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Tribute Paid at Funeral of Dr. Roy W. Hamilton

To the familiar strains of the Alma College song, "Alma Mater", for which he composed both words and music, the body of Dr. Roy W. Hamilton was borne from Alma College chapel Monday afternoon, following funeral services for which the Rev. Clyde F. Vance of First Presbyterian church and Dr. John Stanley Harker, president of Alma College, officiated.

In the large crowd attending the rites were college presidents, Alma faculty, alumni and students, industrial leaders and people of all professions and occupations from all over Michigan. There, too, were many of the farm folk from Emerson community where in recent years he had conducted a pastorate for three years along with his college duties.

Dr. Hamilton, 69, one of Michigan's best known educators and ministers, died at his home 619 W. Center street, Alma, Saturday night after an illness of several months. He had marked his birthday last Tuesday, March 25, enjoying the day very much with calls and many cards and remembrances from friends.

At Alma 33 Years

The beloved teacher and minister had served Alma College for 33 years and during those years had been professor of English Language and Literature, head of the English department, vice president and president of the college.

During his years with the college, Dr. Hamilton had carried the message of religion and education all over the state from the tiniest northern Michigan hamlet to the large cities. Everywhere he left inspiration and a kindly feeling toward Alma College. He helped to bring many students to Alma and succeeded in keeping them here through his understanding and guidance.

Affectionately known on campus as "Hammie", Dr. Hamilton always had the high regard of faculty members and students. He was able through his wisdom and kindly humour to straighten out many problems, both as a counselor and as an administrator.

Believed in Alma College

In his address at the funeral services, Rev. Vance declared



"In my opinion Alma College owes its continued existence to Dr. Hamilton." Dr. Hamilton's creed was "I believe in Alma College".

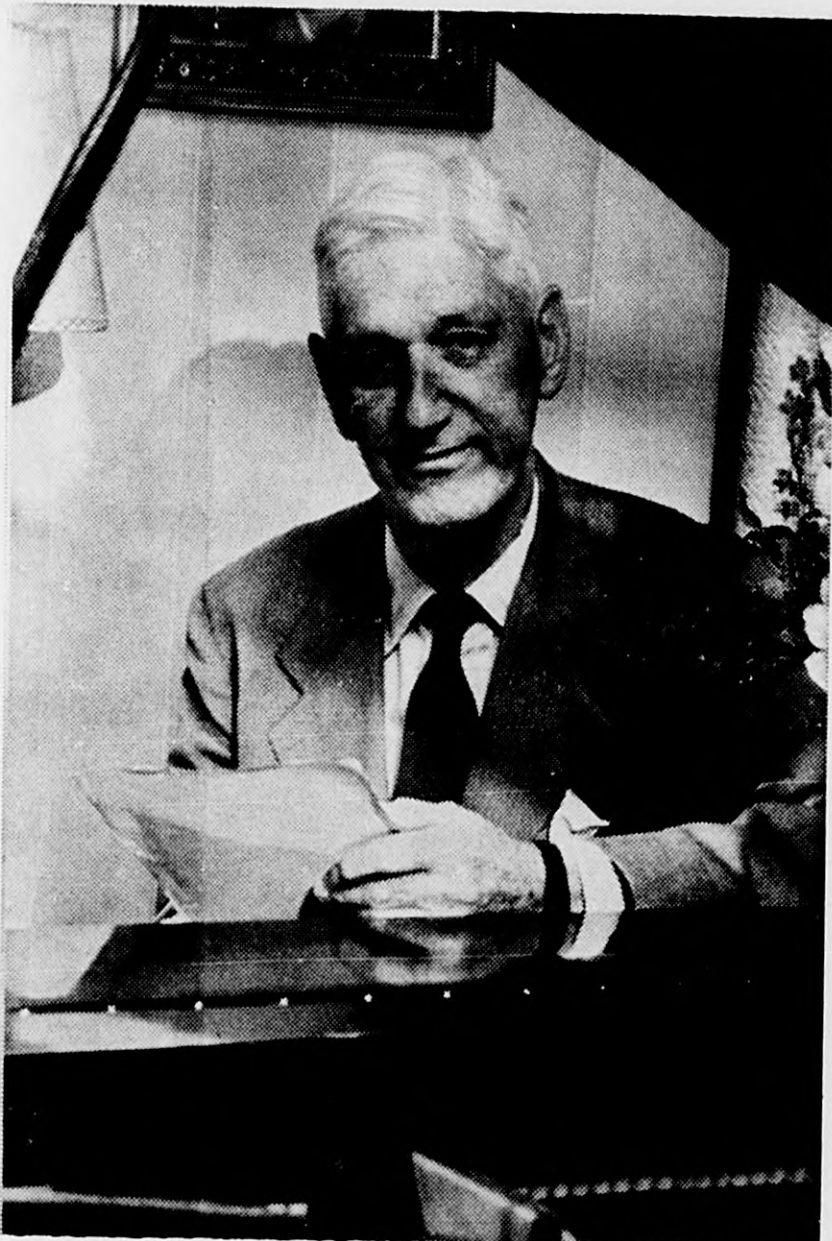
Retiring as president of the college in 1947, Dr. Hamilton continued in the work which he most loved, teaching. He had held one class at his home until three weeks ago.

Dr. Hamilton was Alma's acting See Page 6

A late release from the President's Office is that Government Building Permit for the Jerry Tyler Student Center arrived Thursday morning.

This is the building that is the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Leon Tyler in memory of their son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tyler and son, Michael who died in the fire of the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago.

Hold Beloved Professor's Rites



Dr. Roy W. Hamilton

A.C.A. Play at Hemlock

Arthur E. Turner, Alma College senior from Hemlock, Michigan, has recently written and directed a religious drama entitled "Were You There", based on the Easter theme. The play has been produced in various churches throughout the state. Sunday, April 6, at 7:45 p.m. it will be produced in the Hemlock Methodist church. The play depicts the last hours of Jesus' life and is built around the simple Bible story of Jesus' death and resurrection. The play has been built around the dramatic and musical talent of Alma College.

Richard Nisbet, Fremont, and Paul Finchem, Hazel Park, are assisting in the production. The cast includes:

- Nancy Leece, Plymouth
- Mary Dahl, Montague
- Joyce Lilley, Detroit
- Judson Joyce, Monroe
- Jack Miller, Melvindale
- Jim Hollingsworth, Merrill
- Dave Hill, Louisville, Kentucky
- Wayne Meehan, Iron River
- Jack Wilson, Northville
- Jim Lester, Plymouth
- Bob Piper, Detroit

Arthur Turner will graduate in June with a Bachelor of Science degree, and intends to enter Medical School in the fall. He has been outstanding in extra-curricular activities at Alma College, and this year was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." He is President of the Men's Senate and Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Group Averages

Semester 131, 1951-1952

1. Phi Sigma Pi	2.79
2. Senior Women	2.16
3. Alpha Theta Sorority	2.13
4. All Sororities	1.98
5. Kappa Iota Sorority	1.94
6. Sigma Philo Sorority	1.91
7. All Seniors	1.90
8. Junior Women	1.90
9. Town Women	1.82
10. Senior Men	1.81
11. Sophomore Women	1.80
12. All Women	1.80
13. Delta Gamma Tau Fraternity	1.73
14. Wright Hall Women	1.72
15. Phi Phi Alpha	1.72
16. Non-Sorority	1.68
17. All Junior	1.61
18. Freshmen Women	1.55
19. Junior Men	1.53
20. All Students	1.50
21. All Sophomores	1.48
22. All Men	1.38
23. Zeta Sigma Fraternity	1.35
24. Sophomore Men	1.32
25. Non-Fraternity	1.21
26. All Freshmen	1.20
27. Freshmen Men	1.07

Professor Henry Howe has been elected as chairman of the History and Political Science Section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

The 56th Annual Meeting of this group will be held in Ann Arbor, April 10, 11, 12.

A. C. A. Silent Sermon . . .

Today you read in the newspaper that Dr. Hamilton is dead. Don't believe a word of it! At this very moment he is more alive than the last time that you saw him! He has gone up higher, that is all . . . out of his old clay tenement into a house that is immortal. He has what you might call a new key to a new home, and this key is Immortality.

What a glorious world of far horizons it is that meets his gaze, now that the key has unlocked the door. His spirit is set at liberty to converse with the immortal poets of past years. The eyes of his soul look upon eternal sunrise and sunset, and he hears sweet, lyrical words in a background of pleasant music. What an experience of liberation this must be, and how wide the universe in which his spirit now walks at liberty!

No longer do the shackles of pain bind him to the narrow confines of four walls. No longer do the walls of physical necessity imprison him to this small planet called earth. And no longer do the chains of fatigue prevent him from traveling to the farthest star. Yes, with the Christ given key of Immortality he can be bold enough to say, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." He can say like Jesus, that death may kill the body but having done that, it has spent the last atom of its force. And if that is the sum-total of its achievement, why crown it the King of Terrors?

Even when death has done its worst, it has not begun to touch the real essentials of life. Do you think that death can lay its hand upon your love? No, for love is of God, and it is He who has given it for your immortality. Do you think that death can take away your work? Listen then: "Therefore be ye steadfast, unmovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." No, death does not make a mockery of your work, nor cast it as rubbish to the void. Your work is taken up to be woven into the fabric which goes into the very foundation of the City of God.

Finally, death cannot claim you being, for beneath the ever dying flesh of humanity lurks divinity. The fire of God, the very breath of Life, if you please, cannot be extinguished by death.

"Death be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so: For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow Die, poor Death; nor yet canst thou kill me . . . Thou'rt slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men, And dost with poison, war and sickness dwell; And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well; And better than thy stroke. Why swell'st thou then? One short sleep past, we wake eternally, And Death shall be no more: Death, thou shalt die!"

—by John Donne.

PRAYER:

O God, keep us under the spell of Immortality, and may we never think or act as if Thou art dead, for Thou hast made the tomb empty and death can claim nothing.

Amen.

Student Council

Jack McCarthy was nominated and elected to serve as Master of ceremonies for the assembly program next Wednesday, April 9th. The Independent Women's organization and the three sororities and three fraternities will each put on an act for this program. The order in which these acts will appear will be decided at the next council meeting.

Several means of further honoring Dr. Hamilton were suggested. The possibility of calling the new girls' dormitory "Hamilton Hall" was one of these. It was also suggested that a bronze bust of "The Grand Old Man of Alma" be purchased to place in the rotunda of the chapel. It was noted that this might be a more living memorial than books for the library. Rich Nisbett will check on the possibility of carrying out either of these ideas.

Debaters Go to National Meet

Alma to Compete with Many Colleges

Ten Alma College speech department students will participate in the Twelfth Annual National Tau Kappa Alpha Conference to be held at Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 3, 4, and 5. Over 200 students representing 40 college and universities will participate in debate, discussion, extempore speaking, committee sessions, and a student congress.

Debaters Listed

Participating for Alma in debate will be Bill French, Ionia; Dave Cornell, Custer; Gene Schnelz, Hazel Park; and Marcia Nisser, Ionia. Alma's discussion group will include Lois Howell, West Branch; Ron Nicoson, Owosso; Don Gordon, Detroit; Grant Gallup, Gaastra; Larry Waggoner, Boyne City; and Bill Taylor, Jackson. Miss Howell and Mr. Nicoson will also represent Alma College in the extempore speaking contest. Professor A. Westley Rowland and Ralph Appell will accompany the group in the capacity of critic judges.

Debates will be held on the question, Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Adopt a Permanent Program of Price and Wage Control. Discussers will use the question, "How Can We as a Nation Improve our Ethical and Moral Conduct in Government?" Five rounds of discussion and five rounds of debate will be held.

Participating Schools

Participating colleges will include: University of Alabama, Alabama Poly. Institute, Alma, Arkansas, Berea, Bridgewater, Capital, Case, Cincinnati, Denison, Denver, Dickinson, Duke, Earlham, Ohio University, Pacific, Purdue, Randolph Macon, University of Richmond, Roanoke, Rutgers, University of South Dakota, University of Southern California, University of Utah, University of Vermont, Wabash College, Western Michigan, Westminster, William and Mary, Emory & Henry, University of Florida, Hampden-Sidney, Indiana State Teachers College, Kentucky, Kenyon, Manchester, Muskingum, New Mexico, New York University,

Clizbe News

The Alma College Singers sang in Grand Rapids, March 26, at the Presbyterian Church for Wednesday evening Lenten services.

The Alma College A Capella choir was heard in Flint on Wednesday night of this week by more than six hundred people in the First Presbyterian Church of Flint. Leaving the Campus about three p. m., they were in Flint for dinner and presented most of the Spring Choir tour music to a receptive host.

Alexander the manager, had a bad day, to wit; he couldn't find either the music rack of Professor Grove or Jerry Psodka and both remained missing. Much lamented was the loss of the rack. He said that it was in Alma, so everything is fine and Jerry also appeared at about three p. m. Thursday. No comments.

The Choir performed the difficult works of Ronald Ray Williams "Missa Brevis" and the Alma College Singers sang their usual excellent style of madrigal music.

This trip proved to be a shake-down cruise for the new members of the choir and they are eager to start the spring tour which begins on April 27.

Last Friday night Prof. Grove had a get-together of old Alma music graduates and students who plan to teach in Michigan's public schools. Mrs. Don Swalla, Flint; Joan Wilson, Charlotte; Phil Daab, Fulton; and Elmer Coon, Lakeview.

Problems in teaching were discussed. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Grove.

Leave No Regret

This week the news of the death of Dr. Hamilton has been felt by everyone on campus. With death always comes the thoughts of things that have been done and things that have been left undone.

In the same week that Dr. Hamilton died mid-semester grades had to be in. Usually at mids and finals we come to the sudden realization that there have been many things left undone.

One should live from day to day—doing the work that must be done, for when something gets put off—it usually remains undone until the last possible moment and then it cannot be done well.

As mid marks come out—some of us will be elated by our marks and the rest of us will find we could do better. Whatever the mark is—remember—the mark we received is the mark we deserved and that we get no more than what we work for. However, mid marks are just a milestone in the semester — there is still time for "betterment." Don't be satisfied with the mark on the mid card. Try to do better — where there's a will — there is a way.

So as we enter the last lap of semester 132 let's try to better ourselves—there is always room for improvement.

A man known to the world as William Shakespeare once said:

"This above all to thy known self be true
And it must follow as the night the day
Thou canst be false then to any man.

M. A. C.

New Idea

Have you come out of your newspaper lately to listen to the chapel speakers? If not, you had better do so, for the chapel speakers in the past couple of months have really been good.

Lately we have had outside speakers for Religion and Life week and Career Week and then some speakers that have not been here for any scheduled or special weeks but have just been here to talk to the students.

Along with the outside speakers there have also been some interesting and wonderful chapel sermons given by our own faculty.

A good speaker with an interesting subject makes quite a difference in chapel. There is an absence of newspapers, crossword puzzles and games of "Old Cat". I hope the faculty has noticed the difference in the attention in an interesting chapel and will keep the good work of seeing that the chapels to come will be of as much value as those of the not far past.

M. A. C.

Spring Again

These recent weeks have brought to the attention of the deans and students alike, the feeling that once again college has become a grind and that vacation will be a welcome relief from the rigors of classes and books. We have noted more, the lessening of interest in the extra-curricular activities. Practice and rehearsals have shown a marked degree of absenteeism and this is indicative of spring.

Once spring starts there is always a trend to leave everything go and enjoy for a day or a week. A word of caution is always ready and forthcoming from the deans and advisors and it is usually given and accepted with a grain of salt. Words of warning and of caution are of little good if you do not care yourself if all that you have driven for, for a semester and a half are driven away with only a slight case of spring fever.

If you are not constantly alert to this malady which we find ourselves being drawn to, you will find that come finals and the rest, that you are on the verge of being left out of the college program for next year. Spring is a great time of the year and we are all appreciative of the fact that winter is gone, the grass is green and life looks better out of class than in it. This malady is not serious to the extent that the lingering effects will mar your life but the wisest of the students know that it is the time to bear down on the books and really come through the pack while the others are loafing at the half way post. Spring is fun but to use the oft worn phrase, "Lest we forget" that college is for learning and that is what we are here for.

A.E.A.

In Tribute

We, the faculty of Alma College, wish to express to the family of Roy W. Hamilton our deep and sincere feelings of regret, and our sense of loss at the death of our great and good friend.

We have known Roy Hamilton as a courageous man of God, performing with wisdom and zeal the duties of administrative and educational leadership which were entrusted to him. Many of these duties were thrust upon him in a dark hour. They were, we know, accepted with reluctance, but because of his great sense of responsibility and because of his loyalty to Alma College they were accepted. Many of us believe that if he had not come forward at the time of need the College would have ceased to exist.

For thirty-three years this man has been the living embodiment of the motto of Alma College. "Where friendliness links learning to living," through him became a living, breathing thing. His friendliness, manifested to all through his ready smile and his twinkling eyes, was a source of strength, a fountainhead of joy when the tasks of the day often seemed too great for us to bear

He was constantly a source of inspiration, for he had all the attributes of the true Christian gentleman. He was an example for all of us in his teaching, for in the classroom there was a remarkable fusion of religious and intellectual idealism.

This idealism was further manifested in his chapel talks which were inimitable for their humor, their depth, their complete good sense. And in his contacts with students, he was able to communicate his great ideals. They became a part of the lives of hundreds of young men and women, and those ideals will live in their memories, and in the lives of their children.

We must also pay tribute for the manner by which he inspired us with his loyalty and devotion to the college. Through his character and his personality he was, in a large measure, responsible for the success of Alma College. He was responsible, too, for the good relations between the City of Alma and the College. And he was responsible for the continued enthusiastic support of the College by the Synod of Michigan. His life was a constant reminder of the efficacy and the beauty of tact and sympathy when they were displayed with honesty and sincerity, and also with a steadfast firmness.

It has been our privilege to know a great and good man.

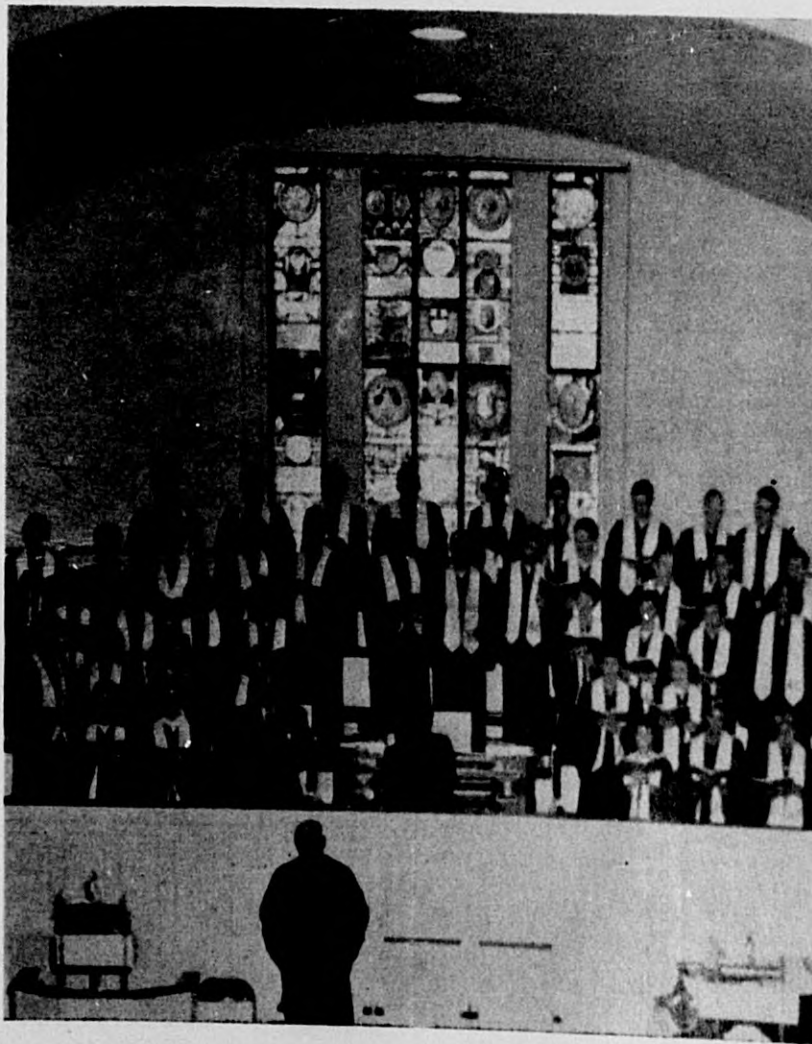
When sickness pressed down upon him, we beheld a godly hero, whose deep suffering was so concealed beneath a Christian patience, that we knew he "endured as seeing Him Who is invisible".

In sympathetic grief with the loved ones and friends, we join in the words of our Lord, "Thy will be done"; and we confidently look for the "resurrection of the body and the life everlasting".

—ALMA COLLEGE FACULTY

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Now But a Memory



Our Regret

In memory of Dr. Hamilton, we the students of Alma College wish to express our deep appreciation for the endless hours he spent in our behalf, striving to bring forth in us the realization of true Christian living by endowing upon us an understanding of our fellow man.

Not only has he left a memory of a great man, but he has also given us a love of literature, a feeling of loyalty to our school through his composition, the "Alma Mater" and his example of loyalty, and an understanding of a greater power than ourselves through his chapel talks, classroom discussions, and personal example of Christian living.

His truly Christian spirit has set a goal worthy of attainment by every student.

The Student Council of Alma College

A Great Man Passes

Alma College now mourns the death of Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, throughout the years a faithful and loyal friend, not only to the college as a whole but to every student and faculty member ever to be associated with him.

This devoted Christian gentleman gave 33 years of his life to Alma College. He remained faithful to the very end. He was sincere, honest and beyond that a guiding hand to all.

The words "Well done, good and faithful servant" surely fit this situation, for he surely was a servant to all mankind.

Foss wrote a poem, "House by the Side of the Road". He talks about the friend of man.

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by.
They are good, they are bad, they are weak.
They are strong, wise, foolish, so am I.
Then why should I sit in the corner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban.
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."

Alma college can well put itself in the place of the man, and the man whom we mourn can well be called the friend.

Our hats are off to Dr. Hamilton, a Great Man, a Christian gentleman, a worthy Citizen, and a Loyal Friend.

A.E.T.

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A New Star

*Shining, brightly twinkling
A new star rose.*

Bright, twinkling bright
A new star rose,
Born of Love—
Love of God
Reflected in the Love for man.
Shining in the Heavens, new.

A new star rose
Bright, twinkling bright,
A star born
Of a spark of wit,
Humor, kind and dear.

Shining, burning bright
Shedding light for all
Who knew—
Oh Lantern who pointed the
Way,
With the faith thou had
Ours renew.

Oh rising star
Out of thy life show us
The Way, thy way was straight
And narrow never.
Bequeath us, Oh Star, the fruits
Of fruitful labor.

We would not mourn
Thy rise, oh Star
Our sorrows cast we aside
We rejoice for thee.
Twinkle, brightly shine
For us, Thy rest thou earned.
Shine, brightly twinkle,
Thy trial is past.

Thy God hast called Thee
Star, bright star
We yield thee up to Him
Rejoicing goes with thy deliverance.
Unmixed by tears.
Shine, brightly shine

A new star rises
The Heavens clasp
It to its bosom.
The spark of well lit life—
Shine, brightly shine,
While we rejoice.

*Shining, brightly twinkling,
A new star—risen.*

LaMont Corum.

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Baseball Nine Awaits First Game

With the coming of spring in the air the returning championship Alma baseball team is the talk of the campus. The Scots literally walked away with the title last year with an 8-2 league record and are once again favorites to emerge champions of the MIAA again this year. The reasons are many for this belief, first of all, because of the returning veterans who number some eleven strong, three of these veterans chosen on the all MIAA team, the loss of only three key men from last year's squad, and the overall ability of the team plus the promise of new freshmen. The men missing this year are Charley Saxton, key pitcher in the championship race; Ray Mohre, husky catcher; and Cass Hoffman, captain of last year's team and the third baseman. Minus only these three veterans and with this wealth of other material returning, it is possible for one to view the coming season only with an optimistic outlook.

Leading the team this year we find captain Ron Penner, a diminutive second sacker and a member of the 1951 all MIAA team. Penner, a mighty mite at the plate, banged the ball at a merry clip last season to wind up with a highly respectable .342 average. Along with the veteran Penner, the Alma team has two other all MIAA representatives returning in Len (Lefty) Gadzinski and Bob Naru. Gadzinski, a well-seasoned veteran also, with two years of seniority at first base capably averaged .314 at the plate and helps to make the left side of Alma's infield the strongest in the league both defensively and offensively. The other all MIAA man, Bob Naru, performs either in the outfield or as catcher. This year Naru will probably catch because of the loss of Ray Mohre. Naru blasted the apple last year to the terrific tune of .360 leading the team in hitting.

Returning Pitcher

Rounding out the ball club, we find Mike Bramble returning to the pitching staff as the most seasoned returning pitcher sporting a 3-1 win and loss record. Jack Bennett also returns to bolster the mound staff boasting a 2-1 record. These two pitchers account for five of the eleven victories won last year and only two of the four defeats. These two, plus another letterman who may be of assistance to the pitching staff, Bobby Mohre, will be the mainstays of the staff. In the outfield, John Coe in left field and Ron Horman in centerfield are the returning starters. In Charlie Whyatt, Dick Nudds, and Ray Carless, the Scot's have additional ability. To bolster and give assistance to this veteran Alma combination, there are many promising freshmen who will certainly press these veterans for their positions and provide Alma with a hustling club.

Anything can and usually does happen in these "down to the wire" MIAA league races (witness the previous basketball and football seasons), despite this rosy and optimistic outlook, the road to the championship may be more difficult than expected. Championships are never won 'til the last out is made! The team has already begun practice indoors, and their first game is April 26th against Hope on the Alma field. Alma could surely use another championship towards that All-Sports trophy. So let's give this team our

heartly support when the season gets underway! Look for more reports on just how the team is shaping up as the spring training begins.

Linksmen Ready

As soon as the green grass comes from beneath the snow Alma's golfers will break out their clubs and begin practice for the season's matches. With only two returning lettermen, the outlook is somewhat hazy, but with the help of the many promising freshmen who are golf-minded, the Scot's may come up with an extremely capable combination. Missing from this year's squad are Jim Stites, second to the medalist in last year's MIAA meet with a 72, John Harrison, Jim Fowler, and "Red" Rogers. In Ron Sadler, a two year veteran, the Scot's have the only actually seasoned performer. The other letterman returning is sophomore Maurice Arnold, who saw considerable action last year as a freshman, and will undoubtedly give able assistance.

Freshmen who may be of help are Jim Zickle, Doyle McIntosh, Frank Wellar, and Jim Lewis. If these boys are able to produce, Alma may again come up with a championship team comparable to those of '46', '47, '48, and '49. So look for these Alma men to be loosening their golfing muscles soon on the Alma fairways in battling for a position on the Scot's golf team.

According to the Audubon Pleinsman, a professor seldom says precisely what he means.

When he says—

"If you are interested in this particular phase of our work, you may enjoy reading this reference book."

He means—

"Four out of five questions on my next quiz will be taken directly from this 800-page supplement."

When he says—

"I believe that students should have a thorough concept of chronological occurrences."

He means—

"You'll be held responsible for every date from Steve Brodies' birthday to the day the Liberty Oak dropped its first acorn."

When he says —

"I don't consider dates so important."

He means—

"I can't remember dates."

When he says—

"You'll find this course extremely easy if you enter it with the proper attitude."

He means—

"I flunked this course three times when I was in college."

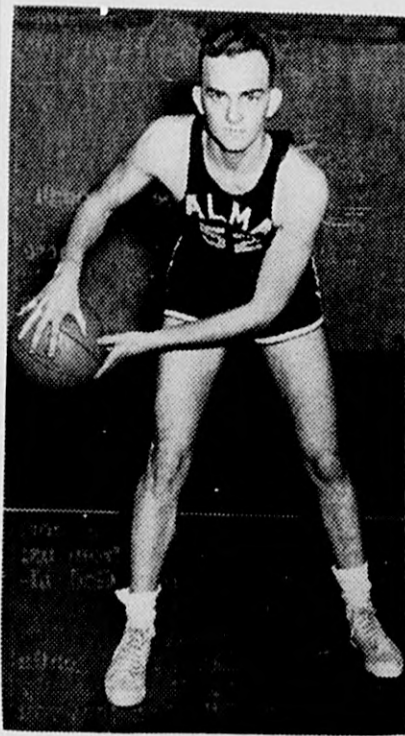
When he says—

"I feel that students should take an active part in classroom discussion."

He means—

"Sometimes I don't have time to prepare my lectures before I come to class."

All-M.I.A.A.



Bob Pueschner

Center Bob Pueschner and Capt. Kirk Hamilton were named this past week on the All-MIAA basketball squad of eleven men, Pueschner on the first squad and Hamilton to the second. Hope, the MIAA champions in the cage sport this year, named two members of its squad to each of the teams for a lions share in conference honors.

Ron Bos and Bob Visser of the championship Dutchman squad made first team rank along with the league's leading scorer, John Porter of Albion, Tom Walsh of Hillsdale, Pueschner and Manny Glasser of Kalamazoo. These latter two were tied for fifth place in the balloting which placed these six far ahead of the rest of the men in total votes, the report showed, to a first squad of six was thus chosen.

On the second group was found Alma's Capt. Hamilton as well as Bob Hendrickson and Jim Bremer of Hope, Cedric Dempsey of Albion and John Stommen of Kalamazoo. Only Adrian failed to place a man on the all-conference squad.

It is the second successive year for Pueschner to make the all-MIAA cage squad but the first for Hamilton. A year ago the Scots were able to place three men on the squad with Bill Healey and Chuck Saxton earning this honor along with Pueschner but this year with a 5-5 record in conference competition and a fourth place finish, only two managed to make the grade.

Both of these men are seniors and will not be available for play with the Scots next year.

1952 Alma College Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball

April 24 at Ferris
April 26, Hope, here.
April 28, Calvin, here.
May 2, Hillsdale, here.
May 5 at Flint.
May 8, Ferris, here.
May 10, at Calvin.
May 13, at Albion.
May 16, at U. of Detroit.
May 21, U. of Detroit, here.
May 22, U. of Detroit, here.
May 24, Flint, here.

*Track

April 22, at Calvin
May 3, Grand Rapids J. C.
May 13, at Kalamazoo.
*More track meets to be scheduled.

Tennis

April 23, Adrian, here.
April 24, at Ferris.
April 26, Central Mich., here.
April 29, at Hope.
April 30, U. of Detroit, here.
May 7, Albion, here.
May 8, Ferris, here.
May 10, at Kalamazoo.
May 13, Calvin, here.
May 15, at Hillsdale.
May 19, at Central M.

Golf

April 25, at Adrian.
April 28, Central Mich., here.
April 30, at Ferris.
May 2, Hope, here.
May 7, at Albion.
May 8, Ferris, here.
May 10, Kalamazoo, here.
May 13, Calvin, here.
May 16, Hillsdale, here.
May 19, at Central.

Committees for Spring Play

The following people have been named on committees for the annual spring play "Death Takes a Holiday" at Alma College on April 7 and 8.

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SIG SEZ

The Sigma Phi's wish to express their sympathy on the passing of Alma's beloved Dr. Hamilton. All of us have many fond memories of the kind professor.

We can think of nothing more fitting than to use Dr. Hamilton's own song, "We'll Remember Alma".

Lift forsooth the cup of youth; Memory holds no malice. In the wine of friendship's vine, Drain life's golden chalice.

In the praise of glorious days, Pledged in heart's devotion, Chant the song, its strains prolong We'll remember Alma.

In the haze of autumn days, When the heart grows colder, 'Round our way the shadows gray, Gather when we're older.

'Mid the snow, our hearts aglow, Melt in tender reverie, Hear again the old refrain, We'll remember Alma.

In days to come, we will remember Alma and with our memories we'll remember Dr. Hamilton, who was as much a part of Alma as the buildings.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The Brothers of Phi Phi Alpha spent one of its saddest hours here this past Tuesday. It is always hard to think of Death in the Christian manner of joy that a loved one will see our God.

One cannot break the ties of fellowship after so many years without sadness. There has been and will be said many, many things in eulogy of Roy W. Hamilton. It is rather a hopeless task to enumerate all of the things which he has done. We can only remember a fragment of the associations which will keep him in our memory.

For us it is even more hopeless

than for most others. To us, Dr. Hamilton was not only a beloved teacher, a helpful advisor and an understanding friend, he was our Brother.

There has been no man in the history of Alma College who has done so much for us. We all know and realize the history of his long association with Alma. These things need not be reiterated for they are not the outstanding instances of his life. It is rather his kindness, understanding charity, cheerfulness and thoughtful good humor which makes him stand as a beacon to us.

For he is the shining example of Alma College. He is one who did more to make Alma "Where friendliness links living to learning" a reality. We can do no better than to follow his example.

We mourn the passing of a friend, even though he shall live with us forever. We mourn a friend, an advisor, a Brother of Phi Phi Alpha.

DELTA GAMMA TAU

Last week-end we lost a great man in the history of Alma College. Dr. Roy W. Hamilton was an outstanding man in his field and throughout his entire career, he exemplified the Christian gentleman. He was a staunch member of the Alma College family and dearly loved by all who knew him.

We, of Delta Gamma Tau wish to express our full and sincere sympathies to the family of Dr. Hamilton.

It is the hope of the fraternity that we may be able in some way to pay tribute to Dr. Hamilton through a permanent memorial. He is certainly deserving of such tribute as shown by his untiring efforts to improve Alma College for all who have attended, those of us now attending, and those who will attend in the future.

THETA NEWS

Many of us have been touched by the sad event of this past week in the loss of a great friend and teacher, Dr. Hamilton. But in this loss there is more to be found than the sadness of a parting. There is too, a challenge to each of us as an integral part of Alma College.

Beneath the many unforgettable qualities of this man, his humors, his great intellect, his ever-consistent kindness—there is to be seen a great and compelling motivation—A devotion and a love of an ideal. That ideal was Alma College. Our own Alma Mater was only one of the many products of this devotion, that inspired the continuous self-sacrifice and work, the continuous strength and courage.

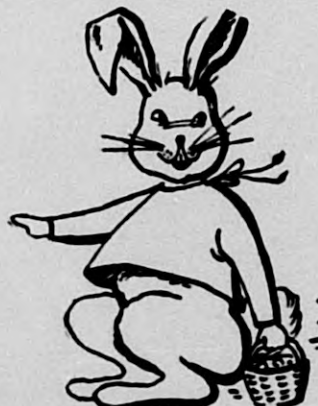
The passing of this beloved man from our midst brings to us then a challenge, a challenge that will not be easy to fulfill, but by its magnitude it spurs us to meet its call: That we might make Alma College the ideal that lived in his heart, that we might be inspired by his great faith in this institution, and make it all that it is and more.

"Memory holds a cherished picture"—and so it will be. But not a mere memory—a living inspiration of hope and faith to build on.

Zeta Sigma

By the time this column is reached, if you've gotten this far almost everything I could say about "the good Dr. Hamilton" has been said; so I shall not bother you with repetition. I shall add however, speaking for the past and present members of Zeta Sigma, that Dr. Hamilton is a man worthy of being remembered. His attributes were many and if I may, I'll sum them up in a short sentence:

He was a splendid man. We sincerely extend our sympathies to the greatest losers; his family. We all shall miss him.



Easter Vacation

The dean's office has issued the statement that Easter Vacation will begin at 5 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, April 10. Thursday afternoon classes will meet. Classes will resume after vacation at 8 o'clock a. m., Monday, April 21.

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Kappa Kappers

"Loyal hearts will cherish ever Thoughts of thee through out the years. . . ."

Yes, Doctor Hamilton, these words that you yourself wrote will be symbolic of our feelings toward you. It seems strange to us that there comes a time when all of us must say good-bye to dear friends and leave but at some time life's road draws to an end and we are taken away by death. But, sir, we still have the memory of you that means so much and that neither time, nor, death, nor man can take from us; the intangible part that God allows to remain behind.

We will miss your stirring Chapel speeches, you quick and gentle wit, your love of truth and beauty and the air of distinction that you lent to Alma College when you trod the campus walks and bent your white-haired head during a prayer. All of the tradition, beauty, love, and hope that is Alma College is mingled with your fine example of Christian Gentlemanship.

It is almost spring now, sir, and the sky is a brilliant blue, the chapel stands white and pure—as if challenging all that is wrong and we gaze fondly at the "jungle, grove, and campus fair" you are so much a part of us we can never forget.

We know that you must be happy though, being with Him that you have loved and served for so long. Peace, happiness, love, for now and ever more. We mortals, still here on the earth, mourn for you for is that not the way of the flesh? But say a prayer for us and the College your great character has made possible and smile upon us.

Well, I guess that is all we have to say to you now in this last farewell along with the belief that you were what makes men immortal and gives us of weaker character strength and hope with which to go forward to aim for something better. . . .

Good bye and may your soul rest in God's peace. "Sons and daughters ever faithful Hail Thee one beyond compare. . . ."

I. W. O.

The Independent Women's Organization wishes to express their deep sympathy to the family of Dr. Roy Hamilton. To all, here at Alma, he was a friend, more than that, he was Alma, and all the fine things that the college stands for. "Loyal hearts will cherish ever"—the memory of a fine gentlemen, a fine college president, but most of all, a friend to everyone.



No Classes - No Grades

The system of recording cuts in the Dean's office inaugurated at the beginning of semester 132 has shown just what was always believed. Except for a few geniuses, the people with the most cuts are the same ones that never get off probation. The students who don't go to class are the ones that never make the Honor Roll. For a look at the record we see that in the first six weeks of this semester that in approximately 38,000 class hours, that 2,800 cuts were taken or about one cut every fifteen hours per student. You have averaged only one a week, so far. Then we look deeper and find that one hundred and seventeen students, the lowest third of the student body, has taken more than two-thirds of the total number of cuts. The remaining two-thirds have in the lowest part of this category, more than four times as many students in top fourth of the classes. As you guessed, if you cut frequently you probably have low marks. Because you cut, you may be marked down. Although this is not substantiated by many profs it is a known rule that if you overcut grades will suffer for more than one reason.

We found that in Freshman Courses that 11% missed class, in Sophomore classes that 8%, in Junior 5% and in Senior Classes that only 2% cut. This may prove that as we grow older we realize that we pay for it so why not get it. Well recognized is the point that by the time one is an upper-classman that the field has interest and most of the required courses are passed and forgotten. We hope that as a result of this study that the college adopts a uniform policy of cuts and streamlines the system which we now have. Instructors and students alike are interested in the findings of this study and its final results should prove more conclusive than the six week analogy just completed.

A. E. A.

Shakespeare scribed—

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Happy New Year . . . Persian Style!



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New Year's was celebrated, Iranian style, recently at a gathering for which Cyrus Azimi was host at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward W. Shults. Cyrus is an Iranian student attending Alma College.

Significance of the Persian new year is that it begins with the growing season on March 21, the first day of spring. As is traditional, seven items were placed on the table pictured above and all begin with the letter "S" in the Iranian language and "S" stands for green. Pictured are growing wheat, apples, vinegar, coins, cereal, garlic and dates.

Congratulations are extended on the coming of spring and the host pours a little vinegar on the plate of each guest, just for good will. Seven kinds of nuts were sent from Persia by Cyrus' parents for the party and he grew the wheat himself without water.

The New Year's table is always brilliant with candles to brighten the family circle.

Pictured above, center, is the host and in the picture the guests, most of whom are from the college

staff, and their wives, include Mrs. R. V. Wood, Mrs. Ray King, Mrs. Martha Adkins, Mrs. Wm. McKeefery, Miss Emma Pigg, Miss Winnetta Thomas, Mrs. Ward Shults, Mrs. John Stanley Harker, Professor William Stielstra, Arthel Merritt, Dr. William McKeefery, Art Turner, student, Mrs. Frank Powell, Dr. Howard Potter, Captain Mansoor Ghadar, Iranian student attending Central Michigan college, Dora Martinez, student, Mr. Shults, Dr. Ross Miller, Cyrus Tavallali, Mrs. Arthel Merritt, Mrs. Ross Miller, Mrs. William Stielstra, Dr. John Stanley Harker, and Miss Molly Parrish. In the picture are two or three unidentified students from Central Michigan College, who attended with friends of the host.

very competent publicity department that periodically mails out the Heat Men and the Alumni News, both of which are designed to inform interested parties of the activities here at Alma which are of interest to them. Why then should the Almanian also be burdened with the task of sending them identical information?

In closing we would like to say that we're sure it would please us all here at Alma College to see the Almanian filled with more articles concerned with student activities and opinion and leave the publicity to the department to which it belongs.

R. G. Kenrick and G. P. Shaw.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last semester there was much excitement and comment when the Almanian seemed to be assuming a very radical stand — criticism of the administration, faculty and various student organizations. Admittedly some of the articles were a trifle off-base but many of them were extremely constructive in their observations and views.

This semester any article remotely concerned with **CRITICISM OF ANYTHING** is conspicuous by its absence. What has put the muzzle on the expression of student thought? It has been said that the reason for it is that the Almanian is not the exclusive reading of Alma College students alone but has a large mailing list throughout the state and such critical articles would not shed a good light on the college, in the eyes of those outside readers. We think that it should be brought to mind that Alma College has a

Campus Wives

Campus wives, husbands and kiddies enjoyed a "Chili Supper" in the Union last week. Little Bruce Patterson supplied the entertainment for the evening with his version of "Cry".

We girls had "our night out" taking in a movie at the Strand.

A book review on "The Tree of Liberty" was given to the club by Miss Mildred Smith, Alma's Public Librarian.

Easter vacation will find the Keith Houghton's and Pete Martin's touring Colorado.

Ruth and Ken MacDonald have left Trailer Haven for larger quarters on Wright avenue.

Dorothy Northrup, former Campus Wife, has been visiting friends at the huts before leaving for Spring Lake where hubby will be teaching.

Little "Scotty" Bacon will take his Easter Bunny to the hospital where he will undergo an operation. Happy Landing! !

Dr. Hamilton will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him. He was a great educator and a true friend to many of our husbands.

Well, the lovely spring weather is bidding my foreclosure, so be seeing you on the corner with the kids.

State Scholarship

Robert Poeschner of St. Louis, has been awarded the State College Scholarship for graduate work at the University of Michigan. This scholarship is awarded on a scholastic basis to one student each year. The alumna using the scholarship for last year is Roland Golke.

This scholarship is purely for graduate work and cannot be used for professional school. Bob will begin his work in chemistry in September.

Former Professor at Alma College Dies in Chicago

Miss Kathleen Gillard, alumna and former dean of women of Alma College has sent the following letter to the office of the president, revealing the death of Professor Jane Mullenbach, teacher of French and German at Alma College from 1906 to 1912. Miss Gillard writes:

"I am writing to inform you that Professor Jane Mullenbach, a former teacher of French and German at Alma College, passed away quietly at 11 p.m., Monday, March 10, at her home in the Hotel Windermere in Chicago.

"Miss Mullenbach's loss will be deeply felt by many Alma alumni who were fortunate enough to be students during her tenure at Alma College. An exceptionally brilliant and logical mind, a rich capacity for friendship, a fine sense of humor, and a continuing interest in world affairs were some of the qualities that endeared her to those students who were interested in intellectual matters and the fine art of living. It was over the coffee cups in Room 4 in Wright Hall that some of us came to know Plato, Heine, Shakespeare and Henry James as she so generously shared her wisdom and scholarship with us.

"After leaving Alma College, Miss Mullenbach served until her retirement in 1935 as head of the English department at South Dakota State College. Here she acted as educational counselor to many veterans of World War I who, because of her wise counsel and friendship, held her in high esteem.

"Since her retirement Miss Mullenbach has lived at the Wedgewood Hotel in Chicago. Last fall she moved to the Windermere Hotel where she was living at the time of her death."

Examinations are now announced by the Michigan State Civil Service Commission for the following classes: Employment and Claims Interviewer, Geologist and Recreation Director. The two classes require specialization in geology and physical education respectively.

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Dr. R. Hamilton

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president from 1942 to 1943 and served as president from 1943 to 1947. In the fall of 1951 he was honored at the college homecoming which was dedicated to him.

In "Who's Who"

He was listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Education."

Dr. Hamilton was born in De-



troit, March 25, 1883. His father was W. R. Hamilton, who established the well known W. R. Hamilton Company in Detroit.

Receiving his A.B. and M.A. degrees at the University of Michi-



gan, Dr. Hamilton also served as a student pastor there. He taught English at the University of Colorado, where he also held a pastorate on campus.

Dr. Hamilton attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City and was graduated from Auburn Seminary, Auburn, New York. He served as Y.M.C.A. secretary at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and had studied at the University of Marburg in Germany.

Following graduation from Auburn, Dr. Hamilton served as pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, Harrisburg, Pa., and later became pastor of First Presbyterian church, Ypsilanti.

In 1943 Alma College awarded Dr. Hamilton the honorary degree of LL.D.

In addition to the "Alma Mater", which he composed some years ago, Dr. Hamilton had also written other songs among which was one entitled "I'll Remember Alma".

Active in the Community

Dr. Hamilton and his fine family have been an integral part of the Alma community. He is survived by his wife, the former



Frances Jean Smith, to whom he was married on September 7, 1910; two daughters, Elizabeth, now Mrs. William Pankratz of Detroit; and Constance, now Mrs. Robert Lehner of Lansing; a son, McDonald Kirk, a senior at Alma College; and four grandchildren,

Carolyn Louise and William Frederick Pankratz and Robert Hamilton and Gary Michael Lehner.

Surviving also are his step-mother, Mrs. William R. Hamilton of Algonac and a brother, N. Frank Hamilton of Detroit.

All the family members were here for the funeral.

Active in the work of First Presbyterian church of Alma, Dr. Hamilton was a member of Alma Rotary Club and its board of directors. He was a member of the Alma public library board and aided the other board members and the librarian in keeping the library at its present high standard, rendering a splendid public service to the community.

Dr. Hamilton was a member of the Gratiot County Democratic organization which passed a resolution of respect to him at its convention Monday evening.

Flags were at half-mast in the city and several business places closed Tuesday during the time of the funeral which was in charge of Moody funeral home. The pallbearers were college faculty members, including Dr. Joseph R. Harris, Professor A. Westley Rowland, Professor Wilson Daugherty, Professor Henry Klomp, Dr. Howard Potter, Professor William Stielstra and Charles Skinner. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Alumni Group Organized

Two new Alma College Alumni groups are getting under way with one located in the Lansing area and the other in the Grand Rapids area.

Lansing Area Group

Mrs. Gertrude Elliot Becker, '35, was elected the first president of the Lansing area alumni of Alma College in an organization meeting held on December 4, 1951. Mrs. Connie Hamilton Lehner, '40, was chosen Secretary-Treasurer. The group has tentatively set its spring meeting for April 22, 1952. In attendance at this organizational meeting were Herb Estes, '34, Ben Leyrer, '34, Gertrude Elliot Becker, '35, Sara Brodebeck Aubertin, '35, Connie Hamilton Lehner, '40, Marium Downie, '10, Bob Munger, '41, Don P. Smith, '40, Lillian Leyrer Geiger, '31, Perry Gray, '32, Dorothy Davies Gray, '34, and Malcolm Gobel, '28. Professor A. Westley Rowland represented the college.

Grand Rapids Area Group

On March 12, 1952, the Alma Alumni in the Grand Rapids Area met at the Grand Rapids YMCA to spearhead the forming of an active alumni group for that area. Following a few words from the Alma Alumni President, Herb Estes, '34, a nominating group presented the following slate of officers, who were unanimously elected: Mr. Walter A. Pezet, Jr., '30, President; Mr. John Dunham, '10, Vice-President; Mrs. Jeanne Gelston, '41, Secretary; and Mrs. Rex Roseman, '49, Treasurer. Navy Yards. Darrell was formerly stationed at Newport, R. I.

FRESHMEN and Sophomores...

Arthur G. Phillips, associate professor of English at the University of Miami, Fla., recently wrote a guest editorial for the Miami Hurricane, in which he made the following observations about the species Freshman and Sophomore:

1. Freshmen believe that all of their professors are smart; sophomores believe that one or two of their professors are smart—the ones that give them A's.
2. Freshmen are in college to get an education; sophomores are in college because their fathers refuse to pay their fare to Las Vegas.
3. Freshmen aren't dry behind the ears; sophomores are always dry.
4. A freshman will take a

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wooden nickel; a sophomore will taken a wooden nickel, too, and five minutes later put it in the slot machine.

5. Freshmen write home once a week; sophomores write whenever they're broke.

6. A male freshman is looking for a girl like his mother; this is also true of the sophomore if his mother happens to be Jane Russell.

7. A freshman believes the way to get good grades is to study hard; the sophomore has decided that a better way is to sit next to someone who studies hard....

8. A freshman's ambition is to get into "Who's Who"; a sophomore just wants to get called before the Kefauver committee.

9. Freshmen suspect that professors aren't human; sophomores know it.

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