

# Almanian

When the world is in a state of confusion and chaos, it is the duty of every citizen to do his part to bring about a better world.

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## W. S. S. F. To Run March 31 To April 4

### What is W.S.S.F.?

### Faculty Auction

The drive for the World Student Service Fund in American prep schools, colleges, and universities will open Monday, March 31, 1952 and will run through Friday April 4. This drive is in answer to the needs of over 500,000 students in twenty countries who will be aided through WSSF. Alma College will join once again in the world wide effort to raise funds for the preservation of a free education. WSSF this year will provide food, books, medical care, shelter, student centers, and other forms of aid in Europe and Southeast Asia. The goal at Alma College this year is \$300.

Don Gordon, of Detroit is chairman of the event. The complete program follows: Monday, March 31-

11:00 a. m. Hartmut Hensen, German student at the University of Michigan will speak on the needs for students in Germany. Chairman, Nancy Stockham. Tuesday, April 1-

Following dinner, services to be rendered by the faculty will be auctioned off in the dining hall. Paul Finchem, chairman. Wednesday, April 2-

7:30 p. m. Carnival, sponsored by the various organizations on campus. Proceeds to go to the WSSF fund. Betty Burns, chairman. Thursday, April 3-

7:30 p. m. Variety Show. Chairman, George Miller. Friday, April 4 -

Student solicitation. Betty Fowler, chairman.

Students working for the faculty will be booked by Mary Alice Cook.

### Monday's Chapel

To further understanding, and, consequently, instill "World Peace" is the aim of the World Student Service Fund. Trite as the Phrase has become, we think that with an analysis of the situation, we can see the necessity of this group in furthering the effort toward "World Peace." The situation of the present world certainly merits the consideration of this plan. Man, inevitably, seems to consider his own interests foremost. Question whether this is good or evil does not become one of mutual concern, until these interests lose proportion and begin to affect others. It is heartening that there appears in man a concern for his fellow. From this germ of concern an understanding can grow, along with an insight into man's problems, and an ultimately peaceful situation where man lives with man. Idealistic? Naturally, but possible nevertheless. It is with this idea or ideal, if you will, that W.S.S.F. was instituted.

The specific functions of W.S.S.F. are aptly put by President Paul V. Sangren, of Western Michigan College. "W.S.S.F. helps to rebuild universities in those countries whose educational facilities were disrupted and destroyed in World War I; supplements the diet of students who are suffering from undernourishment; provides rest centers where students suffering from T.B. may recuperate; enables faculty members in areas of need to continue serving in their educational capacity when the limitations of their countries' economy would otherwise force them to seek employment in order to survive; and most important - that students of diverse nationalities are learning to work and share together in a manner that will develop the international understanding which is so greatly needed today."

Now quite obviously this task takes money. Man, generous with his ideas, finds that they don't become concrete reality quite as easily as they become ideas. This is where you come in. Money is needed, but remember that this isn't a one-way proposition, for, in helping the least of these, you help yourself.

- Hope Anchor.

### Detroit Woman Gives Scholarship Underwriters Room In New Dorm

### 'Death' Is Coming

During the past week Miss Elizabeth Brainard, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, visited our campus. Some time ago in conversation with Dr. Harker she had expressed an interest in endowing a scholarship in memory of her father, Mr. Charles Nelson Brainard. More recently Mr. Edward Long, a nephew of Miss Brainard, called the college office, saying his aunt would like to visit the college and make her decision and gift on the Alma campus.

vice. Though with a large family of his own, he was always a friend to those in need, giving shelter and food to those who for a time were without homes. A firm believer in God and the future life - it would please him to know that some part of the result of the work of his early efforts can now be used as a help in furthering the work Alma College stands for."

For our readers, the Almanian has spent a little time finding out about the play "Death Takes a Holiday" soon to be produced here. A short interview with Professor W. A. Gregory established these pertinent facts. Death is an unusual play and is going to be different than most of the ordinary plays that we theatre goers in this part of the country have ever seen. It is requiring a different solution to the problem of staging with our limited facilities. A man changes his appearance before the audience to become DEATH.

The cast of the play is enthusiastic and the other necessary counterparts of any production, i.e. stagecrew, lights, props, are all working very hard.

### New Books

Kennan George F. AMERICAN DIPLOMACY, 1900-1950. University of Chicago Press, 1951. 154p.

After more than a quarter of a century in our Foreign Service, Mr. Kennan presents a brief discussion of the last fifty years in the United States foreign policy. He deplores our "legalistic-moralistic" approach to international relations and recommends a more professional and realistic conduct of future relations with other countries.

Douglas, Lloyd C. TIME TO REMEMBER. Houghton - Mifflin, 1951. 238p.

A leisurely narrative of the novelist's memories of his childhood in Indiana through his college days at Wittenberg. It is interspersed with comments and short sermons on modern education, funerals, alcohol, Mark Twain's humor and a novelist's proper attitude toward critics.

Sharp, Margery. LISE LITTLEWHITE. Little, Brown, 1951. 274p.

Modest, French-reared, Lise Lillywhite and her match-making Tante Amelie with her new-found English Littlywhite cousins are the central characters in this latest Sharp novel.

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On one of the lovely days of the past week, Mr. Long drove his aunt to Alma to visit ed scooted, (I had to run like the college. After being shown about the campus and chatting with a number of students, Miss Brainard informed Dr. Harker that she had decided to endow a scholarship and underwrite a room of the proposed girls' dormitory. She presented the president with a check covering these two fine gifts to the college. Our entire Alma family united in expressing our sincerest appreciation to Miss Brainard for her generosity.

Miss Brainard writes of her father:

Charles Nelson Brainard was a pioneer and farmer of Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan, buying the land for farm and home from the government. He was also a public-spirited man, serving the higher offices of the township. Well informed in many things, many knowing him as one who stood for honesty and integrity. It came to him in their needs for counsel and ad-

### The President's Chair



During the weeks immediately ahead thousands of American young people will be deciding upon the colleges they will enter next fall. Of course, many of next year's Freshmen have already selected the school of their choice and are tentatively enrolled, but untold thousands of young Americans are now making up their minds as to where they will enroll for college.

Here is a great opportunity for every loyal son and daughter of Alma. No recommendation of a school carries so much weight with a prospective student as what the students of that school say about their Alma Mater. If you are finding Alma a fine school, if you are finding here the fellowship that is making your life richer, if you feel you are receiving here the preparation that will enable you to give your best and a little bit more to the years that are ahead, will you not encourage your friends to join you here on the Alma campus next fall? Your recommendation of Alma means infinitely more to that friend of yours than does any address your president may make about the College or the most glowing account the Director of Admissions can give to a prospective student.

So will you not write a letter to that old high school buddy, and ask him, "Will you at Alma next fall? When you are in Alma next fall, will you not look up last year's numbers, the graduating Seniors, and see what they make the right decision concerning Alma? You are in a position to do a piece of helpful recruiting—do it more easily and more effectively—that no one else can do. I am counting on you to carry a torch for Alma. And I know you will welcome this opportunity to render a fine labor of love for your Alma Mater. Thanks so much.

## By Bread Alone

College students have a way of grasping many wise sayings and adages; some of these are put to practical usage, others are not. Perhaps one of the best known biblical passages is "Man does not live by bread alone."

---" This very profound statement applies to mankind in general and as I see it it has an additional emphasis for college students. As students, we devote four years of our lives to an educational program designed to produce educated men and women who are socially adjusted as a result of their campus experiences. By living, as we do, on a small campus, our educational and social development become of interest to our instructors and those around us. But are we, as individuals and students, putting into practical application, some of the theories we have become familiar with at Alma? Man does not live by bread alone—neither do students attain their full mental stature unless theory is put into practice.

We have in the Alma area, a group of migrant workers who need help, not charity but HELP. As Christians, it is our duty; we can do no less to help in some small way the campus projects designed to aid these families.

But you say, "I have studying, sports, and countless other campus activities to attend to." This project could become a campus activity, as I feel it is of equal importance with other time-consuming activities.

I am not appealing to you through a sentimental plea—but offering to you an opportunity to put into practical application some of your well founded theory.

Religion does not just consist of Chapel services, religion classes or the attendance at A.C.A. These are all important phases of our religious experience. Religion, true religion, the kind that matters to an individual and to God consists of some degree of practical application. Think it over. If you feel that you have an interest in the Mexican Migrant Problem from any point of view, please indicate it by joining in this project.

Man does not live by bread alone—likewise, a truly devoted religious person feels a duty to do more than expound theories.

Nancy Stockham—Guest Editor.

## :: Greek Gah ::

### ZETA SIGMA

Well, pledging is all over with for another semester. What a time! I think it's harder on the members, than it is on the pledges. Here are the names of the recently initiated Zets: Bob Kenrick, Jack Todd, Jack Weir, Ron Baney, Bob Kersten and Fred Immer. We also have a new honorary member—Dean Giddings. They're all good men and we're expecting many good things from them.

This is a little late, due to the inefficiency of the reporter, but we wish to congratulate Bud Martin and Anne Gettle on their recent engagement. You made a very good choice, Bud.

One of the Thetas, Janie Kersten, sewed up some shower curtains for us. She also inscribed upon them a couple of very nice notes. Thanks, Janie.

Bill Ludwig went to Detroit a couple of weeks ago to take a Navy examination. We are happy to report that he passed with flying colors. Nice going, Bill.

Lex Fossitt has been hitting Lasing pretty steady lately. Phil Long gets so excited when his girl calls that he forgets what he was doing. For instance, he was playing pool one Saturday night when she called unexpectedly. He came down into the basement, picked up the pool cue, told us all in smiles, that she was home, and started upstairs, with the cue still in his hand, to clean up. He wasn't very confused.

We heard that a couple of brothers have been overly generous with their pins, to wit, Bill Arbury gave his to Joan, and Bob Kendrick's was seen on Eddie LaFleur. Max is looking for a gal to wear his.

They say all good things have to come to end, this isn't so good but it's got to go.

### SIG SEZ

Well, Cookie gave me a vacation for a couple weeks, but now I'm back again—both-shot eyes and all. No sleep for two nights. Seems I like to do all my assignments the last week of the term.

We're still deep in the midst of rushing. Our tea was held at the home of Mrs. Ward Youngquist, one of our patronesses—the decorations were springy, the food delightful and we certainly had fun giving it with all the wonderful help of Mrs. Youngquist and Mrs. Lobdell. This week we had our spread, a "Teddy Bear's Picnic." Regardless of the loss of sleep, I had a lot of fun and the rest seemed to, too. Next week our dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. Netzorg.

We are also looking forward to seeing one of our graduated members, Sylvia Stielstra, who is expected home next week.

Bette Adams was here last week with three of her students. She is teaching at Lake Orion—it sure was good to have her here. This week end we are expecting to see another of our members, Betty Teeple. It's been quite a while since we've seen her and we're anxious to catch up on old times.

I don't know how the cupid situation stands—haven't had too much time to look over the situation. Our major at the moment seems to be pinocle and all of us expect to get our degrees soon.

Must go—still have tons of studying so see ya—

### PHILIP

Are you going to be surprised tomorrow night. Our own fellows have been hustling like crazy for the big dance and it should prove to afford a great time.

An aside, why can't the Frats and Sororities get together and throw something big, like a jam

session or something?

Reports from Jake Sommerville indicate that he'll be back up here. Sends his love to all.

It looks like the cover to the Alma Trailer Night shift racket. The house is deserted after five o'clock. Our friend Rene finally made it back up. Claims he had to walk all the way.

A monstrous 200 volume library has been started in the mansion. Intellectuals now. Beware of the mud, you may be deeper than you think.

### KAPPA KAPERS

Ship ahoy, oh scuse us, that was our super sailing affair for last week—but maybe there are some of us who are still recovering from seasickness. Speaking for the K. I's, I don't think we'll ever get all the salt brine out of our veins. But we all hope everybody had a good time and will be on deck again next year.

We barely had the Liner in drydock when we came face to face with rushing. Miss VanderHart's new home certainly provided a beautiful setting for our rushing tea. Did we say "Tea"? Then how come Sandy Smith downed four cups of coffee?

Although our sorority room is half way up to heaven (that is to say, on the 4th floor), the other region was also well represented! The K. I's certainly ran true to form, some were devils, complete with horns and the inevitable tail—oh, yes,—and then there were a few angels, just to make the theme complete. Instead of counting sheep now-a-nights (get it?) the K. I. gals have taken up little stuffed devils—sure glad we have a home ec major in the crowd! Here's your recognition, Bud!

And now to get back to earth, the dinner's next, and so we'd better adjourn and get those hot dogs on the plate!

### THETA NEWS

This week finds the Thetas

## Let's Hit the Top!

In the very near future Alma College will get re-acquainted with the term W.S.S.F. To those of you who are new here at Alma the term means "World Student Service Fund." Alma college ranked second in the state last year in the amount which they contributed to fund, next only to the University of Michigan.

World Student Service Fund is based on the principle that education for international relief is an integral part of the relief enterprise. The generous distribution of material to the devastated and needy areas has been through channels of communication abroad.

World Student Service Fund is a campus committee which is composed of representatives of all student organizations which act as sponsors.

The Fund in 1950-51 received contributions from students and members of the faculty through the purchase of books, food, equipment, clothing, and other supplies.

This WSSF acts as the operating agency for the fund which depend for their success on the cooperation of all.

So, Alma students and faculty, let's join together once again to contribute to this worthy cause. The campus has many interesting and enjoyable events planned so that you may enjoy your time as well as give yourselves toward this worthy cause.

Let's rank once more this year in the upper part of the contributors of the WSSF.

A. E. T.

Hard at work on plans for spread, dinner, Style Show, formal-orchestras, advertising, play practice, plans for the Choir trip, and, of course, in the spare time left over, there are always mid-semester.

On last Tuesday, the Thetas held their rushing tea in the sorority room, and on Wednesday night, a weird little group assembled at the A.E. Theta National Home Convention and dinner in the town of our rushing spread.

Plans are well under way for our annual style show, this year to be the "Fashion Parade" to be held in the Union next Friday night, April 4, with dancing and cards as added attraction. The outfits shown will be furnished by Gilmelman's, so don't miss your little "Fashion Parade."

It was a pleasant surprise Monday night, when the sorority was presented with two lovely silver table baskets by Mrs. Harold Smith of Alma. They are really cute and we're all appreciative them.

Belated congratulations are due to Allene Stolt on her appointment as Student Director of the Drama Club play, "Death Takes A Holiday", and to Alice Welsh on her role in the same play. It's a little late, but then—"Better late than never."

And so your Theta News for this week of March 28th comes to an end. Adios, amigos—A semaine.

### DELT NEWE

We're proud to welcome to our group 17 new members. Our congratulations to: Jack Carleton, Bob Carney, Gordy Converse, Gene Fischer, Don Gordon, Walt Hammond, Bill Henry, Carl Hoerberling, Dave Lockwood, John Marble, Al McLeod, Jack Nowka, Larry Park, Jim Phillips, Frank Pierson, John Schubel, and Jim Zickel. We're glad to have you with us, fellows.

The Deltas have done it again, twice in fact. Tuesday night the Delt Dodgers took the intramural basketball league championship from the Mac's Maniacs, and last week the intramural bowling

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# More Joe

Spent a night in the Jungle to check up on subversive activities when a great deal of activity was noticed. Upon closer survey turns out to be Keith Neilson, Allan McLeod, and Tom Gilbert looking for birds. Wait another month.

Trying to find out who poisoned Dr. Chipper. Is dirty Capitalist trick.

Who is wandering around Delt House at three in the morning? That must cease.

Jim Papin shows un-party disgust at propaganda Bird Study Course one Jeanie Moran is taking. Don't quarrel with Dictators boy, she don't pay.

Suspect Dr. Miller-in-ski-ovitch of trying to hoard his capitalistic car. Else why he walk from downtown every day? (What's he do downtown anyway, Aint sposed to leave prison.)

Dr. Nisbet says there's a new spirit on campus. Even gotta have investigators investigating the investigators. If they are going to sic the spirits on me I'm going to join the union.

Signed, Joe.

# Sports in the News

by Lovell

Word has been flying around campus about the Ping-Pong Tournament and another tentative date for the beginning of actual competitive play. It supposedly is supposed to start next Monday, so the Student Council tells us. One amusing observed remarked: "Well, two months ago they told us that it would start in three weeks. "Five weeks ago they told us the Ping-Pong Tournament was still three weeks away. Now, with five more weeks out the window, they tell us that it will be next Monday. "That means that everyone can prepare for a Ping-Pong tournament sometime after Easter Vacation." Also, in Chapel Wednesday, there were other hasty observers quick to pick up the axe and aim at the quaint individuals who assemble at Student Council meetings. Although this writer's fingerprints may still remain on the axe from other brushes with the Student Council, this is one time that the so-called "hasty observers" jumped to conclusions that were (in some cases) unbeneficial to the health of Council members. Frankly, they are wrong, this time.

On display in the Chapel since Wednesday are the Trophies that are to be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the tournament. It took time to purchase these trophies. Despite consistent demands by the Student Council to the producer-distributors of these trophies, they were nearly a month late in arriving. If blame is to be placed on the delay of the tournament, then blame the laxity of the individuals who failed for nearly a month to provide us with these trophies. From this writer's viewpoint, the Student Council should be given a vote of confidence for their work in attempting to make this tournament possible. New paddles and Ping-Pong balls have been purchased in addition to the trophies and medals. This vote of confidence, if it is to be delivered, could possibly be put into effect by student participation and support of the 1952 Ping-Pong Tournament. It would be pleasing to the eyes of many if this tournament could become an annual event here at Alma College.

## Spring Sports Preparing to Roll!

Coach Henry Howe will be assembling his 1952 Golf squad in a few weeks and has optimistic hopes on Alma's chances in the MIAA Tournament and League play this spring. Howe, starting his second season as Golf coach and a former football coach here at Alma, claims that the squad's possibilities weigh on the merits and accomplishments of the freshmen members of the team. Only two of last year's five are returning for intercollegiate Golf competition this season. They are veterans Ron Sadler and Mo Arnold. Coach Howe also said that reports of the freshman candidates for the three remaining positions on the squad are quite favorable. It is on this report that he bases his optimism. Well, fellow, students, if any one of you can turn in better than a hundred in nine holes, who knows—with Howe's coaching you may become Golf King of the MIAA. Let's not disappoint the coach, fellows.

In support of last year's Golf team, which finished third, it should be said that the team had a better overall score than the championship team of the year before. What does this prove?—Well, it proves, for one thing, that a good brand of Golf is being played in the MIAA, and, that it is steadily improving. It is going to take a pretty good brand of coaching and some better-than-average playing on the parts of the coach and his players to fetch us home the MIAA Golf Championship. The squad has, at this early date, nine meets already scheduled for this spring with five at home. For both those interested and those "know nothings" of Golf, a little student support might possibly mean the difference between a championship and last year's third place (or worse). In fact, some constructive support at these five home meets on the fairways for our team could at least put our players in a championship mood, anyway, if not bring the title home materially. So far as this writer is concerned, the first time he played golf it took seventeen strokes, four lost balls, and two broken clubs before the first hole was approached and conquered.

# Intramural

The Intramural Basketball Program quietly seceded from the spotlight last Tuesday evening as the Delt Dodgers, champions of the Red League, whipped to a 60-41 decision over the game, but losing Mac's Maniacs, the team that championed the White League. Trailing 30-26 at the half, Maniac coach Gordie MacDonald tried to rally his team to narrow the deficit, but as the second half progressed the Delts pulled away and sewed-up the intramural championship. High scorer and very probably the player of the night was lanky Bill Fretz, who scored a total of 21

points. This game was a fast and well played contest, especially on the part of Fretz and Co., although hardly typical of a real championship playoff.

As champions of the White League, Mac's Maniacs had some pretty rough competition during the season with the Zeta Chargers and Phi Phiffers offering most of it. The case of the Zeta Chargers is a strange one. A consensus of the "know-some-things" of the intramural league would generally agree that the Chargers should have been the White League champions. However, the Chargers, who defeated the Maniacs in league play, later had to forfeit that game because of the use of an ineligible player. This consensus, while taking nothing away from the brilliant league play of the Maniacs, also agreed that a Charger-Dodger playoff game would have been more typical of years past.

The Red League found the Delt Dodgers and the Gym Crew continually sparring for the playoff berth all season long. The Dodgers record proves them worthy of the championship, going undefeated this year. They racked up five straight victories during the season and then added one more Tuesday evening in the finals.

Members of the champion Dodg-

ers team are: Ray Carless, Thayer Talcott, Bill Fretz, Seth Whitmarsh, Joe Villemure, Dick Drum, Frank Pierson, Vern Gardai, and V. Smith.

The bleachers are going up soon and will be ready for the start of the season. We kinda hope that some of you students will come out and use them. You'd be surprised how much a little support from the student body helps out.

Well, let's hope that Mother Nature gets tired of this cold weather soon and then watch out for this Alma team. We've got what it takes to win and we will.

# Lefty's Lip

(ED. NOTE: This is the first of a series of articles written by Lefty Gadzinski, first baseman of the Scots baseball squad. These articles will be featured throughout baseball season.—W.R.L.)

With the coming of Spring and a few nice, sunny days, the boys had hopes of getting outside, but Mother Nature pitched us a curve. Spring turned back to Winter.

The boys are getting fired up and hope they will be ready for that opening game which is scheduled for April 24, with Ferris.



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### Music at Alma

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direction of Mr. Eugene Grove, makes an extensive tour of the state of Michigan, bringing to many church groups and high schools the finest in choral music.

Another of the musical organizations that is rapidly acquiring state-wide fame is the kiltie band. Always present at the home football games it assures the spectators of a very entertaining half-time program. In addition to home game appearances the band frequently travels with the team, affording other MIAA schools a glimpse of our tartan-clad musicians. Recently the band has also appeared at the meetings of the Michigan College foundation, presenting the quality of band music that can be produced by a small college. After football season the band moves indoors to present several fine concerts throughout the remainder of the school year.

The music department itself, located in Clizbe House, offers to the student interested in a musical vocation instruction in voice, piano, organ and band and orchestral instruments. Courses of instruction in music theory, and instruction methods are also offered which equip the music student with the knowledge necessary to teach in public and private schools. Such a curriculum offers to the student a degree of Bachelor of Musical Education.

The faculty of the music department is headed by Professor Eugene Grove, who teaches numerous courses in music theory as well as being conductor of the choir. The fine performances

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Membership in the choral union is open to students of the college and residents of Alma and surrounding communities. Composed of 100 singers, this group presents many fine musical programs, most notable the annual presentation of Handel's Messiah.

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