leon has traveled throughout the world—to Africa, the Near East, Russia and the United States.

In these introductions to France, the listener is brought close to the French people in all walks of life. Madame de Leon's familiarity with the problems of the "little man" in France was gained during years of social work with the settlement houses and the child placement centers of Paris. Her up-to-the-minute reports on the political, social and economic situation in her homeland are astute analyses of the complexities which face her countrymen. A wide acquaintance among the contemporary leaders of France affords her uncommon glimpses behind the scenes in the political and cultural life of this country. For her lectures in America, Madame de Leon has had special

## New Courses to Be Offered Next Semester

The final exams for semester 125 will begin on Friday, January 21st, and end on Wednesday, January 26th. The new semester will start with registration on February 1st and 2nd. A schedule of the exams has been posted in the Administration Building along with the new classes being offered next year.

Miss Parrish reports that new courses are being offered in the following departments: Home Economics, Chemistry 14, which is concerned with foods and textiles, and Home Economics 42, quantity cooking, History, History of Russia and international politics; Physical Education, Nutrition for Physical Education majors, camping and counseling, and coaching spring sports; Music, Music in Worship; Psychology is offering Social Psychology after a period of inactivity; Religion, Rev. Robert Woods will teach the Town and Country Church; Speech, Radio Production will follow last semester's course in Radio Drama.

Dean Rice's office announces that there will be no Chapel programs during exam week.

## Religious Vocation Students Hold Group Party

Tuesday night, January 4th, sixteen students journeyed to Edmore to Rev. R. A. Pott's home. This group, which is composed of those students who are contemplating a life career in a religious field, met for the purpose of having fellowship and to get to know one another better. Dr. Roth and Mr. McKeefery accompanied the group. The evening was enjoyably spent in singing and playing games. The plans for the evening were made by Donna Campbell and Ron McDuffy. The party ended after refreshments of cake and cocoa.

Miss Florence Steward, who broke her hip at Thanksgiving, is reported as making good progress towards recovery. She is now at home in Alma and is meeting some of her classes there.



Mme. de Leon

interviews with some of the most prominent of her compatriots: General Charles de Gaulle, Jean Paul Sartre, Piscasso and others. Madame de Leon speaks fluent English. She has served as interpreter at several international business conferences and during 1944-45 was attached to the U. S. Army Headquarters in Paris as an interpreter.

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## EDITORIAL

### Why Join a Fraternity? . . .

### Why Join a Sorority? . . .

Yes, why join one of those snobbish, katty, and exclusive fraternities that are on the campus of Alma is an interesting subject for debate now that the rushing season is in full swing. What good can anyone obtain by joining one? Why not do away with these undemocratic institutions?

Well, in the first place, no fraternity or sorority anywhere is in itself snobbish or katty. They may be exclusive; they are exclusive! So is any church which requires one's belief in a creed, so is a college which requires entrance exams, and so is a political party, so even is communism which requires from its members blind faith in its leaders and strict adherence to economic laws. Yes, all institutions of mankind are exclusive. None are snobbish, although individuals in them may be.

What good can one receive from joining a fraternity? The answer is simple. One never receives from anything as much as he puts into it; but then again if one does not put forth at all, he receives nothing.

It was Cardinal Newman who said that he preferred an institution which collected students and taught them nothing in favor of one which just presented facts and never offered the opportunity for comparison of them nor the exchange of ideas. Cultural enlargement exists, it seems, only when comparison and evaluation of idea are promoted, and here is where the role of a fraternity plays an important part in the life and education of the college student.

Although they may not know it and indeed seldom are aware of it, fraternity members receive an invaluable part of their education from the source of exchanging ideas—or from bull sessions, as Army slang terms it. There cannot be a group of similar people congregated (and naturally the "exclusive" group members are similar) without an exchange of ideas and views, without cultural enlargement, whether the subject discussed be automobiles, postage stamps, or sex.

Why not then do away with classes and have just groups of fraternities on a campus? Newman had the answer for that too. We students need guidance in our interests and vocations, as well as in moral and religious training.

Of course in Alma, the suitcase college, (for all small colleges term themselves thusly), there is no need to stress the social and recreational values gained from joining an organization. The point is self-evident.

No, there can be no true fraternities without dependency on the classroom: there can be no true college without the benefits offered from fraternity and sorority associations.

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## Weather Forecast

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"Sometimes, Father, I think it would have been better if you had waited till I became an active to send me my new convertible."

## :: Greek Gah ::

### PHILO FILES

Saturday afternoon we begin our new and latest adventure. Ah, yes, the next time you see our Sorority room you will see what ambition, imagination, a couple gallons of paint and lots of hard work can do. May be a little dab of varnish here and a few stitches there.

Plans are under way for our Amo Te, so keep February 12th in mind and confine it—for taking your "sweetie" to the grandiest ball of them all.

The girls are working on our Sorority History for the Scotsmen.

We are looking forward to wearing our new sweat shirts. They are blue with yellow emblems.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year and loads of luck on your semesters.

### THETA NEWS

Monday night the Thetas held their meeting and began the plans for a Patronesses' Tea to be held January 13th. The committees include: invitations, Mary Ann Morris and Joyce Stewart; refreshments, Janie Kohler, Nancy Heering, Nancy Luther and Glor Albrecht; table decorations, Aud Kneal, Becky Lybery, Lil Goodwyn and Sue Flanigan; hostesses, Jean Austin, Esther Johnson, Joanne Hookey, Lou Kolberry Ruthie Schmidt and Carolyn Mioskowski.

On January 16th, the Apple Polishing Tea will be held at the Zeta House. Theta committees for this are: invitations, Kathy Shaw, Becky Lybery and Lou Kolberry; refreshments, Janie Kohler, Roma Woodorth and Lil Goodwyn; serving, Sue Flanigan, Jean Austin, Kate Gierlings and Nan Luther.

Plans for the Theta Tavern are now well underway. Remember everyone that T. T. M. F.

### PHI PHI ALPHA

At the last meeting of the fraternity before vacation the Phi's elected new officers for the next term, who are president, Bob Smith; vice president, Bob Pollock; secretary, Dave Walsh; recording secretary, Duane VanDuzen; sergeant of arms, Chuck Lemke, keeper of the keys, Jim Anderson; co-social chairman, Hugh Harsha and Cass Hoffman; keeper of the archives, Sonny Kleckner and Norm Johnson and reporter, Bob Betty.

The fraternity was very shocked by the news of Duane VanDuzen's automobile accident during vacation. We wish him speedy recovery.

The fraternity is having three tournaments: ping pong, pinochle, and pool. So men get in top shape.

The Phi's served sandwiches, milk, and apples to the Albion College basketball team when they played here. We will con-

## Buttons and Bows to be Popular in Winter-Summer Resort Fashions

The girl in the popular song who longs for "buttons and bows and linen that shows" will have her wish in full measure when the Florida winter and later the Michigan summer resort fashions come her way. Particularly linens, for practically every big time collection shows linen and linen-like textures as number one in chic.

According to fashion snoopers, who get around backstage in fashion production, linens will be good—very good indeed—at all the smart winter resorts this season, which means that they'll be good everywhere else the following spring and summer. Not that linens haven't always been good.

Important in vacation clothes is the bare-topped strapless dress with a separate wide stole—apt answer to the need for an outfit that adapts to different purposes at different hours of the day. One in royal blue, for instance, with white touches on dress and matching stole would be quite at home at an informal tea dance as it is on the sun terrace.

Still going strong is the halter neck dress topped by a jacket that turns it into a street-dress. This

year there is additional texture interest in the new tweed-like weaves of cross-dyed rayon linens in which the flecks of contrasting color give an iridescent effect. Designer Jerry Parnis uses this fabric for a number of one-piece town and country frocks as well as a series of backless sun dresses and jackets: combinations of blue and yellow, pink and brown, or two shades of violet, for instance, in tweed-like mixtures.

Sometimes these little sundresses double as tailored town suits by dint of a tailored jacket of hip-bone length and a printed silk halter top which looks like a blouse beneath the jacket—especially nice in navy blue or ginger brown.

Frequently two or three tones are used together in striking effects, such as orange, brown and beige in a sundress and matching stole; or pale aqua and deep rose in a one-piece dress that gives a two-piece effect.

Foresighted travelers who know the comfort of a dress that comes out of a traveling bag almost wrinkle-less will be wise to get their linen-like rayons together early for summer vacations.

continue to do so for the rest of the M.I.A.A. home games.

Don't forget the Smokers! Ours is the 18th of January.

### ZETA NEWS

Well, everybody is raring to go again, having rested up during Christmas vacation.

Congratulations are in order for Tom Jordan and Jus McCarty on their recent engagements. The lucky girls are Bobby Flaws and Emma Spriss of Saginaw.

If anyone knows of a spare room, please contact us, as two of our old friends, namely, Uncle Moe and Cousin George, are again faced with eviction.

We really had a good time entertaining the freshmen at our smoker. Farrokh, Kenny Corbin, and Hank Johnson did a fine job with the floorshow.

I hear Bob Fraker presented a little ring of gold to his wife to be, Joan Stuart, of Saginaw. Congratulations Bob, and Stuey.

### DELT NEWS

The Deltas held their regular business meeting on January 3rd. Plans were discussed for the smoker.

### CAMPUS WIVES

The regular semi-monthly meeting of campus wives was held in the Dickie room January 4, 1949. The speaker was Dr. Roy Hamilton, who gave a book review of Charles A. Lindbergh's latest book. Plans were discussed for the final meeting of the semester which is to be a banquet at the Park Hotel, St. Louis. The date for the banquet was set for January 12. All members are invited to meet there at 7:30 p. m. Each member is to pay for one half of the cost of his meal. See Mary Coon for transportation.

Election of officers was held and the following were elected: President, Mrs. A. Winewica; vice president, Mrs. J. Hallar; secretary, Mrs. Vern Throver; treasury, Mrs. Jerald Gentry; program chairman, Mrs. David Walsh; social chairman, Mrs. Wynne Clack.

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# Rex Roseman Voted 'Most Valuable' Hillsdale and Adrian Face Alma

## Bosch Award to Scots Captain

Rex Roseman, Grand Rapids, captain of the 1948 MIAA Grid Banquet, the Alma College Scots, was awarded the Randall Bosch trophy last Tuesday evening as winner of the "Most Valuable Football Player" award in the MIAA. The presentation was made to Coach Steve Sebo in the absence of Roseman, by Randall Bosch, Holland industrialist at the annual Scots Football and Cross-Country banquet, sponsored by the Alma Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Roseman is the second Alma player to be presented with this handsome trophy. Robert "Pinker" Kirby receiving the award in 1941. He has been an outstanding athlete for three seasons at Alma College, receiving the "Most Valuable" nomination from his teammates on the gridiron in 1947 and 1948, and in track in those same years. An 185 pound half back, he has been the Scots leading scorer in both football and track for two seasons.

Graduating from Grand Rapids Union High in 1942, Rex was the recipient of a Jennison Scholarship to Michigan State where he spent the 1942-43 term, participating in freshman athletics. In the fall of 1943 he entered Alma College as a member of the Navy V-12 Unit stationed here. He played football that season, and in the spring was a standout performer on the track squad.

Following service overseas where he was stationed on Okinawa, Rex arrived back in the states, received his discharge, and returned to Michigan State in April 1946. He re-entered Alma College in February 1947 and immediately became a member of the varsity cage squad. In the spring of that



Rex Roseman

year he took leading honors in track piling up 109 points in dual meets, and 11 points in the league field day. At present he is a member of the Scots basketball squad.

## Signs with New York Yankees

Roseman, Scots grid captain for the past season, has announced the signing of a pro-football contract with the New York Yankees of the All-American Conference. The arrangements were completed during the Christmas holidays.

With the signing of this pro-football contract, Rex joins with fellow MIAA gridder Tom Ward of Hillsdale, and former Scots grid and track performer, Art Teixeira, who gained fame as the nation's number one punter during the past season while member of the Central Michigan grid squad.

Arrangements with the Yankees include a bonus payment for signing of the contract, plus an undisclosed salary for Roseman. He will report to the Yanks training camp next fall for initial practice sessions. In the meantime, he continues as a member of the basketball squad and will participate in track this spring.

## Grid Banquet Officially Ends 1948 Season in Grand Style

More than 200 high school and college football players, Rotarians, Lions and guests gathered at the American Legion ball Tuesday evening for the annual athletic banquet.

Jointly sponsored by the Rotary and Lions Clubs, the event featured a talk by Charlie Bachman, former Northwestern and Michigan State coach, and presentation of a gold football, inset with a diamond, which went to Rex Roseman as the MIAA's "most valuable player" in 1948.

Roseman was unable to attend, so the gold football was given to coach Steve Sebo for ultimate presentation to him.

The program was voted by most present as one of the best ever presented at an Alma athletic banquet. Both humor and seriousness was sprinkled liberally throughout.

Bachman retold many anecdotes and happenings from his long career as a football coach, including stories of Sam Paton, the boy who wasn't too sharp on signals, but knew when the ball came to him that he was supposed to run with it, and how he ran.

St. Louis attorney Alfred Fortino, former Alma College football star, acted as master of ceremonies for the banquet, while Rotary president Leon McNeil and Lions president John Morgan collaborated on some of the introductions and on opening and closing the affair.

Fortio stressed that football boys are trained to "think and be alert." He recalled several in-

stances of this in his "playing days."

The banquet opened with Roy W. Hamilton at the piano while the group sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and Rev. Clark Phillips gave the invocation.

Following the dinner, high school coach Vic Hicks introduced the high school gridder and coach Steve Sebo then introduced the college players and the cross-country team. Both coaches introduced their assistants.

A quartet of college students—John Mtheany, Bob Christensen, Arlan Edgar, and Phil Daab—offered several selections.

Randall Bosch, Holland industrialist, was on hand with the gold and diamond football which each year he presents to the "most valuable" MIAA gridder, while Degay Ernst, Judge Advocate of the MIAA, represented the conference at the banquet and spoke briefly.

Bud Hinga, dean of men at Hope College, and former coach there, was also on hand.

Ken Corbin and Jerry Breen, with Jim Russo acting as their master of ceremonies, presented a skit that brought forth gales of laughter, particularly when the tobacco-chewin' simulated hicks sang "Doin' What Comes Naturally."

Members of the committee responsible for the groundwork for the banquet, Glenn Munsell and Merton Dean from the Rotary and Bob Anthony and Jerry Phillips of the Lions, were lauded for their success.

The Scots take off on a two-day road trip tomorrow which will carry them into two MIAA camps in search of victories to improve their league standings. Hillsdale is the opponent on Wednesday evening and the following evening, Adrian provides the competition.

Hillsdale and Adrian, rivals for the doormat in the MIAA for the past two seasons are now highly potent and seasoned ball clubs. Hillsdale, toughened up by rough handling at the hands of larger outstate opponents are currently riding high in the league with two straight victories and no defeats. Wins have been registered over Adrian and a much thought of Hope five. They were beat out by Central Michigan in an early season encounter by but three points.

Two members of the Hillsdale five are listed among the top ten scorers in the MIAA. Freshmen Plodzinski and Markland have been crowding the league leaders. Plodzinski having 30 points for two games and Markland having 26 for two games. And, as if that isn't enough, the Dales still have Gil Edson on their squad, Edson being one of the top league scorers for the past two years.

Adrian still is in hopes of gaining a victory this season, although the only decisive loss was an 86-50 dropping to Albion. All other contests in the current season have been lost in the last few moments by two or three points. Like Hillsdale, they have their starting five among the first seven in the league. Arbaugh is third, Bennett fifth, and Champion seventh. The Scots are expecting no picnic and

certainly have their work cut out for them.

Coach Steve Sebo will send the reliable five that has seen most of the action in the last three contests. Carey and Budge at forwards, Boucher at center, and the Saxton brothers at guard positions. Capable Russ Hester, Jim Sparling, Bill Healey, Rex Roseman, the Mohre brothers, and Joe Thibodeau will also make the trip and will be figured on heavily in relief roles.

On Saturday the Scots return to Alma to take on the Hurons of Michigan Normal in a contest which should prove interesting and close. Hope nipped the Hurons 51-50 on Saturday evening and the Ypsi five will be eager to have revenge on an MIAA squad. Game starts at 8:00 p.m. with the "B" squad prelin with the Alma American Leigon starting at 6:30 p.m.

## Thetas Lead in Volleyball

So far this school year the Alpha Theta Sorority Volley Ball team is leading in the weekly tournaments held in the gym. This team is the only team left as yet undefeated. The teams up to now rank as follows:

	Won	Lost
Alpha Theta	4	0
I. W. O.	2	2
Freshmen	2	2
Kappa Iota	1	2
Sigma Philo	1	2
W. A. A.	1	3

## Carey Scores 21 in Lop-sided Win

The Alma Scots resumed the cage wars Saturday evening in Memorial Gymnasium with a resounding 69-34 drubbing of a rough Detroit Tech five. Although the Technem scored first, the Alma lads overcame the early three point lead and scored 17 more points by the time the Motor City men could sink a single shot.

Don Carey, Charlevoix, hard driving forward, proved to be the back breaker for the opposition as he dropped in a total of 21 points to lead the victorious Scots to their third win of the current campaign. Carey scored in all four quarters, making 5 in the first, 6 in the second, 2 in the third, and finishing up with 8 in the fourth. Lee Boucher, Lansing, and Chuck Saxton, East Jordan, tallied for eight each for Alma.

Coach Steve Sebo used his reserves with ease, sending 13 different players into the game following the 30-13 edge built up by halftime. Tech was never completely in the ball game, although at times they looked like an excellent boxing squad. Rough tactics soon after the start of the second half found Joe Pyczynski, Tech center, and Lee Boucher, Alma center banned from the court after a display of fisticuffs, and tempers were hot throughout the re-

mainder of the game. Forty-five personal fouls were called by officials John Gafner and Wendell Patchett, 24 against Alma and 21 against Tech.

Substitutes showed up well for Coach Sebo, with eight men adding 23 points to the 69 total piled by the varsity. Future success of the Alma team seems assured as these reserves hit into the scoring column as much of the fault in the past has been the inability of reserves to continue scoring.

ALMA (69)	FG	FT	21
Carey, f	8	5	21
Budge, f	2	0	4
Boucher, c	3	2	8
C. Saxton, g	2	4	8
B. Saxton, g	2	1	5
Clark	3	0	6
Pueschner	2	0	4
Hester	1	0	2
Thibodeau	2	0	6
Healey	6	2	12
Sparling	1	1	3
McMohre	8	0	9
R. Mohre	6	0	9
Totals	27	15	69

  

DETROIT TECH (35)	FG	FT	37
Gravelle	4	1	11
Alford	5	6	16
Woods	0	1	1
Coak	2	1	6
C. Christensen, g	3	1	7
D. Christensen	0	0	0
Aretakis	0	1	1
Cietelski	1	0	2
Medaly	2	1	5
Pyczynski	1	1	3
Marinez	0	1	1
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OH WHERE, OH WHERE? Coach Steve Sebo accepted the presentation of the Randall Bosch award for the MIAA Most Valuable Football Player on behalf of Rex Roseman who was absent from the festivities. The award is a gold football with a diamond inset, and the lettering, "MIAA Most Valuable Player, 1948". Others pictured, left to right are Degay Ernst (MIAA Judge Advocate), Coach Sebo, Harold M. McClure, (Alma Mayor) and Charlie Bachman, guest speaker (former MSC coach).

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# Wright on the Spot

By Vicki Grunman

Say, it's high time somebody did something about this weather. Falling on one's - - head gets monotonous after awhile.

Wasn't it terrible the way we were packed off for vacation without even a chance to take that Biology Lab. quiz we had been looking forward to so lovingly? And to miss that Christmas dinner! Oh well, we're back now, for better or for worse.

Wonder if Santa Claus could have topped some of the presents passed out at the Wright Hall Christmas party? Talk about personality glasses—well these were personality presents. Can you imagine a more suitable gift for Janni Bleil than a yo-yo? Audrey Kneal's present took the cake, although we can't quite see how huge pink drawers fit her personality!

Dunno what's gotten into these girls! The group of damsels at Wright Hall has always seemed a fragile, delicate lot, so it was rather a severe shock to see lighted cigars protruding from the rosebud lips of Jeani Anderson and Spike Smith, of all people! They didn't even turn green!

Most people think ye ole dorm has only one elevator, but how wrong they are! One has recently been installed on the second floor. This ingenious gadget is a complicated mechanism of precision parts which are called **belts** by some. An invention like this comes in very handy after hours, especially when Pioneer Hall has a Christmas party. Hey, Ken, are you **sure** that grape punch hadn't been stand-around a little longer than necessary? Say a few years or so?

That boy Kamperman shore does lead an interesting life. His annual excursion through the dorm to take informal shots is generally very educational. There are still those hapless souls who blithely ignore the cry of "Man on board!" and wander out into the hall in extremely informal attire at the crucial moment. It's a wonder more fellows don't take up photography.

Have you heard? We now have a mystery at Wright Hall. Over vacation, as if by magic, a small new room has appeared just off the main lounge. The door to it is generally closed and very little explanation for its existence can be found by casting furtive glances through the window. Speculations as to its meaning have been circulating from room to room, and the conclusion finally reached was that it is akin to a penalty box or to solitary confinement, where unhappy girls who have exceeded their ten demerit limit for the second time are to be kept in full view of their friends and suitors, but unable to speak to any of them.

Never would have thought that there was a cure for "Leaping Lena", "Chopsticks", and similar piano masterpieces, but at last one has been discovered . . . a relatively simple operation consisting of the amputation of the piano bench from the vicinity of the piano. This was successfully performed shortly before the vacation and now we can all joyfully look forward to a period of study for finals uninterrupted by the graceful strains of these classic compositions.

## "B" Squad Nips Skid Row, 43-35

Bruce Butler's Alma Scotties came through with a strong finish to take a determined Skid Row five, 43-35 in the prelim contest on Saturday evening. A long first half lead gave the "B" squad the victory when second half competition settled down to a neck and neck race.

Reserve squad power was demonstrated by Neil Johnson, Fremont, who sank a total of 12 points. High man for the game was Ralph Nique, Skid Row forward, with a total of 13.

While the "B" squad will not be making the road trip on Wednesday and Thursday along with the Varsity, they will return to action on Saturday against the Alma American Legion five as a prelim to the Michigan Normal clash. Prelim games start at 6:30 p. m.

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## Carey Leads in Cage Scoring

Don Carey, Charlevoix, is the leading Scots scorer to date with a total of 71 points gained in six contests. He has connected for 31 buckets and has sunk 9 of 11 free tosses allowed. A forward, Don is in his second season with the Alma Lads, and is the key to the fast break employed by the Scots.

Lee Boucher, Lansing, in his first year of collegiate competition is pressing hard to maintain a 7 point average for five games he has appeared in to date. Boucher has a total of 37 points on 13 buckets and 11 gift tosses. Close behind him is Chuck Saxton, East Jordan, Scots "Most Valuable Player" last season, who has built up a 31 point total in but three games. Injured in the football season's play, Chuck returned to the basket squad for the Central Michigan contest and has been on the starting five since that game.

Mike Budge, Ithaca, only senior on the squad, and leading scorer for the past two seasons, is fourth in team scoring with 30 points registered in 6 games. Budge is playing at his best this season, according to Coach Steve Sebo, who has been in charge of the cage squad at Alma for the past three years.

### TOP TEN SCORERS

D. Carey, f . . . . .	6	31	9	11	13	71
L. Boucher, c . . . . .	5	13	11	19	14	37
C. Saxton, g . . . . .	3	11	9	14	2	31
M. Budge, f . . . . .	6	11	8	18	12	30
R. Hester . . . . .	5	9	5	12	16	23
J. Sparling, g . . . . .	5	7	5	12	18	19
R. Clark, f . . . . .	3	7	1	1	7	15
B. Saxton, g . . . . .	5	7	1	1	10	15
B. Henley, f . . . . .	3	4	5	9	6	13
R. Roseman, c . . . . .	5	3	6	19	9	12

## Alumni News

MR. STEPHEN R. NISBET, '47, and NOMA PINKERTON, '49, were married in the Alma College Chapel on Saturday, December 18. Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet will reside in Lowell, Michigan, where they will both be teaching in the high school.

Four Alma College graduates were listed among those who passed the September bar examination. They are: WILLIAM G. GALINER, '43, of Royal Oak; BRUCE H. MELLINGER, '42, of Ithaca; ROBERT DEWAR, '44, of Detroit; and KENNETH D. PLAXTON, '47, Alma attorney.

NANCY HARDEN, '48, was the November bride of WILLIAM BAXTER. The couple is residing at 1531 North Bond Street, Saginaw. Mrs. Baxter will continue to teach at Saginaw Arthur Hill.

ROGER BARRETTE, '47, and his wife, the former JUNE SLYFIELD, '47, are the parents of a baby boy born October 28th.

MRS. CHARLES CLAY (Janet Cordes, '48) returned to the College Trailer Court on Saturday, January 8th, bringing with her the newest addition to the family. He is William Stewart Clay, who was born November 29th. His proud father informs us that he measures a whole 19½ inches long!

BEN CLARK, '47, and his wife, the former EDA POLLOCK, '49, are the parents of a boy, David Grant, born on New Year's Day.

KEITH B. ODLE, '31, will take his place on the Michigan State College faculty on February 1st, assistant professor of business administration.

## World Relations Club

The International Relations Club met Thursday evening at the home of Professor Henry Howe. The main discussion centered on the Palestine situation. The conflicting claims of the Arabs and the Jews were debated.

The club will meet Thursday at 7:30 at Professor Howe's home. The topic of this meeting will be "Persia."

## Interdenomination News

An interdenominational meeting will take place tomorrow evening in the chapel. John McLeod is in charge of this special meeting, which invites all campus denominations.

On Wednesday, January 19th, the Presbyterians are meeting at the home of Dr. Roth. Jean McMillian is in charge of the worship service. Refreshments will be served. The meeting begins at 7:00.

All other denominations are meeting at their usual time and place.

There will be no chapel services on Friday the 21st or on Monday

the 24th because of final examinations.

Students are asked to remember that the "World Service Fund" of Alma College will be held in the near future.

Watch for it and be ready to take advantage of this chance to aid in a good cause.

## CANTERBURY CLUB

Going caroling was an activity that rated high enough in interest to lure most of the members of the Canterbury Club out into the icy blasts of an Alma night. It was worth it, though. On December 14, with members of other denominational groups, we visited the houses of several of the faculty, as well as two hospitals and Ken Bow Villa where we paid Miss Florence Steward a personal call. The evening's wanderings wound up at President Welch's house where we sat around consuming doughnuts and hot wassail and singing carols under the direction of our maestro of the evening, Freddie Arnold.

Elections were held Wednesday, January 5. Our former officers gave way to an entirely new executive board, namely, John Harrison, president; Hugh Freeman, vice president; Vicki Grunman, secretary, and Freddie Arnold, treasurer.

Our first club activity in 1949 was the packing of a relief parcel to be sent to a family in Greece. The parcel consisted of food and clothing, contributions from individual members.

The year 1949 did quite well by us, and we hope 1949 will be just as successful.

## DRAMA CLUB NEWS

The Drama Club has been invited to go up to Mount Pleasant on Monday, January 17th, to see "I Remember Mama." Dorothy Dugal, a former Alma College student, will play the role of Katharine.

Plans are being made for next semester. Our plays will include one drama, a senior play, and an evening of one-act plays by the play direction class. Try-outs will be held next semester.

Students! Be sure to watch for our membership drive next February.

## PIONEER PRATTLE

By mutual agreement the boys at Pioneer have been keeping themselves very quiet during the past few weeks, in order to start studying for the finals.

If anyone has noticed that Bud Davis is walking around in a trance lately, don't be alarmed. It's just the after-effects of Christmas vacation. Who is she, Bud?

The big news at Pioneer is, of course, that Gene Goreta has finally gotten out of DEBT. He actually was seen buying a pack of cigarettes.

Al Crisalli, the "California Kid," has returned from the holiday vacation—a week late! Could it be that he didn't want to come back to this wonderful Michigan weather?

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