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"Have You Heard About—???"

Word of mouth has long been a very useful and helpful means by which one can express himself and exchange his own ideas and convictions with those of his neighbor. However on our campus there has sprung up the abuse of this method of communication into what is termed the "GRAPEVINE." I am sure that it is well named for the users of this odious practice certainly do exhibit the mentality of some of our primal ancestors.

All that is needed to become a user of this "GRAPEVINE" is an utter disregard for the feelings of others and an extremely long nose, which is essential for poking into other people's business.

More hard feeling and uncalled for cruelty has resulted from this desire for gossip than could be produced if we chose up sides and declared an open war. I think it is about time that most of us "wised-up" and stopped this practice.

After all, no one is perfect or there certainly would be no reason for the erasers on the end of pencils. When one of us does err, as will occasionally happen, our case can be very capably handled by our two very capable deans. Why not let them decide whether the offender should be punished rather than crucifying him or her on a cross of malicious gossip.

In conclusion let me suggest that all of us take a good look around us and make the resolution that the next time we hear someone say, "Did you hear about—???" we will immediately endeavor to show that person that such talk only will lead to hard feelings and also to remind him or her that if they gossip today, THEY may be the one on the "coals" tomorrow.

G. P. S.

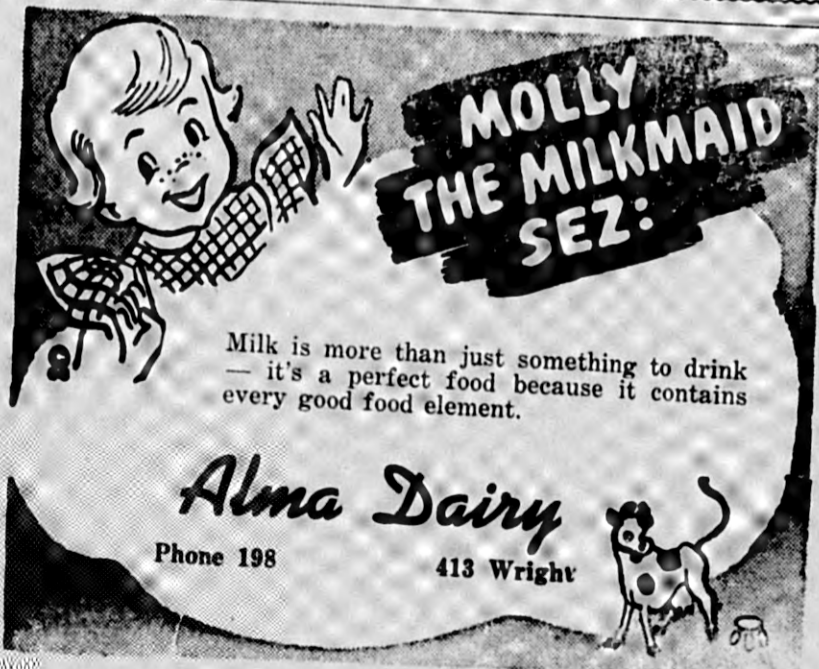
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:: Greek Gab ::

Zeke Sigma News:

What a vacation no paper for two or three weeks back. Sorta seems funny to be scratching the 'ole' cranium again to try to figure out what event deserves mention.

It's a good thing Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations aren't too far apart. What with all the tests coming up we'd be nervous wrecks. Such is college life, I guess. Kinda good to have a chance to partake of it though.

Anyway—it was rather good to see everybody out in their finery at the dance last Saturday night. Ludy Ludwig models a tux rather well. Judging by the comments heard as the boys entered the "halls" after bidding "sleep tight" to the weaker ones, they are all confirmed dance goers now.

Our boy John L. is still getting around. If you don't see him pay for his coffee now the reason is obvious.

Seems as though Long and Kinner have extra special friends from other parts. What L wants to know is why they're afraid to make any introductions. They must have the idea we're all wolves or somethin'.

Why is it that romance always takes the spotlight? Here it is not even spring—in fact it's raining now—enough to dampen my thoughts on that subject.

Hard-working Haase came through with orders for a field day Saturday. Must have a dignitary comin' around. Guess who washes the Venetian blinds again! Seems as though there was a hint a little ago that Greek Gab columns be shorter; so—I'm tired anyway.

Just want to mention that Zeta Sigma's gonna choose a sweetheart in about a month. We're looking forward to your helping us pick one. But we must say now—there is to be no stuffing of the ballot box—Sorry, fellas.

Phi-Lip

The last couple of weeks there has been an outbreak of practical jokers around the house. Books have been nailed down, beds have been torn up, alarm clocks have been ringing in the middle of the night, and many other shady shenanigans have been going on. Last Saturday a mass pillow fight was carried on in the sack room in the wee hours of the morning. As of yet most of the pillows are still missing and feathers are ankle deep around the beds.

Quite a few of the boys are still making nightly visits to Wright Hall. We notice that Dee Combs is wearing Bob King's pin. Our congratulations to Dee and Bob. House manager Scotty MacFinchem is carrying on an economy drive this month. As a result, most of the boys keep the windows and doors open because it is warmer outside than it is inside. For revenge we have thrown "Scotty's" pipes into the furnace for fuel. This did the trick and a load of coal is now on its way.

A bridge marathon is being held in the house this week. Dick Roth and Cliff Pitts have been at it for 37 hours now and it looks as if they can carry on for another two days at least. The two winners get a free box of NO-NODS. The winners will be announced next week.

ALPHA THETA NEWS

With the Thanksgiving vacation over and our grades tucked safely away, we return with new resolves for the remainder of the semester, even though we didn't seem to find time for that book reaction or term paper which is due this week. Old man weather hasn't put us in a Christmas mood, but the Frosh Frolic certainly did. The uniqueness of the decorations was fascinating. A mighty busy week too, with our Monday night meeting topped off with a dinner at the home of Mrs. Roberts, assisted by Mrs. Pater-son. That Christmas plum pudding sure reminded us of home.

Tuesday night found us over at the gym, fighting once more for that championship. Those poor gals whose muscles are being inaugurated for the first time since Frosh Phys. ed! Wednesday night was devoted to our presence at the junior recital of Rosemary Rogers and Phil Long. As for music they can't be beat and it was a great success. Thursday evening we returned for a command performance of our volleyball skills. This evening all our

efforts and talents will be assimilated in the "Picada"—figured out the meaning yet?—Just think of ping pong, cards, and dancing. So "com'on" over to the union to-night and aid us in initiating the ping-pong tournaments!

KAPPA KAPERS

Here we are again after a refreshing vacation over the Thanksgiving holiday. It was just a breather before we enter into the Christmas season. Before the Turkey Day vacation we held a party in the sorority room. Music, pop corn, and cards made up the evening's entertainment. Music on the "uke" was rendered by Judy, and the capable Kappa Iota Choir harmonized the vocals. Head chef, Dolores Metcalf, took charge of popping corn, while Hilma served a variety of soft drinks for a beverage. The pinochle tournament was won by Jan and Jan, who received silver cups presented by Marcia, who was in charge of entertainment. Our next party will be just before Christmas vacation.

We were glad to see Pat Medler Tobin sit in at our meeting. Pat was president of our sorority last year.

Larry Stevens and Jim Whyatt were cameramen who took our sorority picture at our meeting Monday night while everyone said "cheese". We had some trouble getting Greta to co-operate, but everything turned out all right. Thanks loads, Larry and Jim.

Our volley ball team has had a pretty successful season up to now. We hope to keep on winning our games.

During the meeting the Phi's came over and serenaded Dee Combs, who was pinned by Bob King last week. Dee said it was the sweetest music that she had ever heard. Some K. I.'s went over to the Phi House after the meeting to serenade Bob, who was reported to be in the showers and not voluntarily. Not only Dee but all the K. I.'s enjoyed the serenade, boys.

SIG SEZ

It's been a long time—almost forgot the name of this column. We're now all set for our dime dance after the game tomorrow night—sure hope I see you there. Another project coming up is the Delt Sig Open House next Saturday night. Now that's going to be a grand affair and you shouldn't miss it. Just drop in after the game next week—there's entertainment and food and dancing. Fun for all.

All are pleasantly stuffed after Thanksgiving—two of our girls, Sue Reavey and Char Yoder went to Arkansas to see their fellows over vacation. A marvelous time was reported, altho' Sue almost lost her teeth, literally. Seems Jack's helmet rather got in the way somehow. Just ask her to show you the missing chips in those two front teeth.

Char is planning to be married here in Alma on Christmas eve, so she's a busy gal. We wish her much luck and happiness.

The only other change in love affairs is the fact that Cookie is now going steady with John Snider—or has you noticed? She rather floated around the dorm grounds for a while.

As you all know, one of our members, Shirley Hewitt is teaching school in Ashley. Seems she had her pupils write Christmas stories. One little boy came up and asked her how to spell "sand". After struggling a while longer, he came back again wanting to know how to spell "acaws".

We're rather happy to be able to report our volleyball team is in first place. Those are pretty rough games and plenty of competition, but so far we've held our own. We sure have some sluggers even in volleyball. On this cheer-

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ful note, I leave you 'til next week —"don't say it ain't been—!"

DELT DATA

We're glad to announce that our Delt Monte Carlo was a big success. About 45 couples were present to dance and gamble. We hear that Bill Fretz was also trying to make some illegal money besides his regular stack.

Quite a few of the boys are wondering who is giving Jim Whyatt those mysterious phone calls. Any clue to the answer to this mystery will be appreciated. Maybe someone in Wright Hall has the answer?

The latest craze around the house is the double-pinochle fever. In between every class and into the wee hours, one can hear bidding up as far as 200. What new game will they come up with next?

Notes to members: For Larry Stevens, we suggest — Rinsol soap that gets white things whiter than white! If you ever get stuck in Lansing again in the rain, Nels be sure and have a car that doesn't leak! "Dutch" Wassenaar is looking for a bar that isn't occupied on Monday nights. Bill Taylor is still looking for a method of collecting rent from our two "star" boarders.

Well, enough gab 'til next week. So long for now.

My girl reminds me of a candy bar—half sweetness and half bite.

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Sports

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Basketball Season Under Way

The Alma College Scots open their 1951-52 basketball season in the MIAA against Hope College tomorrow night at the Memorial Gymnasium. The Scots have a good chance to the title this year, and enthusiasm is high over the squad's potentialities. Hope presents a big hurdle and Alma must win if they hope to repeat last year's record. Tuesday, Alma meets the Albion Britons, who represent an even higher hurdle if the team is to get off to a fast start. Albion, the defending MIAA basketball champion, is (as usual) the team to beat. Two meetings with the Britons last year resulted in a win and a loss for the Scots, which is also the same tune played against Hope in '50-51. Incidentally, it should be remembered that the loss to Hope last year cost Alma the championship.

In February the Alma cagemen travel to Detroit to battle the highly touted Lawrence Tech. squad under the terrific coaching of Don Ridler.

So here is good luck to Coach Bill Lawrence as he begins his first season as Scot cage mentor—here is hoping that his boys can break the jinx on Alma held by Hope College tomorrow night.

Hope, Albion to Be Encountered in League Play

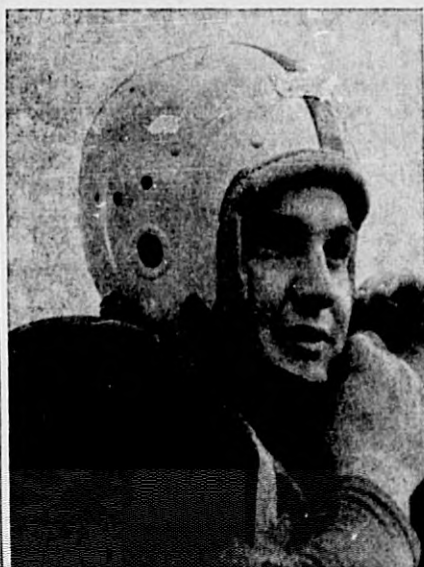
With three non-conference games behind, the Alma Scots open the MIAA basketball title race Saturday night and come back again on Tuesday night for the second league battle. Opponent for this initial conference tilt here Saturday evening will be Hope while Albion is entertained at Memorial Gymnasium next Tuesday evening in the second league clash.

Losses to Central Michigan last week by very narrow

margins took on new significance to the Scots when the Chips downed the University of Michigan ball club last Saturday night by a 60-43 margin, much worse than Central was able to defeat the Scots in either encounter. This added boost to the stock of the Scots, coupled with the 81-74 victory over Calvin last Thursday evening for the first 1951 victory, may mean the Alma team is much stronger than was first indicated by its two successive losses.

This past week has been spent by Coach Fred Lawrence in perfecting some of the "set" offense plays of the Scots though it is expected they will again utilize, as much as possible, the fast break type of ball which allowed them to score 81 points against Calvin. Various combinations of players have been used this week in preparation for these two MIAA games, only ones booked before the holidays for the Scots, but it is expected there will be little change in the line-up.

All MIAA Position



Bob Acton



Bob Naru

Co-champions Hope and Alma placed ten men on the All-MIAA 21 man squad announced this past weekend but it was Hope that had most of these for the Scots had only two men named in the voting. This tribute to the fine team play of the Scots with no great number of "star" performers shows how Alma came through with its share in the 1951 title.

Workhorse Bob Naru was placed on both on both the offense unit and the defense unit while Capt. Bob Acton was teamed with him on the defense squad at a line-backing post. Jordon Iatrou of Adrian was placed at center on the offense unit and was tied with these men for line-backer on the defense team to bring uneven distribution and a 21 man squad.

Hope placed four men on each squad with an end, tackle, guard and fullback winning the offense berths, while another end, tackle, guard and safety man placed on the defense unit. The offense fullback spot which Alma fans and many others about the state felt should have gone to Alma's Harold "Dub" Martin, was captured by John Hamilton, the freshman fullback from Hope.

Four men were placed from Kalamazoo, four from Hillsdale two from Albion and Alma and only one from Adrian to make up the 21 man squad which is as follows:

The offensive team:
End—Ken Bauman, Hope, and Jim Steffoff, Kalamazoo; tackles—Fred Yonkman, Hope, and Al Ziebart, Hillsdale; guards—Jim Van Hoven, Hope, and Charlie Rohr, Hillsdale; center—Jordon Iatrou, Adrian; quarterback—Phil Dillman, Kalamazoo; halfbacks—Bob Naru, Alma, and Roger Winter,

Kalamazoo; fullback—John Hamilton, Hope.

The defensive team:
Ends—Jack Vandervelde, Hope, Don Lamb, Hillsdale, and Al Harris, Kalamazoo; tackles—Sid Dunne, Albion, and Gene Nyenhuis, Hope; guards—Lloyd Beeckman, Hope, and Rohr; linebackers—Bob Acton, Alma, Iatrou, and Naru; halfbacks—Bob Burandt, Hillsdale, and Frank Joranke, Albion; safetyman, Don Piersma, Hope.

Honorable mention went to two other Alma team members, Sam Stafford at a guard berth and Rich Garrett for his backfield defense.

W. A. A News

Women's Volleyball has gotten off to a good start this year with six teams regularly reporting to the gym to play some hard, fast and highly spirited games. Team captains this year are: I.W.O.—Donna Kyes; Frosh—Mary Jane Hart; Campus Wives—Marilyn Houghton; K. I.'s—Hilma Tassava; Theta's—Jane Kersten; and Sig Phi's Kay Shaw.

Competition has been good so far this season and the games have been close as far as scoring. Team standings as of December 5 are:

	W	L	T
Sigma Phi's	3	0	0
Theta's	2	1	0
K. I.'s	1	0	2
Campus Wives	1	1	1
I. W. O.'s	0	2	1
Frosh	0	3	0

The W.A.A. Chocolate will be held December 19 at the president's home. All women on campus are invited.

More next week about volleyball and the chocolate.

Intramural News

The Intramural Volleyball has finally begun. It opened on the night of Monday, November 19, with four games being played, and all were won by Delt represented teams. The Delt Demons beat the Zeta Chargers 2-0, The Delt Dodgers also won beating the Phi Phiffers by the same score of 2-0. The Delt Dutch Diggers won on forfeit from the Zeta Supporters. The only team that gave the Delt teams any competition were the Phi Panthers who still lost by the score of 2-1.

On December 3, the Delt Dodgers won again, beating the Annex Gang 2-0. The Delt Diggers won from the Panthers 2-0, and the Delt Dynamics won over the Phi G.L.A., 2-0.

The Zeta Chargers turned from their losing way and defeated the Phi Phiffers, 2-0.

Delt Dodgers	2	0
Delt Ditch Diggers	2	0
Delt Dynamics	2	0
Delt Demons	1	0
Zeta Chargers	1	1
Phi G. L. A.*	0	1
Phi Phiffers	0	2
Phi Panthers	0	2

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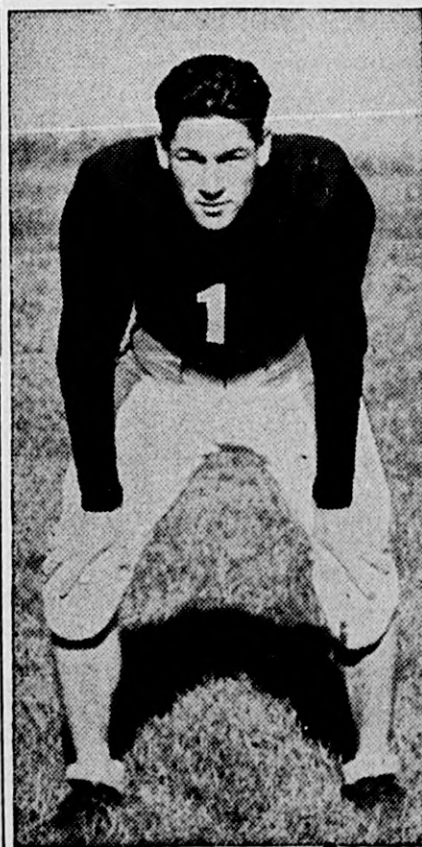
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New Scot Captain



Rich Garrett

Newly elected captain for the Alma Scots football team is Rich Garrett of Clawson, a defensive star during the past two years for the Alma team and a deadly tackler. Used often in the safety spot when a double safety combination was desired, Garrett has been a valuable leader and though small as college football players go, a tower of strength when needed.

The fact he comes from Clawson as did Bob Acton, captain of the 1950 Scot squad, is unique in leadership angles. He is a junior and previous letter winner.

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