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All Seniors Must Take Final Exams

Faculty Committee to Study Problem

The senior class will not be excused from final examinations this year, according to a faculty ruling.

The petition of the senior class asked that students with a B average or better be excused from taking their finals, at the discretion of the individual instructors. It was denied by majority vote of the faculty.

Dean William J. McKeefery, who announced the faculty ruling in a letter to Nelson Ray, president of the senior class, stressed that the denial is not a permanent policy, and is valid for this semester only. The faculty has in the past ruled on the question each year.

The educational policies committee is studying the problem and will formulate a possible ruling which will then be submitted to the faculty, and may then be adopted as a permanent policy.

Construction Proceeds Ahead of Schedule

Construction of the Van Dusen Commons is proceeding ahead of schedule. At this time the concrete floors have been poured and all masonry work is practically complete. The steel beams, bar joists, and laminated wooden arches are now being placed and it is expected that the entire structure will be under roof by the end of May. The completion date is set for September, 1953.

The commons is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Van Dusen of Detroit. It will include a dining hall with a seating capacity of 500, two private dining rooms, a kitchen, and a large lounge.

Formal dedication of the Jerry Tyler student center will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, on the occasion of the spring meeting of the Alma college Board of Trustees and the Women's Advisory committee.

A picture and news story of the Jerry Tyler Student Center was featured in the April 18 issue of *Presbyterian Life*, a national religious news magazine. The picture showed students gathered in the main lounge of the building, and a brief news item told of the donors, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Tyler, and described the plan of the Center.



L. to R., Dave Cornell, Gene Schnelz, Bill Franch; Lois Howell, Ron Nicoson.

Five Alma Speakers Go to Colorado

Five Alma college speech students will participate in the thirteenth annual National Tau Kappa Alpha conference on April 23, 24, and 25 at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado. Participating for Alma will be Lois Howell, West Branch; Gene Schnelz, Hazel Park; Bill Franch, Ionia; Ron Nicoson, Owosso; and Dave Cornell, Custer.

Bill Franch and Gene Schnelz will participate in five rounds of debate on the national intercollegiate question: 'Resolved: That the Congress of the United States should enact a compulsory fair employment practices law.' The Alma team will alternate from affirmative to negative in each of the five rounds.

Ron Nicoson, Lois Howell, and Dave Cornell will participate in five rounds of panel discussion on the question, "How can we most effectively combat the threat of Communism?"

Nicoson, Howell, Schnelz, and Franch will participate in three rounds of extempore speaking. Topics for extempore speaking will be chosen from the January, February, March, and April issues of *Newsweek*, *Time* and the *United States*

News and World Report. At the time of speaking, each contestant will draw three topics and one will be selected for a speech. The speeches will not be less than five minutes nor more than seven minutes in length. Contestants will have one hour to prepare their speech.

The annual model initiation will be conducted at the National Conference on Friday, April 24. Alma students to be initiated into membership in Tau Kappa Alpha will be Lois Howell, Gene Schnelz, and Ron Nicoson.

One of the outstanding features of the conference will be the announcement of the winners of the Speaker-of-the-Year awards. Although only in its fourth year, this project has already made a place for itself in the work of the society. Speakers will be chosen in five fields: business and commerce, labor, religion, national affairs, and education, science and culture.

In addition to debate and discussion, the participants will enter the student congress. Committee sessions and legisla-

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**EDITORIAL:
AN APOLOGY**

Sometimes one wishes it were possible to make amends for all the things unsaid. The opportunities flit by and the words are discovered too late, or not at all. The desire is no less ardent, the thought no less sincere, than if it had been said; yet who perceives the golden undertones, the deep unuttered sentiments?

God touched the lips of man, and his ears were wholly sealed. The world is laden with the sweet flowing thoughts of eons. Yet the chattering teeth pause not, never rest from their deathless dance.

Silence is avoided as the plague. It clashes in the midst of the harmonious garble of voices. Any gap in the clamor must immediately be filled somehow, anyway: a nervous twitter from the girl in the corner, a man's raucous laugh, a comrade's smile-fed jeer. Always there is something to be said, never a space where silence would suffice.

It is said that the Man of Miracles silenced the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Would that He might again walk among us.

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**Campus Groups Listed
In Scholastic Rank**

The following listing was made up from the records of semester 133, or the fall semester of the year 1952-1953. It gives in the order of their scholastic rank various groupings on campus.

1. Senior Women	2.09
2. Junior Women	2.04
3. Alpha Theta	2.02
4. All Seniors	2.00
5. Sigma Philo	1.99
6. Senior Men	1.95
7. Kappa Iota	1.91
8. Town Women	1.89
9. All Women	1.79
10. Wright Hall Women	1.78
11. Delta Gamma Tau	1.77
12. All Juniors	1.72
13. Sophomore Women	1.71
14. Non-Sorority	1.69
15. Zeta Sigma	1.68
16. Phi Phi Alpha	1.64
17. Freshmen Women	1.59
18. Junior Men	1.52
19. Veterans	1.47
20. All Students	1.44
21. All Sophomores	1.43
22. Sophomore Men	1.29
23. All Men	1.26
24. All Freshmen	1.07
25. Non-Fraternity	1.00
26. Freshmen Men	0.85

**THE EDITOR'S
LETTERBOX**

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
April 7, 1953

To faculty, student organizations, student body, alumni, and friends,

You have written us such gracious letters about the "Center"; so many of them are all about us, that you will excuse our taking this way to express our appreciation and thanks to all at once. Your lovely messages have cheered us and confirmed our hope that the Center would meet with approval and be of real value to the school we all love.

Sincerely,
Leon and Minnie Tyler

Dear Sir,

This is the first time I've tried to make the "Letters to the editor" slot, and I'm sorry that my first attempt is going to be a complaint.

In a way, what I have to say boils down to that—"Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything"—sort of idea. Only, in this case it's a matter of "Everyone talks about what's wrong with Alma, its organizations, etc., but no one does anything about it."

Although this argument covers a lot of territory, and is applicable to many of our campus situations, I have one specific point in mind. While discussing a certain topic with a fellow student this past year, the remark was made, "Why I'd be ashamed to belong to that organization." The topic under discussion was the college band, and why this person, who had had band experience, and indicated that he was a good musician, wasn't a member of the band here.

Being a band member myself, I feel free to voice my opinions on this subject, since I must take this criticism along with my fellow band members. Not wishing to point fingers or pronounce the odious "shame on you," I would like to put a few questions to this anonymous student and several others of the same opinion.

There are approximately fifty students on campus who have had band experience and are well qualified to participate in band work. Why don't they? Limited time is a legitimate excuse, but the student who merely sits back and points out that this particular organization does not measure up to one he previously participated in, and therefore refuses to take part, is the one who is responsible for our band being what it is.

And here I certainly do not intend to degrade our band in any way—I am a member, and proud of it, not ashamed.

Any group or instructor is limited by its group membership, interest, and enthusiasm. Let's not just sit back and talk about it, let's do something about it.

Alice Welsh

Dear Editor,

On March 26, an article appeared in a little newspaper called the "Highspots" published by a few students on this campus.

The article stated that the auditorium at the new Tyler student center was rather dirty and unkept. The writer blamed no one certain person, but was asking the person responsible what can be done about this matter.

First of all you must remember that the auditorium proper is never used by the Drama club except on show nights. However, the auditorium is used by different fraternities and sororities. If we are to have fraternity and sorority social events which create an atmosphere we have to have decorations. And these are liable to create dirt, dust and untidiness in their preparation and dismantling.

Secondly, the stage proper is a place of work, and when one works one naturally creates dirt. Yes, this could be overcome if we had a person to do this work. But we use every person we can get our hands on to get the scenery built, props made, costumes and lights arranged on time. At this point, I would like to say if you have some free week-ends or time between any of your classes I would be glad to have you come over and see how this "dirt" is created.

Robert L. Fritch

**ACTIVITY
CALENDAR**

- Saturday, April 18—Zeta Sigma "Rat Race" 8:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 20—Chapel: Dr. Garner S. Odell
- Wednesday, April 22—Student council assembly. (Tyler)
- Friday, April 24—Chapel: special choir music.
- Saturday, April 25—Independent Women, "Cotton Ball".
- Sunday, April 26—Wright Hall Open House, 3-5 p.m. Choir tour begins.
- Monday, April 27—Chapel: Roger Vance in charge, student worship.
- Friday, May 1—Chapel: Dr. Kenneth Neigh.

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Student Council Endorses Clean Up

Date to Remain Unknown

The student council has endorsed the idea of a surprise clean up carnival for the college in the very near future. On this day, the date to remain unannounced until the immediately preceding day, the students and faculty will work together in an effort to get the campus looking as clean as possible.

After a late breakfast, classes will be recessed for the day. During this one holiday, faculty members may be addressed by their first names by the student body. A picnic lunch in the grove and a women's softball game will be included in the events.

A clean up carnival was originally a part of the Campus Day activity at the college, but this year it is an event in itself, and in no way conflicts with the traditions of Campus Day, nor is it a substitute for them.

Eight Seniors Placed in Jobs; Seven to Teach

Eight more seniors have found employment in the state, seven of them as teachers.

Dolores Combs and Rosalie Williams will teach at Lowell, Miss Combs as an English teacher, and Miss Williams, home economics.

Ann Davison will teach in the early elementary grades in Lansing, and Alice Raleigh, who completed her work in January, has signed a contract to teach early elementary at New Lothrop. Lois Howell has signed to teach English and journalism at Charlotte high school.

Bob Bacon is to be assistant coach at Olivet college on a part-time basis and will also continue with his graduate work at Michigan State college. Maurice Baldwin will teach sixth grade and will be assistant coach at Okemus.

Sam Stafford will be employed in the commercial branch of the Michigan Bell telephone company.

Mr. Pielou Will Leave



Mr. William Pielou, assistant professor of biology, has not signed his contract for the next school term. He will be leaving Alma to continue the work for his Ph.D. at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Co-op Program Set Up By Alma, Univ. of Mich.

The College of Engineering of the University of Michigan has established a cooperative program with Alma College. Under this plan, a student may spend three years at Alma and then a summer session and four semesters in the College of Engineering. This will enable Alma students to secure a bachelor's and engineering degree within five years.

This program offers an opportunity for a wider acquaintance with the humanities and the social sciences than is possible in a four year engineering course.

At their March meeting the regents of the University approved the cooperative program with Alma, and a similar one with Emmanuel Missionary.

Alma Alumnus Honored By Life Insurance Firm

John A. Erskine, an alumnus of Alma College, was honored last month by The Mutual Benefit Life insurance company of Newark, New Jersey. In behalf of the company's Pittsburgh agency, Mr. Erskine received the company's New Organization Award for outstanding recruiting and development of first and second year men.

Mr. Erskine entered the life insurance business following graduation from Alma college and post graduate study at the University of Heidelberg. He turned from selling insurance to management and supervision, and in 1945 received his Chartered Life Underwriter designation from the American College of Life Underwriters.

News in Brief

Editors, Business Managers Sought for Next Year's Work

Any student who is interested in being an editor or a business manager of one of the college publications next year should apply for the positions before May 1. Applications will be received and acted upon by the publications committee, whose members are A. Westley Rowland, chairman; Dr. Henry Klomp; Grant Gallup, editor of the **Almanian**; Lois Howell, editor of the **Scotsman**; and Robert A. Willits, president of the Student Council.

The editor of each publication receives a stipend of \$100 a semester, and the business manager of each receives \$50 a semester.

Professors Attend Conference

Dr. Klomp and Professor Rowland attended the sixth annual Communication Skills Conference at Michigan State College, Thursday, Apr. 16. The theme of the conference was "The improvement of teaching in the language arts." The conferees, high school and college teachers, met yesterday, April 16, at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education.

Student Council Will Present Assembly Program at Tyler

Next Wednesday, April 22, the Tyler auditorium will be used for an assembly for the first time, when the Student Council presents its yearly program. This year, in an effort to present an assembly which will be pleasing to the students, a program of popular music has been decided upon.

Members of the student body who will be participating include Phil Long, Jackie Elliot, Judson Joyce, Al Smiley, Karan Pregitzer, Pat Shaw, and Bob Willits. Jim Johnson will be the narrator.

They have arranged a varied program of instrumental and vocal music all of which will be in the popular idiom.

Mrs. Abernethy Resigns: 25 Yrs. Sec'y to President

President Harker has announced with regret the resignation of Mrs. H. O. Abernethy, for twenty-five years Secretary to the President.

Because of ill health she has been unable to work since early fall and with her husband has been in the South throughout most of this school year. Her resignation becomes effective as of June 1.

Mrs. C. S. Huntley has been Secretary to the President since the first of the calendar year.

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VARSITY SHOP

"Just for Sport"

3-Act Religious Play by Drama Club

The Alma college Drama club is busy rehearsing a three act religious drama, "Family Portrait" which will be presented in the early part of May, under the direction of Professor W. A. Gregory.

The play, by Lenore Coffee and William Joyce Cowen, is "a simple, eloquent, and reverent picture of the family of Jesus." Christ himself does not appear as a character in the play, but his personality is reflected through the members of his family and his friends and enemies. Dr. John Haynes Holmes called it "beautiful, exquisite, tremendously moving. I feel that it ought to be perpetuated, like the Oberammergau Passion Play, and be given a run every season."

The cast for "Family Portrait" is headed by Leone Riggle, of Alma, who plays Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary Cleophas, is played by May Butrick, Alma; Mary of Magdala by Jackie Elliott, Three Rivers. The four brothers of Jesus: Joseph, Juda, Simon, and James, are played by Jim Coombs, Allen Park; Bud Davies, Walled Lake; George Miller, Owosso; and Bill Farris, Port Huron. Douglas Gillesby plays the part of "A Disciple."

Other members of the cast are Bill Taylor, a shepherd; Edna Williams, Naomi; Edna La Fleur, Reba; Stuart Friesema, Mordecai; Peggy Lomas, Selima; Dominic Paterra, Eben; Judson Joyce, Mathias; Carole Cummings, Hepzibah; Roger Vance, Appius Hadrian; Sherra Lee Nugent, Anna; Jim Lester, the Rabbi; Beverly Ewing, a Woman of Jerusalem; and Bob Fritch, Daniel.

The assistant director of the production is Nancy Leece, Plymouth, and the stage manager is Bob Fritch, Flint.

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Choir Will Tour in Northern Michigan

Leaves April 27, Returns May 1

The Alma college A Cappella choir will open its spring concert series at the city auditorium of Gaylord, Michigan, at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 27. Following this initial presentation, the choir will present ten concerts. Included in the itinerary are: Tuesday, April 28, high school, Harbor Springs, 11 a.m.; high school auditorium, Newberry, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, April 29, high school, Manistique, 11 a.m.; First Presbyterian church, Petoskey, 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 30, 11:15 a.m., high school, Traverse City; 8 p.m.; high school auditorium, Boyne City; Friday, May 1, 11 a.m., high school, Cadillac; 8 p.m. Community Building, West Branch; Thursday, May 14, 3 p.m., Radio Broadcast, WFYC, Alma; Friday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Commencement Concert, Tyler student center.

This college choir which has appeared in numerous concerts throughout the state, is composed of fifty selected voices and offers a varied program of choral literature. The choir's repertoire includes selections representing all periods of choral literature from Palestrina, Bach, and the Russian liturgy to F. Melius Christensen and other contemporary composers. A further nationalistic flavor is added to the programs through the use of Negro spirituals and arrangements of folk tunes.

Featured on the current program are six selections from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols." This work, written originally for women's voices, has just recently been made available for mixed voices through the arrangements by Julius Harrison.

The choir is under the direction of Professor Eugene F. Grove, Head of the Music Department of Alma college. Professor Grove holds his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Illinois Wesleyan university. At the present time he is completing his doctorate in music education at Indiana university. Professor Grove has studied voice with Thomas N. MacBurney, Chicago, and has attended the Christiansen choral school. He is director of the Alma Choral Union which annually presents Handel's "Messiah." Mr. Grove is also choir director at the First Presbyterian church in Alma.

The Alma College Singers, a group of twelve students selected from the choir are often featured in the concerts. The repertoire of this ensemble includes madrigals and popular show tunes as well as sacred music.

The Alma college A Cappella choir has provided a superior type of musical enjoyment for thousands of people and is recognized today as one of the leading college choirs in the Mid-West.

Alma College A Cappella Choir Members February 1953

SOPRANOS: Rosemary Berger, Three Rivers; Elfrieda Beyer, Saginaw; Janet Chadwick, Detroit; Gail Donaldson, Alma; Jacqueline Elliott, Three Rivers; Alice Erb, Brooklyn; Cleo Johnson, Manistique, Sandy Marshall, Allen Park; Verlaine Mathews, Ann Arbor; Mary Menovske, Mason; Bonnie Patterson, St. Louis; Allene Stolt, Harbor Springs; Edna Williams, Elk Rapids; Janet Zeilinger, Saginaw.

ALTOS: Betty Anderson, Schoolcraft;

Barbara Bauer, Frankfort; Carole Cummings, Roseville; Mary Jo Frye, Traverse City; Connie Koch, Dearborn; Edna La Fleur, Detroit; Janet McLeod, Roseville, Kimiko Oguchi, Tokyo, Japan; Marcia Risser, Ionia; Peggy Smith, Alma; Alice Welsh, Armada.

TENORS: Bill Felmler, Bay City; Larry Jessop, Royal Oak; John Koshara, Long Island, New York; Roger Little, Cass City; George Spriggs, Redford; Don Sywassink, Adrian; Larry Waggoner, Boyne City; Craig Wilson, Detroit; Don Drew, Niagara Falls, New York.

BASSES: Ron Black, Flint; Don Darling, Lansing; Douglas Gillesby, Ferndale; Dan Goodearl, Highland Park; Bernard Johnson, Alma; Phillip Long, Mancelona; Edward Pless, Howell; Jerry Psotka, Long Island, New York; Alton Smiley, Fraser; Richard Stuckey, Alma; Philip Vance, Alma; John Ward, Pontiac.

PROGRAM FOR SPRING CONCERT ALMA COLLEGE A CAPPELLA CHOIR

I
Tenebrae factae suntIngenieri
A great darkness fell over the earth
When they crucified Jesus of Judea.
About the ninth hour He cried aloud,
My God, why hast Thou forsaken me.
Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.
And with bowed head, He gave up the spirit.
The Lord Is a Mighty GodMendelssohn
Gloria PatriPalestrina

II
Out of the DepthsArkhangel'sky
Creda (The Nicene Creed)Gretchaninof
Soloist: Phillip Long, Bass-Baritone
O Praise Ye GodTchaikovsky
Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God)Kalinnikof

III
A Ceremony of CarolsBenjamin Britten
arr. by Harrison

Wolcum Yole!
There Is No Rose
Balulalow
As Dew in Aprille
This Little Babe
Deo Gracias
Alton Smiley, Pianist

IV
O Thou, in Whose PresenceOld Hymn Tune by
Freeman Lewis

Soloist: Gail Donaldson, Soprano
Arise, O God, and Show Thy Might ...Haydn Morgan

V
Which Is the Properest Day to Sing?Arne
In These Delightful Pleasant GrovesPurcell
The Alma Singers

Janet Chadwick Allene Stolt
Gail Donaldson Ron Black
Jacqueline Elliott Phillip Long
Alice Erb Alton Smiley
Mary Jo Frye Don Sywassink
Peggy Smith Larry Waggoner

VI
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (Negro Spiritual)
arr. William Dawson

O Can Ye Sew Cushions? (Scottish Cradle Song)
Granville Nantock

Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair
John Jacob Niles

Soloist: John Koschara, Tenor
The Peasant and His Oxen (Jugo-Slav Folk Song)
arr. by Smith-Aschenbrenner

Who's Who

IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

by Jody Lilley



John Fields

Laurels for a Good Sport

When you see a quiet young man seriously playing end on our football team or smashing a tennis ball on the MIAA courts, you see John Fields in familiar surroundings. John has been participating in these sports three and four years, respectively, for Alma, besides playing football at Melvindale high school for one year. He likes other sports, too, such as wrestling, hunting, swimming, fishing, and beating Prof. Stielstra at ping pong and chess. John's interest in sports has brought rewards. He is student representative and president of the MIAA; he was runner-up in the Ford Industrial Wrestling tournament in 1949; and was the 1952 Delt Athlete of the Year, and was given a scholarship for wrestling to Michigan State college, which he attended one semester.

You're probably wondering now if John made his way into Who's Who by his physical strength alone, but he has also been on the honor roll for the three years he has been here and is a member of Phi Sigma Pi, honorary fraternity. So, you see, he has something in the way of brains, too. For a year the Kiltie Band had a trumpeter who looked vaguely like John Fields, but since

then John has been on the football field in a maroon and white uniform. Speaking of uniforms, this president of Delta Gamma Tau, served in the engineering division of the Army for three years, making maps.

The unfortunate accident that John had in the first football game this past fall did not keep a good man down for long. He plans to enter the University of Michigan Medical school next fall. Two events that occurred this past year or so have made John's life happier: he got married to 1951's Homecoming queen, Joan Lawrence, on December 29, 1951, and on January 25, 1952, Linda Lea Fields made tea for two, three.

Alma Is Host to Mich. Music Teachers' Ass'n

Alma college acted as host for the Michigan Music Teachers association spring meeting held on April 6. Acting officers were: Raymond Gerkowski, president; Olaf W. Steg, program chairman; and Eugene F. Grove, local chairman. Teaching demonstrations on Problems Discovered in Certification Auditions were directed by Mae Stewart, piano chairman, and Margaret VanderHart, vocal chairman. Two students, Peggy Smith and Gail Donaldson, participated in vocal demonstrations. The various group meetings were held in the lounges and auditorium of the Tyler Center.

Dean Wm. McKeefery addressed the group as luncheon speaker on the topic, "Music Manners and Moderns." An afternoon piano recital was given by Ray Koos of Central Michigan college of education in the college chapel.

Phil Long, bass-baritone, and Gail Donaldson, soprano, appeared as solists in the Palm Sunday presentation of Gaul's "Holy City," given by the joint choirs of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopal churches.

Under the sponsorship of the Alma Musicale, Miss Hughes and Mrs. Stewart will present a two-piano program on May 5 in the college chapel. This recital, appropriately scheduled for the first day of National Music Week, will be a benefit program, and all proceeds will go to the music scholarship fund. Tickets are available from any member of the music faculty.

Miss Margaret VanderHart, Alice Welsh, and Gail Donaldson will represent Alma college at the Midwest convention of the National Educators' Music conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 17-22. The program will include discussions of music education problems and methods, demonstrations, and various concert programs.

Zeta Sigma Holds Annual 'Rat Race'

With one hundred dollars as its goal, the Zeta Sigma fraternity will present its 9th annual Rat Race, Saturday, April 18, 1953, in the Jerry Tyler student center. Music will be furnished by Bernie Mayhew and his orchestra, and dancing will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Among the evening's festivities are refreshments and a floor show which will be climaxed by the crowning of the King of the Rat Race. Profits will be given to the Crippled Children's Fund.

PRICES FOR THE ZETA RAT RACE

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Dietitian and House Mothers	.65
Maintenance Personnel	.65
Physical Education Instructors	.70
Speech, Art, and Music Instructors	.80
English and Education Instructors	.90
Science, Math, and Econ Profs	1.00
Dean of Women	1.05
Dean of Men	1.05
Dean of Religion	1.50
President and Vice-President	1.75
Business Manager	2.00
KING of the Rat Race	FREE

The following men have been nominated for the illustrious position of King of the Rat Race. The nominating committee took into consideration the outstanding character of those men as well as their participation in extra-curricular activities. The man receiving the greatest number of votes at the dance this Saturday night will be crowned King.

Delta Gamma Tau	Thayre Talcott
Phi Phi Alpha	Sam Stafford
Zeta Sigma	Ron Penner
Independent	Narses Gedigian
Faculty	Dr. Stanley Chipper

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WHAT OTHER COLLEGES ARE DOING

OAKLAND, CALIF. (I.P.)—The faculty of Mills college recently completed arrangements for the first annual college-credit tour of Europe. The fifty-seven day trip will extend from June 20, when the group leaves New York, to August 15.

The travel arrangements, handled by American Student Tours, will include the finest first-class boat, train, motorcoach, hotel and sight-seeing accommodations. The price of the tour is \$1990, plus the \$108 summer session tuition. The Department of Education recommends an allowance of \$3000 to finance the tour, covering all expenses.

AMHERST, MASS. (I. P.)—"After College, What?", a career-planning booklet by Associate Dean Eugene S. Wilson has been published by the committee on guidance and placement at Amherst college. The booklet outlines a plan of organizing one's interest and abilities toward a logical end: the finding of a career in which a student will do his best work and find the most pleasure.

The committee has distributed the booklet among all Amherst students and will continue to do so as each class enters the college. It fits into a general pattern of guidance and placement which is followed throughout the year, and for the conscientious student, through his entire college course.

HARROGATE, TENN. (I. P.)—In the interest of a more enlightened citizenry Lincoln Memorial university is expanding its offerings in American economic history to include a course in the history of American industry and industrial leaders. This course is sponsored by the Lincoln Educational Foundation of New York City. The Foundation chose Lincoln Memorial university as one medium through which it can help train future leaders in the basic principles of the free enterprise system of America.

COLUMBUS, O. (I. P.)—A revised and specialized program in retailing, in which both men and women may enroll, has been adopted by Ohio State university, according to an announcement by Dean Walter C. Weidler of the college of commerce. The retailing curriculum is being offered in the department of business organization. The new curriculum, Dean Weidler said, has been established to help meet the increased demand on the part of students and retail firms, for training in this field.

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Good Grooming Is Important

Prof Profile

by Winona Griswold

Professor Henry W. Howe, popularly known as "Happy Hank" among the history majors, has an interesting story to tell about how he became a history professor.

"Happy Hank" was raised in the community of Otsego, where his father was a pioneer in the paper making industry. He attended high school there until he decided to join the navy during his senior year. During the two and one half years he spent in the navy he finished the requirements for a high school diploma. He also managed to make six trips to Europe.

After getting out of the navy, the athletics program at Western Michigan Teacher's College attracted his attention and he enrolled in 1919. While at a dance at Western he met a Miss Marguerite O'Dell from his home town. She became Mrs. Howe in 1921. He studied at Western for two years where he won letters in football, baseball and track.

After finishing the two year program, he accepted a position as coach at St. Joseph High School, at first coaching all sports and later concentrating on basketball. Through summer and extension classes, he completed the requirements for a B.A. degree in 1931. Having previously been interested in history by one of his high school teachers, he completed work on his degree with emphasis on history.

In 1935 he received his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan for one year beyond his M.A. He has also attended summer sessions at the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota.

He remained as coach at the St. Joseph High School for seventeen years. He is proud of his teams as he had two state championships in basketball and one in track. One of his teams had the honor of representing Michigan in a national basketball tournament in Chicago. To his regret, the team lost in the overtime because of a gentleman named Dutch Clark "who was lucky."

Howe has set a record of not missing any of the state finals basketball tournaments in the last twenty-five years. "After seventeen years in the game of coaching, you do become quite interested in the game and tournaments are like a homecoming."

In 1938 he came to Alma as an instructor in history and physical education. In 1941 he became professor of history upon the retirement of Professor Mitchell.

According to a December issue of the 1941 Almanian "Professor Howe is regarded by President Dunning as eminently well qualified to head the department."

He then left the realm of coaching except for golf. Among his favorite memories is a southern trip his golf team made

"Happy Hank" Howe:
Professor of History



Professor Henry W. Howe

one year. They didn't win many matches, but he "lost six pounds and aged ten years." He has coached, or as he prefers, managed the golf team for the last three seasons.

Navy life seemed to be in the family as his three sons were all commissioned officers in the navy during World War II. Interest in golf is prominent in the family also. His son, Jack, won the golf championship at the country club last summer. Although Prof. Howe claims he has never been outstanding in golf he swears "it was my good coaching that did it."

At present besides being professor of history and political science he is a member of various organizations, including the American Historical Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the Association of University Professors, and the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. Locally he is a member and a past master of the Masons and a member and past president of the Rotary.

He is at present working on his doctorate in education at Michigan State College, which he expects to complete in another year.

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Scots Begin Heavy Schedule Saturday

The Scot baseball squad begins its long 22 game schedule this Saturday in its first MIAA contests with Hope College at Holland. (Alma's first scheduled game, with Central, was cancelled.) Although the squad hasn't been outside very long, it will be hard to beat with an all veteran infield returning and pitchers Bramble, Bruce and Rutherford back for mound duties. Besides these veteran hurlers, other hurlers who will see a considerable amount of duty are: Jack Bennett, John Schwagle, Dave Freer, Frank Williams, and Bill Palm.

Even though the picture looks bright in the infield, the outfield problem is still unsettled, and Coach Lawrence will have to depend on some young freshmen to fill the wide open spaces left by John Coe, Jim Zickel, and Jack Nowka. The only returning letterman in the outfield is Bob Lambert, who will hold down the right field position. Other outfielders who may see considerable action in the other fields include: Denny Stolz, Howard Wiley, John Nowd, and Al Westeroff.

This Saturday the squad journeys to Hope College for its first MIAA doubleheader.

Drama Club Rehearses

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"Family Portrait" will be presented at the Presbyterian church in Midland on May 6, and in the Tyler Center on May 7 and 8.

Production committees are as follows, with chairman listed first. **Costumes:** Betty Anderson, Barbara Bauer, Donelda Hamp. **Lights:** Bob Kelly, Don Drew. **Hand props:** Jane French, Pat Anderson, Marge Lyda, Jackie McAllister, and Gerry Mayer.

Make-up: Jane Armitage, Sue Miller, Nancy Leece, Ron Black. **Set furnishings:** Don Videan, Joyce Lilley, Ron Black, Dave Cornell and Ann Humphries.

Set construction: co-chairman, Sherry Macey and Jerry Duncanson, Bev Ewing, Ron Baney, Jean Wallace, Gene Schnelz, Sally March. **Sound chairman:** Earl Hayward; **curtain:** Bob Piper; **house manager,** Grant Gallup.

Tickets: Shirley Sherman, Angie Erdman, Don Drew. **Publicity:** Bill Farris, Dave Cornell, Jo Greenley, Earl Hayward, Joyce Howarth. **Program:** Peggy Thibedeau, Beverly Laird, Barbara Lawrence, Dale Lawson. **Ushers:** Ruth Morse, Lois Howell, Marilyn Gordon, Alice Welsh, Mary Ellen Splitstone.

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INTRAMURAL SPOTLIGHT

Zetas, Delts Tied for Lead in Baseball Contest

A battle right down to the wire is facing the Zeta Chargers and Delt Dodgers with the initiation of this softball season. Both fraternities are tied for the lead in the race for the All-Sports trophy handed out to the club that accumulates the greatest number of points in intramural competition. The Delts have won the football and bowling championships, while the Zeta Sigma men have taken firsts in both basketball and volleyball. This softball season will tell the story. The team which finishes in the highest point position will win.

Coach Eaton has placed the individual sports' trophies and also the All-Sports trophy on display in the showcase in Tyler. These trophies will be distributed to their rightful owners later in the year. However, as an added incentive to all entrants in this season's league, they have been placed in full view for all aspirants to see.

With all three fraternities entering strong contenders for the championship, other groups on campus are urged to begin organizing ball clubs to give these frats competition. Intramural softball is always a popular sport on the Alma campus, with the final championship game played on Campus day before a huge crowd. It will be to the advantage of the students to get their squads organized and practicing as soon as possible.

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Alma Squads Busy With Spring Sports

The beginning of spring sports finds Alma's squads in action on every front this week except track. On Thursday the baseball squad played Central Michigan here, and tomorrow it will travel to Holland to encounter Hope college in an MIAA doubleheader. The golf team journeys to Central Michigan today to battle the Chippewas on the links of their own course. The tennis team is also meeting Central on its own courts today. The only team which does not have anything scheduled this week is the track team which will begin running against Calvin at the Calvin home field.

It is too early yet to give definite starters in any of these sports. In tennis, veterans John Fields, Reny Bacon, Gordon MacDonald, and Bob Harrison will comprise the better part of the squad. Newcomers John Sawyer, Stan Erbst, and Mo Arnold are battling it out for the extra position.

The golf team has Doyle McIntosh and Bob Knobloch back from the previous squad. With all individual scores not yet turned in, it is still uncertain who will qualify from among approximately twelve men attempting to break the ranks of the five man squad.

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Campus Notes

The members of the Independent Women's Organization have completed the plans for their annual Cotton Ball which will be held Saturday, April 25, from eight to eleven-thirty p.m. The dance which is to consist primarily of square dancing will feature a caller and a trio. The cost is thirty-five cents per person and stag attendance is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Joe Thibedeau, who graduated from Alma College in 1951, has accepted positions as the head football coach and mathematics instructor in the Alma high school. He will also serve as the assistant basketball coach. Mr. Thibedeau has served as coach of the Vicksburg high school in southern Michigan for the past two years.

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The book sale sponsored by the Alma Christian Association in connection with Religion in Life Week was again successfully completed. Books from the Episcopal book shop, Detroit, and the Westminster book store, Chicago, were displayed for several weeks in the library, and \$80 worth of books were sold.

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Five Speakers Go to Colorado

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tive debates will be held on fair employment practices and the threat of communism.

Dr. William Norwood Brigance will be the guest speaker at the conference. Dr. Brigance received the award as Tau Kappa Alpha "Speaker of the Year" in educational, scientific, and cultural activities last year. One of the outstanding teachers and speakers in the nation, Dr. Brigance promises to bring a real challenge to the delegates of the conference. He served as president of the Speech Association of America in 1946, was editor of the **Quarterly Journal of Speech** and is author of many popular text in the speech field.

Among the schools who will participate in the conference are: Alma, Brigham Young, Cincinnati, Colorado college, University of Denver, University of Florida, Indiana State, University of Mississippi, Murray State, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah State, Waynesburg, Montana, Purdue, Western Michigan, Utah, Denison, Earlham, Emory and Henry, Keuka, Occidental, University of Southern California, Wabash, Manchester, and Dickinson.

Walt Roman Named President of Phi's

New officers, elected before Easter vacation, took the reign for the first time last Monday night at the meeting of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity. Officers for the third term are: president, Walt Roman; vice president, Lefty Gadzinski; corresponding secretaries, Maurice Arnold and Jan Frost; recording secretary, Gene Schnelz.

The spring social calendar includes a formal, a campus day dance and open house, and a father and son banquet.

Dr. Dicks to Represent Alma at NCA Workshop

Dr. Claude D. Dicks, professor of psychology and philosophy, will represent Alma College this summer at a four-week workshop program of the North Central Association's study in liberal arts education. The group, meeting at the University of Minnesota, will discuss various problems concerning the improvement of higher education in the liberal arts colleges. Some of the topics with which the workshop has concerned itself in the past are: general education programs, student personnel work and guidance, and the learning process and improvement of teaching.

Previous participants from Alma college have been Professors Howe, Parrish, McKeefery and MacCurdy.

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THE SNEAK

*I cannot work today!
For Spring's crept in
Through some small cranny
In my dusty mind,
And with her living fingers
Pries about my brain,
Looses the pent up longing
And I must needs be free,*

*Free to roam throughout the Spring
Wading in rushing brooks
That, icy still in Winter's clammy hand,
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