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Former Well Known Alma Coach Passes

Death Came Monday to Royal R. Campbell at Highland Park

A former Alma college star athlete and later coach at the local institution, Royal R. Campbell, died early Monday morning at the Highland Park General Hospital following an illness of some six years. His death followed by about three hours that of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jean Ward, who made her home with the Campbell family in Detroit at 3291 Gladstone avenue.

Coach Campbell had been ill for some time but was stricken with a serious attack early Christmas morning and was rushed to the Highland Park hospital where death came at about 3:00 a. m. Monday. A double funeral for Mrs. Ward and Mr. Campbell, is to be held this morning at 10:00 a. m. in Harper-Mulligan funeral home in Highland Park. Interment will follow for Mrs. Ward at St. Clair and for Mr. Campbell in Detroit.

Coach Campbell guided the athletic fortunes of Alma college for some 15 years from 1921 to 1936 during which time considerable fame and prestige came to the local institution. He also attended the Alma school in 1908 and 1909 to start on the football team. His coaching also included a brief tenure at Ososso High School, University of Detroit and Knox College in Illinois before his return to Alma college for coaching and athletic directorship.

During his 15 years at Alma the Scots were guided to six football championships, the 1935 team being undefeated. Four basketball titles also came to Alma during that interval while four baseball crowns were won by the Scots over the same period for one of the best sports eras of the local institution.

His wife, who survives in Detroit, also graduated from Alma college as did his two children, Katherin "Sis" Campbell in 1933 and Ward "Bud" Campbell in 1935. Well known in athletic circles for many years around Michigan, he was employed at Ford Motor company for a brief period after leaving Alma college in 1936 and was taken seriously ill while with that company.

Particular honor was paid him by Alma College in 1949 when the annual Homecoming Day observance was made in his honor. It was from his Scotch descent that the name of "Scots" finally was tagged to Alma College athletic teams.

Zeta Jamboree Looms Ahead

We have been notified by the Zeta Sigma's that the last social of the semester is going to be one of the best. The Dance Party will be held downtown away from the college. It has always been a treat in the past to dance in a hall rather than the barn (gymnasium) or in our beautiful union.

This dance has always been popular because of the queen that is elected and crowned. These Zetas always seem to provide a rousing humorous floor show. I'm going to have a good time there, as all will that like a party. Which reminds me, been a long time since we've had an all-college party. Let's see you make this dance one of those good times. One of the editors just said he was going to dance with my girl (the dog).

See you at the Jamboree on January 18.

The ALMANIAN and Scotsman offices have been moved to the tower of the Library. The entrance to these offices is at the head of the stairway in the vestibule of the Library. Material for either publication may be turned in directly to the new offices or labeled for the publication it is intended for and dropped in the mail box in the Ad Building.



Royal R. Campbell

Oratory Finals to Be Tuesday at Alma College

Finals in the fifth annual Elizabeth Bradley oratorical contest for Alma College students will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, in Room 100 of the Administration Building. This contest has been endowed by Dr. Preston W.



Dr. Preston W. Bradley

Bradley, pastor of the People's Church, Chicago, in his mother's name.

Dr. Bradley, who attended Alma College in 1905-06 and was a member of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity, has presented the college \$100 annually for cash prizes.

Winners in the women's finals are: Joyce Lilley, Barbara Bauer, and May Butrick. Men's winners are: Dale Geib, Keith Neilson and Dalt Love.

Judges for the finals will be Judge Paul Cash, Alfred Fortino, and Kenneth Plaxton. The prize money will be divided between the two divisions of the contest, the first, second and third prizes in each section being \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively.

Winners in the finals of each division will represent Alma at the state contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League on Friday, March 7, at Detroit Institute of Technology.

Competing schools will include Albion, Alma, Calvin, Central Michigan, Wayne, University of Detroit, and Ferris Institute of Technology.

Why Are You Here at Alma?

Ray Mayer has won \$2,000 for writing an essay on "Why I Want to Go to College." This money, which was awarded by a refining company in Muskegon, entitled Ray to enter any college in the country. Below is the context of his essay:

Going to college takes four years of time, four thousand dollars, and about four million "oomphs" of effort. No young person should spend that much time, money, and effort unless he has pretty good reasons for doing so.

Recently, I have been doing considerable thinking as to why I want to go to college. Here's why I do:

I want to go to college to get the training which will better fit me to take my place in the world. We live in a complex, changing society which is faced with huge problems. Only by study and work can these problems be solved. Going to college gives one the groundwork and training necessary for solving them. I want to be qualified to contribute my share in shaping a better world, with peace and a high standard of living for all.

Narrowing to the country in which I live, I find plenty of reasons for going to college. The United States is perhaps the greatest manufacturing country in the world. Many and varied jobs are offered by industry to those who can qualify. I have decided to prepare myself for a job in engineering. Work of this kind appeals to me very much and in high school I have proved myself capable of doing good work in the preparatory courses. With college training I have the opportunity to fulfill my ambition and at the same time be of use to society.

Being interested in engineering, I am also interested in science. Science is continually developing new products that raise the standard of living for all people. College training would help me add my bit to accomplishing the gigantic task of developing and producing the products needed in this modern world. Living under the American system of free enterprise, the horizon of my accomplishment would be limited only by my own capacity for work and initiative.

Another reason for wanting to go to college is that there I will come into contact with some of the finer things of life. Literature of the past and present will be opened to me, with instructors to aid in interpreting it. New ideas will be let loose in the classroom and I will seize hold of some of them. Contact with art and music will increase my appreciation for such things.

In college I will have a chance to make firm and lasting friendships. Associating with other students will broaden me and help make me to be tolerant of the ideas of others.

Finally, being eighteen and having registered for service in Uncle Sam's army, I want to be prepared to be of greatest service to my country when it needs me. Specially trained men are needed in the army and the training I would receive in college would fit me for better serving my country.

These are the reasons why I want to go to college—why I think it would be worth the necessary time, money, and effort for me to do so.

Insurance

Student insurance (accident and sickness) will be available as of the second semester, February 4th. The rate is \$15.00 for the period from February 4th to September 12th. Application blanks may be secured from the President's Office.

The student body wishes to extend their belated sympathy to Barbara Hoefflin and her family on the passing of Barbara's father just before Christmas.

Alma President on Important U.S. Presbyterian Committee

Dr. Anderson Announces Appointment

From the Department of Publicity, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Philadelphia, comes news that Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson of Chicago, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has appointed Dr. John Stanley Harker, president of Alma College, as a member of the Special Committee on Nominations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

This committee makes nominations of candidates for membership of the Boards (Foreign Missions, National Missions, Christian Education and Pensions), General Council, and Permanent Judicial Committee of the church, to the church's General Assembly. The 164th General Assembly will meet May 22-28, 1952, in New York City.

Dr. Harker, together with Robert K. Hill, of Chicago, will represent Area 3 of the church on the committee. Other members include:

Area 1, Rev. Graydon E. McClellan, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Glenn Morris, Sterling, Colo.; Area 2, Rev. G. A. Kaltenbach, Hibbing, Minn., and Roy Preston, Wichita, Kansas; Area 4, Rev. Chester M. Davis, Rahway, N. J.; Edward Griffiths, Philadelphia; and Area 5, Rev. W. Wood Duff, Nashville, Tenn., and George Hamilton, Sherman, Texas.

Dr. Roth Accepts Evansville Post

Dr. J. V. Roth, Alma College Dean of Religion and Religion Department head from 1946 to 1949, has accepted a call to become pastor of Olivet Presbyterian church of Evansville, Indiana. The Evansville church has a lit-



Dr. J. V. Roth

tle over 1,000 members, and has one of the strongest Sunday schools in the Presbyterian Synod of Indiana.

Since August, 1949, Dr. Roth has been supervisor of the thirteen-church Todd-Dickey Parish in the Presbytery of New Albany, southern Indiana. He has also been pastor of the largest church of the parish, Charlestown Presbyterian church. A staff of eight student ministers has assisted him in the other twelve churches of the parish.

Before coming to Alma College, Dr. Roth was for twelve years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Grand Haven, Michigan. He was Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan in 1944-1945. The Roths will move to Evansville in mid-February, and their address there will be 1012 East Powell Avenue.



Dr. John Stanley Harker

Alma Delegate at Kansas U.

On December 27th two Alma seniors arrived in Lawrence, Kansas, where they attended the 16th Quadrennial National Student Movement Conference at the University of Kansas.

Art Turner and Bill Castile took Alma to the Conference where 2,200 students from all parts of the world were gathered.

The events of the Conference included many top speakers of the world and discussion groups, leading to a movement which would eventually bring peace to the world.

"Christ's Kingdom-Man's Hope" was the conference motto. It was decided at the conference that man's only hope in this world of struggle was Christ's Kingdom.

The conference was attended by 83 countries of the world. Every race, color and creed in the world joined together to enjoy the fellowship of people from every corner of the earth.

A. C. A.

If one could measure the quality and quantity of kindness and goodness, I wonder what kind of measuring device he would use. Certainly he would not use a device graduated with degrees of selfishness, and most assuredly he would not use devices scaled with hate. Only those devices which are free from selfishness and hate can be the measuring instruments of kindness and goodness.

I write this article expressing a deep sense of gratitude towards my fellow students and faculty members who gave of their time, talents, and substance to bring moments of happiness to a group of Mexican migrants this past Christmas season. You will be interested to know that thirty-eight dollars were collected in the several canisters placed about the Campus.

This money was used for the party in which you entertained some sixty Mexican children. These children received toys, can-

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Student Council

The amendment to the Constitution that three (3) unexcused absences per semester be allowed Student Council members was tabled until next week.

The motion made by Mary Alice Cook that the Publications Committee have a representative on the Student Council was defeated.

Phil Long will purchase one record album to be used in the dining room each month for the remainder of the year or until an ample number has been obtained.

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Why Keep Superfluous Committees?

In Alma college we have a school dedicated to democratic principles. Because of these principles our school is run not only by the faculty but by the students as well. However this so called democracy has degenerated into nothing but a name. There are many committees on this campus that function in name only. The students and faculty of these groups do not know what they are for and in most instances the students don't even know they are on these committees. WHAT GOOD ARE THESE COMMITTEES IF THEY DON'T EVEN FUNCTION?

Why don't these committees meet once a month? If they don't serve a definite purpose, why don't we disband them and as the need arises organize a special group for that purpose? This would eliminate the old game of "passing the buck".

We do not in this article, mean to advocate this school being run completely by the faculty but why should valuable time be wasted on activities that serve no purpose? Let us instead have a streamlined, competent, smooth working group that gives us efficiency in our administration.

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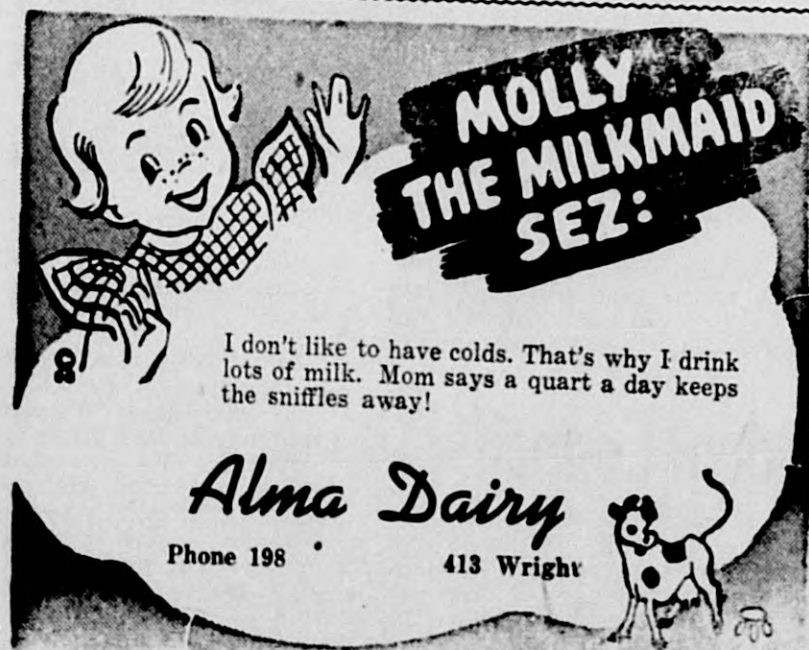
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Kappa Kapers

Happy New Year everyone!!! From the Kappa Iota Sorority. To close the year of fifty-one the K. I.'s had a Christmas party. The Sorority was presented with new teaspoons, a candy dish, and China cups and saucers. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Du-Bois for the lovely cup and saucer that she presented to the sorority. We wish to congratulate Rosie Williams on the lovely diamond that she wears on her left hand. We also offer our congratulations to Ron Sadler who is the lucky boy! Best of luck to you two!

If you like to play a good game of cards why don't you come over to the Union this Saturday night and enjoy the company of other card players? There are going to be prizes for the highest scores in pinochle, bridge, and canasta—so come early and get a good start. Ask any K. I. about reserving a table. Besides cards, the K. I.'s will present a floor show, so for an evening of fun be sure to attend the Kappa Iota card party.

P. S. Remember only thirteen more study days until final exams begin.

Phi Lip

When our meeting came to its end last Monday night the loyal brothers of Alpha quickly set forth to carry out an earlier proposed motion of giving showers to individuals who were celebrating their recent engagements. Congratulations, therefore, are in order for Ronald Lee Sadler, son of Mrs. Sadler and Rosalie Williams—er, no what I mean is that Rosie got the ring and Mrs. Sadler got the bill. Also yet Harry Jessop and Marj Vrooman, "Chee-Chee" Mee-Chee" Meehan got regaged. To round out and to refreshen the rest of the foul air in the house the boys grabbed the other half of the dirty dozen and gave them showers too. These in order are, Rich Nisbet, who gave Joyce Lattin his old Hoover pin, Bill Healey, who was trapped successfully by Sue Ristad, and Gene Schnelz, who before he could gather his wits was pinned by Shirley Loll. In all sincerity, fellows, we admire you and hope you will be very happy.

At the recent election the following were elected:
 President Art Turner
 Vice-president John Sullivan
 Corr. secretary Art Brown
 Recording Secretary, Verland Dewey

We wish all of these fellows the best of luck in their new job.

Things really started popping around the old house about five o'clock Sunday evening as the joyful vacationers came slipping back from their respective meccas after a restful, quiet vacation (ugh!). Cookies, cakes, and candies were being passed freely about the house by jubilant share-the-loot-loving brothers while their tightfisted owners were sent to bed in a frantic blaze of tears and unhappiness. Really, though, there were no hard feelings developed over the skirmish although I'd of sworn those gloves I got from St. Nick had fingers in them—oh well?

SIG SEZ

It seems like years—I feel like I lost a chapter somewhere but maybe it's just as well. I'm sure you all had a marvelous vacation—all that time to do nothing but sleep and study. Man, what more could one ask for?

A little late to say so, but we sure were happy to see so many of you at the Delt-Sig Open House before Christmas—and speaking of Christmas, Santa Claus or should I say Uncle Sam was kind to some of our gals as Jack was home to see Suzie and Doug Phillips was home to see Kay. Such happy gals!

Another big event—Miss Char Yoder was married to Don McFarland in a candlelight ceremony Christmas Eve in the Methodist church. Three of her sorority sisters, Suzie, Tweedie and June were bridesmaids. We're very happy for Char and wish her and Don all the luck in the world.

And me who gave up men for a New Year's resolution. You realize, of course, girls, that this is leap year—really our year—and with all of this we decided to make our Amo Te dance, which will be held February 9, a girl bid affair. Play it shrewd, gals—we'll see you there! Nuff said, gotta hit those books.

ALPHA THETA NEWS

With the trials and tribulations of the holiday season over we find ourselves once again back at Alma ready for a good rest.

Carol didn't find Detroit big enough and so took a jaunt down to Chicago. Upon returning to Alma she discovered the mice had held their New Year's Eve party in her four walls. For Mrs. Rosemary Rogers the season was complete as Marv flew over for a few days. We hear that Alice made a round of parties but no wonder—she's a pretty wonderful gal. Sir Galahad Crawl' plowed his way through the snowdrifts to see Mary Jo in T. C. Marianne found time for skiing in the north woods and returned safely with no broken bones. Betty seems to be caught up on the latest European fashions via air mail from Germany. Right, Betts? One of our sisters acquired a bright and shiny Zeta pin when nobody was looking. Congrats, you two—Jeanine and Jim. Mary Ellen's time was spent on the bus traveling between Fremont and Muskegon. Barb returned with one of those new haircuts—"poodle" they call 'em.

Our big project this month will be the Apple Polishing Tea in collaboration with the Zetas at their fraternity house.

Some silly rumor has been started that it's leap year, so good luck to every girl on her mission—but you men better watch out!!

Zeta Sigma

The New Year festivities are over—but we wish you a happy one anyway. Vacation is a wonderful thing. All it does is make the shock worse when you arrive back and see the schedule for finals posted already. Did some poor misguided soul say something about a Happy New Year? Maybe after Jan. 30 it will be, but then again maybe it won't.

The boys all managed to make it back from the strenuous days of vacationing. Needless to say they all claimed to have worked tediously during the days and studied long into the nights.

Bill Allen has made an agreement with the "Uncle" and the contract reads that he will leave the 16th of this month to attend Air Force Officer's School. We wish him luck and expect to see him back at his Alma Mammy after he has done his duty for the rest of us.

Many of you upperclassmen will remember (notably some of the Wrighthallers) T. Blacklock. He was so happy at getting out of Marine boot camp that he celebrated by becoming the husband of undoubtedly a pretty little maiden. Many have done so before and many will in the future. Some claim they won't but we'll see.

Next week we expect to be able to tell you who our leaders for the forthcoming semester will be. But for now we say that we're gonna soon (the 18th) have a "Jamboree". You gonna pick our "Sweetheart" for us?

Fnals start the 25th — which means you have only until the eve of the 24th to have a good time. But don't say we didn't warn you. Next week, same place.

Here's something I came across the other day. How many of you gals agree with this analysis of men in general?

A bachelor is an eligible mass of obstinacy, entirely surrounded by suspicion Husbands are of three types: prizes, surprises, and consolation prizes If you wear gay colors, rouge, and a startling hat, he hesitates to take you out. But if you wear a little brown beret and a tailor-made suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, rouge, and a startling hat!

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Sports

Walt Lovell

Sanitorian and Bill Lawrence Have Something in Common

The sanitorium must have sound working theories of disease. Likewise, Basketball Coach Fred Lawrence must have a sound working theory February 7 if he expects Alma's bid for the so-called "big-time national recognition" as a basketball power to be a success. It won't be easy for several reasons.

(1) This all-important clash will take place at the Coliseum at the Michigan State Fair Grounds in Detroit, home grounds for the Bluedevils.

(2) Blaine Denning, Tech. forward and the team's top scorer, is possibly the best individual player in the nation. The Harlem Globetrotters rate Denning as one of the two or three collegiate basketball stars good enough to step into top professional ranks.

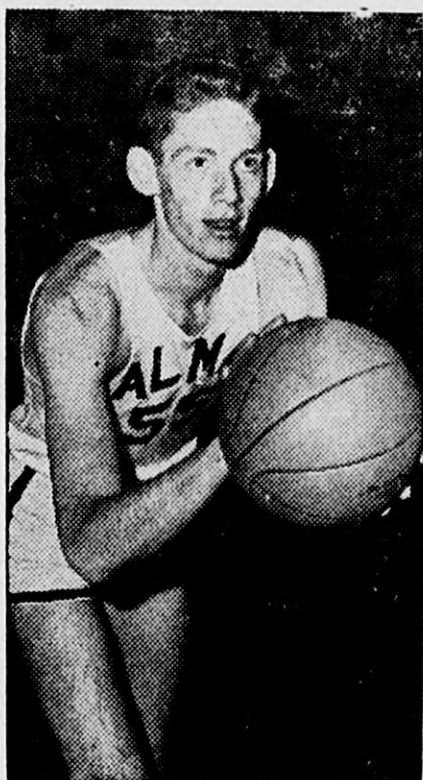
(3) The Bluedevils are ranked, at last count, twenty-third in the nation. By comparison, Alma won't finish much higher than that in the state rankings if they lose too many more ball games.

(4) Lawrence Tech. has played a much tougher schedule than the Scots, employing games with both some of the nation's best large and small colleges and universities.

(5) In Don Ridler Lawrence Tech. has one of the better basketball coaches in the land. His ability to come up with continued success year after year at a school with hardly the enrollment of Alma College is nothing short of amazing. With Ridler as coach, Tech will be ready and watching for chances to chop and whittle Alma's upset possibilities.

We can appropriately reach the conclusion, then, that the Bluedevils rate a terrific edge over the Scots February 7. However, we have a couple of points to fall back upon. We will carry into the game that most beloved title of underdog. Also we have the advantage that through the years Alma has whipped Lawrence Tech. in the only game ever staged previously between the two schools.

As already mentioned, Coach Lawrence's attempt at the big time in basketball circles will be rough, but not impossible. If I remember correctly, the Scots weren't exactly favored to stop Albion in football last fall, but they not only stopped them, they scalped them (40 to 0, remember?).



Kirk Hamilton

Hamilton Leads Nation in Best Shot Average

Captain Kirk Hamilton, Alma, outstanding guard on the Alma College Scots cage squad boasts the best field goal percentage in the nations' small college basketball race. In statistics released this week by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau in New York, Hamilton has a phenomenal 65.2 percentage with 58 completions in 89 attempts.

Hamilton's closest rival J. O'Brien, Seattle University, has 97 completions in 170 tries for a 57.1 percentage. O'Brien has played in four more games than Hamilton.

Bill Healey, Lansing, Alma forward ranks fourth in the nation in this same department with a percentage of 53.9 on 41 completions of 76 attempts. Bob Pueschner, St. Louis, who alternates at forward and center for the Scots is seventh with 39 completions in 71 attempts, an average of 52.5.

Hamilton ranks 18th in the nation in scoring with 134 points in seven games. Pueschner has a free throw percentage of 82.8, 24 successful gift tosses in 29 attempts which earned him sixth place in the nations current small college standings.

As a team, the Alma Scots have also done alright for themselves. Despite a meager 4-3 won-lost record, the Scots have a field goal percentage of 45.6, 200 completions in 438 attempts which ranks them second to Seattle University, Washington, a team with a 47.2 percentage in 11 games. Free throw percentages rank Alma ninth in the nation with a 60.3 average, while the Scots rank 17th in team offense and 22nd in team defense.

A. C. A.

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dy, ice cream, milk and fruit, and had fun playing games. Fifteen food baskets were donated by the various organizations on the campus which provided a Christmas dinner for fifteen needy families. Also the useable clothing that you brought from home was enough to make up 25 boxes which were delivered to families who desperately needed them. We are also grateful to the various stores in Alma who made numerous contributions of their wares so that Christmas would be more real to children who otherwise would have gone without.

I commend and thank one and all, both students and faculty members, for your example of Christian charity, and hope that you received much joy for that which you contributed.

The President of A. C. A.

A former student gives this bit of information to all fellows of draft age. These are THE sacred rules of the army: One—if it moves salute it; two—if it doesn't move pick it up; three—if it's too big to pick up, paint it.

Scots Take to Road After Holiday Break

After nearly a month lay-off the Scots begin the drive toward an MIAA championship Saturday night at Hillsdale, first of three games scheduled on the road within the coming week. It is also the first of nine road games facing the Alma squad during the coming month as they play at home only once during that interval.

Coach Fred Lawrence gave his boys a rest over the holidays, (not calling for practice sessions until classes resumed Monday of this week but three stiff workouts have been staged the first three nights and the group rounded into shape in a hurry. One of the top scoring quintets in state collegiate circles, as well as in the nation, the Scots hope they can keep this going in the game Saturday night at Hillsdale.

No particular change in the lineup is contemplated as Coach Lawrence plans to go along with his starting five of Capt. Kirk Hamilton and Bob Mohre at the guards, Job Pueschner at center, Bill Healey and probably John Sawyer at the forward spots. It has been this combination which gained a 1-1 MIAA record thus far in the season, the same record possessed by the Dales. For the first time the home Hillsdale team has some height available to match the other conference teams and may prove rough during the stretch drive. Two of the Dale players top the 6 foot 3 inch mark with Jack McAvoy, a Dowagiac freshman, reaching to 6 feet 5 inches.

The average height of both teams will be about 6 feet so it will be the shooting finesse of the Scots which will probably prove the deciding factor should victory come Saturday.

A two day road trip next week is scheduled as the team meets Detroit Tech on Tuesday night, then moves over to Adrian for the second MIAA game of the week the next night. The Bull-dogs have not won a league tilt thus far in the young season but being met as they are after a game the night before, there is fear of an upset win over the Scots.

After these three road games the Scots will be at home the night of January 19 with Kalamazoo encountered in another conference battle at Memorial Gym.

Clizbe News

Well, here we are in a brand new year. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The students in the music department are ready to take on the new year with all the same vigor they have shown in the past year.

Last year the choir completed another successful Christmas tour. There were many outstanding highlights in the tour, such as our narrator, James Morrison. His narrations of the Christmas story were quite effective. Thanks Jim for a beautiful performance. Our thanks go out, also, to Jerry Frederick and Larry Stevens for the lighting.

The Alma College Singers, consisting of ten students from the choir, made their debut on Christmas Concert.

Outstanding numbers on the Christmas program were: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star", with Brass Choir, "In Dulci Jubilo", "A Lovely Rose Is Sprung", and "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

The soloists were: Phyllis Rip-

W. A. A.

W. A. A. volleyball standing as of Tuesday, January 8 are as follows:

Team	W	L	T
K. I.	6	0	1
Sig Phi	6	1	0
Theta	5	2	0
I. W. O.	1	5	1
Campus Wives	1	6	0
Frosh	0	7	0

INTRAMURAL NEWS

This week marks the end of the Intramural Volleyball season, with the Delt Dodgers and the Zeta Chargers leading the league. The Volley ball league brought out many teams and can be rated as having an excellent season.

Coach Fred Lawrence would like all the rosters of the teams who plan to enter the Intramural Basketball League turned to him as soon as possible. The Basketball League soon to start should even outshine the very successful volleyball league, because of the greater interest in that sport. So if you're thinking of playing Intramural Basketball this season, you had better rush right over and turn in that list of the players on your team.

There has also been some interest shown by some of the fellows in organizing an Intramural Bowling League, so if you have an interest in that sport, and have the desire to enter into a league, write in to the ALMANIAN and quite possibly this too can be included in the list of intramural sports.

—Dave Lockwood

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atte; Don Sywassink; Rosemary Rogers; Gail Donaldson; Phillip Vance, Organist; and Marjorie Vrooman, Flute.

The tour started Nov. 29th and ended Dec. 18th, 1951. Some of the places where the choir performed were: Alma, Ithaca, Alma College Chapel, Redford, Michigan, Milford, Rochester, Detroit, Roseville, Northville, and Stanton.

The choir is looking forward to the Intercollegiate Choral Festival to be held at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The "Messiah" was again one of the main events of the past year. It was under the capable direction of Professor Eugene Grove. It was indeed an inspiring experience for both the singers and the audience. The year would not be complete without the performance of Handel's "Messiah".

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Spinning Cobwebs

Here we go again. If this column lacks the enthusiasm and natural buoyancy (modest ain't D that it had before vacation, you'll understand! Coming back with exams staring me in the face is like any morning after. (Oh well, or some other deep, philosophical expression; life can be beautiful!) So like



all good things, vacations too must come to an end. Let's get going and recuperate. Now to work gaily singing a few lines of lilting lyrics. (I learned to write like this in Eng. 21. DON'T let it happen to you!) MEMOS:

The Co-Operative Council: Gotta hand it to you. If the coffee in the dining salon or the union doesn't kill us, the ice on the steps of most of the buildings will surely get 90% of all that's left. HINT! HINT!

Alma College: Couldn't we find some patriotic citizen to donate a flag for the main pole in front of the Library? I know we are pa-

trials all, but maybe the critics of us "draft-dodging" collegians won't think so when they hafta peek inside the Chapel to find the only visible flag on campus. Besides, it's a shame let such a lovely pole go to waste!

KEITH NEILSON: Be it true that the South's gonna rise again! Friend of mine sez they hain't got the ambition. Would appreciate comment!! Unprofane that is.

Gotta give a bouquet to the Delt's and Sig-Phi's for their wonderful open house. Everyone seems to think it was about the nicest thing that's happened for a long time. Confidentially, the excellent attendance had much to do with it.

This column wishes it had the cold cash to buy the biggest orchid available for the greatest "Prince of a Good Fellow" ever to grace a classroom at Alma College. We miss seeing you in our classes, Dr. Hamilton.

Song for the days ahead: "I'll be crackin' the books in lots of unfamiliar places . . ." such as the Library, Bio. and Chem. buildings, etc. It ain't no New Year's resolution either: it's just that my folks said, "Or else!"

Let's end on a cheery note: Exams come but twice each year!

Let's greet them now with all good cheer, Stop, look, listen! raves the poet onward,

It's easy to see it isn't my courses to which he's looking forward!!!

It's really been real this time. So short—oops, darn typewriter, I mean, so long.

P. S. Still ho word from "Q" "S" at this writing. What a relief!!

Trials of Freda Frosh

Dear Diary:

Boy oh Boy, now I know what people mean when they say they're glad to come back to school after vacation—to get rested up! A few more "vacation" days and I wouldn't have had the strength to pack my toothbrush and ten suitcases to come back. Speaking of ten suitcases, I inevitably take too many things home. My father thought I was moving out of the dorm when he came to pick me up last December 20th. In spite of these minor difficulties it was swell and I'm ever so happy to be back with the gang—and school?

With the end of the term so near at hand I really must "dig in" and see if I can't pass at least one course. It would be nice to enroll next semester. NEXT SEMESTER! What happened to this one? I'm told that as you get older time seems to go faster. Can I be getting that old? I must have aged twenty years in the past four months.

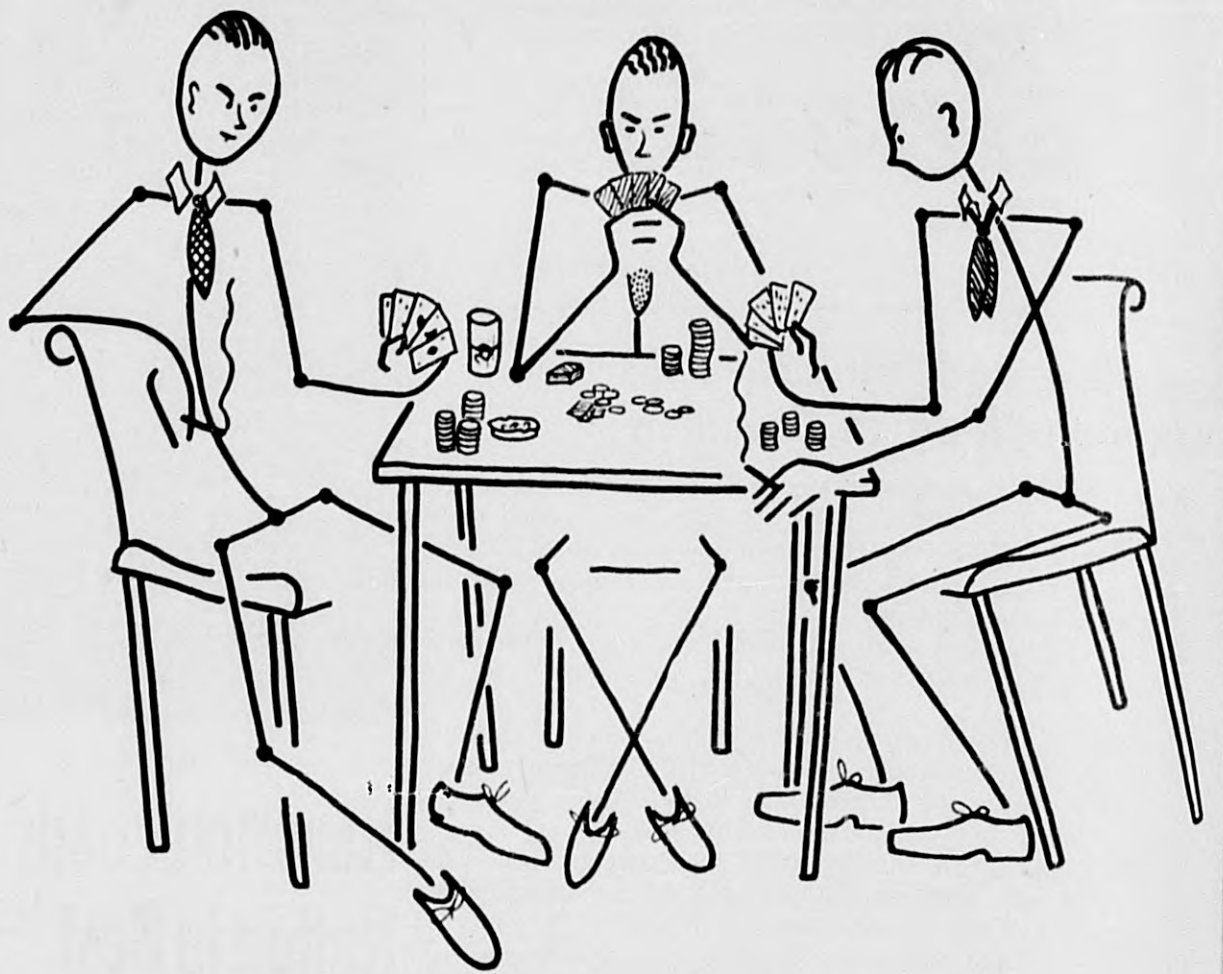
I feel more like a college student now. They have finally removed the eleven o'clock lights out for freshman girls. I thought I would be over-joyed but I find I'm so used to the eleven o'clock curfew that I can't keep my eyes open any longer than eleven thirty.

We have a new institution here at old Wrightous Hall, Diary, it's called noisy hour. Some of us call it noisier than usual hour. Every night for fifteen minutes before and after the closing hours there is a "non-quiet" period. I thought the dorm was going crazy these first few nights. We now have organized an impromptu band composed of tonettes, "squeeze box", tin pans and loud shouts. Such a lovely combination! I guess the girls are still resting up from the holidays though for I have only heard two lonely tonettes during the afternoon.

This is all the news, Diary, except for the jump back into schoolwork and I'll spare you the gruesome details of that ordeal! 'Til next time then—

Good night from a very Weary, Freda

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Comments

Reading the last issue of the Almanian, I was greatly interested and pleased to find the names of friends who were on "Who's Who in American Colleges". Truly the individuals chosen for these awards richly deserve them and I would like to extend my congratulations to them. They are typical of the fine all around Alma College student.

It was, however, to my sorrow and regret that I, as a member of the Junior class, did not have the opportunity or get the chance to vote on the selection of who should represent the college. It is the rule in most of the colleges, voting on their representatives, to allow the junior and senior classes to elect and choose their own representatives. After all, who knows the student better than his fellow classmates and who is it that sees him or her at his best or worst at all times, taking this into consideration, I believe that we, the students, should have a voice in choosing our representative members for these class awards. In previous years at Alma we have had juniors as well as seniors on this "Who's Who", but for some reason this year such was not the case. I can remember well that some of the students who today represent Alma College in "Who's Who" were as juniors on this honor list. Is not the junior class worthy or a par with previous classes of Alma College?

Concluding, I wish to leave in the minds of the students that it is their privilege or should be theirs to elect their representatives for these awards. For it is they who know a student best and not simply a group of people drawn together simply to see who deserves this award. D. G. H.

I have before me the last issue of the Almanian and I consider some of the articles a laugh and a challenge. In Mr. K. W. W.'s letter he wants to know why this paper has so much useless stuff in it. I think I'll start by saying that when the student writers fear the wrath of the faculty and the repercussions which usually come when a person dares speak his mind, what can you expect? To my mind, it isn't what the students want to read that goes into the paper but it's what the faculty wants the higher-up, connected with and donating to this institution, to read. When the fathers and mothers of this institution say, "We know what is best for you children," they forget that some of us have minds of our own and we like to use them. We have ideas too and what better place to express them than in our own, supposedly, paper? It would appear that the attitude is, "We are entirely competent and ideas and suggestions are not wanted"; they forget that no person is perfect and they might even profit by some of the things that would, if permitted, be published. It's no disgrace not to be able to see everything that is wrong or needs correcting, but it

is wrong to ignore suggestions and put fear into the person who offered the suggestion.

I also would like to see someone start a discussion on the necessity of the Greek Gab section. What seems to be wrong with it? Nothing as far as I can see. In fact, when that is practically the first section of the paper that everyone turns to first, it must hold a lot of interest for the students. You would take that away? If some people don't like the idea of seeing other people's names in the paper and not their own, let those people start a column of their own. It just takes a little work.

To end this discussion I'll say, "If more people would stay loose there'd be less of this."

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Miss Howell will speak on the general area of Civil Liberties and Mr. Willits is discussing Ethics in Public Office.

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