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## Literati Close Ranks in New Society

A literary society is being formed on the Alma College campus. With a group of senior English majors as a nucleus, the group will have as advisors Mr. Henry Klomp and Mr. Wilson Daugherty of the English department of the college.

The belief that creative writing is an important phase of the study of the English language is one of the cardinal principles of the new organization. Membership will be open to those on campus who submit an original work of writing which is first heard and passed upon by the members of the society, and then presented by the author himself. The author will be voted upon by the group and if passed will enter as a new member.

The society will have no formal officers. A three man executive board will have charge of the meetings which will occur monthly unless some special occasion demands another session. The plans for the meeting call for a review or discussion of some book or literary subject, refreshments, and the presentation of original writings by the members. The advisors will also submit their work to the society at times.

While all these plans are still tentative, the literary society is well on its way to complete organization.

## MARCIA RISSER HOLDS TKA OFFICE

Miss Marcia Risser, a junior and a speech major, was elected president of the Indiana-Michigan Region of Tau Kappa Alpha, National Honorary Society in Speech, at the eleventh annual meeting held at Purdue University, on Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31.

Miss Risser will preside over the conference meetings next year; she will be toastmistress at the national meet at Denver University in April.

In her freshman year she won first place in the state extempore contest for women and third place in state oratory. She has been an active member of the debate squad. Last year with her colleague, Gene Schnelz, she won 18 debates while losing only 2.

## ALMA TO MEET BRITISH DEBATERS



Top left, Ronald Evans; Top right, Kenneth Dibben; Bottom left, Lois Howell; Bottom right, Grant Gallup.

The Alma College Speech Department will present an international debate with the Combined British Universities Debating Team at the Chapel on Friday, November 21 at 8 p.m. The debate is open to the public.

The British team will be composed of Kenneth Dibben of the University of Southampton, and Ronald George Evans of the University College of North Wales.

The Alma College representatives will be Lois Howell and Grant Gallup. Miss Howell, a senior English major from West Branch, has been an outstanding speech student. Last year she won first place in the state peace extempore speech contest. She was one of Alma's representatives to the national Tau Kappa Alpha meet held at Cleveland last April. Miss Howell is editor of the college yearbook, the Scotsman. She is a member of Sigma Phi sorority, this year serving as corresponding secretary. She is a pledge to Tau Kappa Alpha, national speech honorary. She is an honor student.

Mr. Gallup is a junior from Gastra, majoring in English. He is editor of the college paper, the Almanian. He has been active in speech, last year participating in debate and discussion. Mr. Gallup was rated as one of the superior participants last year in the regional TKA meetings at Purdue. He participated in the national meet of TKA at Cleveland last year. He, also, is an honor student.

## Students Go to Discussion Festival

The Alma College speech department will participate in the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Discussion festival to be held at Central Michigan College, Mount Pleasant, on Friday, November 14.

Participants for Alma will include Ron Nicoson, Marilyn Gordon, Cyrus Azimi, Connie Koch, Peggy Thibedeau, Dave Cornell, Ruth Morse, Lois Howell, Grant Gallup, Bill Franch, Marcia Risser, Gene Schnelz, Larry Waggoner, Bill Taylor, Walter Lovell, Don Darling, and several others who are preparing for the meet.

The conference will feature two rounds of discussion on the topic, "How can we most effectively combat the threat of communism?"

## Education Dept. Schedules Conference

On Saturday, November 15, the Alma College Department of Education will play host at a convention to be held for former students who have been teaching around the state during the past twelve months. The purpose of the conference is to aid and discuss with the new teachers any problems they have faced in their year's work, and to ask their help and suggestions in evaluating the present education courses being given. This conference is the first of its kind to be held here on the Alma campus, and Harlan McCall, head of the department, has great hopes for its initial success.

The program for the one-day conference will be as follows:

10:30 Coffee Hour and Registration.

11:00 Morning Session—Discussion of the various educational situations.

12:30 Luncheon—

Program—Miss E. Pigg, Chairman  
Welcome from College—Dr. W. McKeefery.

Superintendent of Schools—Alma, Mr. F. R. Phillips.

Director of Admissions—Guile Graham.

1:30 Second Discussion Period.

Teachers will divide into groups in which they took their major or methods courses. These discussions will be open to anyone interested in attending them.



## A Land of Pure Delight

I have lately read of an Elysian college where students are really treated as adults. No, it was not one of Oscar Wilde's fairy tales, but the Saturday Evening Post of October 25 that bore the fanciful scoop.

Reed college in Oregon is the blessed plot, the darling realm, where students are permitted all the personal freedom they want and can use intelligently. Drinking does not provoke discipline except for those who abuse that genteel privilege, and midnight is the coed's earliest curfew. The college prescribes the courses its students take, however, and turns out a record ratio of Rhodes scholars. The professors claim that Reed's reputation as a fortress of scholarship is due to its historic policy of "subordinating the sideshow of football to the main tent of liberal education." (This of course means that any circus barkers wandering about would have to fold their tents like the Arabs and silently steal away). Though the football team is a joke, though spectator sports are farcical, Reed is yet interested in physical education that is truly education and not the brutality to which James Thurber tells us he was subjected to at his *inclementa mater*.

It may be that Reed's standards do not provide adequate criteria for the development of our own institution, but they are refreshingly civilized. They breathe of Arcady, and waft to us a vision of the grey spires of Oxford. They give us the resounding echo of a weakly sung battle cry that paraphrases William Blake:

"I shall not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my pen sleep in my hand,  
'Til I have built Jerusalem  
In Alma's green and pleasant land."  
(Jerusalem, not Geneva.)

G.M.G.

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## A Political Postscript

There have been, I understand, some rather crisp proceedings in the political realm these past months. The uproar has just been great enough to cause me to pull aside the bedclothes of my habit, and sprint to the TV for a short peer; and after seeing there that we were merely having a national election, you may be sure I retired again posthaste.

Few matters interest me less than elections, and few intrigue me more than government. The only reason I sit up in my bed of tranquillity to write this tidbit is because I believe that only good government will be the elixir for this country, and that I also believe our present day elections might go any way they could without making any difference worth pounding down a rathole.

The only thing that will return the U.S. to its early pristine wholesomeness will be a startling change in the misconceptions of the American people concerning the nature of their government, and their duties toward it. Until then I deem it foolishness to get all of a doo-dah which of two competent men shall head our government, and be obliged to break all their promises.

A Mr. Clarence E. Manion spoke once within my hearing and said: "The average man that I encounter all over the country regards government as a sort of great milk cow, with its head in the clouds eating air, and growing a full teat for everybody on earth."

For Mr. Manion I say 'pithily put': the whole trouble in an aphorism. Mr. Manion then passed on to draw the proper analogy to government: Fire! Correctly curbed and fed, fire is one of the priceless tools of mankind; when it gets out of hand because it isn't watched, it destroys all, even putting itself out finally. Government is fire: it doesn't live on fuel, but on money, and it mustn't be overfed; a fire must be watched continuously, and so must government, else it destroy us in our sleep. Let every American understand this, and all the tributary troubles will solve themselves.

If I can avoid taking gym and falling down in the bath for six months, I shall be twenty-one, and what then? This: If government's *raison d'être* is to serve me, why, I shall allow it to. It cannot serve me unless I tell it what I want, and so I shall.

I urge that every one do so. It will become my duty to watch government continuously, to contribute to it wisely, but Spartanly, and to speak against it when it becomes necessary. There are channels provided for each of us to do these things, and if we did them it would overshadow in worth any possible election. The time for enthusiasm is when each issue is before Congress: berate your representative

then, and the elections will remain the popular American sport that they are today, but there will be no harm in it. Just now the elections are over for another four years, so it seems to me that it is a good time to start, each one, his worthwhile contributions to government, with all that silliness out of the way.

R. Pingree Vance

The Editors feel that they have managed to include in this issue such stupidity and wisdom that they may fairly expect letters from our constituents, both truculent and rhapsodic.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

Friday, Oct. 31—Dr. Sherwood Eddy  
Monday, Nov. 3—Rev. Clyde Vance, Stuart Friesema  
Friday, Nov. 7—Dr. Herbert Hudnut,  
David MacKenzie—Don Gordon  
Monday, Nov. 10—Rev. Charles Hahn, Eugen Huget  
Friday, Nov. 14—Dean Vreeland, Gene Schnelz  
Monday, Nov. 17—Professor Charles Skinner  
Joyce Howarth  
Friday, Nov. 21—Coach Lloyd Eaton, Frank Pierson  
Monday, Nov. 24—Choir Musical  
Tentative  
Monday, Dec. 1—Dr. Frederick Robl e  
Friday, Dec. 5—Professor Margaret VanderHart  
Monday, Dec. 8—Dr. Allan Zau  
Friday, Dec. 12—Students, Douglas Gillesby

## Why Is God Silent?

by Don Darling

It is unlikely that a truly thoughtful person would not at some time in his life turn his mind toward God. But often it is that we become so entwined in the net of noise and confusion, that we find ourselves wondering whether God even exists, and, if so, why doesn't He do something about His world? We strain our ears only to hear of evil thoughts, evil words, and evil deeds shouting at us. But where is God? Doesn't He care? Dr. Fosdick asks, "Why is God silent while evil rages?"

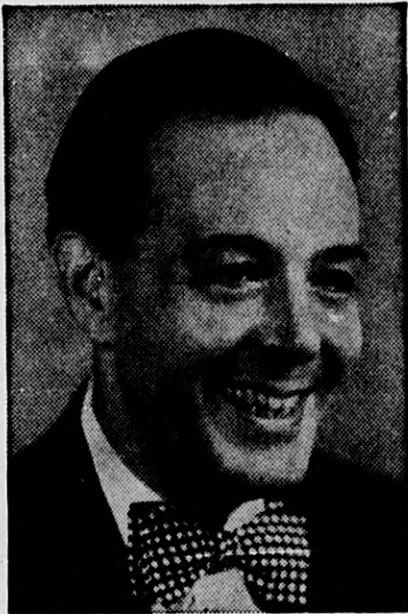
No matter how we look at it, and this mysterious power is silent, there is in our universe what the Greeks called Nemesis—the doom that, no matter how long it takes to arrive, falls upon cruelty, hatred and evil. Consider, too, that despite our complaining, other silent, spiritual forces are reaching deeper, taking hold harder, and lasting longer than the negative forces. These forces are love, kindness, mercy, justice and truth.

Why is it that the most valuable things are silent, and the most worthless things are noisy, hence more readily recognized? Perhaps it is because in days like these, we need an inward strength and nothing in a noisy world can give it to us. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick so well explains it, "As God lives his deepest in silence, so do we. It is when our quiet responds to His quiet that we find Him. Only when He leads us in green pastures and beside still waters can He restore our souls."

Let us stop knotting ourselves deeper in that net of noise and confusion, and take the advice of the psalmist who heard the words, "Be still, and know that I am God."



**Violinist to Perform Here**



**Joseph Harding**

The students of Alma College have a treat in store for them on November 12 when Joseph Harding, one of America's finest violinists, will present an assembly program.

Mr. Harding has been a member of such outstanding orchestral groups as the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, in which he was concertmaster, and the Harding String Quartette, which he himself organized. He has appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Paris Symphony Orchestra and has been acclaimed not only in this country, but also in Europe.

**Bagpipe Class Meets**

The bagpipe class for beginners meets every Tuesday night at 7:00. All men who wish to learn to play this ancient Scottish instrument are welcome to attend. Be present at Clizbe House promptly at 7:00 if you are interested.

**Miss Rohlf's Recital**

Miss Roema Lee Rohlfs will be presented in a piano recital at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Saginaw Museum by Miss Clara T. Briggs, Saginaw music teacher. Roema is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rohlfs of Akron, Michigan. She attended Akron High School, and is presently a Freshman at Alma and is majoring in music.

Her program will include selections from Gershwin, Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and others.

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The Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri, invites applications for the second series of graduate fellowships for college seniors and recent graduates who are preparing themselves for a career of college teaching, and are planning to enter graduate school in September 1953, for their first year of graduate study. The Foundation welcomes applicants from the fields of natural science, social science, humanities and other fields of specialization to be found in the undergraduate college.

President Harker has named Dr. William J. McKeefery as the liaison officer to work with the Danforth Foundation on the selection of candidates. These appointments are primarily "a relationship of encouragement," carrying a promise of financial aid within prescribed conditions as there may be need. All Danforth Fellows will participate in the annual Danforth Foundation Conference on teaching, to be held at Camp Miniwanca in Michigan next September. The qualifications of the candidate as listed in the announcement from the Foundation are:

Evidence of superior intellectual ability in college record.

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Outgoing personality and the concern for people essential for successful teaching.

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Deep religious convictions and growing religious perspectives. The Foundation is looking for candidates who are seriously examining their own religious life, and are seeking a maturing faith and social outreach.

Each institution is asked to limit its nominations to two, or at the most three. Any student wishing further information should get in touch with Dr. William J. McKeefery.

**IWO NEWS**

The I. W. O. room was the scene of a Halloween party last Monday night. The girls, appropriately dressed and masked, gathered together for refreshments in the room which was decorated with the usual black cats and witches and a genuine pumpkin. A ghostly skeleton met the members at the door with their fortunes.

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**CURTAIN TIME**

by Bill Farris

Curtain time will be 8:15 p. m. and the dates are Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25. The occasion is the Drama Club production of **The Late George Apley**.

Directing the play is Professor William Gregory. Assisting him is Doug Gillesby, president of the Drama Club. In the title role you will see Stu Friesema, who played Death in last spring's production of **Death Takes a Holiday**.

For the past two weeks, the cast has been rehearsing four nights a week — blocking, interpreting, memorizing lines and actions. Now, with opening night less than two-and-a-half weeks away, Mr. Gregory is pushing rehearsals to the utmost.

The emphasis this week has been on characterization, with the practice schedule adding another night to its calendar. The next two weeks will see the cast, the directors, and the set and property committees working night and day, seven days a week, so that the performances will reach the high standards hoped for them.

**The Late George Apley** is a satire on Boston manners. It is the story of a Boston family—George and Catherine Apley, their son John, and their daughter Eleanor; their relatives, friends, institutions. The play, based on the book of the same title, is a reaction of the Boston family to those people outside their city. The result of all this is a delightful, entertaining production which should prove to be one of the Drama Club's outstanding achievements.

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# Coffee Cup Essays

by Bill Farris

## I—On Professors and Classes

You wonder, possibly, why I call these Coffee Cup Essays. The answer is simple: most of them are, or will be, if I am privileged to continue, written over a cup of coffee. And it is the little simplicities of life that most people enjoy most.

As you can see, I have called this: "On Professors and Classes." What I should have done, maybe, is entitled it "On Citadels of Learning," but then no one would have read it. This way, I think the teaching staff, at least, will look it over.

We begin our reflections on a typical Monday morning here at the college. By seven forty-five, most of the students have somehow roused themselves enough to realize that eight o'clock comes early. Many brave ones are already eating breakfast. At eight, the doors close on the classrooms and another hour of learning has come.

Inside the room, roll is dispensed with, and the professor takes his stand behind the lectern. Now we will pretend this is an English class. The first blast: "Define the term, 'sonnet'." There is an all-around shrug of shoulders, a shaking of heads, and several sighs of bewilderment. There are no verbal utterances.

The professor sadly remarks to himself: "Wednesday I shall spring a quiz on them," and aloud he lectures for twenty minutes. His topic, of course, is definitions, characteristics, and examples of sonnets.

When this is finished, the class is wondering how long before the hour is up, the professor himself is deciding whether to let them go so he can run over for a cup of coffee, and the Muses most likely are wishing the olden days were back, the days when scholars were scholars.

This all passes, and at eight-fifty, some lucky ones can adjourn for late breakfast. Over coffee and rolls, discussion is often centered upon the time for a quiz that is probably due, and perhaps, for a change, it would be best to read the book.

And so continues the battle between professor and class. If the former injects humor in his lecture, the latter objects that his jokes are tragic. If he lectures without smiles, the professor is dull and dry.

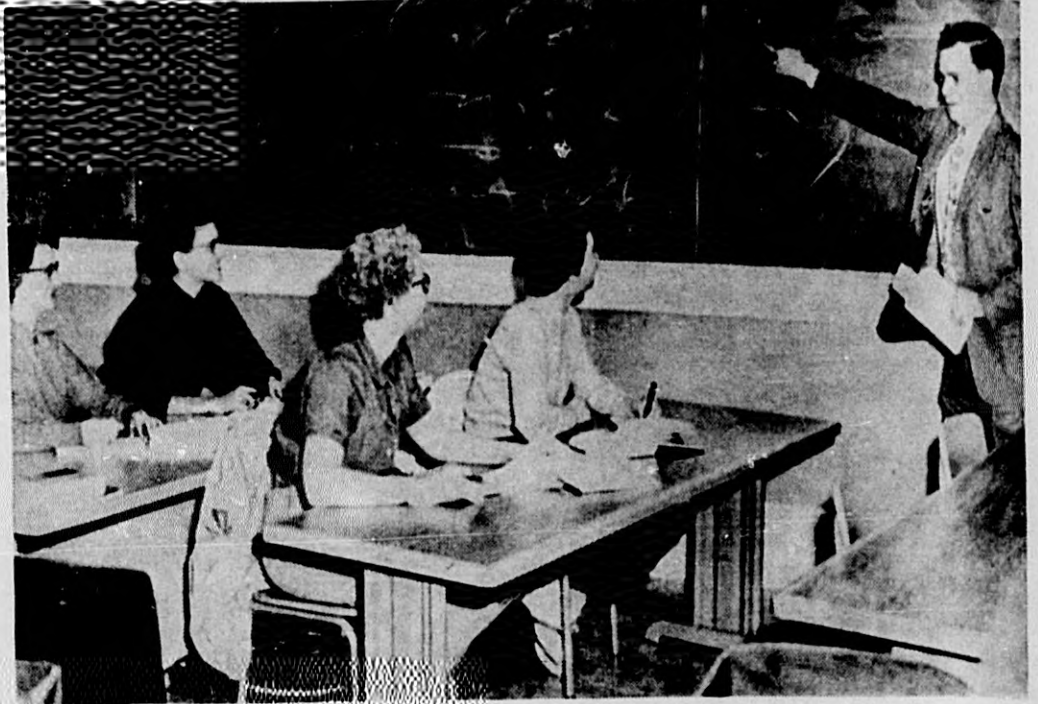
Now in return, if the class is bright and on its toes, everyone is looking for an easy mark. But if it is silent and inattentive, there is really no use in bothering with it, for, to begin with, the class is hopeless.

If, in reading these words, you think I am exaggerating the whole thing, let me tell you this: you have never attended a class on the college level. The raging contest between teacher and pupil is never-



## Prof Profile . . . .

DR. MEYER HEADS  
NEW DEPARTMENT



Dr. Stephen Meyer with a class in shorthand.

by Fran Booth

ending. It sweeps along sometimes with the rush of mighty Niagara, snatching everyone in either profession as it runs.

The class—in the highest sense—is a birthplace of ideas, the cradle of new generations. Through the classroom pass the Lincolns, the Tennysons, the Barrymores. From classroom chairs rise men and women who will build the world's new foundations. Never let a soul tell you that classes only mean dragging yourself at eight o'clock to some dead lecture on Shakespeare or the theory of relativity or the significance of the Spanish Armada's defeat in 1588. Indeed not. The class plants in you seeds which eventually blossom into knowledge and attainment and self-assertiveness.

For just a little, now, let me turn to the professor. We have, perhaps, had our fun with him, but humor alone does nothing.

There will be those of you will say, with a certain writer of our time, that teachers are those who could do nothing else and therefore turned to the educational profession. What an unfair statement to make! Plato was an able writer; Christ was a carpenter, fisherman, and philosopher; Mohammed was a soldier; Wilson became president of the United States; Longfellow was one of our great poets. Certainly these teachers were not bound by teaching alone.

Henry Adams has said that "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." I might add here that classes affect the student in the present; they provide agencies for development and mediums for expression.

Through classes, then, and aided by professors, we attempt "to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Dr. Stephen Meyer says teaching at Alma is vastly different than it is in New York where there is no personal relationship between professors and students. Dr. Meyer, head of the new secretarial science department now being offered at Alma, is a native New Yorker. He obtained his degrees at Columbia University, and while there met his future wife at the Lutheran Student Foundation. Mrs. Meyer was busy studying to become a "Florence Nightingale" at the Presbyterian Medical Center which is affiliated with Columbia University. The Meyers took a Great Lakes Cruise on their honeymoon and so were not too unfamiliar with this region of the country when they arrived on campus this fall.

The aim of the secretarial science course is to train professional secretaries and commercial teachers. Dr. Meyer's plan is that through a work experience program (working part time during school and summer vacations) a student will be a more employable individual upon graduation and have an opportunity to receive a better-than-average job.

Last summer Dr. Meyer spent six weeks at the U. S. Steel Corporation in Gary, Indiana. He, along with several other professors, was sponsored by the Foundation of Economic Education. The purpose of the excursion was to acquaint upper level educators with the problems of management so that they would be better equipped to give their students the full picture regarding Labor-Management relations.

Dr. and Mrs. Meyer and their twin daughters, Helen Marie and Doris Pauline, are rapidly becoming a part of the college community. Dr. Meyer is a member of the Alma Kiwanis Club and is an honorary member of Delta Gamma Tau fraternity.



## Theistic Atomism as Explained by Its Author



The editors this week present a brief summary of the theory of theistic atomism, prepared by its author, Prof. Claude D. Dicks.

Science declares that all things are composed of atoms. There are known at present 97 different elements, or types of atoms. Differences in objects composed of several elements may, therefore, be explained by the fact that different atomic types are arranged in different atomic patterns. We may describe water, for example, as having a certain atomic pattern.

### Inorganic, Organic Differ in Degree Only

Inorganic matter is composed of atoms. The different classes of inorganic matter may be explained by a difference in atomic pattern. Organic matter is also comprised of atoms. Is there then any difference, any real difference, between the organic and the inorganic? The organic is described as differing from the inorganic in that the former contains carbon. The organic is described as "living," the organic and the inorganic really do not differ in kind; that is, as "non-living" and "living," but in degree only. In other words, the inorganic is also "living" matter at a lower stage of development.

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### Intelligence Defined: Ability to Adjust

Intelligence has been defined as the ability to adjust. It would follow from this definition that intelligence is present not only on the human, the animal, and the vegetable levels but on the organic as well. This intelligence is dependent on the atomic structures or combinations as indicated in the increase of intelligence as we move from the inorganic to the organic which meets its highest development in man. That is, there is no stage of development in which intelligence is not discernible.

### Physical, Mental Differ in Degree Only

As we move from the inorganic through the organic there is more and more evidence of emphasis on the mental (intelligence) and less and less evidence of emphasis on the physical. But inasmuch as there is interaction between the mental and the physical they cannot be different or independent since both are "atomic," but represent different stages of development of atomic patterning.

The process which we have described on the inorganic level develops through the organic level to the point where the "mental" has superseded, to a great degree, that which we have termed the "physical". But the process is still out of balance. There seems to be no possible reason why the process should stop here. The process is seen to be still "in process," poised in mid-air, so to speak. If we follow the process in the direction in which it has been moving we arrive at the point where the "mental" has superseded, to a great degree, that which we have termed the "physical". But the process is still out of balance. There seems to be no possible reason why the process should stop here. The process is seen to be still "in process," poised in mid-air, so to speak. If we follow the process in the direction in which it has been moving we arrive at the point where the "mental" has completely superseded the "physical," the mental alone remaining; the latter being designated "pure mental energy," and as indicated above "atomic" in pattern.

### Personality

In our discussion we have omitted discussion of an important phase of human experience, namely, personality. This term has been popularized by psychology and it has been indicated that personality is mainly dependent on the mental. Not only the "physical" but the "mental" aspects of personality are dependent on atomic patterns, on energy patterns.

### Pure Mental Energy Possessing Personality is God

If, therefore, man who is physical and mental possesses personality (the physical being but the mental at a lower stage of development of atomic patterning) we may say not only that man has personality but that pure mind, pure mental energy which is atomic, or rather sub-atom-

ic in pattern, also possesses personality—the personality of pure mental energy, as the personality of man being dependent upon energy pattern. Pure mental energy-pattern, I call God.

### Mind: Brain

What is the connection between physical brain and non-physical mind—between the physical impression of the physical object and the non-physical idea of the object? That is, how do the physical images on the retina, becoming impressions in the brain, become ideas in the mind of man?

Scientists claim that in all chemical reactions atoms are absorbing or expelling energy in the form of "non-material rays" to maintain energy balance in the atom. The brain, during the chemical reaction brought about by the retinal image, sends off from atoms involved in the reaction non-material energy in varying patterns in the form of "immaterial rays" to maintain energy balance in the atoms composing the brain structure. These patterns of non-material rays sent from the brain, in my opinion constitute the human mind.

## Looking Backward in the ALMANIAN

*"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."*

—Geo. Santayana

### NEWS ITEM: 1901

There is about to be erected on the campus of Alma College a new Ladies' Dormitory which will accommodate one hundred students. Ground will be broken for it in March. The structure is to be finished on or before Sept. 1st, 1901, so that it may be used for the next school year. It is to be so built that it will stand for centuries. The basement walls will be of field stone. The four stories above it will be of Saginaw paving brick, trimmed with stone, a material that the lightning cannot shiver and the heat cannot crack. The interior arrangements are essentially after the manner of a large hotel, including parlors, dining room for one hundred and fifty boarders, kitchen and culinary arrangements, laundry rooms, linen and bath rooms, etc. Three stories will furnish homes for young ladies. The prevailing type of room for this purpose contemplates one occupant. Suites of rooms for those who wish to be together will also be provided. The building is to be heated by steam from the boiler house across the street and lighted by electricity from the same source. When completed this noble structure will be one of the best of its kind. It is the gift of Mr. Ammi W. Wright, of Alma, whose great benefactions have made it possible for Alma College to take an honored place among the institutions of higher learning in our country.



# GREEK GAB

## DELTA DATA

Our new members this semester after the last pledge period are Ed Brooks, Bob Bruce, John Maurer, Bob Stebbins, and Larry Tadrick. Congratulations to all of you. We are glad to have you with us. We are also glad to see John Fields back on the campus and at the Delta Annex too.

"Rocky" Knoblauch says he is making some good geological specimens, but most of us think he is trying to irritate us with his pounding. "Nuggets" Lawrence is hiding your hammer this week, Bob.

Quite a few came to the open house Tuesday night. From the political viewpoint it should be said that it was a huge success for the Republicans. (Proof of this was the returns of the student vote.)

The artists have started again on the house and the abode is taking on a new hue of color in its interior. Other artists were at work on the night of the open house. It seems a few of the gals from Wright Hall got into some of the fellow's beds on the third deck. As a result, the boys growled at each other all night about who shorted the sheets. Thanks for the laughs gals, but Larry Park is still looking for his.

## ZETA SIGMA

Since most of you were there, I hardly have to tell you that the Zeta-Theta Open House was a success. It was gratifying, to say the least, to see such a large turnout. Many thanks to the Thetas for their unlimited energy and help in making the occasion successful.

After several unavoidable and understandable delays, our television set was installed. It works like a charm. The boys are all in agreement that it's a good one. Now they get less done than they did before (school work that is), but they are staying out of trouble (?).

Due to the limited space I won't go into the elections, but there has been plenty of thought and talk on the subject in the house. Some of the boys are rather disgusted at the one-sided show of affection for a certain party, but I guess most of us just don't know what's good for us yet and need those "guiding hands" to lead us.

Since most of the boys have been leading pretty sheltered lives lately, there's nothing to report.

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## K I NEWS

One more event has been checked off the K. I. Kalendar, and the Sock Hop has been listed as a success. However, there was one unfortunate accident. You know these broom dance mixers? The brooms are dressed as witches and two girls dance with them, the music stops and the girls hand the brooms to two other girls and then proceed to waltz with the other's partners. Well, everything was set. Nancy Leece and Dee (Beulah) Metcalf had the brooms. The music began and the girls danced with the brooms. The music stopped, Beulah handed the broom to a girl, the girl's partner grabbed the broom and the girl began to dance with Beulah. Since brooms don't talk the mistake was soon discovered. As for Beulah, oh well, we all make mistakes now and then.

The KI's dressed in their best bibs and tuckers Wednesday night when they held their 1952 fall formal initiation and dinner at the Park Hotel in St. Louis. We are happy to say that our new sisters are Ann Hoffman and Angeline Erdman.

## THETA THOUGHTS

Gadzooks! I made it in time—almost forgot to write this week's column. That holiday the editors gave us last week threw me a little off schedule for a while but I managed to climb back on the track. (This is poetry?)

It was really swell to see so many people out at the open house after the Ferris game. The hot chocolate and doughnuts really tasted good after freezing for two hours at the game. Now that we've helped you clean house, Zetas, when can we come down and watch TV, huh?

On Monday, the third of November, we held our formal initiation, and welcomed into our group Joan Case, Barbara Jones, and Constance Hamilton. Following the ceremony, we adjourned to the Park Hotel where we enjoyed chicken and duckling dinners.

I had better "flea" for now, but before I go let me put a "bug" in your ear—put a circle around the fifteenth of November and reserve the evening for an extra special good time.

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## SIG SEZ

With Homecoming and all, I forgot to give praise to a couple of "honorarys." Both Dick Drumm and Bob Piper put in much time and labor in helping us thru Homecoming, and we thank them very much. I believe the initiation dinner was held out at the Triangle a couple of nights before Homecoming.

By the way, I believe congrats are in order to Gordie; she hooked her man!

It surely was wonderful to see all of the patronesses at the tea last Sunday. We would also like to express our happiness that Mrs. Sullivan has consented to be our head patroness this year, and to thank Mrs. Lobdell for all she has done in the past as head patroness.

## PHI LIP

That educational hazard known as a TV set has finally arrived. It's part of our rejuvenating program, which has an original theme, "Brilliantly new in '52." It's a seventeen-inch mechanism put out by R. C. A. This trademark of our supersonic era was paid for by contributions from individual members of the frat. If you haven't already seen it, come over and get in line.

This publication would not be complete without calling attention to docile Doug Gillesby's mad romantic antics. Hearty congratulations to Jim Rickly. He's engaged now, so call the girls off.

The Phis had a hayride. I don't disclose all the gruesome details. It was a beautiful, crisp, autumn evening and the temperature was frigid but our hearts were aglow. We must have been chaperoned by T. W. A. representatives, for we went halfway around the globe. Our social chairman really went all out and produced a delicious lunch which topped off this evening of delights.

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**JIM RICKLEY**

who recovered a fumble which accounted for a touchdown against Adrian



**PAT SHAW**

whose brilliant running this season was evident again in the Adrian game.

## STATISTICS

Game Statistics:	Alma	Adrian
First Downs	13	10
Total Yards	322	148
Yards Rushing	287	27
Yards Passing	35	121
Passes Attempted	10	36
Passes Completed	3	8
Passes Intercepted	2	2
Fumbles	6	6
Yards Penalized	100	105
Punting Avg.	39.7	23.9

### MIAA Standings

	W	L	PF	PA
Albion	3	0	87	20
Alma	2	1	41	39
Hope	2	1	76	46
Kalamazoo	1	2	84	43
Adrian	1	2	32	100
Hillsdale	0	3	21	93

Alma Scoring:

	TD	PAT	Safety	T'tl
Naru	5	0	0	30
Martin	4	0	1	26
Hamilton	1	7	0	13
McIntosh	2	0	0	12
DePue	1	3	0	9
Rickly	1	0	0	6
Shaw	1	0	0	6
Barton	1	0	0	6
Acton	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>110</b>

## Football Title Hopes Kept Alive

by  
Walt Roman

The Alma Scots fought back from a 13-0 Adrian College lead last Saturday evening to thoroughly trounce the Adrian Bulldogs with a last half uprising 28-13 to keep open a mathematical chance for the MIAA title. Should Albion lose one of their remaining games Alma will still have an opportunity to tie for first place if they knock off both Hope and Hillsdale. Alma experienced a few exasperating moments during the first quarter when the Scots fumbled 6 times and Adrian recovered each time. The Scots overcame this "fumblitis" and bounced back during the last three quarters to give the Bulldogs a lesson in football.

The Alma team was completely bottled up for the first 13 minutes of the ball game because of these fumbles, and were unable to run a single play from the line of scrimmage. Pat Shaw broke free for two long runs, one of 63 yards, and each time penalties called back the play. Alma promptly fumbled in both cases, and Adrian recovered each time.

The Bulldogs immediately capitalized upon these fumbles with halfback Ron Jenkins passing to end Roger Bastien from 4 yards out. Adrian converted making it 7-0. Adrian kicked off and Alma again fumbled, with the Bulldogs recovering on Alma's 25 yard line. The Bulldogs brought the ball to the Alma 2 yard line and John Antico, Adrian quarterback, plunged over for the score. The conversion was blocked and Adrian led 13-0.

From this point on, in the second quarter it was all Alma, with "Dubber" Martin and Bruce DePue carrying the burden, Alma blasted down to the 3 yard line and then Alma's 205 lb. fullback, Bob Naru, drove into the end zone. Bob Hamilton's try for the extra point was blocked and it was 13-6 for Adrian at the half.

The Scots were unbeatable during the

second half and after taking the ball on the kickoff, Pat Shaw scooted 48 yards for a TD with Bruce DePue converting, and the ball game was tied up at 13-13. Alma then took immediate advantage of an Adrian fumble, recovered by big Bob Naru deep in Adrian territory, and Dub Martin thundered over tackle for another score with Alma taking the lead, never to be headed, 19-13. DePue again converted and it was 20-13. Big Ed Acton blocked an Adrian punt in Adrian's endzone for a two-pointer to up the point total to 22-13. Once again Alma drove down deep into Adrian territory and scored when center Jim Rickly recovered an Alma fumble in the Adrian endzone for another score, concluding the game 28-13, when the extra point was missed.

### Score by quarters:

Alma . . . . .	0	6	15	7—28
Adrian . . . . .	13	0	0	0—13

Tonight the Scots play Hope at the Hollander's field, and the Alma team is out to make amends for last year's 19-12 defeat on Alma's Homecoming Day. They expect to have quarterback Denny Stolz and Captain Rich Garrett (both missed the Adrian game with injuries) back to bolster the Alma attack. Look for Alma to take Hope by a touchdown.

## Scots Face Rugged Basketball Schedule

The Alma basketball schedule has been released, and the Scots find a rugged nineteen game assignment facing them. Alma, coached by Fred Lawrence, has begun early practice sessions which will determine who will replace last year's Big Three of Bill Healy, Bob Pueschner, and Kirk Hamilton, who scored over 1000 points between them. Also to be missed is tricky Bobby Mohre, deceptive ball handler and play-maker on last year's ball club. Lanky John Sawyer, only returning starter, will be helped by lettermen Gordon Macdonald, Rich Garrett, and Mike Bramble. The battle for first string berths will be fierce and furious as the beginning of the season rolls nearer.

The first MIAA tilt is scheduled with Hope at Holland on Dec. 6 with the only previous game against Ferris on the third of December. During the 1951-52 season, the Alma team recorded 9 wins and 11 losses. The chances to better this record will depend overwhelmingly upon the caliber of the freshmen talent.

- Dec. 3 Ferris at Alma
- Dec. 6 Hope at Holland
- Dec. 9 Central at Alma
- Dec. 17 Albion at Albion
- Jan. 7 Central at Mt. Pleasant
- Jan. 10 Hillsdale at Alma
- Jan. 12 Olivet at Alma
- Jan. 14 Adrian at Alma
- Jan. 17 Kazoo at Kalamazoo
- Feb. 5 Olivet at Olivet
- Feb. 7 Hope at Alma
- Feb. 10 Albion at Alma
- Feb. 14 Hillsdale at Hillsdale
- Feb. 17 Detroit Tech at Detroit
- Feb. 18 Adrian at Adrian
- Feb. 20 Kazoo at Alma
- Feb. 27 Calvin at Grand Rapids
- Mar. 2 Ferris at Big Rapids
- Mar. 3 Calvin at Alma

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## HARRIERS LOSE A CLOSE ONE

by Howard Wiley

The Alma Harriers lost a close one to Adrian last week by the score of 23-32. The Scot stalwart Phil Smith placed third in a field of twelve, with Fred Immer coming in fifth. Other Scots in the scoring were **Craig Wilson, Jim Wager, and Norm Nesbitt**, who finished seventh, eighth and ninth respectively.

In a previous meet, the Harriers defeated the Olivet squad by a score of 31-24. Phil Smith again set the pace for the Scots and finished first in the meet, and Fred Immer finished a close second. Smith toured the four mile course in 23 minutes and 18 seconds.

## FROSH REVIEW

by Howard Wiley

The frosh football team ended its campaign on a rather sad note by losing to Central Michigan. The frosh squad can still boast a successful season of three wins as against one defeat. They had a game scheduled with Port Huron J. C., but the game was cancelled by Port Huron.

Here are the figures of the Alma freshmen offense and the total number of points scored against them. The "little" Scots rolled up a total of 94 points while holding their opponents by only 37 points. The first game of the schedule was with Percy Jones Mercy Hospital, and the frosh started the season off with a bang by running up a score of 28-0. In the second game they also came out on top by burying Central Michigan 28-12. The third game was played over in the Battle Creek territory, where they again defeated the Army troupe from Percy Jones by 26-7. The last game was a heart-breaker for the "little" Scots, especially with their undefeated record at stake. They lost the game after a hard-fought struggle by a score of 18-12.

The frosh squad was coached by a former Alma football player, Wally Moore, who can very deservedly be thanked for a job well done.

There were several standout performers on the squad this year, and many shared varsity duties along with their freshmen games. Some of the backs who showed exceptionally well were: Harry Barton, Bob Spencer, Ron Wenson, David Freer, Fred Spain, and Bob Hamilton. A few of the linemen who stood out for the squad were: Narsus Gedigian, Jim Hahn, Tom Fraser, Bill White, Bud Birman, Ed Acton, Jack Kring, and Charles Moore.

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# Coombes' War With Women

James Coombes

My war with women began at a very early age. When I was six, the relationship between my mother and I was strained to the point of breaking.

This relationship began in a small way. Directly across the street from my house there lived another young lad whose name, Herman Wendell, is etched in flames on my memory. This fellow happened to be rather well muscled for his age and since I was a rather slim individual, he took advantage of me time after time. Each morning when I went out to play he would lie in ambush. Every time I ventured past the portcullis he would spring upon me, fangs bared, and begin raining blow after blow upon me until I was a sobbing wreck on the ground; then he would laugh and romp away. One day my mother happened to witness his audacious act of jeopardy against my life, and she took me in hand. We went into the house where she proceeded to apply a length of oak to my posterior with unusual vehemence. "That, my little bucko, is for failing to stand up and fight like a man." Then she gave me fair warning that a repeat performance would be due if I did not thereafter fight

my own battles.

Since I am a rather intelligent cuss, I began to look for possible ways of getting even with Herman, risking another beating by him to being bushwacked by my mother.

So the next time I went out to play and Herman sprang from his riding place, I promptly met him with a straight right to the jaw. A look of sudden surprise came across his face as he hit the ground, and I was more surprised than he. He attempted to get up again and whango! another right to the jaw. Seeing him cowering thus on the ground, I sprang upon him with a cry of relish and gleefully began hammering his head into the sidewalk. Then my mother came out once more and demanded my presence at the house. Thinking in terms of a reward, I jumped up and ran to the door. I was led inside and beaten on the bottom. "This my little chickadee, is for not knowing how to get along with your playmates."

..Now I was bitter, was there no justice? My own mother, beating me—me, a casualty of previous battle. Thus began my war with women. (To be continued)

## A Quick Guide on How to Judge a Laddie's Class

FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR
He makes a Buddies.	He blushes but tells them to the girls.	He delights in telling them to the girls.	Everything is off-color.
He goes straight home at midnight.	He starts for home at midnight.	He gives one thought to home at Midnight.	Life begins at Midnight.
He's ready.	He's willing.	He's Able	He Does.
WOMEN: He can't live without them.	He thinks women are here to stay.	He's glad they're around.	He can take 'em or Leave 'em.
He tells his buddies everything.	He tells his buddies some things.	He tells jokes to his few comments.	He "ain't" saying nothing.

From "The Highland Park Tailor".

### ALMA DEFENSE THIRD BEST IN NATION

According to United Press release, Alma College was rated third best defensive squad among the nation's small-college football teams. The Scots yielded an average of only 103.5 yards per game, ranking behind Shippensburg, Pa., and Fisk of Tennessee.

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