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Registration To Start Day Early

Scots Clip Michigan Normal 54-43; Saxton, Clark Lead Scoring

A strong last period drive which netted 24 points gave the Alma Scots a victory over the Michigan Normal Hurons Saturday night at Memorial Gymnasium. The 54-43 win was sparked by the work of Chuck Saxton, Alma guard, who himself contributed 10 points in the past quarter and who led both teams in scoring for the evening with a total of 16.

Six minutes had passed before the Scots started hitting the basket and they were behind at that time 7-0. The first ten minutes ended with Normal leading by a 9-6 count, but the Scots stepped out to almost tie the score at half-time, falling short by a 16-17 count.

Scoring for both teams was even at 14 each in the first half of the last period with Saxton making his bid at that time for scoring honors sinking three field buckets and aiding the team greatly. Roy Clark returned to the Scots lineup for his contest and his eleven points was a big help also.

Going into the last ten minutes of the ball game, the Scots were trailing by a 30-33 count but soon tied the ball game up and then shot ahead, never relinquishing it again. The Hurons desperately fought back attempting to gain possession of the ball. Tempers were high as the officials called 6 fouls against Alma in the last two minutes of play and 3 against the Hurons in that same time interval.

Alma's aggressive guard Jim Sparling was forced to leave the game in the last 2 minutes after five fouls. Sparling's ball-hawking tactics did much to keep the Scots in the thick of things during the evening.

Mike Budge and Chuck Saxton were the only two regulars who saw action as members of the starting five in Saturday's tilt. Budge is beginning to slip back into his scoring form of previous seasons and should be a determining factor in future engagements. Joe Thibedeaus' scoring was all that kept Alma in the game in the

first half as he sank a total of 8 points.

Alma (54)	M	F	P	TP
Joe Thibodeau, f	3	2	0	8
Mike Undue, f	2	9	1	11
Roy Clark, c	2	1	4	16
Chuck Saxton, g	7	2	1	16
Jim Sparling, g	1	0	5	2
Substitution*				
Play Mohrc	0	1	1	1
Bill Healey	0	0	0	0
Lee Boucher	2	2	2	8
Don Carey	0	0	0	0
Bill Saxton	1	1	1	2
Bob Mohrc	1	0	1	2
	22	10	15	51

Michigan Normal (43)	B	F	P	Tl'
Owen Jax, f	3	1	4	7
Joe Wnrgo, f	3	2	2	8
Fred Jackson, c	3	1	1	7
Len Sweet, g	2	3	3	7
Leo Turner, g	5	0	0	10

Substitution*				
Ken Mazur	0	0	3	0
Jim Miller	1	0	1	2
Art Harper	1	0	0	2
	18	7	14	43

Score by period:-	Alma	6	10	16	14
24 54 Michigan Normal	9	8	17	14	
12 43					

Drive Begins for Palestine Relief

The Presbyterian Denominational group of Alma College is sponsoring a drive of food and clothing for Palestine relief. The need of such relief was first brought to their attention in a letter Suad Wakim received from Palestine. The group was then

Alma Enters Novice Conference

The Alma College Speech Department will send two debate teams to the Michigan State College Invitational Novice Conferences to be held at Michigan State College, East Lansing, on Saturday, January 22, 1949. Students who will be participating for Alma are: Jenette Faber, Leamington, Ontario, Canada; Gerald Smith, Alma; George Lennox, Ferndale; and James Crossman, Lake Orion.

This is to be a conference for students who are in their first year of representing a college in Forensic activities. Activities will include: a discussion on the question "What does it take to make good in college?" after dinner speeches on the subject "What of the next four years under the Democrats?" and two rounds of debate on the "Federal Aid to Education" question.

Wright on the Spot

By Vicki Grunman

We would like to dedicate the following prayer, with apologies to Bobbie Burns, to the president of the Wright Hall Senate, Joe Fischer, and to the memories of Carol Dengler, Nan Luther, Phyl Hayward, and Ginny Bryan, as well as to the expectations of stacks of others who will fall prey to exam-time double-demerits or to failure to push their boyfriends out the door of the lounge at the stroke of 7:30 on week nights:

Grant me, indulgent heaven that I may live
To see the miscreants feel the pains they give,
Deal Freedom's sacred treasures free as air,
Till Senate Members be but things which were.

Been hearing a lot of talk about some stuff called S.P. they're supposed to be putting into the food at the chow hall. Could be Salted Peanuts, maybe?

We cud swear "Temp" Temple has Ozak blood in her. Last Saturday when she was discovered shoeless at the game she insisted that they had dropped under the bleachers and then swiped, but the truth came out later when she was observed parking the shoes, so gallantly recovered by Johnny Anderson, behind the juke in the Union and dancing be-nyloned on Don Carey's feet all evening. 'Smatter, gal, them store-boughten clod-hoppers gittin' kinda pinchy?

Vague, distant rumblings have been heard in the dorm lately which are soon liable to result in an explosion. Comments have been flying thick and fast about things like certain cheerleaders not being allowed to cheer for rather weak reasons, a basketball rule book which couldn't possibly get around to some one hundred girls in time for an exam, and missed class hours being made up by having to sell tickets or practice piano an hour extra. Next it'll be a skill test requiring 10 baskets out of 8 tries. Best this stuff be checked on or else comes a revolution.

We were so happy when we got our Coke machine back. So now what happens? Sunday night the dawggone thing breaks down! We've got to have something to drink. It's this Alma water, isn't it?

Gambling Endangers Game

Basketball has become a betting proposition next only to horse racing and baseball. Stanley Frank charges today in a recent article of a national magazine. And the point system set up by the gamblers, he adds, is "better than a license to sell counterfeit money."

Betting on basketball has been enormously stimulated by the intersectional publicity build-up aroused by college doubleheaders. Mr. Frank points out in "Basketball's Big Wheel," a profile of Ned Irish, originator and sole owner of the basketball concession at Madison Square Garden. Mr. Irish has allied interests in Philadelphia and Buffalo, N. Y. His total income from basketball since 1934 is estimated at more than a million dollars.

Although Mr. Irish makes vigorous efforts to keep bookmakers away from his basketball games, gambling flourishes, Mr. Frank says.

"The tricky point system is a vicious gimmick if for no other reason than that a college boy can play ball with the gamblers and wink at a not-too-queasy conscience," Mr. Frank writes. "If a kid misses a few shots that do not cost his side the game, he has not actually sold out alma mater, and no one can pin anything on him.

"Whispers of such deals have been heard... and, although nothing ever has been proved, there have been some strange goings-on. The most damaging implication that skulduggery may be abroad in the Garden came last season when the Minneapolis syndicate that puts out the 'line' for basketball throughout the country refused to quote figures for New York games. The inference was plain: the boys suspected the games were not strictly on the up-and-up. The syndicate has been shying away from Philadelphia games for several years."

Mr. Irish, a former New York newspaper sports writer, made college basketball a big-time commercial success overnight, Mr. Frank says. The game attracts 100,000,000 spectators annually; an average of 18,000 attended each of the 30 to 40 doubleheaders held each season at the Garden during the past five years.

"Basketball draws more customers to the Garden proportionately than any other attraction and is the most profitable after hockey," according to the Post article. "Before Irish took charge of the situation, college basketball teams and players enjoyed little more than local reputations, with games rarely scheduled more than 200 miles from home. Facilities for accommodating crowds were so inadequate that \$250 was the top and \$75 the usual guarantee paid to a visiting team... Today, every team that plays in the Garden collects almost as much for one appearance as it once cleared on an entire season."

Engaged



Miss Alma Jean Perry

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perry of 423 Mechanic street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alma Jean Perry, to Stanley Joseph Sinko, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sinko of Route 1, St. Louis.

Miss Perry is a graduate of Alma high school and is attending Alma College. Mr. Sinko attended St. Louis high school and is now employed at Alma Piston Company. During War II he served with the U. S. Army Air Forces.

The date for the wedding has not been set.

V. A. News

Student veterans enrolled at educational institutions under the G. I. Bill, as well as the institutions themselves, should report any interruptions or discontinuances of training immediately to Veterans Administration.

Failure to notify VA training termination usually results in overpayment of subsistence allowances to veterans, V A said. Such overpayments must be refunded to V A.

Veterans who receive unearned subsistence checks after interruption or discontinuance of training must return all overpayments to the government or make satisfactory arrangements for repayment of the indebtedness.

V A said veterans who fail to make arrangements to repay subsistence allowance overpayments while attending school may be prevented from re-entering colleges under the G. I. Bill. Also, if they later apply for employment or selfemployment allowances they will have the amounts they owe the government deducted from the benefit checks.

Question: What are the deadlines that apply if I wish to take my training under the provisions of the G. I. Bill at a later date?

Answer: You may apply for training within four years from July 25, 1947, or within four years from the date of your discharge or separation from the armed services, whichever is later. You must finish your training by July 25, 1956.

Question: I would like to study abroad on a student exchange basis. How can I arrange to do this?

Answer: Arrangements to study abroad on a student-exchange basis must be made through the the Division of International Exchange of Persons, Department of State, and not through V A.

WAR

We say that the men who fought this war don't glory in it, that they hate war. And we think we mean what we say. But it isn't true. We are more war-minded that we know. When I asked myself recently, "Do I hate war?" I had to answer, "I don't." I had to continue from there. It may be that I secretly love war. General Grant once said that war was beautiful except for the death it caused. My conception of this is that there is excitement in war, in battle, but that it is an unpleasant excitement. Self-examination shocked me; I suddenly was aware of something I hadn't known about myself. I suspect that more of the millions who fought this war feel this way but don't admit it, even to themselves.

War is ugliness beyond all imagination. War is death, not

only to the men fighting it but also to unsuspecting women, children, animals, and plant life. War is heartbreaking and sorrow to the point of mental or physical collapse. The men who fight wars, when they fight them, hate war. They hate its blood and carnage, its grime and filth, its demands on their bodies. They hate its separation, its regimentation. But when wars are over, that aspect is easy to forget.

You don't forget the other side of war. You don't forget that in war you found the only Christian brotherhood you ever knew. You don't forget in war you found complete selflessness. You don't forget having learned in war that a man could love the other fellow more than himself, if only for a minute, an hour, a day. You don't forget that in war you saw men who loved life give their lives for you. You never forget the warmth and strength of a friendship, nor the good sounds of the workmanship of your buddies under the most impossible conditions and demands. I didn't know that kind of living before I went to war. I haven't known it since. The absence and contradiction of it in peace make it hard to forget.

We have returned to a world of peace. It is a world of dog-eat-dog. Perhaps it has always been like this, I don't know. It undoubtedly hasn't changed much. On the whole I guess we haven't either. That's probably where all the trouble lies. There are certain unwritten rules in this world that no one questions. They are taken for granted like apples growing on apple trees. We have taken our places in the world, and we are living by its rules. But we can't forget that once we knew and were men who lived and died by other rules.

Having lived on that plane for an hour, I will be dissatisfied with anything less. I once read that the world, in peace, must find the moral equivalent for war. Lacking that, peace is inadequate. Peace produces an excessive longing for war. Peace produces nostalgia.

When we tore into Germany and Japan, thousands of World War I veterans—bankers leaving their banks, judges leaving their benches, farmers leaving their farms—flocked back to war. There

may be a moral to it. Certainly, a national preparedness program and a foreign policy based on frank recognition that we are not as peace-loving as we say, that we are not even a neutral-minded people when there is a first-rate scrap going on, might have dissuaded our enemies from attacking us in both wars.

Our task is a simple and staggering one. We have got to forge a world of peace out of the same steel with which we forged a world war. It is almost insane the way war will bring out our best qualities and peace, our worst. Maybe this is why people say we should have another war. It is hard to say, but it would be a wonderful world if all people thought and worked in peacetime the same as they do when there is a war.

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