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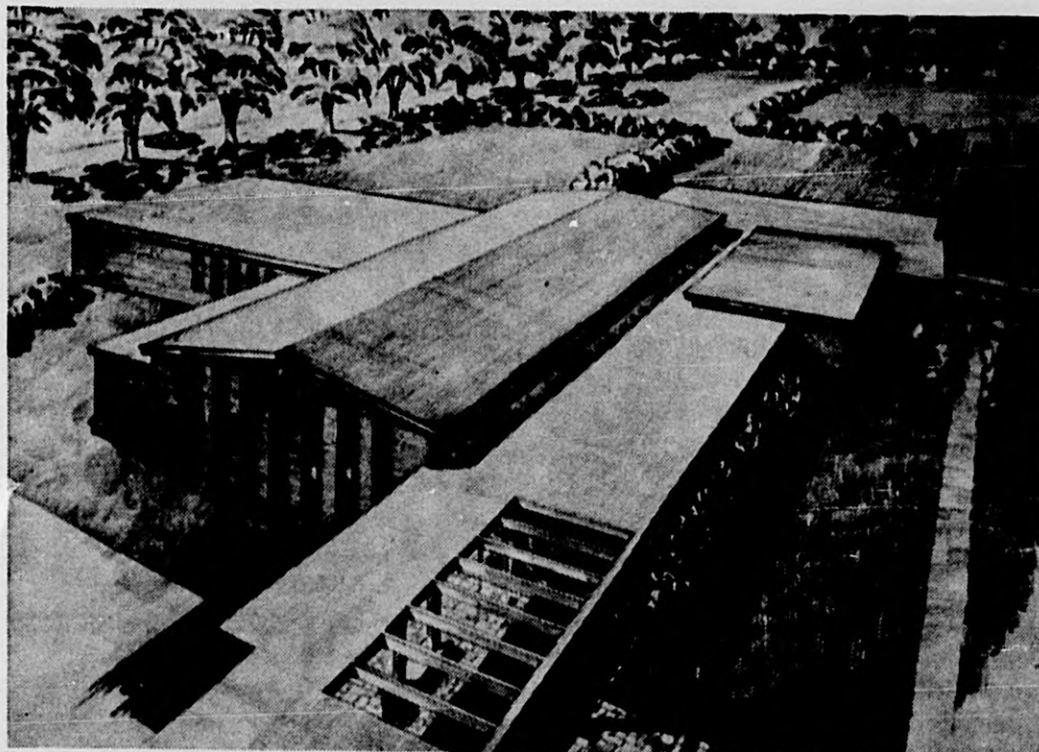
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Construction of New Dining Hall to Begin Immediately; Van Dusen Quarter Million Dollar Gift to Be Used



Architect's conception for Van Dusen Commons.

To Be Ready Next Fall; Dorm to Follow

President Harker yesterday announced the approval of the Board of Trustees for the construction of the Van Dusen Commons, the second of a unit of three buildings planned for the west end of the campus. Construction, scheduled to begin immediately, will be financed with the gift of \$250,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Van Dusen of Detroit. The building is expected to be completed for the fall semester, 1953.

The new Commons will include a dining hall with a 500 seating capacity, two private dining rooms, a kitchen, and will also include the main lounge for the new women's dormitory, to which it will be joined on the north.

The new women's dormitory, funds for which are being raised under the Development Program of which Mr. Harold Thompson is the director, will house 156 girls very comfortably, with a small lounge in each wing of each floor. It is presumed that upon completion of this building, mammoth old Wright Hall will become a dormitory for upperclass men students.

3,000 Attend Homecoming Holiday

Over 3,000 alumni and students attended the 61st Homecoming at Alma college on Saturday, October 18. Center of attraction of the returning grads was the Tyler Student Center.

Prizes for the best floats in the morning parade went to Kappa Iota, first; Zeta Sigma, second. First place in house decorations went to Delta Gamma Tau.

Russell Wilson, class of 1923, was elected president of the Alma College Alumni Association at the annual luncheon meeting on Sat., Oct. 18.

Other officers elected were: vice president, Mrs. Louanne Baker Jones, Midland '12; secretary, Guile J. Graham, Alma '48. Council members include: honorary members, Dr. James E. Mitchell, '93; members to serve one year: Harold Draper, Flint '42; Walter Pezet, Grand Rapids '30; John Mulloy, Midland '48; and John Jacobson, Saginaw '33; members to serve two years: George Hebert, Detroit '20; Arthur Craw-
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Gregory Announces Cast for "Geo. Apley"

As the result of much listening and deliberation, Mr. Gregory announced the acting and production staff for the Drama Club's production of "The Late George Apley". The cast in order of appearance is:

- Margaret—Jean MacKellar.
- George Apley—Stu Friesema.
- Catherine Apley—Leone Riggle.
- John Apley—Bud Davies.
- Eleanor Apley—Allene Stolt.
- Wilson—George Miller.
- Amelia Newcombe—Marilyn Gordon.
- Roger Newcombe—Jim Coombs.
- Horatio Willing—Bob Fritch.
- Jane Willing—Mary Jo Frye.
- Agnes Willing—Joyce Lilley.
- Howard Boulder—George Spriggs.
- Lydia Leyton—Beverly Laird.
- Julian H. Dole—Maurice Baldwin.
- Henry—Larry Huckle.

The all-important production staff consists of Douglas Gillesby as the assistant director; Ruth Morse, stage manager; and Larry Huckle as assistant stage manager. Prompters are Betty Anderson and Shera Nugent.

Six Alma Debaters to Attend Purdue Meet

Six Alma college students will go to Purdue University in Indiana on October 29 for the regional Tau Kappa Alpha debate and discussion conference. The students will take part in discussions on the questions of F.E.P.C. and on what can be done about communism. They will leave Wednesday and return Friday night. Students to go are Gene Schnelz, Bill Franch, Marcia Risser, David Cornell, Ron Nicoson, and Lois Howell. They will be accompanied by Prof. A. Westley Rowland, editor of the TKA's national publication, "The Speaker."

The Debate teams will take part throughout the year in state and regional meets, and in the Spring a group will go to Colorado for the National Tournament.

"Nemo Me Impune Lacessit" *

"No one injures me without being repaid."
(Motto of Scotland.)

Though it is already late in the season, there seem to be a few buds that need nipping-in-the. Among them is a rather dreary rumor. It has come to our ears that some sweet young thing finds nothing better to do than deplore the information she has that the **Almanian** is now under direct censorship of the faculty. Let me assure you, my dear, that if anything, the reverse is true.

The **Almanian** is edited by the students whose names appear on the masthead. It is censored only by the timidity of those who contribute to it. Indeed, we are libertines of the first water. We strangle no impulses, we permit no intentions to brood upon the deep. But, lest you think the editor protests too much, let me say that the **Almanian** is not overtly anti-administrationist (for to reiterate the defects of the college would upset not only the heirarchy, but all our stomachs as well).

We are part of an enterprise, a grand design, a dream: and no pismire must be permitted to stand in the way of its fulfillment. If any student has something worthwhile to say, it is not only guaranteed but insisted that he say it in these columns. We await your pleasure.

G.M.G.

CORRECTION

The editor wishes to correct a news item of last week which said that the campus day queen would be a freshman. This is not official action of the student council as yet, though there is some sympathy in favor of that arrangement.

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Broadsides

The Alma College campus affords several suitable spots where students are invited to lounge about in the interest of advancing inter-relations, to exchange the juiciest bits of improbability and engage in modified forms of the Indian wrestle. It is not my intent to berate these pursuits in themselves—at least not at the moment. Rather, let my attack be confined to your choice of locale and let the defense of this position lie in the adage, "There's a time and a place for everything." My sincere belief is that no chapel, and more especially that of our own Christian college, presents the ideal setting for such exhibitions, which are none-the-less occasionally in evidence.

"My house is a house of worship." But you are making it a town hall meeting, a box social, a bull session. After all, architecture alone cannot determine the function or evaluation of any building. It is determined to a much deeper degree by the attitude or spirit existing among those in attendance. There is in any such group at least a minority who are motivated by a sense of the significance and underlying purpose of the whole assembly. I would in any situation respect and give an ear to the ideas of those few if for no other reason than to evaluate those views and feel qualified to criticize them constructively. I admit this may fall short of the ideal basis for attentiveness, but it is a step towards mutual understanding, if not complete agreement.

I believe an effort is being made to minimize the differences in our religious sentiments and all interests are directed towards the stimulation of common spiritual development. Keeping in mind that our intentions are good, I would suggest the few unhappy dissenters adopt the above philosophy and thus benefit not only themselves but the group in general.

M. W. Butrick

October 15, 1952

Dear Editor:

Perhaps I no longer qualify as a "member of the college community." Perhaps this column is not the place for expressions of praise, but I'll send this letter anyway. As an old Alma grad, and one time "sticker-of-finger-in-many-pies" gal, I want to say that I look forward to my **Almanian** each and every time. It helps to keep me up-to-date on some old friends, and my school. Because it is my school. But I felt that in reading the October 10th issue, a few words of praise were due. This is one of the best issues you've put out in a long time. The paper is definitely an improvement over the time I wrote the Wright Hall gossip column. So keep up the good work.

If I happen to meet the editor at Homecoming, I'll say all these nice things to him personally—but just in case, you had a few orchids coming.

Sincerely, Peggy Powers, Class of '50.

PROTEST "SQUEAL"

Oct. 14, 1952

... in the name of all good Scots here at Alma College I indignantly protest your use of the adjective "squeal" in connection with the stirring skirl of the bagpipes. The word is "skirl," gentlemen! **Squeal**, indeed!

Letitia Johnston

Breckenridge

Ed. Note—We editors bask apologetically in the sun of superior information.

October 16, 1952

To the Editor:

Have read the interesting columns by Bill Franch, Gene Schnelz and Walt Lovell in the issue of September 26.

You request opinions of readers.

Lack of constructive criticism ran riot throughout the depositions.

We shall never have the best governing officials and law-makers until we pin the candidates down to a program, and through public opinion force them, via the voting booths, to vote the true reaction of the people on all subjects debated in Congress.

I am thinking particularly of the Korean War. Neither candidate has offered a positive solution.

Much criticism but nothing constructive.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Fowler

Drayton Plains, Mich.

NOTICE

Attention of all students is called to the exact wording of the attendance rule this year. When the number of a student's unexcused absences in a course equals twice the number of credit hours in the course the student will be dropped from the course with the grade of "E". In a 3 hour course, therefore, the 6th unexcused absence automatically drops the student from the course. In a 1 hour course, however, the 2nd unexcused absence will result in withdrawal from the course.

Dean W. J. McKeefery

CALENDAR

October

- 24, Fri.—Phi Phi Alpha hay ride.
- 25, Sat.—Football with Ferris (here)
Zeta-Theta open house.
- 26, Sun.—Sigma Phi tea for patronesses.
(3:00 to 5:00)
- 28, Tues.—Young Republican Rally.
- 28, Tues.—Choral Union.
- 29, Wed.—A.C.A. Mexican work project.
- 31, Fri.—Kappa Iota sock hop.
Sherwood Eddy in ass. mbly talk.

November

- 1, Sat.—Football with Adrian (there).

HOMECOMING

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ford, Detroit '32; Mrs. Beulah Parr Woods; Saginaw '15; Mrs. Ruth Robbins Moteith, Martin '13; Dr. Verne Richards, Detroit '18; Mrs. Gretchen Wilson Goggin, Alma '37; Chester Robinson, Alma '17; and Mrs. Opal Hines Griffin, Midland '37.

**Sherwood Eddy
to Speak Here**



Dr. Sherwood Eddy

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, world traveler and outstanding author and lecturer, will speak on "The Far Eastern Conflict" at an assembly in the chapel on October 31.

Dr. and Mrs. Eddy recently toured across Asia, making a special study of the rising menace of Russian Communism and arranged for personal interviews with leading world figures.

Dr. Eddy has written thirty-two volumes on international, social and religious questions. He has lectured in colleges and before organizations throughout the United States and in many countries of Europe and Asia.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

The library has issued its announcement of the books which were catalogued from May to September, 1952. The acquisitions bring the number of volumes on the shelves to 56,916. One of the most important new additions is that of the entire series of the "Great Books," edited by Robert M. Hutchins and Mortimer Adler. Perhaps the most interesting thing about the set is its inclusion of a "Synopticon of the Great Ideas of the Western World."

The library has also entered a new set of Encyclopedia Britannica, in the most revised edition since World War II. Also on the shelves are volumes for the commercial and accounting courses of the new department headed by Dr. Meyers, and books for Dean Vreeland's course in marriage and family living.

COLLEGE BUYS VEHICLE

The college recently purchased a 1952 Ford "Country Sedan" model station wagon from Herb Estes, Ann Arbor auto dealer and retiring president of the alumni association. The vehicle will be used for authorized student activities, such as debate, oratory, deputation team and drama club groups, and athletic events.

Prof Profile



Dr. Claude D. Dicks and his family. The lamp shown in the picture is the handicraft of Prof. Dicks.

by Don Gordon

Have you ever wondered what a professor does after his classes are completed and he leaves the administration building at the end of a busy day? Undoubtedly there are some who imagine that he slinks off to the Jungle, where he crawls beneath the rock from whence he came, and there he spends the evening marking "E's" in his class book, or gleefully jotting down the names of over-cut students.

If any such character exists, however, Dr. Claude D. Dicks is certainly not he. When he leaves the administration building he goes home to a comfortably furnished apartment and a family of four: his wife; his 3½ year old son, Darry; his 1½ year old daughter, Darcia; and his 30 pound boxer, "Little Mo". Dr. Dicks, like all good fathers, is extremely proud of his family. Those who know him well are very much aware that most of his after-class hours are spent with his children, in a sincere and concentrated effort to raise them in an atmosphere of love and affection.

"The first five years," says Dr. Dicks, "are the most influential on the later life of the child. For this reason it is extremely important that the child receives the love and care which he desires and needs."

The Dicks family came to the Alma campus from James Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. While at Millikin Dr. Dicks was the head of the philosophy and psychology department. Dr. Dicks' early education was received from Canadian

schools. As a matter of fact, he and his wife are still Canadian citizens, although they are in the process of taking out citizenship papers in the United States.

Many interests characterize this versatile family. Mrs. Dicks is an accomplished violinist and viola player. In fact, while in Decatur she played in the Decatur Civic Symphony Orchestra. Even the children are showing signs of musical talent. Darry, though quite young at the present time, manages to manipulate a quarter-size violin. When he grows older, however, he will inherit a 200-year-old violin from his grandfather.

Although he too studied the violin, Dr. Dicks' main interest lies in the field of photography. By means of color slides and moving pictures, he has kept a record of the growth and progress of his children at three month intervals. In addition to photography, sports have always held an attraction for Dr. Dicks. In high school he pitched on the baseball team, and while in

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ZETA SIGMA

Since you last heard from us, things have happened! We pledged and initiated eleven men into the organization: Bryan Boring, Bob Bacon, Maurice Baldwin, Ron Nicoson, Bud McAlister, Ron Penner, Elton Luckritz, Elwin Evans, Bill Feimlee, Tom Marshall and Judson Joyce. We also admitted two honorary members: Bruce DePue and Jack Westerhof. All excellent men; we're proud to call them brothers.

Then Homecoming came along with all the festivities and parties that the day calls for. We held our banquet at Marl-View Inn, with brother Coach Eaton as our guest speaker. I hope his words will not go unheeded. After the dinner the boys and the alumni vanished, but reappeared at the dance well organized. From all appearances and comments, the day was successful and enjoyable.

The football team showed us the kind of stuff we know they are made of. Thanks, fellows, for a wonderful game and victory.

We wish to congratulate and thank the Thetas on their choice of new girls. We'll be glad to call them sisters.

Word allotment is gone and so am I.

THETA NEWS

Homecoming has come and gone for another year and now we are all recuperating and trying to get back into the swing of studying.

The sorority was well represented at the Homecoming events; Betty Houghtaling was a very gracious queen and her smile was even more radiant since Bill Rice was able to be here for the big day. Allene was quite a busy quick-change artist—what a job being on the court and cheerleading squad too! It was also great to have four of our members on the cheerleading squad and another doing the highland fling. We really have talent in this organization.

The alumnae banquet was well attended and it was really swell to have so many of the old gals back with us again. The room literally reverberated with the exchange of greetings and gossip. After dinner Peggy Smith sang two songs, accompanied by Alice Welsh; and Marianne Geerlings, Alice Welsh and Sandy Smith represented the Thetas of the past, present, and future.

Now we are looking forward to the Zeta-Theta open house which is to be held at the Zeta house next week end. Hope to see you all there!

PHI LIP

It is with mixed emotions that the brothers watch Homecoming become an event of the past. A huge sigh of relief was raised by all, with such unpleasant tasks as painting, scrubbing, and polishing being done for another year. It is with a great deal of pride that we now gaze on a bright, gleaming house. It was also with a sense of pride and of honor that we welcomed seven new members into our organization. They are: Craig Wilson, Gordon Rutherford, Don Howarth, Ian Frost, Cyrus Azimi, and Bill Franch. Welcome to our fellowship, gentlemen!

It was with pleasure that we welcomed back our alumni for a delectable turkey banquet served by the Alma Eastern Star at the Masonic Temple.

The water bill at the house will be going up with all the enforced showers that are being bestowed on pinless brothers: Gordon Macdonald, Joe Richert, and John Neuman. The proud wearers of the pins are Carol Stevens, Jean MacKellar, and Ann Hoffman. Congratulations gals!

Well, as the cat has to be fed, I'll be stalking off for now.

SIC SEZ

Homecoming is over and sleep and study shall begin. Many events happened because of, or should we say during, Homecoming. For instance, Gordie was really caught sneaking into Pioneer Hall—room 308. If you don't believe me, check that right eye. It's a lovely mouse, Gordie. May we say it was well-deserved?

Then Sue McLaughlin talked to some fellow in Tokyo the other night; since then, she's been heard mumbling "my husband called, my husband called" over and over again. I can't understand why a call from Tokyo, Japan, should shock anyone.

It was good to see all the "alum" back again. We even had some charter members present. Glad to know they still love us.

We hope to see a lot of patronesses out for the tea on Sunday, and everyone out for the dime dance after the game on Saturday night.

KAPPA IOTA

Time 9:50 a.m. Homecoming morning. Place—Alma Fire Station.

Characters—One K. I. float, One scared and worried K. I.

Scene I—The float was due at the college in ten minutes, but there was no sign of a vehicle to pull above mentioned float.

Draw your own conclusions:

The lone K. I. was a case for the Psycho Ward, and the waiting K. I.'s at the college were also emitting anguished cries of sorrow. Ten o'clock came and went and still no float; but our hero, Frank Chapman, arrived at 10:05, float in tow, just as the parade had begun. Lo and behold! even though we were late, the results were spectacular, for Kappa Iota's float placed first.

It seems that we have three new pledges instead of two, or so the latest story goes. The two that were wearing K. I. pledge pins and whom we are exceedingly happy to welcome into our organization are Angeline Erdman and Ann Hoffman. But it seems that since Ray Bolo gave all his time and energy to the erection of our float last week, it has been rumored that he is a K. I. Well, if not a member, he certainly has the sincere friendship and appreciation of all of us.

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Homecoming action against Kalamazoo: Pat Shaw in process of finding a new and better spot for the ball.

"Happy Homecoming"

by Walt Roman

The Alma Scots played their first game against Kalamazoo last Saturday: Homecoming Day! Although this contest was Alma's fourth of the season, it is the first time the Scot eleven has been able to really find itself and the team came to life in the second half to overpower a favored Kazoo team 13-12 before a Homecoming crowd of 3,000 at Bahlike Field. Coach Lloyd Eaton called this victory a team victory, one for which no one player was responsible. Only through such a performance could Alma find itself.

The thrilling one point edge was provided by diminutive Bob Hamilton, Alma's defensive half-back, who calmly booted the extra point following the first touchdown.

Alma got off to an extremely slow start in the first half, and could not muster up enough power to blast over the goal line. However, Kazoo found a scoring combination in Dilman and Steffoff. Dilman hit Steffoff in the third quarter from about the middle of the field over the heads of Alma's defense to rack up the first touchdown of the day. The score at the end of the first half was 6-0.

During the second half, the Scots began to move, reminiscent of last year's powerhouse, and thoroughly outclassed the Kazoo College squad. With Denny Stolz calling the offensive plays, Alma ran DePue, Shaw, and "Dub" Martin over tackle, around end, and up the middle, unmercifully pounding the Kazoo line. Pat Shaw, incidentally, has been carrying the brunt of Alma's attack all season, and was once again the workhorse of the Alma backfield. Then "Dub" Martin literally flew around right end for the score making it 6-6. Bob Hamilton booted that crucial extra point to make it 7-6 in favor of Alma and provide the all important game-winning point.

Kazoo came back to score again as Alma
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Delta Dodgers Intramural Champs

by Howard Wiley

Delt Dodgers 7-0-1

Phi Pheiffers 6-1-1

Zeta Chargers 3-5-0

Whozits 1-7-0

Rambling Wrecks 0-8-0

The final rounds of the touch football league have been played and the champions, Delta Gamma Tau, regained their crown once again. The game that determined the final results was a tie, 18 and 18, with the Phi Pheiffers leaving the Dodgers with but one tie to mar their record. The Phi Pheiffers made it close all the way,

but were beaten once by the champions, and that was enough. The Zeta chargers had a pretty fair season, and finished third. The other teams did not do so well this year but every one has a bad year. Congratulations, Delta Dodgers, "Champions of '52."

Golf Finale

Looking once again out to the cold, cold golf course, we find the intramural championship has been determined. The champion on the links is Ray Bolo, sophomore who defeated Ron Penner in the final round. Others who finished near the top included Gordie Macdonald and Walt Roman. The golf tournament showed a lot of interest and will probably be a permanent part of intramural sports.

Volley Ball

Moving from outdoors to the Memorial Gymnasium, we find a volley ball tournament all lined up to start Oct. 27. Captains of prospective teams should see intramural sports director, Bud Martin. It would be good to see a team composed of our faculty entered in the league.

Mr. Martin also reminds the basketball teams to start getting organized.

Badminton

If enough interest is shown in badminton, a tournament will be arranged immediately following volley ball. Singles and doubles will be arranged if possible.

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was penalized for a total of 30 yards, two major 15-yard penalties, to practically give the Hornets their second touch-down. Within a few feet of Alma's goal line, the Hornets' Phil Dilman sneaked over for the score, giving the Hornets a 12-7 lead. For the remainder of the game it was all Alma. With Denny Stolz passing beautifully to DePue, Shaw, and Parks for first downs, the Scot's attack pushed along, culminating with Doyle McIntosh, hefty Scot end, making an amazing stab between two Hornet defenders on one of Stolz' tosses for the score. The extra point was blocked, but the damage was already administered as Alma won the ball game 13-12. Pat Shaw, the thunderhead of Alma's running attack, performed well, along with Bruce DePue, Martin, Park, Naru, and Stolz. Also to be given credit for a fine performance is freshman quarterback Bill Mitchell, for his excellent handling of the ball club while he was at the helm. Along with these outstanding backfield men were a host of linemen who starred: Stafford, Rickley, Bacon, Laskarides, Lawrence, Bud and Pete Martin, Pierson, Schramm, and Wood; all played a bang-up ball game.

Coach Eaton expects a rough, tough ball game next week end with Ferris, but should the Scots continue to perform with the brilliance displayed Homecoming Day, the Alma eleven should have little to fear. Ferris runs from a single-wing offense, and should provide an interesting evening for the Scot battlers.



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PROF. PROFILE

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college he played tennis and ran track.

Besides being an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada, Dr. Dicks received his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago in the field of philosophy. He is widely recognized for his outstanding work in developing a philosophical approach to life and the universe called "Theistic Atomism."*

The **Almanian** is proud to have this opportunity to introduce Dr. and Mrs. Dicks, Darcia, Darry and "Little Mo" to the student body, and on behalf of the entire campus we welcome them to Alma.

*The **Almanian** will in the next issue carry a brief statement of the philosophy called "Theistic Atomism," formulated by Dr. Dicks

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

The call from Coach Lawrence for all prospective basketball players to report for practice was issued early last week. Any players who are interested in practicing are asked to report in the gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30. Coach Lawrence says every position on the squad is open and every player will have a battle to hold down a position this year. Returning lettermen are John Sawyer, Gordon Macdonald, Mike Bramble, and Rich Garrett.

SPORTS SHORTS

"Dub" Martin, leading scorer in the state last year, finally found himself in the last half of the Kazoo game. Martin scored the first touchdown and his running helped to spark the Scot attack. If the "Dubber" continues his improvement the Alma attack will be one to be feared.

* * *

The Alma College fans were happy to see John Fields up and about, and in attendance at the Homecoming Day football game. John has made astonishing progress and we are glad to have him back.

THANKS TO THE TRAILER COMPANY

The Alma Trailer company has provided the material that has been used for three of our pep rally bonfires. We of the college wish to extend our most sincere appreciation for their cooperation with the college.

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