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## Thanks Alma College

We, the class of June 1954, are winding up our freshman year. Although we're looking forward to no longer being the "youngest" in the school, and to hazing the class of 1955—it's going to be sad to realize that our first year in college is completed.

None of us were willing to admit that we liked freshman hazing, but it did help us to get to know most of the upperclassmen and to bring our own class closer together. Now that it's all over (with the exception of the tug-of-war—), we have to admit it was all in fun—and fun we frosh had. May we remind you too, that the class of 1954 won the flag rush!

Winter followed with dances, parties, and rushing and smokers. Every week brought a new experience, a pleasant experience and the friendliness that makes Alma distinctive as a small Christian College.

Spring has come (the weather hardly shows it!) and we are celebrating campus day. We freshmen, to show our appreciation to you upperclassmen, for making us feel so much as home at Alma, have put out a paper—the traditional frosh paper—which we hope you will enjoy as much as we have enjoyed working on it for you. It is printed in green—the color that you upperclassmen so forcefully liked seeing us wear last fall.

So it's good-bye to hideous, freshman green pots and bows and on to sophomore days. Thanks, upperclassmen, for putting up with our blunders and making the frosh really feel the meaning of the college motto, "Where friendliness links learning with living."

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## Greek Gab

### Kappa Kapers

It seems as if congratulations are in order for Ruth Rose, Jani Bleil and Carol Rolfs who are the three junior members of the queen's court for Campus Day. We are all proud of these K. I.'s.

"Batter Up!!" has been the signal that made all realize that "now was the time for all good K. I.'s to come to the aid of their sorority softball team." We have had very good turnouts for our games. Perhaps, and we have no doubt, none of us will ever be able to challenge Joe Domigio or Johnny Groth, but we certainly do have a lot of fun.

Our formal dance, which was held at the Greenville Country Club last Friday, was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves and had a swell-elegant time.

Bill Castile's mother gave a beautiful china cup to the sorority to show her appreciation to us for entertaining her and the other mothers when the Phi's had their father and son banquet. We want to give a big "THANKS" to Mrs. Castile for her thoughtfulness.

All the K. I.'s are looking forward to the sorority weekend May 19 and 20. We have the same cottage we had last summer and we're all looking forward to an equally good time.

A special event May 21! Miss Vander Hart has opened her home to us for one of our meetings. We are all anxiously awaiting this event because, from our past pleasant experience with Miss Vander Hart, we know a terrific evening is in store for all of us.

Well, we have to get back to cleaning out the archives—a yearly task like taking inventory—

Oh, before we go we want to wish all of you the best of luck on your exams, a super summer, a wonderful future for all the seniors, and until we meet again, next fall on the Alma Campus.

"May God be with you—from all of the K. I.'s!"

### DELTA NEWS

You never saw a more exhausted group of men than our Delta brothers when they came back from their trip to the North, in God's Country. Bunea, Kuhlman, Callow, Black, Pless, Fay, Smiley and Norris claimed it was the best tour they have ever had.

Last Saturday evening our Delta Formal went off like clock work in Saginaw. You should have seen Ron Black and Mrs. Stewart do the Charleston. They were superb! To make the whole dance complete, Don Aiken announced his engagement to Dot Carlson, who goes to school at Mount Pleasant.

Little Ray Carless may not look like a giant, but he claims he can move two tons of steel twenty-one miles in fifteen minutes. (All I can say is, I'm glad I wasn't along.)

Oh, that "All Sports Trophy". It's like button, button who has the button? We don't know who the proud possessor is, but you will when this paper is distributed.

Come on Frosh—dunk those Sophs in that cold water-hole on Wednesday morn.

### Phi Lip

It begins to look as though the love-life at Phi House is taking a back seat in favor of a little diligent studying for a change. The banging of typewriters, manufacturing term papers, can be heard almost any time of the day or night. This hasn't been the studying type of weather lately either, but I guess approaching finals can scare the gang into just about anything.

Both the Phifers and the Panthers are certainly to be congratulated on the impressive records they have been making in the softball competition. Keep up the good work, men!

Looks like we're going to have a good crowd out for our closed formal coming up. Co-Social Chairman, Bauer and Sadler have everything under control and all details down to a point where it seems this should be the biggest and the best yet.

Well it looks like its almost time to close the old Phi Lip with the printing of the Campus Day Edition. It's been REAL! Before closing I would, however, like to enter a late report which just came in on the latest collegiate men's clothing styles this Spring. It seems that some college men like ties with dots in them, others like suits with stripes in them—but all like letters with CHECKS in them!

### Sigma Phi News

After the mad dash of rushing parties and a short breathing period sometimes known as Easter Vacation, Sigma Phi's returned to initiate eleven wonderful new pledges. Although they bewailed their fate at the hands of old members all came through smiling and we are pleased to have Joyce Howarth, Julia Mathews, Elmore Erickson, Marilyn Tweedie, Shirley Hewitt, Betty Fowler, Sarah Andrews, Sylvia Obenaur, Marilyn Gorden, and Letitia and Margret Johnson as new members.

Choir members Phil, Willie, Bev McMullen and the Johnson twins are with us again but not without mishap. Phil reported that she and Bev had some difficulty with one bed that surprised them by collapsing. Always something to make life interesting.

Our campaign in softball has been quite successful this spring thanks to the excellent pitching of our star, Marilyn Tweedie. We are now tied for first place.

On Monday May 31, patronesses Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Stuckey planned a television party for us at the Sullivan home. After our business meeting we were served tea and cakes which contained fortunes. (No one ate their fortunes, by-the-way!) We had a wonderful time.

A week ago Monday night Marrie Harper entertained us at her home with refreshments after our meeting in the sorority room. Marrie has the prettiest little house and the nicest white curtains!

Spring fever seems to have hit the Phi's specially hard this year. Two of our girls were married recently—two more have planned their weddings for next month and another become engaged.

Of major concern was our closed dinner-dance in Saginaw last Friday and the coming weekend party.

Besides all this fevered activity there is studying to be done! Campus Day is here giving a much too brief release from the daily grind. Be of good cheer, dear students, it will soon be time for finals!

A happy week to all from Sigma Phi.

### ZETA SIGMA

Well, mates, once again the boy chem major turns columnist. It seems it's been quite some time since a bit of material stemming from Zeta Sigma has reached the reputable (?) Almanian. But with the seniors busily trying to get those B's to work for them instead of finals and underclassmen trying to find ways to pass Uncle's forthcoming bit of testing, it seems that all of the renowned Zeta literary geni have well hidden themselves or else completely vanished. Consequently, yours truly has volunteered once again to tell you that all's well still down on Superior.

Tasty Tidbits: Young Jim (Greening Auto Co.) Haigh has been seen steadily en route to Breckenridge since the little one's return from Florida. — Bashful Butters, inbetween stops on the choir trip, evidently found time to realize that Spring was the 'appropriate' time to blossom forth. (Note—Janie seems to be one happy girl.) — Baldy Bob Willits announces that anyone wishing to buy an A-1 condition, slightly used "tricycle" please contact him.

Formal final: Any lost Zetas, please find at the Hotel Doherty. One might say, naturally in our always modest sense, that a great, great time was had by all. Never saw such a huge collection of alumni and imported steadies. Four mighty fine chaperons in Mr. and Mrs. Rufener and Mr. and Mrs. Chipper.

Sports of sports: It was a tough battle but we lost. That is, the bowling title. Garrett, Acton and the boys rolled their hearts out but didn't quite roll them far enough. The softball team is having fun and exercise. Guess we'll have to console ourselves by realizing that most of us are of the intellectual variety rather than the athletic (?).

Misc.: The boys are turning in to the men who paint the rainbow in the Zeta house. Pastels, brights and tints are being figuratively plastered onto the walls. It's soon going to be an interior decorator's dream thereabouts. We've been adding to our already vast tile flooring also. Working in the springtime, it's amazing.

The end of the year means the end of 4 years at this h'yar institution for many. May we wish here publicly and sincerely, success to those Zetas saying 'Good-

bye.' And to the rest of yo'all, have a good summer. See you next year.

### Alpha Theta News

These last few weeks have found the Thetas active in a variety of ways. Last week the choir arrived safely home and M. A. could be found outside the Zeta House exercising her vocal chords with the accompaniment of Su, Ro, Gwen, Helen, and Phyll. That choir trip sure did wonders for a couple of its members. Seems Janie has been floating on a cloud and sparkles more than ever since the trip. A certain Zeta looks like he's sitting on top of the world, too. Could be some connection!

The day before, recalling open-house, Mary and Marianne's room was selected as most comfortable for second floor. With open-house over we devoted our energies to the softball games Monday and Wednesday nights. Thursday night took some of the girls to the speech banquet. Gwen received her Tau Kappa Alpha award that nite. The dinner proved quite successful. Friday night we donned our best and moved on to Saginaw for the annual spring-formal. Dr. and Mrs. Harris accompanied as chaperones. We did manage to make it home by two a.m. Saturday morning found us sitting in psych class half awake and getting this thing written by the deadline. We would like to announce that Marianne and Carol were elected secretary-treasurer of their respective classes.

With these activities over, we look to the remaining weeks of the semester. We are proud to announce that three of our sisters were elected to the Campus Day court—Jo, Su, and Roma. In the remaining time many farewells will be said, many for the last time, as graduation takes from us Lil Goodwyn, Jean Kamperman, Jo Ramsey, Lois Preston, Roma Woodworth, Mary Ann Morris, Betty Bennett, Phyll Hayward, and Su Flannigan. We hope they will think of us in the future and make frequent visits to their alma mater and sorority sisters. Best of luck to you, girls, in the future, whether you take the matrimonial step or follow a profession.

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Scotsman 1951

Alma College takes great pride in showing the "51" Scotsman! With the "Scotty-dog" theme throughout, it represents the warmth and friendliness, the personality, and spirit of Alma College.

Our editors this year, Ron Black and Bill Falk, have done an excellent job of creating a yearbook that is a true pictorial history of these two semesters. The book refreshes in our memories all those events we will so long and so well remember! The annual encompasses the important happenings and also the incidental occurrences that perpetuate color and interest on the campus.

The job of business managers has belonged to Bob Bradley and Cass Hoffman; they deserve a

great deal of credit for doing a fine job and inspiring the staff to follow in the same pattern.

A new process has been introduced in the creation of this book which is the lithograph; this we attribute to the American Yearbook Company. Another feature that is different is the extensive use of picture-advertising which is indeed fitting in such a volume.

Yes, we are very proud of this Scotsman. It has maintained the traditional quality, and barring modesty, we would say that is better than ever!

Those wishing copies of the Annual may obtain them by writing to: "The Scotsman," Alma College, Alma, Michigan. The price is \$3.00.

### Letter Tells of New Cut System

Surely, some of you remember Leontine Netzorg—here is part of a letter written to the editor by her. Leontine transferred to Stetson University, Deland, Florida, last year after two years at Alma College.

Deland, Florida  
May 3, 1951  
Letter to the Editor  
THE ALMANIAN  
Alma College

I was very interested in reading your article concerning the Student Council and Administrative Council joint session in the April 27th edition of THE ALMANIAN. I was particularly interested in the problem of cutting classes and the cut rules at Alma College. I thought perhaps you might be interested in the system of cuts installed in John B. Stetson University here in Deland, Florida . . . (plug!!).

In my American Literature class, our teacher devised a very effective system to take care of the problem. All the students who had a "B" average or above in the class did not have to attend class at all, as long as they were still able to maintain their average. The students who were of "C" average or below were instructed that five cuts were allowed for the quarter. (A period of about 12 weeks). As soon as the student had taken his fifth cut he was automatically made an active member of the "DO NOT CUT ANYMORE . . . OR ELSE" fraternity. The first student to become a member was made President, the second student was made Vice President and so on. At the end of the quarter we had a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at arms and Social Chairman!! It was a lot of fun, and believe it or not, it solved the cutting problem!

Stetson University has one of the best examples of school spirit I have ever seen. I don't know the secret of this, but perhaps one of the things that helps to stir up this enthusiasm is the use of a pep band. When the team leaves for an "AWAY" game, the band is on hand to send them off, no matter what the hour may be. The girls are given permission to get out of the dorms and attend the pep rallies that are held then. These rallies help to build up the interest of the students, and when the team returns the bus is met on the highway. It is escorted to the campus by students in cars, sounding horns singing etc. It might disrupt the townspeople a little but the school spirit is there nevertheless!

Sincerely,  
Leontine Netzorg

### I. W. O.'s Elect Officers for Fall

The new officers of the Independent Women's Organization were installed on Monday, May 14. The officers are: Esther Douglas, President; Dora Martinez, Vice President, and A.C.A. representative; Jane French, Secretary; Marian Pike, Treasurer; Lydia Martinez, Athletic Director.

Following the installation the group went to Fershees for dinner. The I.W.O.'s have also chosen their group colors. The combination of forest green and pink was the one finally decided upon.

Plans for meetings until the end of the semester include rewriting the constitution and purpose of the organization.

The girls are planning popcorn sales in Wright Hall in order to make extra money for the treasury.

### Graduation

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3:00 p.m.—Tea for Seniors and their parents.

7:30 p.m. A Cappella Choir Concert, Chapel.

8:30 p.m.—President's reception at the President's Home. All friends of the college are invited. Informal.

Saturday, June 2—Commencement Day.

9:45 a.m.—Academic Procession, Wright Hall.

10:00 a.m.—Commencement Exercises. Address by Dr. John A. Visser, minister, Westminster Church, Detroit.

12:15 p.m.—Commencement luncheon, College Grove. Attendance by reservation.

There was a girl in the hotel room next to mine last week, and she kept me awake all night eating candy. All night I heard her saying, "Oh Henry! Oh Henry!"

### Campus Day

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Johann Strauss includes:

"Preparation"  
Head Mistress, Nancy Leece, Plymouth.

School Girls: Patricia Emery, Lincoln; Jeannine Moran, Keego Harbor; Joy Emke, Detroit; Kathleen Pereria, Midland; Elmore Erickson, Munising; Marcia Risser, Ionia; Betty Fowler, Drayton Plains; Shirley Sherman, Midland; Joyce Howarth, Northville; Alene Stolt, Harbor Springs; Gwen Hysmith, Hazel Park; Isabel Worth, Moran.

"Arrival of the Guests"

Cadets: Patricia Carruthers, Duluth, Minn.; Beety Keith, Grosse Point; Jeanne Crandal, Chicago, Ill.; Lydia Martinez, Detroit; Dorothy Fry, Indianapolis, Ind.; Gloria Moore, Grayling; Marianne Geerlings, Fremont; Ruth Morse, Detroit; Anne Gettle, Bay Port; Mary E. Splitstone, Fremont; Rosemary Graham, Long Island, N. Y.; Mary Ann Stevenson, Ionia.

Admiral . . . . Shirley Simpson, Detroit.

"Drummers and Twirlers"

Drummers: Gail Donaldson, Alma; Sylvia Obenauf, Ypsilanti; Marilyn Harris, Caro; Joan Ruegg, Alma; Margaret Johnson, Breckenridge; Hilma Tassava, Ironwood; Letitia Johnson, Breckenridge; Gay Watson, Howell  
Baton Twirlers: Ruth Rose, Kalkaska; Yvonne North, Northville.  
"Ballet" . . . . Marilyn Gordon, Flint.

"Clowns": Jane Kersten, Marysville; Phyllis Ripatte, Lake City.

"Sword Dancers": Rosemary Berger, Three Rivers; Julia Matthew, Anderson, Ind.; Winona Griswold, North Bradley; Marion McDonough, Flint; Donna Kyes, Saginaw; Marion Pike, Fairgrove;

### Famous Quartet Here May 17



The Music Department of Alma College presents the Chicago Symphony Woodwind Quintet on May 17, at 8:15 p. m. in the College Chapel. The recital will feature Robert Mayers, Oboe, Jerome Stowell, Clarinet; Philip Farkas, French Horn; Ralph Johnson,

Flute; and Wilber Simpson, Bassoon.

Tickets for the recital may be purchased at the college Business Office. The doors will be opened at 7:15 p. m. and there will be no reserved seats. Adult tickets are \$1.20, and student tickets are \$.60.

Peggy Lomas, Bay City; Carol Steven, Detroit.

"Flirtation": Head Mistress, Admiral, Cadets, and Girls.

"Farewell": Cadets, Girls, Head Mistress, and Admiral.

### Soph's Letter

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a lot to look forward to for next year. There will no doubt be parties and dances to save for prom skip day, but the **Big Thing** will be the **J-Hop** which will be the best yet.

There are two years down and two more to go for most of us. I suppose that some of us won't be back, but there'll be a lot of us that will, and these will be the ones to make our class just as successful

for the next two years as it has been for the past two.

To all of you, though, good luck in whatever you might be doing next year and thanks much for all you've given me in this our Sophomore year. It's been a real honor to work for you.

Bill  
P. S. To Sophomore men, let's really duck the Frosh.

### Senior Letter

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quiring those ideals and fundamentals which will enable us to make our lives more real and meaningful.

To that end, we remain the class of 1951.

Daniel E. Clark, Class Pres.



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