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## Alma Awaits News of Czech Girl

### Honor Roll Announced at Alma College

At the end of the first semester at Alma College, 120 regularly enrolled and 1 special student were listed on the honor roll, which includes all students who attained a B average.

#### All "A" Students

Five regularly enrolled students received an all-A (3.00) record for their scholastic work, including Elizabeth Adams, Mason; Leslie LeMieux, Flint; and Beverly Winston, Detroit, seniors; Esther Anderson, Elwell, and William Reamer, Detroit, Juniors.

#### Seniors

Other regularly enrolled students listed on the honor roll are as follows: Seniors, Maxine McLeod, Sandusky, 2.92; William Davis, Camden, 2.88; John Ruffie, Saginaw, 2.88; Chai Hyun Yoon, Korea, 2.85; Ruth Woods, Alma, 2.80; Kathleen Shaw, Plymouth, 2.75; Robert Hudson, Alma, 2.71; Philip Daab, McArthur, Ohio, 2.63; Robert Dengler, Saginaw, 2.63; Shirley Dittmar, Clawson, 2.63; Arthur Duwe, Saginaw, 2.57; Joyce Fischer, Blissfield, 2.56; Arlan Edgar, Ithaca, 2.53; Alfred Bush, St. Louis, 2.50; Jenette Faber, Leamington, Ontario; Canada, 2.50; Robert Smith, Flint, 2.50; William Blewett, Detroit, 2.45; Norma Pinkerton, Saginaw, 2.33; John Kimball, DeWitt, 2.25; Charlene Sette, Alma, 2.12; Melvin Budge, Ithaca, 2.14; Edgar Bathum, Pontiac, 2.11; John Tobin, Alma, 2.08; Gerald Decker, Saginaw, 2.00; Kathleen Geerlings, Fremont, 2.00; John Groomes, St. Louis, 2.00; Gerard Lacey, Detroit, 2.00.

#### Juniors

Juniors, Roland Phillips, Petoskey, 2.76; Eileen Probst, Ithaca, 2.68; Hildegard Kemp, Marquette, 2.64; Margaret Powers, Saginaw, 2.64; Theodosia Montigel, Alma, 2.55; Charles Schoenhals, Brown City, 2.55; Gloria Anderson, Merrill, 2.52; Harry Hill, Alma, 2.52; Harry Dietrich, Alpena, 2.47; John Carman, Lake Orion, 2.43; Ann McKinley, Gaylord, 2.41; Hazel King, Lansing, 2.38; John McLeod, Roseville, 2.37; Elizabeth Bishop, Kalamazoo, 2.33; Suad Wakim, Lebanon, 2.33; Kathryn Thalass, Muskegon Hts., 2.26; Pete Merrill, Saginaw, 2.20; (continued on page four)

### David Swigart Laid to Rest

The community was shocked and greatly saddened to learn of the unexpected death Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock of David B. Swigart, 23, one of Alma's best known and most loved young men. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Swigart of 816 Woodworth avenue and a junior at Alma College.

Although he had been ill with an attack of pleurisy for more than a week and under medical care, his condition was not considered by the family to be serious and on Wednesday morning he had seemed to be better and had been up for a short time. However, his condition suddenly became critical Wednesday morning and he was placed in an oxygen tent at home. Failing to respond, he was rushed to R. B. Smith Memorial hospital where he died within minutes.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian church. The Rev. Clyde F. Vance, church pastor, officiated and interment will be made in Payne cemetery, Fulton township. The body rested at Wright funeral home until time for the services. Pallbearers were: Robert (continued on page two)

### Open House Held at Wright Hall

Last Saturday Wright Hall was buzzing with activity, for it was the day of their open house. Windows were thrown open and mops were flying to have the building in tip-top shape.

The upper floors were open to inspection from eight to nine in the evening. Judges selected one room on each floor as the best and winners were presented with a box of soap. The girls winning the contest were Gloria Koch and Jan Bleil, 2nd floor; Jo Wilson, 3rd floor; and Becky Lyberg and Carolyn Mioskowski, 4th floor.

The main floor lounge was cleared for dancing from nine until twelve. It was decorated in blue, yellow, and white crepe paper, along with potted palms. Refreshments of punch and cake were served from one of the adjoining rooms.

### Speech Contest Here on Fri.

The Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League State Oratorical contest for men and women will be held at Alma College on Friday, March 4. Preliminary contests will be held at 10:30 a. m., the women's finals at 2:45 p. m. and the men's finals at 8:00 p. m. All final contests will be held in the college chapel and will be open to the public without charge. This is one of the most outstanding speech contests in the State of Michigan and will offer an opportunity to hear some of the best student speaking on some of the most contemporary problems.

Competing students will come from Albion, Alma, Calvin, Central Michigan, Detroit Institute of Technology, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, Michigan State, Michigan State Normal, University of Detroit, Wayne, and Western Michigan College of Education.

Alma will be represented by Miss Donna Campbell, Sandusky, who will orate on the subject "The Second Mile"; and LeRoy Peterson, Ithaca, who will speak on "Adam vs. Atom".

The schedule of events during the day include:

9:45 a.m.—General meeting and registration — drawings and announcements, Alma College Chapel.

10:30 a.m. Four preliminary contests — College chapel, room 100, administration building, rooms 3 and 4 in the Arts Building.

12:15 p.m. Lunch.

2:45 p.m. Women's Finals—College Chapel.

4:30 p.m. Tau Kappa Alpha Tea —815 W. Superior street

6:00 p. m. Banquet—Home Economic room, Arts Building.

8:00 p.m. Men's Finals—College Chapel.

Local arrangements are in charge of Professor A. Wesley Rowland, Head Department of Speech, Alma College.

### DR. BROWN MARRIED

Word of the marriage of Dr. Alvard Brown has been received. Dr. Brown left the Alma College teaching faculty last year to accept a position at the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas. He was married two weeks ago to a widow on the faculty of the College of Emporia. Mrs. Brown teaches French and German. They were brought together through a common interest in music.



Dr. Stephen S. Nisbet

### Dr. Nisbet Made Chairman

Dr. Stephen S. Nisbet has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Alma College, it was announced today by President Dale P. Welch. This action was taken at the mid-year meeting of the board of trustees on Wednesday, February 16th.

A graduate of Alma College in 1919, Mr. Nisbet holds his Masters of Arts Degree from the University of Michigan, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Central Michigan College of Education. He is also a member of the State Board of Education.

Dr. Nisbet has served for many years in the field of education. As a classroom teacher he has served the State of Michigan in rural grade schools and in city high schools. He has also acted as a high school principal, and for twenty-five years he was Superintendent of Schools at Fremont. When he was elected Superintendent of Schools at Holland, his community refused to let him go and he was made Director of Public Relations, Gerber's Foods Incorporated in Fremont. Mr. Nisbet replaces Rev. Ralph D. Kearns of Flint as chairman.

### Norman Webster Here Third Time

Mr. Norman Coates Webster is fast becoming a tradition at Alma College. For the third year in a row he has capably entertained the student body with his poetry. When he spoke Wednesday he informed the students that he was going to talk about whether we liked poetry or not, but immediately began with Robert Service's famous "Shooting of Dan McGrew". He admitted that the poem is "not what is commonly called elevating, nonetheless it is good poetry."

Mr. Webster said that Rudyard Kipling is much like Robert Service in style and approach. With this introduction he quoted Kipling's poem about the death of an old sea captain and his dying words to his no-good son.

The third poet he quoted was Donald Blanding. His is "one of those rarities—a financially successful poet." His born desire to roam is written into the beautiful "Vagabond's House."

For his encore, Mr. Webster gave Robert Service's poem which concerns the search for a polar bear and flea.

### Gertrude Fabrizy May Come to School

Gertrude "Trudy" Fabrizy is a girl without a country. The slim, pretty Czechoslovakian and her American friends have been trying for a year to cut the red tape which prevents her from coming to the United States—and Alma College. Her sponsor and supporter in Alma is Mr. John Swigart, formerly a student of Alma College.

Rev. A. J. Anthony, formerly of Alma Presbyterian Church, met Trudy while he was serving as Chaplain in World War II in Vienna. He discovered that she is an accomplished pianist and began trying to get an American scholarship for her. Rev. Anthony tried to get her into the Eastman School of Music in Rochester but their registration quota was filled. They suggested she enroll in another college for one year and then make her audition to Eastman. It was at this point that Alma College offered her a scholarship.

It was expected that Trudy would come over on a Student Visa until it was discovered that she had lost her Czechoslovakian citizenship when the Russians occupied her native land. In order for her to use a Student Visa they

must have a country to go back to, and Trudy has no country. Therefore, she must enter the United States as a Displaced Person.

Her case was all processed last August and she was planning to enroll at Alma when a new Displaced Persons Law went into effect. She was promptly added to a list, along with 1500 others, to be re-processed.

Trudy was a kindergarten teacher in Austria under the Nazis. She was allowed to teach only sub-normal pupils since only good Nazis were allowed to indoctrinate the bright pupils. This is one of the reasons why Austria will not accept her as an Austrian citizen.

One of Rev. Anthony's boys had a Czech grandmother whom he wanted taken out. She was too old to travel alone so Trudy volunteered to go with her. Her papers were all in order—even signed by the Russians. When she boarded the train she was suddenly seized by the Russians and put into a prison camp. After six months of mistreatment (of which she cannot write) she escaped from the camp. Therefore, she can never go back to Czechoslovakia as long as the Russians are there.

She returned to the British zone of Vienna, where she could be near and visit her mother. One day she found out that the Russians had accused her of being a (continued on page four)

### Sorority Rushing Starts with Party

Sorority rushing formally began last night with the Inter-Sorority Party sponsored jointly by the three sororities for all the non-sorority women. The purpose of this party was to provide an opportunity for the independent girls and the society women to become better acquainted with each other. The party was held in the union from 8 till 10. For entertainment everyone participated in games and singing. The party ended after Boston Coolers had been served.

Each sorority will give a tea this week, with the Sigma Philo tea this afternoon, March 1. The Alpha Thetas will hold their tea Wednesday, March 2, and the Kappa Iotas Thursday, March 3.

Spreads and formal dinners will complete the parties. Rushing will end with the acceptance of bids by the girls Monday, March 22.

The rules concerning rushing period will be posted in Wright Hall. (Be sure to consult the bulletin board.)

### Alma College Debaters Win High Honors at Intercollegiate Meet

Alma College debaters participating in the annual Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Debate Tournament held at Wayne University on Saturday, February 19, were successful in winning high honors. Competing in a field of 200 debaters, Miss Kathleen Shaw, Detroit, tied for first place honors in effective debating with Miss Barbara Lett of Western Michigan College. Both will receive gold medals. In the same division, Miss Bette Adams, Mason, tied with Miss Jean Campbell of Western Michigan for second place and will be awarded a silver medal.

In the men's division, LeRoy Peterson, Ithaca, debating in the League Division on the affirmative, was successful in winning first place in effective debating among the men at the tournament. He was awarded a gold pin.

Alma College entered ten teams in the competition and compiled a record of 13 wins against 12 losses. The affirmative team of George Lennox, Ferndale, and LeRoy Peterson, Ithaca, were undefeated in the tournament, defeating in turn Calvin, Central Michigan, and Detroit Institute of Technology.

Alma students who participated in the tournament included Bette

### CHAPEL NOTICE

Rev. James Bean, who has been working in the devastated areas of France, will speak in Chapel on March 11. Rev. Bean is the nephew of Dr. Paul R. Rice. He and his wife have been serving recently in France with CIMADE, a Protestant interchurch enterprise working in demolished parts of France. For the past two and one half years they have been working in a foyer, a sort of barracks, in Bologna carrying on various types of activities to aid in the rehabilitation of the French people. Their work has been social as well as religious. Mrs. Bean has helped through her capacity as a trained nurse. The most recent part of their work was aiding in the distribution of materials of the Friendship Train.

Adams, Mason; Mary Jane Keith, Alma; Kathleen Shaw, Plymouth; Peggy Powers, Saginaw; Janice Bleil, Detroit; Donna Campbell, Sandusky; Jenette Faber, Leamington, Ontario, Canada; Dolores Metcalfe, Detroit; Phyllis Hayward, Detroit; Virginia Benson, Ithaca; Bill Blewett, Detroit; LeRoy Peterson, Ithaca; Don Turbin, Alma; Don Thomson, Alma; Gerald Smith, Alma; John Lucas, Pontiac; Ivan Kitzmiller, Pontiac; Clarence Fegdel, Ithaca; George Lennox, Ferndale; and Jim Crossman, Lake Orion.

Participating colleges included Albion, Alma, Calvin, Central Michigan, Detroit Institute of Technology, Hope, Kalamazoo, Michigan State, Michigan State Normal, University of Detroit, Wayne, and Western Michigan.

On Friday, February 25, Kathleen Shaw and Roy Peterson, Affirmative, and Bette Adams and Bill Blewett, negative, will participate in the annual University of Michigan Cross-question debate before the classes of the University Participating schools include Wayne, University of Detroit, University of Michigan, Western Michigan, Denison, Kalamazoo, and Alma.



# SCOTS HAND HOPE 49-45 DEFEAT FRIDAY

## WIN MOVES ALMA INTO SECOND PLACE TIE WITH ALBION, KAZOO

A thriller from start to finish, the Alma Scots and Hope College tangled last Friday evening in the final MIAA game of the season and the locals came through the fray with a 49-45 decision. The determined Scots overcame a one-point deficit at halftime and beat the ball-hawking Dutchmen at their own game, coming through with the win in the last ten minutes of the ball game.

Hope was just as keyed up for the contest as was Alma, with the winner set to move in to a second place tie with Albion and Kalamazoo in the final MIAA standings and the loser destined to drop to fifth place. For three quarters the two teams fought hard and fast, and then, with :8.86 left in the game, Lee Boucher got two free throws and a tip-in that put the Scots ahead 35-34. Don Carey slipped in two buckets in succession and then Boucher tallied for two more points on a field goal and three points on gift tosses to put the locals in a substantial lead which they never did relinquish. Boucher took game honors in scoring, sinking 10 points in that last quarter spree that gave Alma the victory. Previously, he had sunk two points in the first half and six points in the first ten minutes of the second half.

Mike Budge and Chuck Saxton played every minute of the hotly contested game, this being the last contest for Budge, a graduating senior. Rex Roseman, starting at forward, also saw his last action with the Scots in cage activity.

Until the victory spurt in the closing minutes of the game, the Scots had only led twice, this being in the first half. A push shot by Joe Thibedeau had put the locals in the lead, 13-11 with 11 minutes left in the first period. That lead was wiped out as the Dutch tied things up at 13-13 at the ten minute mark, and then went ahead with a basket by Bremer. With two minutes left in the first half, Budge sank a neat left hook shot to give Alma a 22-21 lead, but Van De Wege came through with a bucket to give Hope the margin at halftime, 23-22.

Starting the second half, things looked bad for the Scots as Hope got ahead fast with baskets by Buter, Muyskens, Yonker and then another by Buter. The score was 32-24 in favor of Hope before Boucher finally started clicking and sank a bucket and a free throw, and then Roy Clark and Joe Thibedeau each tossed in a bucket.

While the first half scoring was all Van De Wege, Boucher came in for his share of the glory with his second half miracle. The two had been neck and neck all season

for league scoring honors, and the tallies in this game gave Van De Wege a total of 143 for the ten game season, and Boucher, 141 for the ten game season. Bucky Walters, hard driving guard of the Kalamazoo Hornets, finished first with 150 points.

HOPE (45)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Buter, f . . . . .	4	0	4	8
Van De Wege, f . . . . .	5	3	5	13
Muyskens, c . . . . .	3	0	4	6
Yonker, g . . . . .	2	1	4	5
Holwerda, g . . . . .	1	4	0	5
Bremer . . . . .	1	3	3	5
Marema . . . . .	1	0	0	2
Totals . . . . .	17	11	19	45

ALMA (49)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Roseman, f . . . . .	0	0	1	0
Budge, f . . . . .	3	4	2	10
Boucher, c . . . . .	5	6	5	18
C. Saxton, g . . . . .	3	2	3	8
B. Saxton, g . . . . .	0	0	1	0
Clark . . . . .	1	0	3	2
Carey . . . . .	2	1	1	5
Thibedeau . . . . .	3	0	3	6
Totals . . . . .	18	13	20	45

Score at half: Alma 22, Hope 23. Free throws missed: Alma 10, Hope 12.

## Scotties Rock Farm Bureau

The Alma Scotties racked up a resounding 55-34 victory over the Gratiot Farm Bureau, County Veterans League cage squad last Friday evening in a preliminary to the Alma-Hope tilt. The locals were never passed as they sped to a 30-15 halftime edge and then coasted on in.

Leading the scoring was Alma's Bob Pueschner, who garnered 13 points, for his efforts and his brother Jim was high for the Farm Bureau with 14 points.

Gratiot Farm Bureau (34)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Poling, f . . . . .	1	2	0	4
Martin, f . . . . .	6	0	0	12
E. Derry, c . . . . .	0	1	0	1
J. Pueschner, g . . . . .	7	0	5	14
Sebring, g . . . . .	1	1	4	3
Beagle . . . . .	0	0	1	0
J. Derry . . . . .	0	0	0	0
Totals . . . . .	15	4	10	34

Alma-Scotties (55)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Mason, f . . . . .	4	1	1	7
Hamilton, f . . . . .	3	1	1	7
B. Pueschner, c . . . . .	7	4	1	18
Buehrer, g . . . . .	2	2	0	6
Wever, g . . . . .	1	1	1	3
Murin . . . . .	2	0	0	4
Lindsey . . . . .	1	0	2	2
N. Johnson . . . . .	1	1	2	3
Stafford . . . . .	1	0	2	2
Ware . . . . .	1	1	0	3
Weir . . . . .	0	0	1	0
Totals . . . . .	22	17	13	55

Score at half: Alma 30, GFB 15.

### RADIO SCHEDULE

Mon. and Wed. at 3:05 p.m.  
Monday, February 28—Mr. Guile Graham, Director of Admissions  
Wednesday, March 2—Radio Drama, Speech 38 class  
Monday, March 7—Radio Drama, "The Hand."

### W. A. A. NEWS

Membership is open to every girl on campus who would like to join the Women's Athletic Association. Dues are 25 cents a semester.

Many activities are being planned for now by the girls. Tournament will be staged in such things as basketball, ping pong, bowling and later in baseball, tennis, golf. A skating party is being planned for sometime in March.

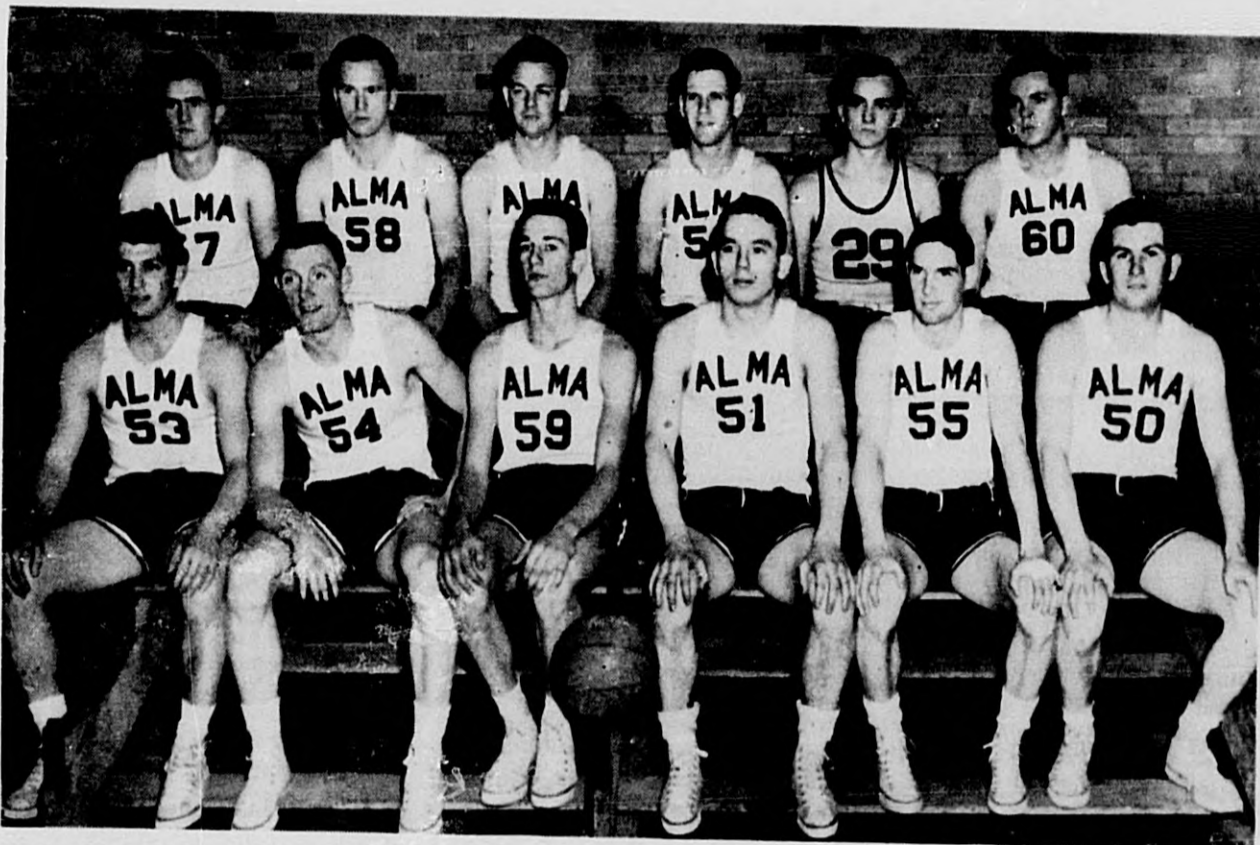
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BACK ROW: Joe Thibedeau, Rex Roseman, Roy Clark, Don Carey, Bob Pueschner, Russ Hester.  
Not pictured: Mike Budge, Lee Boucher.

### I. R. C. NEWS

The International Relations Club at its last two meetings has discussed the Northern Security Pact and the South American Republic of Columbia. At the meeting held Thursday evening at Professor Howe's home the guest speaker was Fernando Gonzalez. He is an Alma student from Columbia. Freddy told about social conditions in his native country, and its natural resources. He said that most of the transportation is done by air since the country is so mountainous. Most of the schools are run by the churches, just as most of the people are Catholic.

The next meeting of the IRC will be held Thursday at 7:30 at Professor Howe's home. The topic will be announced.

## Gym Crew, Phi Lead Cage Lists

Max Hamilton, of the White League leaders, the Gym Crew, and Merle Cosgrove, of the third place Zeta Zombies in that same league, are currently tied for first place in scoring in the intramural basketball race. Each has tallied 55 points in four games for an average of 14 points per game.

Close behind the two leaders are Bill Sipes and Stan Hester, both of the Maroon League leaders, the Phi Phifers. Sipes has scored 51 points in 4 contests and Hester has 46 to his credit in the same number of games. Fifth man in scoring is Bud Davis, forward on the Pioneer Hall with 44 points in four games.

Rough and tumble play typifies the Intramural Basketball leagues as action continues in that quarter. In the White League, the Gym Crew heads the standings with 4 wins and no losses, and the Phi Phifers head the Maroon League with the same record.

In each of the leagues, third place is in a tie, Skid Row and the Zeta Zombies holding forth in the White League with 3-1 records, and the Charges and Phi Indians with a 3-2 record in the Maroon League. Phi teams control the Maroon League.

Standings:

WHITE LEAGUE			
	W	L	T
Gym Crew . . . . .	4	0	0
Phi Zebras . . . . .	4	1	1
Skid Row . . . . .	3	1	1
Zeta Zombies . . . . .	3	1	1
Pioneer Hall . . . . .	3	1	1
Delt Rockets . . . . .	2	2	2
Zeta T. R.'s . . . . .	1	3	1
Silent Boys . . . . .	0	4	0
MAROON LEAGUE			
	W	L	T
Phi Phifers . . . . .	4	0	0
Phi Panthers . . . . .	3	1	1
Phi Indians . . . . .	3	1	1
Charges . . . . .	3	2	2
Funnel Club . . . . .	2	2	2
Pioneer Pirates . . . . .	2	3	3
Devils . . . . .	2	3	3
Delt Demons . . . . .	0	4	0

## Ferris Is Easy for Sebo Five

The Alma Scots whipped the Ferris Bulldogs quite handily last Wednesday night at Big Rapids on the final road trip of the 1948-49 basketball season. A 21-13 halftime lead was stretched to a 44-31 final advantage as the Scots climbed over the .500 mark.

The game wasn't particularly interesting as far as good basketball goes. Both teams were way off in their shooting, and the officiating wasn't what you'd call very sharp. Only 32 fouls were called in the rough and tumble affair, with 19 being against the Scots, eleven of them in the second half. For Ferris, only nine fouls were called involving their starting five.

Beginning cautiously, it was past the 4 minute mark before either team scored, and Alma had a slim 8-4 lead at the end of the first ten minutes. Four of the locals points were pushed in by Lee Boucher. By halftime, the Scots had a commanding lead and the reserves were used quite extensively with all members of the squad seeing action.

Ferris Coach Sherman started to shift his boys about with the second half, attempting to break into the scoring column, but the activities of the night before, a 62-60 win over Olivet, were too much for the hapless Bulldogs as they just couldn't find the basket.

Individual scoring leader in the game was Mike Budge, forward, playing his last road encounter for the Alma squad. His nine points were approached by the 8 points by Lee Boucher and Ferris' Lloyd Unruh.

ALMA (44)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Thibedeau . . . . .	3	1	3	7
Budge . . . . .	4	1	3	9
Boucher . . . . .	3	2	4	8
C. Saxton . . . . .	3	0	1	6
B. Saxton . . . . .	0	1	2	1
Subs				
Cafey . . . . .	3	0	1	6
Sparling . . . . .	1	0	0	2
Clark . . . . .	0	1	2	1
Hester . . . . .	1	0	1	2
Mohre . . . . .	1	0	2	2
Roseman . . . . .	0	0	0	0
Healy . . . . .	0	0	0	0
Totals . . . . .	19	6	19	44

FERRIS (31)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wright . . . . .	2	2	1	6

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Subs				
Kimmel . . . . .	2	1	1	5
Carmey . . . . .	0	0	0	0
Gingrich . . . . .	0	1	0	1
Farhat . . . . .	0	0	2	0
Barbour . . . . .	0	0	1	0
Auchterlone . . . . .	0	0	0	0
Totals . . . . .	11	9	13	31

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# Wright on the Spot

By Vicki Grunman

First off, we'd like to give a real hearty welcome to Jean Ann Anderson, 'cuz we're real glad to have her back. Just think—once again we hear the patter of her tiny ski-boots in the wee small hours in the second floor wing.

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They sure do pick fine times for fire drills! Dunno who clued them that half the girls would be in the shower at the time, but they sure took advantage of the fact. Gets kindo chilly, standing out there in a bathrobe and wet hair.

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T'other night we heard the fire alarm (another one), so, as prescribed, we dropped our studying, got into coat, shoes, and babushko, closed the window, and dashed into the hall, only to run smack into a crowd of other wimmin wearing puzzled looks in addition to coats, shoes, and babushkas. Yeh—you guessed it—false alarm. Seems Paula Gugelyk was a little woozy for some reason or other that night and accidentally turned the wrong knob or pushed the wrong button, or something. After saying a few choice things, we went back to our rooms, took off coat, shoes, and babushka, opened the window, and resumed our studying, while Paula added one demerit to her collection.

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From here the train of thought leads us on to fire escapes, and there we find Bert Buhner. Literally. We have since learned that it was only a phase of the rather violent Phi initiation, entailing a scavenger hunt, part of which was getting a note located at the top of the Wright Hall fire escape, but, at the time, this fact was unknown to us. Thus, it must have been a trifle perturbing for Shirley Lyons to look out the window and see a face leering down at her. Of course, it was only Bert looking surprised, but it's hard to tell in the dark. The Lyons lungs promptly went to work and, together with several sets of same, proceeded to split ear-drums for a block's radius. What guys won't do to get into a frat! He'll probably have a complex about fire escapes and letters for the rest of his life. Of course, this was before the laws was laid down forbidding anyone to be on the fire escape except in case of fire or reasonable facsimile on pain of a dollar fine. No kidding, Cupid really hasn't got a chance around here, any more.

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The Phi's aren't really such bad eggs, though. 'Twas a mighty pretty serenade that the Wright Hall girls got last week. Three cases of pneumonia were contracted from hanging out the window to listen, but we don't mind. Now why don't the Deltas and the Zeta's do something chivalrous like that?

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If Don Carey ever got hold of this little tidbit, "Temp" would never hear the end of it, so I can't say a thing about the night "Temp" sat down on her bed and one of its legs went through the floor. The floor board was rotten, see, so "Temp" herself really had very little to do with it, but Don wouldn't see it that way, so I won't say a thing.

## Honor Roll

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Audrey Kneal Petoskey, 2.18; Thomas Peace, Detroit, 2.16; Nancy Fullen, Bay City, 2.15; Arle Gould, Ithaca, 2.12; Charles Clay, Chicago, Ill., 2.08; William Kaufold, Saginaw, 2.00; Donald Buentener, Saginaw, 2.00; and Richard Wing, Perry, 2.0.

### Sophomores

Sophomores, James Anderson, Saginaw, 2.82; Rhinehard Burke, Alma, 2.82; Martha Haller, Milford, 2.78; Mary Jane Keith, Alma, 2.72; Joseph Thibedeau, Newberry, 2.68; Louis Marx, Alma, 2.58; Delos McKown, Muir, 2.50; Jane Kohler, Charlevoix, 2.42; Charles Saxton, East Jordan, 2.38; John Anderson, Birmingham, 2.28; J. E. Aldridge, Flint, 2.26; Barbara Milham, Alma, 2.25; Norman

Thomas, Auburn, N. Y., 2.25; Roland Gohlke, Alpena, 2.23; Joann Wilson, Lansing, 2.23; John Cowan, Detroit, 2.18; Jeanne Minard, Harbor Beach, 2.18; Thomas Rhodes, Saginaw, 2.17; Eugene Reed, Alma, 2.14; Rex Richards, Port Hope, 2.12; Fred Graham, Saginaw, 2.11; Patricia Medler, Alma, 2.10; Mary Ann Morris, Saginaw, 2.10; Ernest Aslanis, Greece, 2.06; Raymond Fisher, Auburn, N. Y., 2.06; Nancy Heering, Charlevoix, 2.06; James Nesbitt, Pontiac, 2.06; Willet Schmidt, Port Austin, 2.06; Beverly Yoder, Alma, 2.05; Robert McComb, Flint, 2.00; Robert McLean, St. Louis, 2.00 and Daniel Pierron, Detroit, 2.00.

### Freshmen

Freshmen, Jean MacMillan, Petoskey, 2.88; Robert Pueschner, St. Louis, 2.70; Rene Martinex, Mexico, 2.64; Vera Grunman, Detroit, 2.62; Beulah Anderson, Crosswell, 2.55; Janice Bleil, Detroit, 2.52; Richard Remsburg, Alma, 2.52; Gloria Koch, Detroit, 2.50; Milford Mason, Charlotte, 2.43; Jack Patton, Three Rivers, 2.43; Donald Tacia, Spruce, 2.38; Gene Griffin, Battle Creek, 2.37; Helen Harrison, Alma, 2.34; Carole Rohlfs, Akron, 2.33; Patricia Newburg, Crystal, 2.31; Paula Gugelyk, Detroit, 2.29; Leontine Netzorg, Alma, 2.28; Robert Riestter, Alma, 2.26; Joan Reed, Greenwich, Conn., 2.23; Kenneth Burgess, Beaverton, 2.22; Joan Protheroe, Detroit, 2.20; Melvin LaGrone, Detroit, 2.09; Marion Davison, Detroit, 2.06; McDonald Hamilton, Alma, 2.05; Richard Nisbet, Fremont, 2.05; Edwin Kinker, Flint, 2.00; Dora Martinez, Detroit, 2.00; George Rodgers, Mt. Clemens, 2.00; Ruth Irene Rose, Kalkaska, 2.00; and Marilyn Tweedie, Ashley, 2.00.

The special student on the honor roll is Sarah Hunsicker, Ithaca, 2.57.

## COOK AWARDS' RULES

The awards have been made available in order to stimulate interest and excellence in creative writing. A total of \$100.00 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.

These awards will be made in the fields of dramatic writing, fiction, and poetry. These are not necessarily to be distributed in all categories listed. The judges may feel that no candidate has done sufficiently good work to merit an award.

The awards shall be offered only to full time students. Freshmen may compete for the freshman award in the fields mentioned. Any freshman regularly enrolled in a composition course is eligible provided his work is at least of C grade.

Any other full time student may compete in the upperclass award provided he has at least a C grade for his last semester's scholastic average, and is taking or has taken at least one course in advanced composition.

No student having won an award other than in the Freshman contest will be allowed to compete in any subsequent contest.

There will be a \$25 award for the best piece of writing by a freshman. There will be two awards in the advanced group, one for \$25.00, and one for \$50.00.

### Preparation of Manuscripts

1. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the paper only. Poems and plays need not be double-spaced throughout.  
2. Bond paper, sixteen pound weight, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, must be used for the original copy and the carbons.

Three copies of the work must be submitted, and firmly bound in a neat and durable cover. Unbound manuscripts, or other manuscripts not likely to remain bound together will be rejected.

Each copy of each manuscript shall have a title page, on which shall appear: (1) the name or title of the composition; (2) a non-deplume; (3) a statement that the manuscript is submitted for the freshman or regular award in the category of drama, fiction, or poetry.

The title of the manuscript and the non-deplume of the author shall be placed on the cover of the work submitted.

Accompanying the manuscript shall be two sealed envelopes. One shall contain the non-deplume of the contestant and his real name and address, with the non-deplume appearing on the outside of the envelope.

The other envelope shall contain a record of the contestant's standing in second-semester courses. These grades shall be obtained from the instructors in these courses. Record blanks will be provided by the English department.

Completed manuscripts must be turned in by May 5, 1949.

## V. A. NEWS

GI term insurance is approaching expiration dates for an increasing number of veterans, particularly those who went to service early with various National Guard units and the first Selective Service contingents, Veterans Administration warned.

VA explained that these veterans must take action if they wish to keep their National Service Life Insurance in force. Expiring contracts may be renewed for a new five-year term or converted to a permanent plan.

Original term insurance taken out while in service before the end of 1945 expires eight years after it was issued. Many veterans took out their insurance early in 1941. Some of these contracts are expiring now.

VA will notify these veterans two months before their contracts expire. If the veterans do not apply for renewal or conversion before their original insurance expires, they will be required to take a physical examination to regain their coverage at a later date.

### Questions and Answers:

Q. I want to give the beneficiary of my NSLI the right of choosing in the event of my death, either a lump sum settlement or any of the available monthly payment plans. If I designate no option, will she have this right?

A. No. Payment in a lump sum may be designated only by the insured. However, if you provide for lump sum payment she may have her choice of available plans.

## Czech Girl

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spy and were planning to capture her the next time she crossed their zone to visit her mother. After this she naturally had to confine herself to the British zone of Vienna.

This incident had an effect on her then her case came up before the International Refugee Organization Board. She was declared ineligible as a Displaced Person until the spy charge was cleared up. The spy charge was soon cleared but she is still considered ineligible.

During the time when she was planning to enter the United States on a Student Visa it was discovered that the Austrian government would not pay her fare, as they did for other Austrians—because she was considered a Czech. Upon hearing this news, Mr. John Swigart sent her all his savings to pay for her plane ticket. When the Alma churches heard about this many individuals in Alma donated money to the cause also. Under the Displaced Persons law she must have her plane tickets as well as either a job or a scholarship waiting for her. At the present time the only thing that is holding her back is the wait for the decision of the Board at the headquarters in Geneva Board of the IRO.

In order to help Trudy's cause the Alma Christian Association sent a letter to the Geneva Board telling them of the desire of the students of Alma College to have Trudy come here. In the answer which was received from them it was stated that her case would come up in about four weeks. Until the final answer is learned many friends in Alma and Alma College will anxiously await the news of her fate.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To all Freshmen and Sophomore Men:

Throughout the year Dr. Rice is scheduling conferences with all freshmen and sophomore men. The matter is being made increasingly difficult, however, by the failure of students to show up for

appointments. Often not more than half of the number scheduled for appointments actually appear. Your cooperation is asked in taking care to check your mail boxes regularly so that you may receive your notice of appointment, and appear at the scheduled time. Your attentiveness in this matter will be very helpful.


The date has been set for the J-Hop. It will be on Friday, April 29. This will be the first dance after Easter vacation. Girls will be allowed 1:00 permission for the dance. Committees will be elected and further arrangements made later.

Mrs. Richard Nelson (PAT PILSON) now lives at 1137 Royal Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan. Pat has a baby daughter, Linda Mae, born June 2, 1948.

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