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Grant Extends Thesis Work

The recent grant of \$1250.00 given to the chemistry department by the Research corporation of New York is for the continuation of work on a special project of Dr. Potter.

Dr. Potter first tackled the problem as his doctoral thesis work at Harvard. Since then he has still retained interest in it. For some years the senior chemistry majors have assisted in the work as part of the advanced class entitled Introduction to Chemical Research. The students assisting were: Robert Hudson, Harry Hill, Carl Diibert, James Fookes, Ronald Gohlke, John Poindexter, Jack Todd, John Corbett, Jim Pappin and Dick Stuckey.

The project is to test the "Reaction of Grignard Reagent with Alpha Beta Sulfones and Sulfoxides." He is trying to prove the similarities and the differences between this reaction and an established reaction of the reagent with a similar group. In the spring of 1951 he reported on his progress to the annual Chemical society meeting in Midland.

The grant, to aid in this research, is allotted as follows: \$400 for equipment, \$300 for chemicals, \$100 for special analysis by outside laboratories and \$150 grants for each of three student assistants.

The Research corporation giving the grant is an organization set up by the inventor Fredrick Cottrell. He donated the patent rights and the income from his patents to be used for aiding research, especially in small colleges. The corporation also handles donations from others interested in furthering research.

The grant was arranged through Walter Thwaite, field representative in Chicago.

When final results are gained the material will be submitted to the American Chemical society for publication.

Orators Enter Finals Tonight for Prizes

The annual Bradley Oratorical contest finals will be held tonight, Friday, January 15, at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Three finalists from both the men's and women's divisions will participate for the two first prizes of \$25, second prizes of \$15, and third prizes of \$10. The first place winners will go into the state contest in the spring.

The oratorical contest is endowed annually by Dr. Preston W. Bradley of Chicago, who attended Alma college in 1905-06.

Students scheduled to enter the preliminaries yesterday and today are: Joseph Franell, speaking on the topic "The Position of the Press in a Free Society"; Fred Wyngarden, "Tomorrows that Sing"; Gene Pattison, "Majoring in Mediocrity"; Obut Akpabio, "Moscow Calling Nigeria"; John Hurst, "Growth with Capitalism."

Women contestants are Edna Williams, "Is This My Country?"; Carole Cummings, "Fallen Shrine"; Jackie Elliott, "The Stolen Song"; Karen Erdman, "Our Safest Roads"; and Marcia Bolo.

Scheduled to judge the oratorical contest are: The Rev. Mr. McPheeters of St. John's Episcopal church, Mr. Jim Morrison of the speech department of Alma high school, and, tentatively, Mr. David Summerville, assistant director of radio station WFYC.



Tom Minshall watches Professor Ernest Sullivan crown Pat Cameron as Princess of the Winter Fantasy. The royal couple was selected by being the 26th to enter the auditorium the evening of the dance.

Fantasy Selects Royal Couple

Music by Bernie Mayhew, the announcement of the prince and princess, intermission activities and striking decorations were all conversation pieces at the Winter Fantasy, a semi-formal dance held Saturday, January 9, in the Tyler auditorium. The dance was planned and sponsored by the freshman class.

Tom Minshall and Pat Cameron received honors as Prince and Princess of the evening. They were selected by being the 26th couple to enter the auditorium during the dance. They were crowned during the intermission by Professor Ernest Sullivan.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served during the intermission. Director Bernie Mayhew announced during the evening that it was Marilyn Mott's birthday and all the couples joined in singing happy birthday to her, accompanied by Mr. Mayhew and the piano player.

General chairman of the dance was Karen Erdman, who is also social chairman of the freshman class. Helping her on the committee were: Doug Pryor, publicity; Carol Lunsford, refreshments; Marilyn Mott, decorations; Jeanne Lyons and Mary de Vries, programs; and Sandy Peacock, chaperones.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris, Dr. and Mrs. John Stanley Harker, and Professor and Mrs. Ernest Sullivan were chaperones.

Organize to Unify Religious Activities

The Cooperative Committee on Religion met at the President's home Sunday afternoon and evening, January 10, to organize and outline future programs. The purpose of the committee is to unify extra-curricular religious activities. Faculty advisors who are not members of the religion department will be included in the group.

Programs for the Alma Christian association were set up for the next semester. Improvements for the Saturday recreation program were mapped out. The Pre-Service club, an organization to consist of students going into Christian vocations, was discussed. The program of Career week was completely revised.

Final plans were laid for Religion in Life Week, the chairman of which is Betty Anderson. The program will include five chapels and a few new features, such as fireside chats.

The complete program of the committee meeting follows. Dr. Harris opened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. with devotions. There followed five minute reports on what is now being done and what should be done through the year. Activities of the Alma Christian association were covered by the following students: social service and recreational programs by chairmen Jane French, Bob Benjamin and Nancy Stockham; deputation teams by Peggy Lomas; and meetings of the organization, Barbara Love.

Longer reports were given on Career week by David MacKenzie and Mrs. Esther Vreeland; and Spiritual Emphasis week by Betty Anderson. The Pre-Service club and the possibility of national connections were also discussed.

Official members of the committee are: Jim Johnson, Dave MacKenzie, Betty Anderson, Barbara Love, Dalton Love, Peggy Lomas, Jane French, Bob Benjamin, Frank Williams, George Spriggs, Don Drew, Cathy Campbell, and Marcia Jones; faculty members, Dr. Dicks, Dr. Woods, Dean Stielstra, Dean Vreeland, Dr. Klomp, Professor Edgar, and Professor Sullivan and four ex-officio members, President Harker, Mrs. Harker, Dean McKeefery, and Dr. Harris.

Woods Organizes Deputation Survey

The three fold program of the deputation teams for next semester includes religious survey work to be carried out in cooperation with Dr. Robert V. Woods, director of National Missions in the state. Door-to-door surveys will be conducted in various areas, especially where new churches are being constructed, to gather statistics on such factors as church preference.

The second phase of the program consists of taking charge of Sunday morning services in rural churches of the area which do not have pastors. This will mean at least one team serving each Sunday. Also, they will try to fill any requests from other churches.

The deputation teams will also hold services at the Masonic home and the Maccabees.

Classes designed to train these deputation teams have been held this semester on Wednesday evenings following the meetings of the Alma Christian association. The classes, most of which have been held at the President's home, have averaged an attendance of forty.

Most of the classes this semester have centered around discussions on worship; of what it consists and how to plan services.

One meeting, with Miss Dillinger, dealt with recreation programs and another, with Mr. Thompson, was concerned with the immediate area of Alma.

Peggy Lomas is at present vice president in charge of deputation teams. Lee Posey, who will assist her next semester, has been elected to fill that position beginning the following fall.

Illustrate Jazz Dance Routines

The assembly on Monday, January 18, will feature Gary Randolph, noted entertainer. Today his "Dance Americana" stands as a distinctive contribution to both the history and artistic development of a truly American form of dance, American Jazz.

Mr. Randolph will illustrate his theme by presenting the Charleston, a warm and spiritually moving Negro prayer dance; the Blues, as it originated in New Orleans; and, finally, the source of all jazz dancing, the American voodoo.

Although Mr. Randolph is only in his mid-twenties, he has appeared on Broadway in "A Connecticut Yankee" and "The Merry Widow," doing similar dance routines. He also was at one time assistant director of the Broadway Creative Dance group.

Group Reviews Lowell, Auden

Two volumes of poetry, which were awarded Pulitzer prizes in 1947 and 1948, were reviewed by members of the Parnassians at the meeting of Sunday, January 10. **Lord Weary's Castle** by Robert Lowell was reviewed by Grant Gallup, and May Butrick reported on W. H. Auden's **The Age of Anxiety**.

Officers elected for the second semester are: Roger Vance, president and editor; John Murphy, vice president and program chairman; May Butrick, secretary-treasurer.

Several members of the Parnassians expressed interest in organizing as the second chapter of an honorary society for students of English and foreign literature. They plan to meet with interested members of Le Cercle Francais and Die Lustige Gesellschaft for further consideration of the project.

Scheduled for the next meeting are a review by John Murphy of James Michener's **Tales of the South Pacific**; a report by Jackie Elliott on **A Streetcar Named Desire** by Tennessee Williams; and a review by Leone Hall of Peter Viereck's "Terror and Decorum."

17 DEBATES HELD ON 4 DAY TOUR

On January 7 the debate squad traveled to Western Michigan for four debates, and then on to the State Normal university, Normal, Illinois, for ten debates on January 8 and 9. Twenty-seven midwest colleges participated; Alma, Central and Western Michigan representing this state.

The affirmative team of Gene Schnell and Tom Scholl won two out of five debates; the negative team of Walter Lovell and Ronald Nicolson won one debate.

Tomorrow, January 16, the novice debaters will have practice debates at Central. Those who plan to attend are Jody Lilley, Ann Humphrey, Carol Lunsford, Connie McCall and Bob Weiss.

Class Views Atomic Project

The atomic physics class is planning to take a trip next Friday, January 22, to visit the physics departments at Michigan State and the University of Michigan and the Atomic Energy Commission project at the University of Michigan. The class has been studying the equipment and the work done at large research laboratories, so the trip is expected to be of special interest.

The group plans to see such things as an electron microscope and a cyclotron. The most powerful source of gamma radiation in the world is located at the Atomic Energy project. To protect the workers it is kept in a tank of water, 14 feet deep, sunk in the ground when not in use. Four foot concrete walls protect the personnel during experiments.

Dr. Nichols, Dr. Potter and Professor Skinner will be accompanied by the following students: Ralph Hackett, Jack Benner, Ronald Baney, Byron Boring, Thayer Talcott, Raymond Mayer, Roger Vance, Dexter Fossitt, John Kinser and Charles Kelly.

We Would Be Building Iranian Friend Bids Farewell

To All American Acquaintances

By Cyrus Azimi

With the approach of exams a few, belatedly conscientious, begin a feverish race of time, nerves and no-nods. This obviously is not the moment for regrets; they are much too discouraging.

If the paper is never done, the report is never given, the test is flunked, ride boldly on. Failure is only a state of the mind, conceived in weakness and nourished by insecurity. If the most treasured projects never blossom and bear fruit let them wither away as the fig tree, and justly so.

The house built brick by brick on the solid rock may withstand all storms, a perpetual monument to steadfastness, though it be ugly as sin. But the dwellings of faith are shining castles poised in mid-air. Let us then dream.

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The Editor Concedes

The editorial staff is delighted to acknowledge an accusation of sensationalism arising from the choice of a front page streamer (Choir Meets Crisis; Carries Thru) for the last issue. A hasty judgment might lead one to the conclusion that the *almanian* is anything but sensational; it is most comforting that things are not as they seem.

Perhaps there should be an airing of the reasoning behind this display of "yellow journalism." That would involve formulating a Code of Ethics. The editor is not prejudiced against either codes or ethics as long as they bind someone else but stating one's own is quite another thing, and printed ones are especially lethal.

The most applicable ruling in this case would be, don't "make" news. Unfortunately, the editor of a four-page semi-monthly newspaper of a small Christian college centrally located in the Wolverine State doesn't seem to have much choice. Perhaps it's the climate.

The second requirement would be, print the whole truth. This necessitates the cooperation of the person or persons involved. The reporter did not pry into the minutia concerning Professor Sullivan's "momentary blackout"; though it would have expanded the article and might have made a more striking banner. The facts were merely recorded as stated by the person most directly concerned. This is a fault?

Lastly, the curse of journalism, it is the duty of the reporter to write on the level of his readers.

The editor accepts the criticism.

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Advance Social Calendar

JANUARY

- 15 Bradley Oratorical contest, chapel 7:00 p.m., Friday
- 16 Theta "Manhattan" 8:30 p.m., Saturday
- Basketball, Detroit Tech, there Saturday
- 17 Zeta-Theta "Apple Polishing Tea" Sunday
- 18 Gary Randolph, "Dance Americana," assembly 11:00 a.m., Monday
- Die Lustige Gesellschaft Tuesday
- Bill of one act plays, "Fumed Oak" and "He Ain't Done Right by Nell," Tyler 8:00 p.m., Monday
- 20 A. C. A. worship service 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
- 23 Basketball, Hope, here 8:00 p.m., Saturday
- Phi Open House after game, Saturday
- 27 High school division recital 4:30 p.m., Wednesday
- 20-7 Examination schedule

FEBRUARY

- 1 Registration Monday
- W. A. A. all school party 8:00 p.m., Monday
- Interfraternity council 9:00 p.m., Monday
- 2 Le Cercle Francais 6:00 p.m., Tuesday
- Student council 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
- Future Teachers 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- 3 Faculty meeting 11:00 a.m., Wednesday
- College division recital 4:00 p.m., Wednesday
- A. C. A. 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
- 4 Student Counseling corps 6:30 p.m., Thursday
- Faculty social hour and dinner, Van Dusen 7:30 p.m., Thursday
- 5 Chapel 11:00 a.m., Friday

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To Open or Not to Open

that is the question. Students who have tried to enter the Tyler center for a little relaxation and fellowship will understand, for there appears to be only one door handle at the front entrance.

The *almanian* has been concerned about this fact for some time and would like to offer these suggestions. Students who want to be assured of entrance could go to the back door, for there are two handles on those doors. If there is too much traffic there, one could possibly enter via the stage door. Of course, if all other methods of entry fail, there are always the windows! Perhaps the best solution would be to install an automatic revolving door at the front entrance for the convenience of the student body.

If all these methods fail to provide easy access to the Tyler center, the *almanian* recommends that the handle be put back on the door from which it was removed by some strong, muscular student.

There are certain times in the life of every individual when he has to depart from those whom he loves and those whom he thinks a lot of. When we graduate from high school or college, we have to separate from the friends we made there. Many times we cherish their memories in our hearts for a long time.

Such moments of leave-taking are frequent in the lifetime of foreign students who, whether they wish or not, must separate from the friends they have made and go back home. Such a time has come for me.

You probably would like to know what I will do when I return to Iran. I plan to work for the Point Four Plan and at the embassy. Then I hope that I can continue my education in the University of Paris, France, until I can become a medical doctor.

To all my friends here who have helped me and tried to make me feel at home at Alma, I want to say farewell now and wish them the best in life.

How well I remember when I first came to Alma college about two and a half years ago. I had no one to look to, no friend to rely upon, and was a total stranger. I could hardly speak English and was not able to compete with the American students in the classes.

I thought I would never be able to finish my college. I thought I would break down in the middle of my path; but I was wrong. I did finish my schooling and at last obtained my B. S. degree.

You never know how much a foreign student suffers until you yourself go to a different land and try to do what they do. It is indeed very easy to say that when you are in Rome, you should act like a Roman, but actually this is very hard. You cannot help acting as a foreigner, because you have been brought up in a strange land and naturally it will take a long time for you to adjust to the new life. Anyway, it is useless to repeat all the troubles that a foreign student goes through.

During my stay in this country, many people helped me both in college and outside. I am happy indeed to say that the American people are the most kind-hearted people of the world who always try to help strangers. I have to admit that I saw many prejudices while I was here, so that many times I was quite disappointed. But I return to my country, Iran, with a good heart and a high opinion of Americans.

I am glad that now I have a better understanding of the people than I had when I came here in September, 1951. During the summers, I attended Michigan State college. Thus I saw both a small and a large school. Everywhere I felt that actually we are all the same, though we may speak a different language and have a different religion.

I must especially thank my instructors who helped me so much with my subjects, realizing I could not compete with American students. I admit that I had to work hard right up until the last day, but without the cooperation of my teachers I could not have been

From the Letterbox

I take this opportunity to comment on Raymond Mayer's excellent editorial, "Joys and Tribulations of the Individualist" that appeared in the December 15, 1953, edition of the *almanian*.

The statement that struck me as being particularly true was one that referred to individualism with its various idiosyncrasies as "a 'cycle' that one goes through in the process of maturing." However, I believe that the author could have proven his point even more effectively if he had used an infallible example, such as the life of Emerson. Regardless of the fact that Emerson never matured, his life was "admittedly delightful."

The author also seems to be looking for "that rare individual who is so subtle that no one even realizes the existence of his individualism." On the contrary, we must ask our author to stop weeping in his test-tube; because this type of individual can be found everywhere. They are tall, fat, short, thin, and some even have snotty noses. They read the Hearst papers, listen to Guy Lombardo and watch Martin and Lewis. It is with pride and amazement that we call these subtle individualists the back-bone of the nation; and though they are not individualists' individualists, they are "admittedly delightful."

John Murphy

Cyrus Emerges From Behind Desk

by Tom Scholl

When I explained to Cyrus that I wanted to learn something of his life for the purpose of this feature article, he pulled his chair closer and spoke in a whisper, explaining that: "After you work for awhile in the library, you can hardly talk."

He continued, telling me that he was born on June 3, 1933, in Teheran, Iran. In Teheran, Cyrus attended both primary schools and the Teheran high school from which he graduated in the spring of 1951 as valedictorian.

One year before, at the age of 17, he translated and published "How to Win Friends and Influence People," by Dale Carnegie. At present, he is writing a book about his college days entitled "Three Years in an American College."

After attending an extension course, in Iran, offered by Cambridge university, Cyrus gained the "Lower Certificate in English." He then came to the United States where he enrolled at Alma college. When asked how he felt on his arrival here, Cyrus said: "I had both hope and fear; a hope for the future and a fear of the unknown."

During his stay in the United States he spent two summers at Michigan State college, as well as spending his winters at Alma. Planning to gain a medical degree sometime in the future, he has majored in biology and minored in physics and French. His plan for the present is to work in the American Embassy in Iran.

When asked how he compared Eastern and Western culture, Cyrus told me that: "East and West cannot be compared. Westerners are more mechanically minded and live faster lives, while Easterners are slow moving and more philosophical."



very successful. The faculty members were always my best advisors and friends. I owe a great deal both to the deans and the administrators. I remember the times that they have given me hope and courage; for a foreigner, there is nothing better.

I owe a great deal to many of the students, some of whom are no longer here on campus.

I should especially like to thank Mr. Thomas Manion. Due to the fact that I am a Mohammedan, I cannot eat pork or anything related to it. He was very kind to give me beef when pork was being served for supper. Buster Tolley always saw that I got some meat and had something to eat. I think this is so wonderful that I will never forget this favor.

Farewell now to all my friends and college-mates. It has been a pleasure to be among you and I will cherish my memories of Alma college forever. I do not think that we will meet again, but maybe so. If by chance you get to Teheran, Iran, I will be very happy to see you and show you my country. I hope that our friendship may continue through the letters which we write.

May God bless you and help you whenever you need it and may He be with you all the time.

Eyer Leads Discussion for Health Conference

Professor Lester Ever assisted in the Seventh Annual Michigan Rural Health conference held at the Hotel Bancroft in Saginaw on January 13 and 14. He arrived early Wednesday evening for the planning meeting and Thursday afternoon he served as leader of one of the discussion groups.

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Who 'sWHO

In American Colleges and Universities

Direct Final Bill of One Acts

Grant m .Gallup

The last of a series of three bills of one act plays will be presented by Professor Gregory's play production class on Monday evening, January 15, at 8 o'clock in the Tyler auditorium.

Allene Stolt and Jim Lester are directors, respectively, of *Ke Ain't Done Right* by Nell, a melodrama by Wilbur Braun and *Fumed Oak*, "an uipleasaant comedy" by Noel Coward.

The cast for "Nell" consists of Kathy Manthos as the heroine; Dick Schluckbier as the villain; Bob Woods, the hero; Rene Condon as Granny Perkins; Fred Wyngarden as the owner of the mill; Pat bmitn as the gossip and Joan Fiedericks as the disappointed sweetheart. Jim Lester's production presents Mickey Woods as Henry the man who revolts; Leone Riggle as Uora, his wife; Mary Lou Haitwick as Dora's mother, and Jody Lilley as the impudent Elsie.

"Nell" is the story of a brave little orphan who cannot decide whom she should marry. Of the two men in her life one loves her for herself and the other loves her for the money she will receive when she marries.

Fumed Oak is a comedy concerning one man among many women. Being a shrewd, calculating man who knows how

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and tlu. possible editorial material. Oh sad is the world when the paths of loyalties cross'

Friend Gallup came to this world on 28 Jan., 1932, at Stambaugh, Michigan, the son of Allen and Eleanor East Wihelmina Gallup. The first happy years of family life '3 other sons there were, and 3 daughters' ticked quietly away; Grant finished his father's beer, age 3; Grant lie came righthanded; Grant grew

Grant reached the age of grade school and was enrolled in its clutches. "I scribbled stayed in from recess to uraw picture"; it was the only time they would let me." Grant remembers

How different he must have been from the other Alma college has, known; for in these days he actually participated in athletics, notably h^ebaU and skiing) on his own m 'IMWine .,i,^

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Ionia Hospital Conducts Clinic

On Tuesday, January 12, the class in abnormal psychology visited the Ionia Hospital for the Criminally Insane at Ionia, Michigan. The class was given a conducted tour of the hospital and then witnessed a special rlll(consisting of interviews of several patients by Dr. G. L. Cook, assistant superintendent and one of the five psychiatrists of the institution.

The clinic was considered especially worthwhile as Dr. Cook stressed the organic causal factors and child care, nutrition of disease rather than spectacular results of such illness. The patients interviewed included cases of organic and constitutional psychoses and psychopathic personalities. During the tour of the hospital the students visited the kitchen,

POTENTIALITIES

On Wednesday evening, January 13, Dr. Charles F. DuBois conducted a discussion in the social work class regarding the operation of the clinic for Mexican and Puerto Rican families to be opened at the church building on the 'curve on February 1

On alternate Saturdays the clinic will be open to give treatment to children from infancy to 12 years of age and adults who have minor treatments, requirements. Dr. Charles F. DuBois and Dr. C. L. Hoogerland are cooperating in carrying on the clinic.

The following \ypes of cases will be included in those which the clinic is equipped to treat: virus intiucnzai m iid infections, cuts, burns^ "contuach colds, impetigo. (|ianthat frostbite, head lice, sore throatSi rheumatism and arthritis,

On the Saturdays between, Sarah Hanson plans to deliver lectures, in Spanish, on such subjects as pregnancy and child care, nutrition and health standards. Plans are being made to take small groups of Mexican women through grocery markets and demonstrate how t() purchase food which will give a balanced diet and isyet economical.

Alma Trounces Olivet

By Don Woiderski

Riding high on a resounding 92-67 win over Olivet, the Scotsmen will be hosts to the powerful Hope Dutchmen from Holland, Michigan, in their next encounter January 23. In a high scoring contest which featured twelve Alma players participating in the scoring, the Scots easily defeated an inexperienced Olivet team.

The astounding 92 point win over Olivet marks the second highest score ever accumulated by an Alma squad. It was topped only by a 1951-52 score of 95 points in a convincing victory over Hillsdale college.

In the first quarter the Scots pulled away to a 24-9 lead which all but wrapped up the contest. Gil Payton, brilliant freshman from Detroit Catholic, dumped in nine points in the opening quarter.

During the final three quarters the starting five consisting of the team's two leading scorers, Miller and Fox, along with Payton, Sawyer, and Stockham, saw only limited action.

Gordon MacDonald, the long shot artist, played only sparingly, but he hit on eight "long toms" to grab scoring honors for the local quintet. Guards Fox and Payton played their usual good game with splendid floorwork. John Sawyer did a remarkable job grabbing rebounds.

Jim Ford, giant 6' 5" freshman from Livonia, hooped ten points in his debut in an Alma uniform.

Player	Box Scores			TP
	FG	FT	PTS	
Miller	2	3	7	7
Sawyer	4	4	12	12
Stockham	4	1	9	9
Fox	2	7	11	11
MacDonald	8	0	16	16
Raab	0	0	0	0
McIntosh	3	0	6	6
Crimmins	1	0	2	2
Gellash	2	0	4	4
Ford	4	2	10	10
Boles	1	0	2	2
Wylie	0	3	3	3
Totals	35	22	92	

Scores by Quarters:					
Alma	24	23	17	28	92
Olivet	9	18	16	24	67

Boles Beats Mayer In Ping Pong Finals

Bill Boles has won the ping pong tournament by beating Gerry Mayer in the final match. The winner and runner-up are both to receive trophies.

The tournament was set up as a double elimination in which a contestant had to be beaten in two matches before being out. Each match was determined by the best two out of three and the finals by three out of five.

The tournament was set up by Jack Homer who is now planning to organize a doubles tournament with a boy and girl playing together on a team.

Scots Suffer 3rd MIAA Defeat

By Ralph Springfield

The Albion Britons proved too much for our Scots, as they defeated them 74 to 58 on their home court.

The game moved slowly at first, with Albion ahead at the quarter 18 to 12. In this initial stanza George Fox counted for 9 of Alma's 12 points. The score at the half was Albion 38 and Alma 28. In the last half Albion took complete control. The Britons spurted out to a lead of 22 points in the early fourth period. But Alma managed to close the gap to 16, when the game ended.

George Fox was the high scorer of the night getting 26 points. Next to him was Don Roe of Albion with 21 points. This game gives Alma 1 victory and 3 defeats in the M.I.A.A. The victory gave Albion 9 victories and no defeats.

Veterans Organize Club on Campus

The Veteran's club of Alma college held its first meeting on Wednesday, January 13, in the men's lounge of Tyler Center with 18 men attending.

The meeting began at 9:15 with the introduction of the advisor, Mr. Art Merritt, and then each man introduced himself. Next, elections were held with John Hurst being elected president, Frank Williams, vice president, and Bob Benjamin, secretary-treasurer.

The members then decided that meetings would be held every Wednesday at 6:15 in the lounge of Van Dusen commons.

The function of this new organization will be to help solve veterans' problems and to organize a social program for the veterans at Alma college.

What About Basketball?

by Ed Pless

In the last issue of the almanian, the first in this series of articles attempted to reveal the problems the basketball team and everyone concerned has to contend with. Since the time the article was printed, over seventy students came to me and personally told me they highly agreed with what had been said. True, seventy is not a large number from a student body of five hundred, but it most certainly does show to me and others concerned that we are not alone, and right here I want to thank all those who showed so much interest.

Let's look at a few more facts which were picked up from interested parties and back issues of this school paper. The following is a portion of an article printed in the almanian of December 7, 1951. You will recall that at that time a new and potential leader came to Alma to take charge of the Scots' squad.

"The Alma College Scots open their 1951-52 basketball season in the MIAA against Hope college tomorrow night at the Memorial gymnasium. The Scots have a good chance to the title this year, and enthusiasm is high over the squad's potentialities. Hope presents a big hurdle and Alma must win if they hope to repeat last year's record."

Well, as we know, they didn't. With the material they had, Alma placed fourth in the MIAA standings. It was none too good and certainly not what it should have been. On that Scot team were Hamilton, Healy and Poeschner. This trio alone scored over three hundred points apiece that season, and the team still had a bad winning record. Was this the fault of the team? No, they were playing individually and that only because there was no one to mold them into the team they had been the year before.

Digging back to the year previous, when another leader was here at Alma, the season gave us headlines like this one: "Scots Set Albion Quintet Rocking on their Heels." This was all before the fall of '51. Most of the same players were here at Alma the following season; but that next season the headlines read "The Scots Drop Sixth Straight."

Once again I say that it was not the fault of the team, but of the leader who wasn't there. We realize, and it is quite obvious, that something must be done. We must have someone who can build these teams for Alma, both now and for the future. If a leader cannot produce even a near-winning team over a period of three years, then why is he kept? We must have that someone who will put the game of basketball back on a seat of honor at this college.

Mikle on Committee To Select Teams For Region Debate

Professor Harold Mikle has been asked to serve as a member of the Region Five Committee of the West Point Tournament. This committee is responsible for selecting five teams to represent Region Five at the closed invitational debate tournament to be held April 21-24. The qualifying tournament will probably be held in March.

Professor Mikle has served twice before on this committee and twice had teams from Bowling Green at the West Point tournament. Only once has a Michigan team been represented; that was sent by Michigan State last year.

Other members of the committee this year are: Dr. Paul Carmack, Dr. H. L. Eubank, Jr., Dr. Martin J. Holcomb, Dr. Larry Norton, and Prof. Forrest Seal.

Iran, Korea Represented

The new semester will find two foreign students among the additions to the student body. Ali Akbar Khasrowshahi of Teheran, Iran, and Doo Young Lee of Seoul, Korea, are expected to enroll for the second term.

Other new students due to arrive by February 1 are: Wilburn L. Holland, Lincoln Park; Bill Tracy, Ithaca; Lynn Hahn, Alma; Charles Dubois, Allen Park; William Kanaly, Henderson; Mark Thelen, St. Johns; Ronald Westerlund, Ithaca, and Virginia Larke, Sault Ste. Marie.

On the other hand, candidates for graduation at the end of this semester are: Thomas Alexander, Alma; Cyrus Azimi, Teheran, Iran; Alan Bowman, Dixon, Illinois; Spence Butters; Leonard Gadzinski, Van Dyke; Grant Gallup, Gaastra; Max Haase, Alma; and William Voska, Flint.

Plan Full Program For New Students

New students will be received on campus from 2:00 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, January 31.

At 6:30 Sunday evening a light supper will be served at the President's home. There the dean of women and the dean of men will meet with them after the meal for an orientation period.

On Monday, February 1, new students will be instructed on registration procedures. They will also be given a series of tests including a psychological test, English test and Cooperative General Achievement test. Registration for new students will take place in room 100 in the Administration building from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The W.A.A. will sponsor an all-school party at 8:00 Monday evening.

Baney, Schrader Explain Work

The members of the Chemistry club saw a movie entitled "In Partnership with Nature," and heard brief student talks by Ronald Baney and Ben Schrader at its meeting on Tuesday, January 12.

The movie, which dealt with forestry and conservation, is put out by International Paper corporation, producers of Kraft paper.

Ben Schrader spoke on his summer's work and present part time job at the Severance Tool company in Saginaw. He brought along samples of the precision cutting tools that the company hand grinds. Ronald Baney spoke on his work in viscosity and boiling ranges in the East Main laboratory at Dow Chemical in Midland.

The meeting closed with refreshments donated by Professor Skinner and Dr. Potter.

ACA Officers Fill Apprenticeship

The Alma Christian association has initiated a new procedure in the election of officers whereby they will serve a one year apprenticeship. Officers will be elected every January but will not fill their offices until the following fall term. In this way they will, during the semester immediately preceding their tenure of office, have the opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with the responsibilities which they are to assume.

Next Wednesday, January 20, the Alma Christian association will conduct a worship service for its regular program. This week the group watched a movie entitled "Hidden Treasures," the fourth in a series of films.

Schiller Reviewed By George Spriggs

The works of Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, German poet and author of "William Tell," were reviewed at the meeting of Die Lustige Gesellschaft, Tuesday evening, January 5.

Following the report by President George Spriggs, the group listened to the fourth movement of the Ninth Symphony in D, by Ludwig van Beethoven, German composer. The movement is a choral one, using the words of Schiller's "Ode to Joy" set to music.

The meeting of January 12 featured parliamentary procedure as practiced in Germany. Election of officers for the spring will be held at the final meeting of the semester, next Tuesday, January 19.

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