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THE ROADS ARE MUDDY
MID-TERMS COME SOON
IT'S TIME TO STUDY!

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Journalists Attend C. S. P. A. Convention

Fox Given Duo Honors

Coach Fred Lawrence announced yesterday that George Fox, sophomore guard from Fowler, Michigan, had been elected basketball captain for the season of 1954 and 1955.

George is 19 years old, he stands 5 feet, 10 inches, and weighs about 170 pounds. Two years ago George starred for Fowler, Class D State Champions. In 1952, George enrolled at Alma college where he was immediately installed as a starting guard on the basketball team. In the fall of 1953, George played end on the football team, and although he had never played football before, he combined his basketball talent and made himself a starter.

George was also elected most valuable player, and he proved himself more than once. In the Hope game, George was almost the whole show as he scored 29 points and led Alma to an upset victory of 83 to 81. Then, again, later in the season George was the big factor in Alma's defeat of Albion.



Students gather in Tyler Center to watch Professor Underwood and Jean Richert on T.V.

Underwood and Richert on "Big Payoff"

Professor Sam Underwood and three journalism students, Marian Pike, Jean Richert, and Jerry Wolfe attended the Thirtieth Annual Journalism Convention sponsored by Columbia University March 11-14 in New York City. Journalism students and their advisors from all over the United States gathered for a four-day conference and contest to judge newspapers, magazines and yearbooks.

Attend Sessions

The Alma college group attended sectional meeting and discussions and viewed displays of newspapers entered in the contest at the Columbia University library. The theme of the convention was related to Columbia's bi-centennial celebration, "Mans Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof."

The conference got underway Thursday, March 11, with a general session in McMillin Theatre. The Alma delegates arrived Friday morning in time for the opening session for that day at 1:30 p.m.

See Celebrities

While in New York the group saw many places of interest in the city and attended several television programs. The group saw the Broadway stage play, "Me and Juliet." Among the celebrities they saw were Miss Janet Blair, film star, and Fred Allen, TV artist.

The Almanians visited the United Nations and sat in on the Security Council where the Egyptian delegate was making a speech concerning the Suez canal. While at the Security Council meeting, the group was able to see Andre Vichinsky, the Russian delegate to the United States.

The delegates met and talked with reporters from the wire service organizations and watched them photograph celebrities boarding the "Queen Mary" which sailed for South Hampton Saturday, March 13.

Makes Tours

The group toured the Empire State Building, Radio City, Rockefeller Plaza, Madison Square Garden, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Statue of Liberty.

Professor Underwood and Jean Richert were invited to appear on "The Big Payoff," a fashion revue telecast sponsored by the Colgate-Palmolive Company. After two TV appearances they won many lovely prizes. Among the prizes were many articles of clothing, perfume and luggage.

Junior Class Plans J-Hop

The Junior class has begun preparations for the annual J-Hop which will be held in Tyler Center on April 3 at 8:30 p.m.

The theme committee, under the direction of Ann Hoffman, is preparing a theme for the dance and will announce it in the near future. Carole Cummings is selecting the orchestra.

Lynn Crawford heads the decorations committee and Edna LaFleur is in charge of the tickets and the publicity. Mary Jane Hart is planning the refreshments.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING—
MARCH 20 TOMORROW!

Grove Returns to Alma Campus

Dr. Eugene F. Grove, former head of the Alma College Music Department, will return to our campus to give a concert with his Central Michigan Madrigal Singers for an assembly on March 24. The program will also include two tenor solos by Mr. William Knapp and a piano solo by Miss Sandra Seal.

The program to be presented will be as follows:

- Since First I Saw Your Face Thomas Ford
- The Silver Moon Is Shining Italian Folk-Tune
- Come Again, Sweet Love John Dowland
- The Madrigal Singers
- Star Vicino Salvator Rosa
- Ah, Moon of My Delight ("In a Persian Garden") Liza Lahmann
- William Knapp, Tenor
- Come, Shepherds, Follow Me John Bennet
- Oh, Gentle Moon David Stephen
- Love Me Truly, Shepherdess Jacques LeFevre
- The Madrigal Singers
- Romance Jean Sibelius
- Sandra Seal, Pianist
- Falling in Love with Love Richard Rodgers
- Holiday Song William Schuman
- Strange Music ("Song of Norway") Robert Wright and George Forrest
- Choral Selection ("Carousel") Richard Rodgers
- The Madrigal Singers

Dr. Grove says, about his return to Alma, "We are very happy for the opportunity to see my friends at Alma."

The members of the madrigal singers are as follows: Alma Grace Beach, Holly; Betty Rae Brisse, Harbor Beach; Donna Bryce, Mt. Pleasant; Maynard Faul, Alma; Herbert Hutchins, Flint; Jack Johnson, Six Lakes; William Knapp, Mt. Pleasant; Paul Oberle, Silverwood; Lorraine Osterman, Standish; Sandra Seal, Fenton; and Jo Ann Zook, Shepherd.

About Face!

Interested in flying? Well, if you belong to the superior sex (male) and are between the ages of 19 and 26½ years of age with a strong body under your sound mind, just amble to Tyler Center on March 29 and tell the man in the blue uniform that you are interested in becoming an aviation cadet.

Margot Courtright Gives Concert

Miss Margot Courtright, pianist, gave a concert in a special assembly, Friday morning, March 19. Miss Courtright has made frequent appearances as a soloist in chamber music groups and in radio broadcasts. This year Miss Courtright was invited to play the first performance of a new composition by Noel Sokoloff on the American Festival Broadcast sponsored by WNYC. This spring she will present her first complete solo recital in New York City.

Miss Courtright came from a musical family. When she was a child she attended the Cosmopolitan School in Chicago. She later attended Vassar college and graduated in 1951 with honors in music. While at Vassar she was active in a variety of musical organizations, was the piano accompanist for the college glee club, and also directed and composed student musicals.

Miss Courtright's advanced study included work at the Mannes College of Music in New York City where she studied under Frank Sheridan of New York. Miss Courtright plans to study in Europe next year.

Miss Courtright's program for the assembly included the following selections:

- Prelude and Fugue in D-Minor by Bach.
- Andante in F-Major by Beethoven.
- Sonata No. 2 in G-Minor by Schumann.
- Suite, Op. 14, by Bartok.
- Berceuse Etude in C Sharp Minor by Chopin.

Also, while in Alma, Miss Courtright gave a recital at Alma high school. She is a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schults, principal of Alma high school.

Represent Alma

Connie Koch and Miss Kathleen Dillinger will represent Alma at the annual meeting of the Associated Women Students of Michigan. The meeting will be held today and tomorrow at Cedar Lake, with Michigan State Normal College acting as host. Included in the conference will be representatives from the various liberal arts colleges of Michigan.

Students Hear Noted Lecturer

On his seventh tour of American colleges, Mr. Donald Grant, lecturer and world traveler, outlined the basis of decisive world events before the Alma college student body Wednesday, March 18.

His lecture, "Dynamic Forces Transform the World," was a survey of the growing world and provided the framework from which significant world events can be more easily understood.

Mr. Grant has traveled in four continents and has acquired a broad knowledge in history, geography, economics, culture and policies of nations from a worldwide viewpoint. He is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and has been a student of European and world affairs since World War II.

W.S.F. Fund Drive Held

"Partnership, not pity, builds the world university community" is a dramatic quotation stating the need for help and cooperation between the various universities and colleges throughout the world. During the week of March 6-11 the World Student Service Fund drive was carried on at Alma college.

In former years various shows and contests were given by students and faculty members in order to raise money for this fund. However, this year the students and faculty members were asked to donate as much money as they felt they could afford. Cannisters were set in various spots in Wright Hall, the three fraternity houses, and in the Tyler Student Center. Several students surveyed faculty homes for contributions. The official report of the week's results have not yet been tabulated.

The money contributed to the (Continued to page two)



Dr. Eugene Grove

Bolo, Wyngarden Represent College

Marcio Bolo and Fred Wyngarden represented Alma college in the state oratorical contest at Hope college, March 5.

Although Alma did not place in the contest, Marcia was one of the thirteen women in the women's division and Fred was one of the seven students in the men's group. Hope college won the title in the men's division, while Kalamazoo copped the women's division honors.

Marcia's oration, "Three Little Words" was the same speech that won for her first place in the Bradley Oratorical Contest held here in Alma last February. Fred's speech, "Tomorrows That Sing," also won first place in the Bradley contest that qualified Fred and Marcia for the state oratorical contest.

Fred and Marcia both agreed that it was an exciting and worthwhile experience. Professor Mikle, their advisor, commented that it was a great honor for Fred and Marcia to be able to compete in the state finals in spite of the fact that they did not place.

Silence Is Golden

You must have been subjected to this before that
old axiom: "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't
make him drink; but, have you ever heard of the other

GREEK GAB

PHI PHI ALPHA

The Phi Phi Alpha fraternity will present its annual Phi Phi Week on March 20, in the Jerry Thayer student center. The "Phais" will feature a comedy dance and carnival with side shows and individual acts along with dancing.

The Tyler auditorium will be decorated in a carnival mood with the side shows along the outside and dancing in the center. There will also be stage entertainment during intermission. Committee for the "Phai" are decorating Art Brown, refreshments, Homer Smith and John Bridge water.

Music and skits will feature Al Watcworth, Mary Raab, Bob Hamilton, Howie Wray and Doyle McIntosh.

Phi Phi Alpha is proud to announce the names of our twenty-two new members. The "Hell Week" initiation for pledges is

being held in the Tyler auditorium on March 20. The new members are: Bob Fritter, Bob Pendleton, Bud Davies, Wayne Martin, Peter Putnam, S. Petrus, and the winner trying to straighten the press cut.

Pendleton's body is created by the manager, Max Levant. Jim Coon's is a new one, and must be found. What could be better than a murdered man's body? This puts the manager, Bob Pendleton, in a rather embarrassing position. To make this more interesting, Joe, in his new body, falls in love with the girl, Cathy Campbell, but she is left out to court her because he has such a fine body.

This is a surprising case of a man who goes into a live event on April 6 and performs in an April 9. The Phi Phi Alpha fraternity will hold an Open House for all those planning to attend the Phi Phi Week. Time will be from 7:30 until the dance begins. Punch will be served this program. A social event is planned to set the mood for the fun which will follow. Plans are under way for a special entertainment program.

DELTA GAMMA TAU

The Delta Gamma Tau fraternity will present its Delta Gamma Week on March 21 in the Jerry Thayer student center. The week will feature a show, entertainment, and the traditional water combing.

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ALPHA THETA

Tuesday night, March 9, a caravan of gypsies gathered around a camp fire in the Alpha Theta room. Rushees and members joined in games, singing and fortune telling. One of the funniest parts of the evening was the fashion show of lovely hats. The girls are quite creative. Following a strenuous hour of games, the girls rushed to the tables for delicious barbecues, potato chips, chocolate milk or white milk and coconut cookies. To end the evening the Zetas serenaded the girls.

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SIGMA PHI

With the sorority breakfast Tuesday morning, the "Sigs" are naturally quite busy. Two weeks of rushing will follow it before the rushees will become full-fledged members.

The "Sigs" hope that rushees have enjoyed the teas, spreads,

and dinners as much as the sorority enjoyed making the paddles, etched glass, and name cards.

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Who's Who Roger P. Vance

When Roger P. Vance was born in 1932, we were in the midst of a great depression. His parents, provided for him a comfortable life for the first ten years of his life. His parents, however, were not able to provide for him a comfortable life for the rest of his life.

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As I wrote this article in the Almanian office, I noticed a sign above me saying, "A Word to the Wise is Irritating," and signed, R. P. V.

Vet's Club Active

The Veterans Club at Alma College has been very active in the past few weeks. The following officers were elected: president, John Hurst; vice-president, Frank Williams; and secretary-treasurer, Bob Benjamin. Mr. Hurst is the competition with his four brothers and the division.

Members of the club formed the color guard that participated in chapel service on Washington's birthday. The club has done much to help the community.

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Martens' Memairs

by Wayne Martens

As spring approaches, our fair share of a young man's father, friends to convertibles. I am once again reminded of the many relationships here at Alma College. This time the situation seems to be in a different light than it did just last fall when I wrote an English paper on the 3rd volume, entitled, "Why the Scots Wear Kilts." It seems as if the girls are suffering more from their despondency than the boys. Despite the gross abundance of the very few sex, women still remain undated on campus. I might attribute this to the boy's desire to study, but I won't. The truth is that women take too much for granted. In this rapidly progressing world, women are slowly gaining the upper hand and so they tell themselves they no longer need men. But we men know better. Girls! when you fight fire with fire, both flames die. Remember, honey draws more fire than vinegar. Spruce yourself up everyday. It takes a DeLia to catch a Sampson. And girls, by the way, in your search for masculinity, remember, "Martens is within!"

Speaking of Sampsons, that Dickie is rumored about that a certain young Galahad is letting his hair grow rather long. The student body must have had pity on this soul for they have distributed canisters called W.S.F. This must stand for "Wayne's short hair fund." Please contribute all you can.

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Alma Champs: Then and Now!

Team of 1908 First Champs

By Ralph Springfield and Eugene Davis

For the last three seasons Alma has managed to win the M.I.A.A. baseball championship, either outright or sharing it. Since Alma has been a perennial power in baseball, we thought it would be interesting to see what kind of baseball teams we have had in the past. Upon checking the old files at the Alma Record we found this story dating back to June 19, 1908.

The Pennant Winners
Alma College Baseball Nine
Trained by Coach Harper Did the Work

Johnny Johnson in the Box
Alma won the state championship in the intercollegiate league for the first time this Friday by defeating Albion by the score of 3 to 1.

While Alma was picked as a winner by all local supporters, everyone expected Albion to make a fight. And, in this respect, Albion did not disappoint anyone. They were in the game from the start to finish and even after Alma took a commanding lead in the sixth inning, they fought hard to avert the impending defeat.

But it was a fruitless effort, the Alma boys played winning ball from start to finish. Smiling Sidney Johnson was in the box for Alma and it was his everlasting smile, excellent pitching, cool-headed judgment of critical moments and consistent batting that kept his teammates on a fighting edge all the time.

The game started slowly but in the third inning for Alma, Helmer singled and scored Campbell with the first run of the game. In the sixth, Alma's Campbell opened with a beautiful two-bagger, Helmer laid down a bunt in front of the plate that sent Campbell to third, though Helmer was out at first. Duncanson followed with a single that scored Campbell, and then made two daring steals to second and third. Ehler responded to the occasion by driving out a three bagger, and Duncanson came over for the third score.

Alma did not have to depend on Johnson, however, for the work of the Alma infield was the finest ever seen here. They went after, and got, everything. Some of the stops they made were of the hair-raising variety and roused the crowd to a fevered heat.

It was just an illustration of the fine class of ball Harper has coached his men to, and the kind that wins every time in the long run.

In the seventh inning Toots Hall, the Olivet umpire, was hit in the neck by a foul tip and for a few moments was laid out but he pluckily resumed the game amid the applause from the entire crowd.

It was an ideal day for a ball game, and a big crowd turned out to witness it. Alma engaged the Mt. Pleasant Indian brass band to help make noise. Albion was on hand with its college band and a good bunch of loyal rooters.



Alma's Championship Baseball Team. Vintage—1908

Letter Winners Announced

Coach Fred Lawrence has announced the following lettermen for the 1953-'54 basketball season: Gordon MacDonald, Dave Stockham, Bill McIntosh, John Sawyer, Mark Thelen, Bud Miller, Gordon Crimmins, Gil Payton, Jim Ford, George Fox, Howard Wiley and Ed DeCausin. This year's team won 7 and lost 7, for a respectable third place in the M.I.A.A. Next year the Scots are expected to make a run for the championship; they could very well do it with a high scoring center. While Jim Ford and Dave Stockham are defensive standouts and are potentially high scorers, they have not as yet reached their peaks. Mark Thelen looked very good in the final game against Kalamazoo as he dumped in 16 points. Maybe Mark will be our answer to a high scoring center.

Scots Lose Two Seniors

The Scots will lose only two seniors—Gordon MacDonald and John Sawyer. Both boys are fine ball players and will be sorely missed, Gordon for his accurate shooting and John for his rebounding and fine defensive playing. George Fox and Bud Miller who scored 311 and 279 points respectively will be back next year. These boys are our one-team combination, and we are expecting big things from them next year. Also, Gil Payton, freshman guard from Detroit, will be coming back next year. Gil teamed with Fox to make a very fine guard combination. Gil was third high scorer with 173 points.

Howard Wiley, Ed DeCausin, Bill MacIntosh and Gordon Crimmins are also returning for next year's basketball season. Although these boys did not play a great deal of basketball, they are expected to develop into fine ball players.

At a recent meeting of the basketball team they selected an all-opponent team. They were: Hughes, Adrian; Hendrickson, Hope; Dempsey, Albion; Roi, Albion; and Vroom of Calvin.

Bolt from the Blue

Of course when you say that one baseball game was more dramatic than another, you can always get an argument. But, certainly, somewhere near the top of the all-time spine-tingling conclusions, was the one played between the New York Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates on July 17, 1914.

It was the top of the twenty-first inning and the score stood one to one. In the first half of that inning the Giants managed to score two runs. But the Pirates weren't to be denied either. With two outs they managed to load the bases. The players were unaware that the sky was getting darker and darker and in the distance the roll of thunder could be heard.

And then the sharp crack of the bat against the ball was heard. The Pirate batter had hit the ball far out into centerfield. If it fell safe the score would be tied, or maybe so.

But the Giant centerfielder went back confidently for the ball. He also reached for the ball confidently, but just as he did so a bolt of lightning came darting out of the heavens toward him.

He fell headlong to the ground and didn't get up.

Everybody, of course, started running toward him... except the Pirate runners who were running for home plate and victory.

But they didn't get a single run out of it.

For the centerfielder, though struck down by lightning, and still unconscious when the umpire got to him, had managed to hold on to the ball, and save the game for the Giants.

Colleges Begin New Type Organization

Eleven Michigan colleges have started to organize to help support and improve high school and college athletic programs with actual organization to come at a meeting to be held in May for the group. A recent meeting at Michigan State college found representatives from the eleven schools including Alma college, which was represented by Athletic Director Lloyd Eaton and Doyle McIntosh, a student from Hazel Park.

The new organization agreed upon these four objectives:

To create more interest in high school athletic policies and programs.

To bind the colleges of the state of Michigan closer together in their support of college athletics.

To support college athletics as an integral phase of the academic and educational programs of colleges and universities and to foster better understanding between faculty, students and athletes.

The following committee on organization was named to function between now and the next meeting which will be held either at Albion, Ferris or Western Michigan sometime in May:

Wayne: Roger Parmentier and Lou Zarza; Ferris: Robert Leaser and Sam Ketchman; Albion: Tom Schwarzer and Elkin Isaac; Western Michigan: Jim Stevenson and Jack Petoskey; Michigan State: Wayne Lawrie and John W. Morris.

Eight Scots Return for Baseball

With eight returning lettermen, Coach Charlie Skinner is building up what he hopes will be Alma's fourth straight baseball championship team.

John Noud, sophomore outfielder, who led M.I.A.A. batsmen last year, leads the field of returning outfielders. Other outfielders who have seen action are Bobby Hamilton and Denny Stolz. All three have had experience playing next to each other and show signs of combining for a well balanced outfield.

Captain-elect Elton Luckritz will hold down the first base spot, while Robert DeStefano and Howard Wiley will be fighting for the starting nod on the keystone sack.

The starting battery will most likely combine the talents of catcher Don Godfrey and pitcher Dave Freer.

Charlie Skinner's main problem is finding capable replacements for the vacant positions; but the freshman crop looks promising and so do the Scot chances for their fourth straight M.I.A.A. baseball championship.

What present day pitcher says he had a bad year in 1953 because he had won only 18 games?

If you said Whitey Ford of the Yankees, you were right!

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