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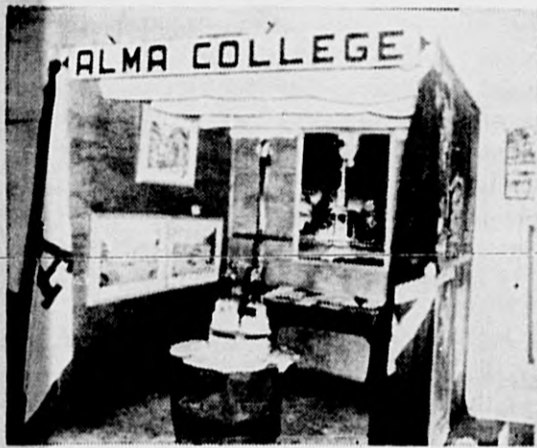
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"Alma Goes to the Fair"



Alma College did its bit to provide the Annual Michigan State Fair with an interesting educational exhibit.

Operating a booth at the Gratiot County Fair led to the entrance of a similar booth at the big fair in Detroit. As close as could be determined, approximately 225,000 people passed by daily.

Telling prospective students about Alma was of course, one of the main purposes for placing the booth, but it also enabled many alumni to re-acquaint themselves with the campus as it is today, and as it will be when present plans are carried out. Former student and now Admissions Counselor for the Detroit Area, Mr. Arthur Turner, was on hand to talk to visitors, as were Paul Finchem, Mo Arnold, Jack Homer, Walt Roman and Doug Gillesby.

The booth's familiar maroon and cream banner in the Coliseum welcomed many an old friend to the fair this year.

ACA Program Starts with Picnic

The annual A. C. A. picnic took place at Conservation Park. There was the usual singing and we heard the reports from various committees including that of the newly formed Publicity Committee. Also, a project meeting was announced for next Wednesday. Each committee with the exception of the publicity and executive committees will have a project. These will include deputation teams, visits to the Masonic and Maccabee homes and work with Mexican migrant families. This year there will be special visits to the shut-ins, and A.C.A. hopes this year to emphasize the work of deputation teams which

CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone for Jerry Tyler Student Union will be laid on Thursday, October 9, at 11:30 a.m. Dr. and Mrs. Leon Tyler and their son Robert are expected to be present for the ceremony. Students will be dismissed from classes in time to witness the event.

Enrollment Up 8%

All educational authorities predicted that American colleges would again show an enrollment decline this fall. The predictions ran as high as a 10% enrollment loss. News items coming from many campuses report that these predictions are holding true.

The Almanian is happy to report that such is not the case on our campus. Miss Parrish reports an enrollment of 482 as we go to press. This is an 8% gain over last year's fall enrollment. An unusually large and able Freshman Class has enrolled in Alma this fall. Freshmen enrollment is up about 30% this year. When class rolls are fully established, The Almanian will carry a detail breakdown on this year's enrollment.

We are indeed happy to welcome all of these new friends into the Alma family. The Almanian firmly believes that all of you will find the Alma campus a place "where friendliness links learning to living."

visit churches in the state and aid youth groups in building up their Young Peoples' Programs. The teams also serve to reach prospective students.

This year's officers are: Don Gordon, president; Paul Finchem, vice president; Larry Waggoner, treasurer and Joyce Howarth, secretary.

The Cabinet has announced the policy of opening its meetings to all students, and extends its warmest welcome to everyone and invites them to participate in making this a year of real progress.

Tradition Is Broken by Student Council

The Student Council of Alma College took several decisive steps at its meeting last Friday night, September 16. Perhaps the one of most importance at this time is its plan to carry out an organized initiation program for the Freshmen. Since the announcement of this decision in Monday's chapel, several varying opinions have been heard in response. Many students ask why hazing is to be limited to a period of one week, October 3 to 10, and why it will end one week before Homecoming. The Council took this step mainly because it feels that an organized program will stop much of the "rough stuff" which has been too pronounced in other years. If hazing ends with the traditional pajama parade and kangaroo court an entire week before Homecoming, that event will prove to be more than an anticlimax to two or three weeks which have left at least the Freshmen and Sophomores tired out.

Senior Queen

The second plan the student council has formulated is that of the manner of choosing the Homecoming Queen and her court. A senior girl, one who has been here for the most part all four years of college, is to be Queen. It is only a fitting tribute to the upperclass girls that they be honored on the day set aside for our Alumni and old students. The four members of the court will be distributed equally among the four classes—one member to a class. These five girls will be chosen by popular vote of the entire school at an assembly to be held soon. Little criticism of this plan has been heard and everyone seems to feel that it is a good one.

But what other feelings does the student body have? Some popular opinion favors a name band for Homecoming. The continuation of the traditional flag rush on Homecoming morning is advocated by some.

The Student Council exists as a body of your representatives, composed by and for you. It is your agency of student government. Your interest in and support of its work will strengthen it as nothing else can.

Dean Returns



FAMILIAR NEW FACE

A one time editor-in-chief of the **Almanian**, who still carries a vivid image of deadline dates, is once again on the Alma campus. She is better known to us as Mrs. Esther Vreeland, the new Dean of Women. Although she originally planned on attending Alma for two years only, Mrs. Vreeland, then the former Esther Friedrich, remained another two years to graduate with a major in biology.

After leaving Alma, Mrs. Vreeland taught in public schools for two years in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. From here she went on to the University of Michigan where she took graduate work in psychology, sociology, biology, and guidance. It was here that she received her master's degree in biology. She continued her graduate work at Columbia University and followed that with a year of study and travel in Europe. While in Europe she studied sociology at the London School of Economics. She fully intended on working for her doctorate, but settled instead for the degree of "Mrs."

Mrs. Vreeland has taught in Ohio at the Western College for Women and also in Missouri at Stephens College. She later worked as educational associate for the Cincinnati Social Hygiene Society and as a consultant for the juvenile court in Cincinnati.

Our new dean, when asked what her impressions of Alma were, replied that the intimate relationship between students and faculty was still very much in evidence on the campus. She said that Alma could well be proud of its motto "Where Friendliness Links Learning to Living". Changes which were quite noticeable to her were the increases in student organization and participation. Because she is an adherent of a Christian democracy she would like to see even more students taking part in our student government.

IS IT TOO BIG?

The boy stood in the lobby of the railway station, a small brown suitcase clutched firmly in his hand. Around him were hundreds of people, all of whom were rushing to and fro, in a disorderly fashion. No one bothered to speak. No one smiled. The boy was alone in a crowded station lobby.

His gaze passed around the room. The barred ticket windows, the huge stone pillars, and the great glass dome above his head only added to the vastness of his loneliness.

He had come to the city from a rural community, his eyes fixed upon a career of success and happiness. Now, as he stood upon the threshold of a new pattern of living, he felt only fear, and on overwhelming helplessness to cope with a seemingly impossible task.

Use your imagination for a moment, and place yourself in the position of this boy: To go back would mean defeat. You would have to face your friends, relatives and parents. It would be embarrassing.

"I couldn't do it," you would tell them. "It's too big, and I'm too small."

To stick it out would mean that you would have to exert yourself to the utmost. It would be a ceaseless struggle, and when you would think the fight was over, you would find that you had only begun.

Actually, all of us DO face a similar situation, only on a much higher plane. Our task is that of serving God. It's big, and we're small. Some of us shrug it off, and fail to accept the responsibility. Some of us begin, but become discouraged, and quit before we have really started. Nevertheless, the task is there, and it's up to us to decide whether or not we will give ourselves to it.

Here at Alma, we have a means of expressing our faith in service—that means is the A.C.A. The A.C.A. is not a club, and there is nothing exclusive about it. It's a STUDENT organization dedicated to Christian Service. Who runs it? You do. We want A.C.A. to strive to greater heights. Perfection is beyond human scope, but improvement is always possible.

Christ's call to serve is extended to all. A.C.A.'s doors are open to all. Everyone is a member. To accept the responsibility that goes with that membership is up to you.

Serving Christ is the biggest job in the world. A.C.A. is a channel through which you can work. Use it! It's yours!

An Editor's Pledge

The prospect of editing the college's student newspaper has tantalized us all summer. We are tempted to consider improbable fancies and devices at this wobbly launching of **The Almanian** on its maiden voyage of the season. It is only with supreme effort that we formulate so unethereal a thing as a printable editorial policy. Though it is written that we are not sent into the world to air our moral prejudices, the editors will not consider it their duty to air all immoral ones. And the time has come to tell sad stories of taste and preference. In the embryo criteria are two important specimens. First, we shall endeavor to be **literate**. If in that we succeed, we shall then try to be **literary** as well. Finally, we have pledged a measure of allegiance to the good, the true, the beautiful; a measure of loyalty to Alma Mater; a measure of hostility to the Philistine; and a measure of recognition to our own unmitigated puerility.

G. M. G.

Pioneer Men Elect Senate

At a recent house meeting conducted by Joe Richert, dorm president, the Pioneer Senate, composed of one freshman and one upperclassman from each floor, was elected. Results were as follows:

Basement: Larry Tadwich, sophomore; Bob FitzPatrick.

First Floor: Frank Williams, sophomore; Bob Smith.

Second Floor: Bob Piper, sophomore; Gordon Rutherford.

Third Floor: Dick Drum, sophomore; Buster Tooley.

Elected to report for Pioneer Hall was Hugh Smyth.

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Republicans Seek Campus Participation

This is the great year of decision. We are now approaching the day when our voters will choose the men that will decide America's course of action for the next four years. The Young Republicans of Alma College in the interest of good government urge you to exercise your right to vote this fall. For some it will necessitate the use of absentee ballots. Others close to their homes will be able to return and vote in their respective cities and towns. For all students, including the ones not eligible to vote in the national election we request that you participate in the mock election which will be held on the campus.

For the first time since the Democratic Administration has controlled the executive branch of the government, the younger voters have a genuine opportunity to accept responsibilities and sincerely consider the responsibilities of government. We therefore are presenting some questions that should be answered before going to the polls.

What party reduced the dollar to a fifty cent piece? What party incurred a national debt of \$267 billion? What party increased the cost of government from \$5 billion to \$74 billion? What party blocked every effort to smoke communists out of the government? What party's blundering policy lost us China to the Reds? What party brought us a spurious prosperity through war, and mortgaged the future through debt? What party has made Washington the bed of roses for gangsters, shysters, mink coaters and tax evaders? What party's extensive bureaucratic centralized authority tends to take away man's individualized freedom?

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Harmonicats Schedule Alma Show



The well-known "Harmonicats" of record and radio fame visited the Alma College booth during their recent engagement at the Michigan State Fair. This trio has played all over the United States and is now scheduled for a personal appearance at Alma College for an assembly in October. Their music is outstanding in the entertainment world and with their own enjoyable style, they have become one of America's favorite teams. Even in competition with high-ranking names like Guy Lombardo and Georgia Gibbs, the Harmonicats were the only entertainers held over for the full duration of the Fair.

Democrats Praise Stevenson

The Alma College Young Democrats were formed so that all citizens of this campus regardless of whether or not they were of voting age would have an opportunity to take an active part in the political life of our country.

We hope to familiarize the student body with the accomplishments of the New Deal and Fair Deal policies over the last twenty years and the program which in our opinion best meets the needs of the American people for the future.

Our organization believes that the Democratic Party is presenting to the American people one of the best qualified men to ever seek the presidency. Adlai E. Stevenson has been Governor of Illinois since 1948. In his capacity as Governor of Illinois he has had to make key appointments and to deal with corruption which he inherited from a Republican administration.

Being a governor is comparable to being president except that it is on a smaller basis. The Governor still has many of the same problems to confront as does the president. Taxation, the problem of meeting the economic needs of the people and the budget are all problems which face a president as well as a governor.

Adlai Stevenson stands squarely behind the platform of the Democratic party without exception. He has faced two issues in which, had he put politics above principles, he could have been assured of

complete backing by all Democrats.

Because he believed that fair employment practices legislation should be enforced by law, he risked losing the electoral votes of many states.

Another issue is the Tidelands oil issue. Here was an issue where Stevenson could have gone with candidate Eisenhower and concurred with the idea that the states have paramount rights to offshore oil. This would have guaranteed Governor Stevenson of carrying California, Texas and Louisiana. But because he believes in a principle which the Supreme Court has ruled favorably towards several times, he has risked losing 66 electoral votes to his opponent.

A man who is willing to place a principle above politics in our estimation is a man of great courage and political integrity.

We would like to leave with you a statement which appeared in the July 27th editorial of the **Detroit Free Press**. "If he (Stevenson) wins he will be more free of obligations, either political or personal, than any president in our memory."

This statement flowed from the pen of John S. Knight, the editor of the **Detroit Free Press**, who is supporting Eisenhower. Even Michigan's most Republican paper couldn't overlook the political integrity of Governor Adlai E. Stevenson.

Alma Kicks Off

The Alma College football team opens this season with Cedarville, Ohio, on September 27th at Cedarville. The initiation of the new season finds the co-champions of the MIAA well-stocked with talented freshmen prospects, and the outlook for the present season can be only optimistic. With twenty lettermen returning, the Alma squad has plenty of experienced players to balance the inexperienced freshmen who have a good opportunity to break into the line-up. The battle for first team berths is already raging between the veterans and the new-comers will help tremendously to improve the caliber of the squad.

Captain Rich Garrett heads the list of returning lettermen, followed by Dub Martin, leading scorer in the state last year; Bob Naru, valuable defensive line backer and offensive backfield man; and Sammy Stafford, versatile guard. These last three are All-MIAA. Other lettermen are Bob Kind, Bob Bacon, Bud Martin, George Lawrence, Doyle MacIntosh, Jim Rickley, Jim Schram, Pete Martin, John Fields, Jim Hahn, and Jack Carleton. Returning in the backfield are Denny Stolz, Jack Westerhof, Pat Shaw, Thayer Talcott, Bruce DePue, Larry Park, and Frank Pierson. With such an array of outstanding veterans, the Alma squad will be dangerous to any MIAA team.

I W O News

Hello again everybody. The Independent Women's Organization held their first meeting of the year, Monday, September 22. First of all we want to congratulate our two engaged IOWs. Congratulations to Marion McDonough and Bernard Opinker, better known on campus as "Freddy," and also to Barbara Bauer and her Michigan man, George Wallace.

Now down to business. We discussed plans for the "Animal Party" which will be held next Monday night, September 27, and is designed to acquaint the new residents of Wright Hall with our IWO program. Plans are also in the making for our Homecoming festivities and for a Hallowe'en party to be held the end of October.

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VARSITY SHOP

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And to all of you, come in and see us. We will be glad to meet you.

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ZETA SIGMA

New year; new faces; many, many new studies. Are we complaining? No! Thankful. Thankful to be back ourselves, and very pleased to welcome all new Freshman and transfer students to our campus.

At the close of last semester, our fraternity officers for this present semester were elected, a listing of which is herewith appended, for the edification of the public:

Pres. Max Haase
Vice Pres. Dexter Fossitt
Sec. Aubrey Clapp
Treas. Phillip Long
House Mgr. John Kinner

We are also pleased to announce at this juncture, that Coach Lloyd Eaton, having accepted an Honorary Membership with our fraternity, is now to be counted among our fellowship. We're glad to have you with us, Coach.

Spence Butters and Jane Kersten this summer also saw fit to tie that blissful knot of marriage; hence congratulations are in order in that quarter, as well.

If talk is worth anything, you're going to see some big things come out of the Zeta Sigma-Alpha Theta combination this year. Very little less could occur under the splendid slate of officers, which our sisters have drawn for the coming year. You've never looked better, girls.

DELT DATA

Here we are back again with our noses to the grindstone. We have lost several members to that greater institution, The Army, and some have left Alma for other colleges. However, we are still looking forward to a great year. Our intramural football team looks like a repeater for the championship. It is ready and willing to take on all comers. Our Deltas are certainly showing spirit on the varsity football team, too; they are winning many positions.

This summer was a costly one for a couple Deltas. Bill Falk was married in the Chapel on September 7, and September 20 Jim Fowles got married in Detroit.

There seems to be a Reformation at the Delt House. Last Sunday it looked like

a procession to church. Then too, several bachelors have been traveling to Central. Ask Wayne Johnson about that.

Yes, the Deltas are really moving forward this year.

SIG SEZ

Well, it has been a long time, eh what? Golly, so many things happened this summer that I hardly know where to begin.

First of all, congrats are in order for Lois whose left hand is much heavier than her right these days. We wish you all kinds of happiness, Lois, and we hope that paratrooper soon gets back to the States.

Then there is news from Pat Emery Young who is now happily residing near her husband's base in Anniston, Alabama.

Most of us worked this summer—Jo Greenley at Camp Tyrone near Flint (this is work?); Gordie was a Tysen's in Macinaw City; and Mary Alice Cook who held forth right here in Alma and pledged her allegiance to McClure Oil Company.

Rick, Betty, Sue, Jean, Bev, Trish, Katie and Lois all seemed to have a pretty soft summer, they just stayed home and worked.

There was also Mary Alice's famed trip to Munising to see Rick—she says they have wonderful parties—I mean scenery—up in the U. P.

Under our new prexy, Katie, we made great plans for this year last Monday night, perhaps we can tell you more next time—don't say it ain't been.

PHI-LIP

Just as the swallows return to Capistrano, so have the members of ye olde frat returned once more to Alma's green and pleasant land. Three of the flock, however, have been plucked from our midst by the well known eagle called the Armed Services. Mike Portlance and Bill Castile are in the Infantry and Dave Winston has been whisked off to the Navy. If anyone is interested in writing to any of the fellows, their addresses can be obtained by getting in contact with the Phi House. I am sure that letters will be appreciated.

As something is gently tapping at my chamber door (could be the Raven or perhaps the editor) I had better be flying myself from this issue.

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