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## Initiate \$800,000 Housing Campaign

### A Cappella Choir Visits Niagara Falls on Tour "We Need Africa" Trustees Subscribe, Harker Announces

#### Return Thursday

The Alma College A Cappella Choir departed on its annual Christmas concert tour Saturday, December 11. Under the direction of Prof. Ernest G. Sullivan, the voice choir is singing for several churches and high school audiences during the tour. Members of the Bacon Memorial Church of Niagara Falls, New York entertained the choir over the week end.

Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service and the 11:00 a.m. service the choir presented a musical program at the First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls. The Bacon Memorial Church will hear the choir in concert Sunday evening at eight.

Riverside High School of Buffalo, New York and Kensington High School of Buffalo heard the choir Monday, December 13, before the choir turned homeward to present a musical program for Centerline high school Wednesday in Centerline, Michigan. Members of Erin Presbyterian Church, Roseville, Michigan will hear the choir on Wednesday.

Sponsoring churches take care of expenses for the choir tour in providing overnight accommodations, ushering at the concerts, and paying traveling expenses.

Alma's famed A Cappella Choir has offered a superior type of musical interpretation for thousands of people since its founding in 1930. During the spring the choir will present the second part of the annual tour.

The concert numbers are as follows:

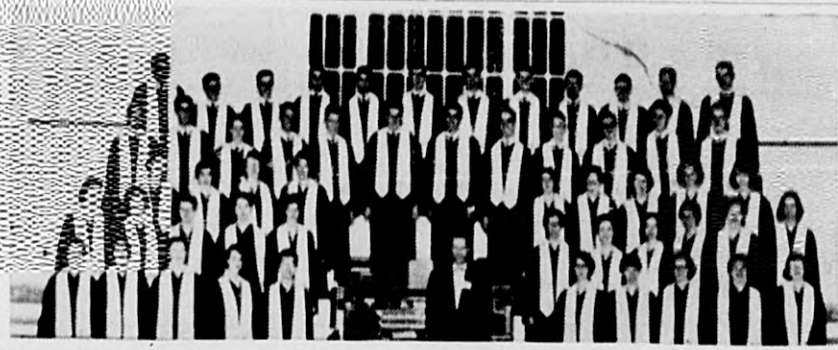
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Alleluia . . . . . Randall Thompson  
Lo How a Rose Michael Praetorius  
O How Shall I Receive Thee . . . . . Gustav Schreck  
Adoramus Te, Christe . . . . . Wolfgang A. Mozart  
Hodie Christus Natus Est . . . . . G. P. Palestrina
- II  
Angels and the Shepherds . . . . . Poldan Kodaly  
Wolcum Yole (A Ceremony of Carols) . . . . . Benjamin Britten  
Ladies' Choir with Leona Lashaw, Pianist
- III  
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The Three Kings . . . Healey Willan  
Beautiful Saviour . . . . . F. M. Christiansen
- IV  
Hoch . . . . . Edmunson  
Philip Vance, Organist
- V  
Slovak Carols . . . . . arr. by Haller  
Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella . . . . . arr. by Davison  
Men's Choir  
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### Apply Humanities On English Req't

Six hours of credit in Humanities may be applied in place of the three hour English requirement for graduation. It was announced recently. The Humanities course is a cross section of the arts, and includes a historical study of painting, sculpture, architecture, music, philosophy, and literature.

Humanities 22, which will be offered next semester, will cover the modern period, from 1850 to 1950. Included in the study will be selections from Tennyson, Browning, Whitman, de Maupassant, Thomas Mann, Franz Kafka, T. S. Eliot, and many others, as well as a study in the art of Picasso, Van Gogh and other modern artists.

Humanities 22 will be taught by Professor Henry Klomp of the English department. Professors from the departments of art, music, and philosophy will be invited to lecture from time to time.



The Alma College A Cappella Choir left on tour last Saturday and returns Thursday.

### To Read Klomp's Poems on Dutch Program

Professor Henry Klomp, head of the English department, has been invited to send some of his translations of modern Dutch poetry to be used in a Dutch radio broadcast, he learned recently.

Prof. Klomp learned this in a letter from James S. Holmes of the Netherlands, who is giving a series of talks on contemporary Dutch poetry to be broadcast by the English section of Radio Netherland International Service.

Holmes first discovered that Prof. Klomp had made these translations when it was mentioned in an article entitled "Verspreiding van Nederlandse cultuur in de V. S." appearing in the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant*, a Dutch newspaper published in Rotterdam.

### Sell College Cook Books

The "Alma College Cook Book" containing hundreds of kitchen-tested recipes is now on sale. These books make attractive and useful gifts for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Charles F. DuBois, 706 State street, Alma, Michigan, will be happy to have her Alma friends call her at 45-M for one of the books. Those people out of town should contact Mrs. DuBois by mail and send \$1.00 for the book and 25c postage.

### Study Student Council Powers

A committee composed of Jan Zeilinger, George Spriggs and Jack Carleton, together with Dean Stielstra will meet in the near future to define the powers of the student council, according to an announcement made recently. The committee will consult with President Harker and have these powers verified.

### Gesellschaft Sings Carols and Hears Christmas Story

A group of twenty German students took part in the Weihnachtsprogramm or Christmas program presented by die Lustige Gesellschaft last Tuesday evening. The group sang German Christmas carols and heard the Christmas story told in German by president Eugene Pattison. Dick Schluckbier and Chester Gross were in charge of the program.

**Revise Constitution**  
The group made several necessary changes in their constitution at this meeting and decided to meet again on January 4.

### Are Now Holding Mexican Children's Party

The Christmas party for Mexican children is taking place in the chapel this afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m.

**A Cooperative Effort**  
The party this year is sponsored by the Alma Christian Association and the Sociology department as a co-operative effort. Originally the party was a project of the Wright Hall girls, and in other years it has been handled by either the A.G.A. or the Sociology department. Co-chairmen were Gwenn Cross, representing the Sociology department, and Mary Lou Hartwick, of the A.C.A.

**List and Acknowledge**  
The Spanish Club helped to make decorations and plan games. Faculty sponsors were Miss Steward, Dr. Nichols, and Dr. Miller. The committee would also like to acknowledge the help of Tom Manion and the Alma merchants, faculty members, and college students who have donated time, toys, or other materials.

A unique feature of the party this year was the string hanging in Tyler Center upon which every student was requested to hang an ornament for use in decorating the tree for the children.

The pinata, an old Mexican custom, is among the festivities taking place in the chapel basement. A pinata is an ornamental receptacle which is suspended from the ceiling and broken in order to send out a shower of candy.



Students decorate a tree in the main lounge of Tyler center. Left to right, they are Tom Dodd, Bob Benjamin (standing), Jim Hill (background), Betty Dillon, Damon Colbari, and Craig Wilson.

Events of the afternoon other than the pinata are games, refreshments, movies, carol singing in Spanish, and a visit from Santa Claus with a toy for every child. Committees and chairment for the event included decorations—

"Africa doesn't need us; we need Africa," Len Stuttman told Alma College students in an assembly program presented last Wednesday. Mr. Stuttman's program consisted of a movie showing the natural resources of Liberia, the only free republic in Africa.

Among these resources were iron ore, rubber, and cocoa. He pointed out that a cocoa tree requires several transplantings, and does not produce for eight years. Further, he showed the group several temperate plants which had been adapted to tropic zones.

A large portion of his film was devoted to the African methods of fishing.

**Liberia, A Negro Republic**  
Liberia, the country in which these resources were shown, was founded over two hundred years ago by a group of freed American slaves. Only Negroes are permitted to own property and hold citizenship there. Stuttman also pointed out the paradox of the country's motto, "The Love of Liberty Brought Us Here" in a time when the Negro in America was still enslaved.

Mr. Stuttman's program also included some recordings of African music, which he presented as the forerunner of modern American jazz music, including such beats as the Samba, Mamba, Conga, and Calypso.

**Graduated from State**  
Len Stuttman is a trained biologist. Since his graduation from Michigan State College he has spent more of his time exploring the nature of the world from behind a camera than through a microscope.

During his sophomore year at college, Len traveled to Alaska for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He filmed his Alaskan experiences and upon his return to the U. S., was able to defray some of his expenses by showing the films as a documentary travelogue.

Since that time, his adventures have taken him from the wilds of Alaska to the heart of Africa.

The Alma College board of trustees has launched a campaign to raise over \$800,000 for student housing, according to an announcement made this morning by President Harker. The funds will cover the cost of building the new women's dormitory, remodeling Wright Hall for men, and the renovation of Wright Hall.

To date members of the board of trustees have contributed \$207,480 to the dormitory fund.

### Announcement Stresses Housing Need

President Harker's announcement stressed the critical need for student housing at Alma, and outlined the details of the board's action. "More than endorsing this program," said Dr. Harker, "the board voted unanimously that this effort should be launched by every member of the board making some personal contribution. During the weeks that have followed the meeting of the board, a quiet campaign has been conducted among the members of the board.

### Trustees Contribute to Fund

Dr. Harker further stated, "I am sorry that I cannot announce to the faculty and student body before they leave campus for the Christmas holiday that this campaign has been completed. On the other hand, I am happy to announce that as this Christmas issue of the *almanian* goes to press, every trustee of the college with one single exception has made a fine contribution to our dormitory fund. That man has been ill and I am confident that his contribution will be in hand as soon as he is physically able to give his attention to such matters."

### Expect to Announce Completion at Commencement

To date members of the board of trustees have contributed \$207,480 to our dormitory fund. Other friends have joined in the effort, and promotion of the dormitory fund will be the major emphasis of the administration, beginning with the new year. I have cause to feel that a very satisfactory announcement can be made at the Commencement season."

### Supt. Phillips Addresses FTA

Superintendent Phillips of the Alma Public Schools spoke to the college chapter of the Future Teachers of America concerning what a superintendent looks for in certifying teachers, at their last meeting held last Tuesday.

At the previous meeting, held November 16, Barbara Wisniewski gave a report on the origin and purpose of National Education week, and Paul Manzullo reported on the celebration of NEW in St. Louis.

Twenty-three persons belong to this group, which meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Arts 4. Jim Hollingsworth is president of the group, and is assisted by vice-president, Paul Manzullo; secretary, Gail Sutherland; and treasurer, Barbara Wisniewski. Professor Enna Pigg is faculty advisor for this group.

### Assumes Duties

Dr. Harold VandenBosch, executive assistant to President Harker, has assumed his duties here, and is temporarily living in the guest quarters in Wright Hall.

His family will arrive about January 10. They will make their home at 630 State Street in Alma.



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## lopitBsn Implies Thoushf Control

By Thomas Scholl  
 In the summer 1953  
 committee of college coaches met to choose a debate topic for the following year. They decided upon a topic of vital, national importance: "The United States of America should not become a Communist country."

- AN / OBJECTONS?

Washington has been afraid to take a stand on anything concerning Communism. The "Cream" has arisen from the fact that in national debates a team must be prepared to take either the affirmative or negative side of the question. This would mean that some speak in favor of

rose to national importance this fall when freshmen and cadets attending the military academy at Annapolis and West Point debated the question: "The United States of America should not become a Communist country." The reason advanced for this prohibition was that it would be improper to make public statements in support of either side.

### Needed: A Modern Nativity

Christ's Mass. 1954. It is swiftly approaching. 1955 years ago (historian? tell us? Christ was actually born in 4 B.C. in a stable in a manger in Bethlehem. The Nativity, it was said, was the birth of the hearts of men.

Somehow the Zeitgeist or spirit of our day, a perverted deus ex machina, replaces Man in the festival of the Saturnalia. With one voice we say "their wiseacres have seen the light; the time has come to worship the incandescent light which somehow replaced the Bethlehem."

And somehow the Word made Flesh has replaced the Word made Man. The Christian religion is a phantom. Christ still lives to assert himself. The deus ex machina is no machine out of spirit and goodwill. And to Marx and his proletariat we respond that babies, not classes, make history. Class conflicts are but a part of the sea of destiny. Christ's birth is an epic event which precludes the rise of empires, be they Roman, Russian, or Alamanian.

Sonje here and there the rush and rustle of the Christmas season we may find the true Christmas spirit. Two thousand years ago ought to cast its light upon our hearts. Christmas two years ago was rewarding to me, a freshman at Alma, because of the personal warmth involved in it. This, it is indeed the core of the celebration.

Psychologists warn against excessive fantasies. Christmas is a wholesome fantasy, checked against reality and allowed to remain in our mind and cherished throughout the year.

E. H. P.

### Students Can't Kick on Chapel System

Compulsory chapel programs have been a gripe with Aima College students since time almost immemorial. The college council members met on October 4 to discuss the matter. Each faculty member must speak in chapel at least once a week, which has been reduced from five to four minutes. The compulsory chapel programs, which were even more opposed and asked for their removal by the vice-president

their heels would not debate the national topic. Other school officials are now considering a ban on the Christian Science Monitor. Christian Science Monitor advised a student at Duke University not to take the affirmative in the debate because "quote - from your statements may embarrass you for the rest of your life." Roberson remarked that he was "surprised that responsible faculty members or educators would involve the students in a debate on such a topic at this particular time."

Another debate coach, Professor Julius F. Prufer, of Roanoke College, said: "As I understand it Professor Puffer said. Mr. Roberson told students at another college 'net to debate the affirmative and if they did, he wanted their names and copies of their speeches to go into their FBI file.' Now, I know that the Communists can say that we are cutting off and we are forbidding or limiting of speech, and that cannot be helped. But I believe we have gotten into a point where we are

Frank Sullivan, Detroit Free Press

think "yes" or "no" on any given topic? Have we reached the point where we will soon see signs warning us that "Big Brother is watching"? Have we reached the point where all newspapers and radio



A group of people gathered around a table, possibly participating in a community event or a school activity.

**By the Middle School Students' Welfare Fund**  
 The fund is a voluntary contribution to the welfare of the students of the middle school. It is managed by the students themselves, with the help of their teachers. The fund is used to purchase books, supplies, and other items that are needed for the school. It is a great way for the students to help each other and their school.



A group of people performing on a stage, possibly a band or a choir.

**Music and More**  
 The school has a variety of music programs, including a band, a choir, and a jazz ensemble. The students are given the opportunity to learn and perform music, which is a great way to develop their talents and have fun. The school also has a music room where the students can practice their instruments and work on their compositions.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Month	Day	Event
September	1	Back to School
	2	Open House
	3	First Day of School
	4	Assembly
	5	Field Trip
	6	Assembly
	7	Field Trip
	8	Assembly
	9	Field Trip
	10	Assembly
	11	Field Trip
	12	Assembly
October	1	Assembly
	2	Field Trip
	3	Assembly
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**More Dorothy Eisenhower**



A portrait of Dorothy Eisenhower, a young girl with dark hair, looking slightly to the side.

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# ALMANIAN CHRISTMAS FEATURES

## Pres. Harker Extends Christmas Greetings

The editor of the almanian has asked me to contribute an editorial as a Christmas greeting to the students, as you leave campus for the Christmas holiday. I am indeed glad to comply with this request. We have had a fine semester thus far and I hope that you have a glorious Christmas with your parents and friends at home.

Christmas is not a day nor a season. Christmas is a condition of the heart. "Unto us a Child is born" does not tell the whole story. Into the world an infant came. A radiance has circled humanity's head, a warmth has entered its heart since the Child of Bethlehem came. Especially at this season of the year we feel it in the very air. Everywhere we hear sweet melodies. Handclaps are a little stronger and good cheer radiates on every side. In all it is but the echo of the angel assurance, "I bring you good tidings of great joy."

"Are you willing to believe," wrote Henry Van Dyke, "that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and the brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it one day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone." I hope that Henry Van Dyke's

## Greek Christmas Festival Is Similar to Ours

By Gus Pappas (as told to Harry Bertrand)

The Greeks celebrate their Christmas in much the same way that we do, and have their celebration on the same day. Schools are dismissed on December 23 and do not open until January 9.

There are two main ways in which Greek Christmases differ from ours. One of these differences is that they do not exchange gifts until New Year's Eve. For Christmas day they have the traditional turkey dinner. They sing Christmas carols and have a Christmas tree.

Their New Year's Eve celebration is much like ours. They exchange gifts on New Year's day and all of the relatives play cards until midnight. They then turn out the lights for a few seconds, and when the lights come back on they have their gifts. Finally they have a big turkey dinner.

The Greeks, like the Americans, have mistletoe, and they use it in the same way.

For the young children there is St. Basil, the Greek counterpart of Santa Claus. He is dressed in the same way and tells the same story as our Santa does about sled and reindeer, coming down chimneys. The only difference is in the name.

thinking may be the thinking of every Almanian, as he leaves campus for another Christmas Season. In behalf of the College, I say to you all, "A joyous Christmas to you!" And may you return to campus resolved to make the New Year the greatest year of your life.

John Stanley Harker

## Many Student Groups Sing Christmas Carols

By Mildred Ambrose

Do you have a ringing in your ears? Nice, isn't it? That's the chapel bells chiming out the traditional Christmas carols over the campus.

Alma college students are fond of the carols, if one is to judge by the variety of ways in which they are being presented this year. You will always remember the beautiful chapel program by Mrs. Marker and the choir which gave us an insight into the history of some of our popular carols.

The Alma Christian Association and the St. Louis Youth Fellowship are sponsoring a caroling hay ride the evening of Thursday, December 16th. Carolers from the A.C.A. recreation program and the youth fellowship, as well as any interested students, will meet at 6:30 to be taken aboard wagons. The group will proceed through Alma and St. Louis, led by a police escort. Their last stop before returning to the college for refreshments will be at the Masonic home.

After the choir concert last Wednesday evening, a large portion of those attending gathered in Tyler Auditorium for a carol sing led by Professor Ernest Sullivan.

If one were to eavesdrop on the various language clubs about the campus, he might hear his favorite carols sung to the familiar music but with rather different words.



Students gathered in Tyler Auditorium last Wednesday evening following the choir concert, to sing Christmas carols.

One of the most charming traditions at Wright Hall is the carol serenade by the Senior women. This takes place after the annual dorm Christmas party. Arrayed in white robes and carrying lighted

candles, the Seniors tour the halls singing.

So if you are interested in hearing carols, keep your ears open and you are apt to hear one from some direction.

## 13 Christmases A Year

In Ethiopia, natives celebrate the birth of Jesus 13 times a year—once every month and twice in April—holding that Christ had so many attributes that He could not have been born but once.

## "A Super-Chemical Christmas Tree"

by Dick Schluckbier

The festivities and hustle and bustle of the Christmas season have so moved us, that we thought that we would just like to expound a bit on a little poetry about Christmas. This little tidbit is entitled: "Christmas in the Chem. Lab." or "The Walls Came Tumbling Down."

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the school No thoughts were stirring but those of the Yule. We students were there in our classes all right, But it wasn't the lessons that made our eyes bright. Our profs at desks and we in our seats Both knew we were dreaming of presents and treats. When suddenly, Wham! outside of the wall, We heard a great crash and then a loud call. We students were out of our seats in a flash, You'd think we were out for the fifty-yard dash! The door of the Chemistry lab was still there, But it seemed to be hanging alone in the air. And what to our wondering eyes should appear But a figure enveloped in smoke and a leer, Which staggered and stumbled and puffed and blew, While the smoke lifted and we could see through To the sad remains of what was to be

A super-chemical Christmas tree! We gazed in awe as we watched it fade

Slowly into a murky shade. And we heard a voice as we went along — "I guess I got that formula wrong." Bye Now and a Merry Christmas to ya.

## (That Holy Thing)

By George MacDonald

They all were looking for a king To slay their foes and lift them high, Thou cam'st, a little baby thing, That made a woman cry. O son of man, to right my lot Nought but thy presence can avail; Yet on the road thy wheels are not, Nor on the seas thy sail! My fancied way why shouldst thou heed? Thou cam'st down thine own secret stair, Cam'st down to answer all my need, Yea, every bygone prayer! For who hath nought to give but love, Gives all his heart away, And giving all, hath all to give, Another Christmas Day.

"A good secretary laughs at her boss' jokes—not because they are clever, but because SHE is."—H. C. Diefenbach.

More than 15% of all our tornadoes occur in the month of June (That's when most marriages occur, too!)

## Pioneer Men Are Intrigued by Greek Student

by Harry Bertrand

The boys at Pioneer Hall this semester have been interested in one of its roomers in room 304. Perhaps you too have seen this young man around campus. He is short, has very curly blond hair and blue eyes, and is quite stocky. Yes, you are right. He is Constantine Papageorghiou or as we call him, Gus. Gus, a very likeable boy from Athens, Greece, says that the Americans are good people.

Our friend came from Athens, Greece, on Sept. 19, 1954. He plans to attend Alma College for three years, and will get his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. After three years at Alma he plans to attend the University of Michigan for two years, and will go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his final year.

In Athens, Gus has two sisters. Their ages are six and fourteen. Gus's father is a professor of the English Language and a supervisor of an electric company in Athens. Gus was president of his high school class for two years and president of the student council for one year. In high school he maintained an average of high "B".

He has no trouble with our language. He also speaks French fluently. He can't understand why we Americans have trouble with our own language when he doesn't as a foreign student.

The schools in Greece are quite different from ours. Many students who think schools are rough here ought to attend the Greek schools for a while. The school system is divided into three classes: kindergarten, grade school or Dymoteco, and high school or Greek Gymnasiums.

In kindergarten children between the ages of four and six years attend schools from nine to twelve. They sing songs, are told stories, and play games.

After kindergarten they enter grade school or Dymoteco, which they attend for six years. They go from eight 'til twelve and don't return after lunch.

On entering Dymoteco, the children have no choice of course. They take mathematics, religion (study of Old and New Testaments in story form), modern Greek general science, Greek history, mythology and physical education.

Upon completing these courses the students take an entrance exam and enter high school. If one fails his exam, he takes the last year over again, and must repeat the entrance exam until he can pass it. After passing the entrance exam, students attend high school from twelve to eighteen.

In the high school, or Greek Gymnasiums, there is again no



Gus Pappas, freshman from Athens, Greece, looks up from his studies in Room 304 of Pioneer Hall.

choice of courses. For the first four years everyone takes the same courses: religion (study of Old and New Testaments), one year of Christian ethics, ancient Greek (translation of Greek philosophers from ancient to modern Greek), (composition, modern Greek (study of modern writers), mathematics (simple algebra to advanced trigonometry), one year of astronomy, history of every type, one year of logic, one year of philosophy, physical education and six years of both English and French.

At the end of each year the student must pass the final examinations to continue his study. If he fails two or more exams, he must repeat the year.

During the last two years students may choose their courses in line with their vocational plans.

Every student takes eleven or twelve classes a day and attend each class for forty-five minutes.

Students in Greek schools stand when the teacher enters. Grade school children address their instructor as "teacher," high school students call their teacher "professor."

In public schools boys and girls are segregated; however, in private schools they are all together. Girls all dress alike, wearing blue skirts with white blouses. In grade schools, the boys dress in dresses for the first four years.

In Greece, Gus likes to play soccer and chess in his free time. He can't quite figure out our game of football yet. In this country, he likes everything we do for a pas-

time. He puts a lot of time in at the local theatre in Alma. To get more for his money, Gus always goes to the midnight show in preference to the earlier show and only sees one feature. This may be a surprise to some of you: they have Cinemascope in Greece and it is nothing new for Gus.

Gus likes Alma very much and is very glad that he came here. He likes the smallness of our college. Gus chose Alma College because his cousin, Alyse Conti, was here last year.

Although we can't get Gus to go to the dances, he says he is a good dancer and would dance every dance. So, girls, you might go after him and get him to go to our dances.

Gus is a very interesting person with whom to talk. He will talk to anyone and makes friends very easily. He will answer your questions about his home country by the hour and never complains. He has a good sense of humor and is full of practical jokes and tricks. Of course, it is all in fun.

When he does his studying, he thinks nothing of borrowing his friend's alarm clock and getting up at three o'clock in the morning to do this homework. This doesn't go over so well with his room-mate Peter Jensen though.

After Gus has achieved his master's degree, he will return home and serve in the army for three years. Then he will work in his father's firm.

Gus's Alma friends wish him the best of luck in his future career in this country and in Greece.

## Band Gives Programs, Prepares Concert

by Carole Cummings

The Kiltie Band, having completed a successful season of football programs under the direction of Professor Robert Rufener, has begun rehearsals for their annual Winter Concert, to be held sometime after Christmas vacation.

Football season is a busy time for the Kilties. Each year the band presents a number of half-time shows for all of the home games and for several of the away games.

Among the half-time shows for this season we found Romance in Toyland, Brigadoon, Salute to Sousa, Highland Games, and a final Thanksgiving show. One of the biggest events for the band is the Homecoming parade and show.

This year the Kilties are fortunate to have among their numbers Doug Henderson, an ex-pipe major from the U. S. Army. The Kiltie Lassies led by Jan Anderson also helped make the Scotch programs successful.

The band hopes that all have enjoyed their half-time maneuvers, and it is their aim to continue to make a beautiful picture on the field.

But the band's activities do not end with the football season. Besides the Winter Concert, which will be presented in the early part of the second semester, the band presents a dance, a Campus Day

Concert, and several selections at Commencement.

Members of the band are Spencer Cordes, Al Cordill, Phil Chisholm, Steve Crowell, Carole Cummings, Tom Dodd, Gerrie Freeman, Dan Goodearl, Carl Greene, Dale Hanson, Mary Lou Heberline, Doug Henderson, Jean Hicks, Jim Hill, George Huysken, Don Jackson, Mary Margaret Johnson, Dick Knowles, Jackie LaDree, Bob McKenzie, Ray Mayer, Jake Messenger, Tom Minshall, Ed Passenger, Carol Peters, Janet Potter, Karan Pregitzer, Ann Reavy, Ray Shamberger, Ken Smith, Wendy Smith, Dick Watterworth, Alma Woods, and Stu Young.

The drum majorette is Jan Pappin, and other majorettes are Shirley Morgan, Tanya Wells, and Beverly Rosebrook.

The Kiltie Lassies include Jan Anderson, Alyse Moody, Jan Hutchison, Jeanne Lyons, Mike Wilcox, Margaret Hannah and Kathy Radtke.

Kiltie Band members thank Jim Mills and Jan Chadwick for their assistance in presenting the band shows.

The Alma college Kiltie Band is an active organization, so keep your eyes and ears open for coming attractions!!





Tom Manion, manager of Saga Food Service, which serves Alma College students in Van Dusen Commons, has a few words for the students.

### Commons Manager Outlines Service

by Marge Walker

Every day we go through the line at Van Dusen Commons, but how many of us ever give a thought to the people in the background who make our meals possible? Since most of the time Tom Manion, head of the Saga Food Service, hears only grumbles and gripes from the students, the Christmas season seems a good time to express our appreciation for the many things he makes possible for us.

Producing the regular meals alone is a tremendous job, but Tom willingly adds to it, helping any organizations on campus plan parties and make refreshments for them, providing special diets for students, in the spring packing picnic lunches for private groups and classes, and, as his gift to the senior class, providing the senior buffet.

What kind of man is Tom Manion? Born in England, as a young boy Tom moved to Hamilton, Ontario, and then to Detroit, which he calls home. Tom's first job was with the Greenfield Cafeteria in Detroit, where he stayed ten years. He then switched to the Home Dairy Cafeterias of Lansing, Saginaw, and Flint, where he was chef and manager and where he learned to put on banquets so nicely. Following this he went to Notre Dame as a chef and then went to Kalamazoo College. While at Kalamazoo the Saga Food Service took over the cafeteria and Tom joined the company. He came to Alma in January of 1954 as head of the Alma food service.

Tom has been married twenty-five years and has two sons, one of whom is a music major at Kalamazoo College and another who is in the Navy at Oakland, California. Mrs. Manion is an accomplished pianist, and she plays for the ballet and several organizations in Kalamazoo, where she spends most of the week.

When I asked Tom about the amount of food we consume, I was amazed at his answers. For instance, for lunch 400 students eat 800 hamburgers. If we have French fried potatoes, it takes seven bushels. We eat 150 pounds of mashed potatoes, 142 pounds of baked ham, 175 pounds of hamburger steak, 350 pounds of T-bone steaks on Saturday night, 150 pounds of roast beef, and 205 pounds of Swiss steak. We drink 45 gallons of milk for lunch and 50 gallons for supper. How would you like to prepare that much food?

Our menus are planned by W. P. Laughlin, president of Saga Food Service, in Kalamazoo, following diet standards set up by Cornell University. The menus are all the same for the schools served by Saga but are altered somewhat to fit the particular likes of each school. Besides Alma, Saga Food Service feeds Hillsdale and Kalamazoo Colleges, Wells College, Aurora, New York, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges at Geneva, New York.

Tom told me that 69½ cents out of every dollar has to go for food, according to the budget set up for him by the company. This is the highest amount of any college. No money is spent on advertising; the company believes in spending it only for food. The rest of the dollar goes for maintenance of buildings, employee salaries, etc.

At Alma 52 students are hired at half-board, costing the company \$10,500 per year. Money which is taken in as people go through the line is put into food also. This is one of the reasons why we are allowed seconds and thirds here, when most colleges are not.

Many of us can remember when Sunday night meals were not provided, and students had to go to the Super or Paul's to eat. Sunday night meals are now provided by the food service but they are not charged to the students' board.

The employees are specially trained by Tom in preparing and serving banquets, and there is an excellent baking department, which turns out pies, cakes, rolls and desserts just like at home.

Tom especially asked that I explain to the students that they are not asked to eat early on nights of special banquets to inconvenience them. "I want to thank the students for their cooperation and to explain that these banquets are a great help to the college, both from the standpoint of building goodwill in the community and helping students earn extra money. Students working on these banquets are paid the regular rate and receive tips besides." Sometimes tips of \$10 to \$20 are left to be divided among six or eight students.

As far as Tom is concerned, the students come first. He feels that they are his customers and he wants them to be satisfied.

Last year Tom turned out his biggest job when he entertained 575 Presbyterian laymen for lunch on Sunday, April 25. This year's biggest job to date has been Homecoming when he fed 1,281 people all at the same time in Tyler, Van Dusen and the gym.

On schedule for December are Rotary Ladies Night, the Alma Business and Professional Women's Club, Consumers Power Company, the Alma College Football Banquet, Midwest Refinery, plus the annual Christmas dinner to be held Thursday, December 16, and a buffet Christmas dinner for the faculty Friday, December 17.

To all the students of Alma College: "Merry Christmas from Tom!"

### DIPHPHICULTIES

by Dick Schluckbier

We begin the publication of this article with some ph.w diphphiculties in the way.

The type phounder phrom whom we bought our outphit phor this printing orphics phailed to supply us with any ephs or cays, and it will be phour or phive weephophore we can get any. The mistaque was not phound out till a day or tow ago. We have ordered the missing letters, and will have to get along without them until they come.

We don't lique the loox ov this variety ov spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen, iph the ph's and c's and x's and q's hold out, we shall ceep (sound the hard) the paper and this article is going aphter a phashion. Bye now, see ya next time. . . . .

### The Meaning of Christmas Is What We Make It

by Doug Neitzke

What does Christmas mean to your family? Does it mean a time when you are all together, enjoying each other's love and companionship? Is there mutual happiness and appreciation of the heavily laden tree, of carols, of giving and receiving, of the spirit of a holiday? Do you all attend church together, to hear again the real meaning of Christmas?

We know the real meaning of Christmas. Christ was born.

Each holiday has an original meaning—and an American meaning. Thanksgiving Day means eating turkey, and lots of it, as we watch a football game on TV. Halloween means trick-or-treat for the small fry. The 4th of July means fireworks. April Fool's day gets papers printed upside down. Valentine's Day is a good day for card maker—especially those cards in a humorous vein. And Christmas? What does it mean in America?

**Countries Build Up Traditions**  
Every Christian country has built up happy traditions to make this most important day both religious and festival.

To the Italians it is the revered "Praesipie"; and on the "noche buena" Spaniards go to midnight mass. The great Star of Bethlehem is carried on a pole through the streets of Holland.

In France there is the big cake with coins in it for the children to find, and there are little cakes with a sugared Christmas child on top of each one.

The children of Bavaria are happy to have painted toys and gingerbread menagerie. Like Easter here, Scandinavian children must seek their hidden gifts. In the United States we look forward to Christmas . . . by counting the shopping days.

**Lament Lack of "Old Fashioned"**



"What do you mean, 'Do I mark on the curve'?"

### Christmas

Many lament the passing of an "old-fashioned" Christmas. "Then," a hoary one will say, "now then we had fun. You don't know what it's like to ride in a one-horse shay over deep, cold snow. It was cold and deep then, as we went from house to house, stopping to sing all the favorite carols. We went out into the woods and cut our tree down, then. We went together to church. Now you go down town and buy everything, and and watch a ceremony on TV."

What is Christmas like now? Well, the one-horse shay is gone, and so are the woods with evergreens enough for all. We don't gather around the family piano or organ and sing the old carols. Who has a piano or organ? And it's true that we count the shopping day. Sure, it's commercialized.

But is that the important thing? Or is it rather how our own family observes Christmas? Can't we make it what we want?

Merry Christmas from my family to yours.

### Who's Who Among College Students

## May Butrick's Doings Marked by Diversity

By Ray Mayer

Before we bid adieu to May Butrick, one of my high school camaraderie and now a candidate for January graduation, I'd like to give you some idea of the diverse interests and pursuits which have only skirted her academic career and may have escaped common notice.

Consistency, she insists, is not among her vices. For example, her high school visions of a career swung from airline hostess to laboratory technician to legal stenographer. Her actual work experience began when, as a high school senior, she doubled as secretary for a local attorney.

Upon graduation she started work at Michigan Chemical Corporation in Saint Louis and, as vacation relief, worked in practically every office in the plant. During her college years, May has filled jobs as stenographer in the publicity office under Professor Rowland, cook in a private home, accountant in a coop house and is presently a night orderly at the Michigan Masonic Hospital.

Her life from January 31, 1933, until her entrance into high school is "repressed or forgotten", but her memories extend back to a seventh grade mania for science. This led her to the presidency of both the DeLapidaries, a rock collecting club, and the High School Science Club, which took camping trips in the Upper Peninsula each summer.

Her rock collection and her tropical fish hobby must have given her many hours of fruitful pleasure. In the latter case, a casual hobby grew to a fair-sized business which utilized six or eight large aquariums with expensive equipment, required monthly wholesale purchases, and supplied all the collectors in the surrounding area. I can still remember the aquariums, with their brightly colored inmates, displayed along the wall of her living room.

Other high school activities included playing the snare drum in the school band and taking piano lessons for a brief time. She still retains her liking for music.

All these activities didn't hinder her school work and so in June, 1951, she graduated as co-valedictorian with an all-A record. She has maintained an enviable scholastic record on through her college work.



May Butrick, former editor of the almanian and president of Parnassians, sits in the Tyler snack bar studying abnormal psychology for a report she plans soon.

lastic record on through her college work.

May has likewise contributed to several of the clubs on the college campus. Her interest in drama led her to the Highland Masquers and its honorary, Alpha Psi Omega. She has worked on plays in almost every capacity from costumes, programs, publicity and sets to assistant director of *Macbeth* and *Rumpelstiltskin*. She has also held membership in the Alma Christian Association, Le Cercle Francais, and Canterbury Club, the youth group of the Episcopal Church.

May's talents have also been turned to writing. She has had work published in the *Pine River Anthology* and is currently president of the Parnassians. She is also a charter member of the Alma chapter of the new national honorary, Lambda Iota Tau.

In her sophomore year, May started work on the almanian and rose from copyboy to associate editor under Grant Gallup. She is well-remembered for her excellent job, last year, as editor-in-chief of the almanian. She looks back on it as "quite an experience."

During her junior year she was elected to Phi Sigma Pi, the Alma honor society for scholastic work and campus contributors.

This last summer May attended the University of Michigan and, as a result, will be graduating from Alma in January instead of waiting until June.

Although teaching was once furthest from her mind, she now plans a career of college teaching in Romance Languages. Her majors here have been French and Spanish and her minors, English and Sociology.

May has accepted a half-time teaching assistantship in the Romance Languages Department of the University of Iowa and will take the position in February, immediately after her graduation. At the same time she will begin work on her Master's degree in French. Her long-term plans include a Doctorate in Comparative Literature and some study abroad.

When May leaves for Iowa in her little 1937 Chevrolet, she will take with her the best wishes of her friends among the faculty and student body of Alma college.



## THE DIRECTORS



Shown above are the directors of the series of one-act plays which will be presented Thursday evening. Left to right, they are Ken Radant, Marge Jones, and Wayne Martens.

## One Act Plays Are Thursday

Variety will be the key-note when a bill of three one-act plays is presented December 17th in Tyler Auditorium. These are being directed by three members of Professor Gregory's play production class.

Margie Jones will be directing **The Valiant**, a play about a man who is about to be executed. He is visited in his cell by a woman who believes he may be her long-lost brother.

Members of the cast include: Carl Rohloff ..... James Dyke  
Dick Annis ..... Warden  
John Ludy ..... Father Daly  
Kay Soucie ..... Josephine Paris  
Will Tisdale ..... Jailer  
Spencer Cordes ..... Attendant

**The Finger of God** will be under the direction of Ken Radant. This is the story of an executive of a large firm who runs away with his company's money.

Playing in this will be: John Hurst ..... Mr. Strickland  
Dick Bathgate ..... Bensen  
Bev Ewing ..... Girl  
Wayne Martens has chosen a scene from the popular **Mourning Becomes Electra** as his presentation.

His actors are: Bob Woods ..... Ezra  
Cleo Stamas ..... Christine  
Kathy Manthos ..... Lavina  
Another bill will be presented on January 17th by other members of the class.

## Home Ec Club Sells Dolls

To help those who might have difficulty in Christmas shopping and to help defray expenses of two club members to the national home economics work-shop in Chicago, the home economics club girls are making stuffed Hansen & Gretel dolls and Teddy Bears for sale as Christmas presents. The dolls will be on sale starting Monday, December 13. Julie Kehoe of Wright Hall or any of the Home Economics Club members will be happy to fill orders upon request.

The National Home Economics Club Workshop will be held February 10, 11, and 12 at the Allerton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Last year the Alma chapter sent Mary J. Hart and Marion Pike as their official delegates. The club plans to send two delegates this year if money can be raised to defray the expenses of the two delegates.

The officers of the Alma College club are as follows: Julie Kehoe, president; Jackie McAllister, vice-president; Peggy Tinney, treasurer; Joan Bush, secretary; and Barbara Driscoll, reporter. The members of the club include Barbara Hoy, Catherine Varney, Sandy Peacock, Margaret Maneese, Janet Kerby, Pat Sowers, Serra Lee Nugent, Sue Miller, Isabelle Worth, Ruth Gilmore, Jay Gebhart, and Carol Lunsford.

Recent activities of the club excluding the making of dolls include a demonstration lecture put on by Miss Betty Larsen and Miss Peggy Alle of Consumers Power Company of appetizers for the Holiday Season. This demonstration was held December 2. Mrs. M. Harold Mickle is the faculty sponsor for the club.

## French Club Has Initiation

The fall initiation meeting of Le Cercle Francais, a dinner at Van Dusen Commons, was held Tuesday, December 14. A new initiation service, written for the occasion, was used. Tables were decorated in blue, white and red, the French national colors.

The following new members were initiated: Phyllis Dresbach, Judy Juilert, Judy Volk, Roema Lee Rohlf, Ian Frost, Jim Wagar, Dick Wallace, Janet Anderson, Elfrieda Beyer, Bill Bowles, Bill Clark, Bob Fritz, Virginia Knox, Jackie LaDree, Katy Manthos, Nancy Rearick, Louise Roths, Michela Wilcox, Harold Brock, and Richard McMullen.

Officers for this semester are president, Margaret Walker; vice-president, Jean Wallace; secretary-treasurer, Sally Souders.

## High School Students Attend Music Day

High school students from the Central Michigan area attended the first high school Music Day to be presented by Alma College, Dec. 4. The events of the day were sponsored by the Music department and the Admission's office.

A convocation at 10:30 followed registration in Van Dusen Common. At 1:45, Arthur Turner, director of admissions spoke to the group.

A concert by the A Cappella Choir was presented at 11:00 a.m., which the students were conducted on a tour of the campus by members of the Alma Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference.

Following a luncheon in Van Dusen and a concert given by the Kiltie Band, the group divided into special interest groups conducted by members of the Alma college music faculty. Professor Mae Nelson Stewart led a group on piano; Professor Ernest G. Sullivan presented the program on vocal music; and instrumental and public school music were presented by Professors Robert Rufener and Margaret VanderHart, respectively.

The group was entertained at 3:00 by a duo-piano recital given by Professors Stewart and Hughes. An informal fellowship hour at the President's Home concluded the day's activities.

## "Stardust Ball" Successful



"The Stardust Ball" sponsored by the student council and featuring Ralph Marterie, was held December 2. Here, Marterie's vocalist performs.

The student council reports this week that the Ralph Marterie dance was a great success. \$600 was taken in on tickets, and this will take care of decorations and refreshments. The council, with permission of Mrs. Gregory, was able to use the spotlights and jells.

Pizza, coffee, and soft drinks were served in the game room at the conclusion of the dance.

## Bio Club to View Trapping Movie The Directors

Trapping projects will highlight the activities of the Biology club this semester. At their December 16 meeting, two movies will be shown, one of which will concern trapping of small woodland animals. The other movie will deal with paleontology.

During Christmas vacation members of the club will make their individual traps. Immediately after returning, they will set up a trap line in the vicinity of the campus Jungle. The results of these trappings will give them an idea of what types and numbers of animals are in that area.

In all cases, the scientific method will be used. The club will make, at first, a basic assumption about the best location and methods of trapping. They will then test this assumption by actually setting up their own trap lines. The results of the catches will determine the validity of the previous assumptions.

At the January 6 meeting of the club, professor Eyer will talk about the habits and environment of the small animals in the Jungle area.

## Dean Vreeland Attends State Meet

Dean Esther Vreeland attended the fall meeting of the Michigan State Association of Deans of Women and Counselors of Girls held at Detroit Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4, 1954. The sectional meetings were held in the Wayne University Student Center, Saturday morning.

Dean Vreeland is chairman of the committee which will plan the program for the spring meeting of the MSADWCG to be held in conjunction with the Schoolmaster's Club of Michigan.

Other members of the committee include Elizabeth Leslie, Assistant Dean of Women at the University of Michigan; Margaret Comstock, Counselor of social activities at Wayne University; Suzanne Houghton of Waterford Township High School, Pontiac; Agnes Crow, of Southeastern High School, Grosse Pointe; and Odina Olsen from the University High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## Hold W.A.A. Chocolate

The annual W.A.A. Chocolate will be held at the Harker's, Wednesday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. It is a social gathering open to all women students and faculty wives.

## Choir Trip

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### VI

Fum, Fum, Fum ..arr. by Parker Shaw

The Alma Singers

Behold That Star ..arr. by Frank Cunkle

Lullaby on Christmas Eve ..F. M. Christiansen

Patapan ..arr. by Harry R. Wilson

Serbian Crib Carol ..Harvey Gaul

Choir Personnel

**SOPRANOS:** \*Marieta Au-maugh, \*Marilyn Black, Carol Blanck, \*Janet Chadwick, Marjorie Clark, Bobby Conlin, Isabel Coubrough, \*Alice Erb, Marjory Fuller, Mary Lou Hartwick, Mary Lou Heberlein, Marjorie Hobeck, Connie McCall, Carol Stephens, Edna Williams, and Janet Zeilinger.

**ALTOS:** Betty Anderson, Carole Cummings, Mary DeVries, Jane Hunt, \*Constance Koch, Leona Lanshaw, Jeanne Lyons, \*Janet McLeod, Marilyn Mott, Janet Potter, \*Sherry Sexton, Carolyn Taylor, \*Lois Welberry, and Michela Wilcox.

**TENORS:** \*Duane Brewbaker, \*Jim Coombes, Don Jackson, Richard Knowles, Bill Meade, Gailen Nichols, \*David Senkpiel, \*Harold Turner, Allan Watterworth, and Craig Wilson.

**BASSES:** Don Darling, \*Don Drew, \*Dan Goodearl, Calvin Leavy, \*Walter Morton, John Osborn, Bill Pike, Phil Snyder, \*Philip Vance, Richard Watterworth, Robert Watterworth, Fred Wynn-garden, Gay Brunelle, and Chuck Hornbrook.

\* The Alma Singers

## Steward and Foley Attend Goethe Lecture

Professors Margaret Foley and Florence Steward journeyed to Ann Arbor Thursday, November 18, to hear a lecture on Goethe, German author and philosopher. The lecture was under the auspices of the department of German at the University of Michigan and was delivered by Prof. Schiller, who recently arrived from Europe.

Then there's the story of the baby sardine that was frightened by a submarine and went crying to its mother. "There, there, dear," soothed Mama Sardine, "Don't be upset. It's only a can of people."

"When fathers are asked to shell out, the kids usually expect more than peanuts."—Joseph Schroff.

## Nichols, Ditto Attend Meeting

Dr. Nathan L. Nichols of the Alma College Physics Department and Professor R. C. Ditto, retired physics professor, attended the fall meeting of the Michigan Teachers of College Physics held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Saturday, November 20.

The outstanding feature of the program was a discussion of the latest developments in the field of elementary particles given by George Uhlenbeck of the University of Michigan. Dr. Uhlenbeck was the co-discoverer with S. Goudsmit of the fact that the electrons within an atom spin at a rapid rate of speed. The meeting also includes a description of the latest experiments being performed with the cyclotron.

In addition to the two invited papers, there were several contributed papers, one of which was to be given by Dr. Nichols entitled "The Bee and Polarized Light." Dr. Nichols explained the navigation of the honey bee using the polarized light from the sky. The eye of the bee has a region which responds to polarized light, in the same manner that polaroid glasses respond.

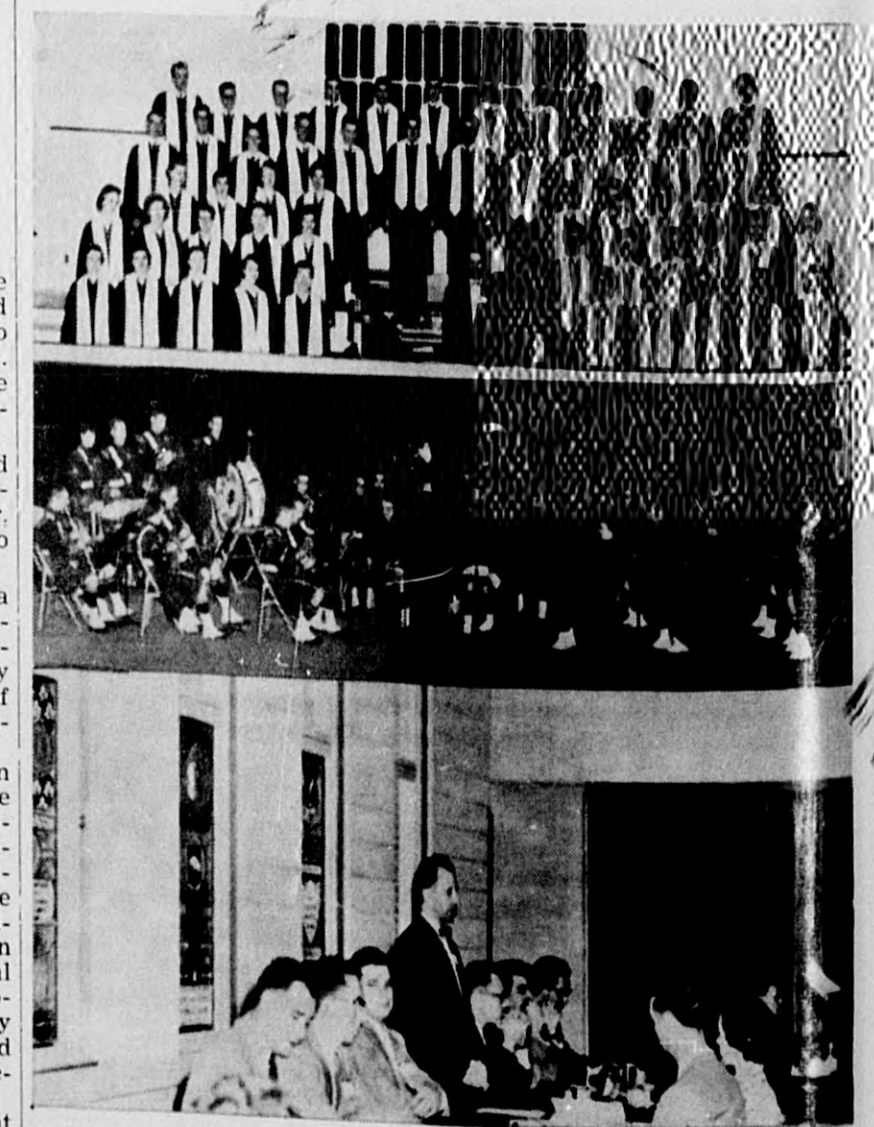
## Dr. Howard Potter's Article Published

Dr. Howard Potter, head of the chemistry department at Alma College, has an article printed in the November 5, 1954 issue of the **Journal of the American Chemical Society**. The title of his article is "The Reaction of Grignard Reagents with Alpha, Beta-Unsaturated Sulfones."

A graduate of Alma College, Dr. Potter continued his studies at Harvard University where he received a \$1,250 grant to support his project on alpha, beta-unsaturated sulfones. The article in the **Journal** is Dr. Potter's culmination of his work.

The Christmas seal, which originated in Denmark in 1904, is now sold in more than 40 countries of the world, and in most of them proceeds from its sale go to combating the spread of tuberculosis.

Six sweetest phrases in the language, according to a survey, are "I love you," "Dinner is served," "All is forgiven," "Sleep 'til noon," "Keep the change," and "Here's that five."



Alma's music department presented a varied program when high school students came here for the first annual Music Day, December 4. Top: The A Cappella Choir performed for the group. Center: The Kiltie Band presented a musical program in Tyler auditorium. Bottom: Professor Ernest Sullivan of the music department welcomes the group at their luncheon.



## Alma Loses Opener to Ferris

By John Laskarides

Journeying to Ferris, December 1, the Alma College basketball team dropped the opening game of the 1955 season to a surprisingly tough Ferris Bulldog quintet 79-65. Freshman Glen Howarth from Northville dropped in 14 points to lead the Scots in a losing cause. Center Dave Stockman, veteran Scot cager, put in 13 points for runner up Scot honors.

The Scots opened the game with a good display of scoring power and a balanced attack. They faltered, however, as the first half came to a close. Ferris left the time.

The Bulldogs featured a fast break style of play and were never headed after mid-way in the second period. Dutch Vanderlawn Bulldog freshman star, led the scoring with 13 points. Three other Ferris cagers hit double figures also.

Early in the second half the Scots scoring sputtered and the Bulldogs pulled away to a twenty point lead. The Scots attack seemed disorganized which was due primarily to Coach Stauffer's shifting of his players in an attempt to find a well-balanced attack.

The Scots had played aggressive ball for most of the first half but were unable to keep up with scoring efforts of an unusually hot Ferris quintet. Howard Anderson scored 8 points as did Ron Lude. Both boys looked good in a losing cause as did Howie Wylie, veteran Scot guard who dropped in 7 points.

I think that the Scot cagers will surprise many pessimists among their supporters by beating many good teams this year as they are an aggressive, young, hustling ball club who may mould into an outstanding team before the season is too old.

## Name Four Gridders

By John Laskarides

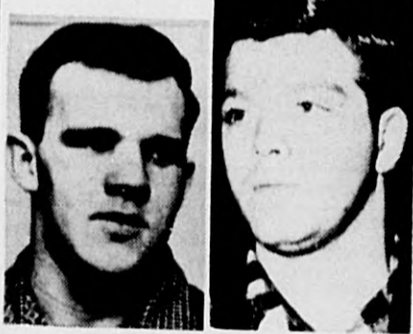
Four Alma Scot football players were chosen for all-league honors at a recent MIAA meeting held in Alma. Scot players chosen were quarterback Denny Stoiz, center Jack Carleton, guard Jim Hahn and tackle John Laskarides.

Stoiz was particularly honored by being the only quarterback chosen among the backfield men. His record showed 59 of 111 pass completions, 749 yards gained passing, and 11 TDs.

Jim Hahn was awarded the trophy for being the most valuable player on the team this year. His team mates voted to bestow this honor upon Jim for his work at guard spot for the Scots.

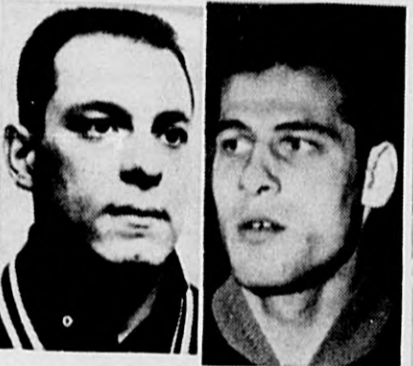
Marv Raab and Fred Wood, Scot gridders who were given league honors last year were both hampered by injuries and were not named in the balloting.

### Most Valuable



Hahn

Carleton



Laskarides

Stoiz

Following is the list of players chosen by the league coaches for all-league recognition:

Ends: Don Tallman, Hillsdale; Andy Kincannon, Hillsdale; Clyde Bradley, Adrian; Addison Brink, Albion; and Jim Reuter, Albion.

Tackles: John Laskarides, Alma; Warren Temple, Hillsdale; Tom Gilman, Kalamazoo; Tavern Spotts, Adrian; and Don Van Hoeven, Hope.

Guards: Jim Hahn, Alma; Ron Dalrymple, Hillsdale; Bill Heydorn, Hope; Bob Kouts, Albion; and Warren Spragg, Hillsdale.

Centers: Roger Davis, Hillsdale; Jack Carleton, Alma; and Jack Taylor, Albion.

Backs: Denny Stoiz, Alma; John Adams, Hope; Brian Gioffa, Adrian; Ed Bryant, Olivet; Floyd Conklin, Albion, and Herb Lipschitz, Kalamazoo.

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## Scots Win Two League Openers

### Defeat Hillsdale; Frosh Star

Paced by two talented Freshmen forwards, the Alma College Scots opened their home hardwood season with a surprising 77-69 victory over a veteran Hillsdale quintet. The Dales had upset a highly touted Bowling Green team two nights previously and were riding high.

Glen Howarth, six foot four inch freshman from Northville, blistered the nets with 24 points and high scoring honors. Howard Anderson copped runner up honors with 20 points. It was the first win of the year for the young Scot team, a tribute to their new coach, Gary Stauffer.

The Scots pulled away to an 18-8 lead at the ten minute mark of the first half. At half time, however, their margin had been cut to 39-32. For most of the second half the game saw-sawed back and forth and saw the score tied 51-51 at the minute mark in the second half.

The deciding factor in the Scots win was Howard Anderson, Grass Lake freshman, who hit six baskets in the last seven minutes to cinch the Scots victory. Jim Ford, Scot center, dropped in 3 field goals in the Scots final spurt to victory. Ford also played an outstanding game on the boards.

Roger Davis, Hillsdale center, collected 16 points to lead the visitors scoring efforts. Dick Ayling, Bill McIntosh, and Howard Wylie also played aggressive, hustling ball for the Scots collecting six, eleven, and four points respectively. Ford finished with a total of 10 points to round out the Scots scoring.

The victory put the Scots in a temporary lead in the MIAA hardwood race.

"It may be true that man does not live by bread alone—but look at the guys getting along on crust!"

Then there's the definition of "upper crust" as "a lot of crumbs held together by dough."

## TOBIN'S JVs TAKE CENTRAL

By John Noud

Coach Mike Tobin and his Alma J. V. team surprised the local sporting gentry by administering a 67-49 defeat to a Central Michigan J.V. team which was expected to be very strong.

The Junior Varsity has now won three in a row but this is the one that is really something to shout about.

The rebounding of Lude, DeCou and Arrick played the primary role in getting Alma off to a fast start. Alma led 17-8 at the end of the first quarter and jumped it to 28-15 at the half.

In the second half Alma really got hot, with Carter scoring from all positions they upped the elad to 46-21 at one point. Central threw a score by closing the gap to 8 points but Alma wasn't to be denied, as they went on to win over Central for the first time in 25 games.

The scoring was well balanced. Carter led with 23, Houghton, 16, and Lude and Springfield, 10 each.

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Freshman Glen Howarth (center) vies with Fara (22) and Neff (24) while Anderson (59) waits for developments.

## Spring, Stumble, Take Olivet 74-70

By John Noud

The Alma Cagers sprinted, stumbled and nearly fell as they eked out a 74-70 victory over Olivet last Friday night.

This was the second straight league victory for the Scots in the two encounters.

Wiley got the team off to a fast start by hitting for six quick points as the Scots build up an 11-0 lead. Olivet didn't roll over and play dead, however. They fought back to a 37-36 Alma lead at halftime.

The second half was a see-saw affair with neither team attaining a comfortable margin. Alma once led 67-60, only to see their lead cut to 68-66. From there on it was anybody's ball game. But, for the second straight game, two freshmen, Howarth and Anderson pulled the game out of the fire by scoring when it really counted.

Thes coring was well divided, Howarth and Anderson sharing honors with 14, while Ayling garnered 12.

The rebounding of Jim Ford once again left little to be desired. "Big Jim" for the second straight game picked off 16.

I am sorry to say that I have yet to see a varsity game this year, so I am unable to give a worthy diagnosis of those first three games. The general concensus, as far as I can gather, is that the Scots have shown definite weaknesses, the primary one being lack of speed.

On the other hand, almost everyone claims that the team possessed a lot of potential and that while they may take a few bad beatings they will always be interesting.

Let's hope that they prove interesting to Albion tonight, and that the Britons will give us a premature Christmas gift. See you there!

## Intramural

By John Noud

Intramural volleyball is in its home stretch with Vets team No. 2 leading the pack, with a spotless 7-0 record as this goes to press.

The standings as of the week end are as follows:

Team	W	L
Vets No. 2	7	0
Motor City Hoods	7	2
Phi Pheiffers	6	2
Delt Dodgers	6	2
Delt Sigs	5	2
Motor Midgets	5	4
Phi Zebras	3	4
Bushwackers	3	6
Delt Dubbers	2	5
Phi Athletes	1	8
Vets No. 1	0	8

I would pick the following as the outstanding players:

Glen Howarth, Motor City Hoods; Bill Boles, Motor City Hoods; John Laskarides, Phi Pheiffers; Dick White, Vets No. 2; Jack DeCou, Bushwackers; and Dick Gellasch, Delt Dodgers.

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## Revise Scot Hoop Schedule

The Alma Scots Basketball schedule has been revised, according to an announcement by Coach Stauffer. The following is the schedule which the Scots team will follow instead of the schedule published in the last issue of the almanian.

Date	Opponent
Dec. 14	Albion
Jan. 5	Calvin
Jan. 7	Soo Tech
Jan. 8	Flint*
Jan. 12	Ferris
Jan. 15	Hope*
Jan. 19	Kalamazoo*
Jan. 21	Michigan Tech
Jan. 22	Flint
Jan. 27	Adrian*
Jan. 29	Soo Tech*
Feb. 2	Northern Michigan
Feb. 4	Olivet
Feb. 8	Albion*
Feb. 10	Calvin*
Feb. 16	Hope
Feb. 18	Kalamazoo*
Feb. 23	Adrian*
Feb. 25	Hillsdale*

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### Surveys Show College Press Is Still "Free"

New York, N. Y. (I.P.)—Are undergraduate editors "intimidated" by pressure arising out of "the climate of fear prevalent on American college campuses?" Most of the student newspapermen say they are little affected "despite increasing reports of silence and thought control" brought about by congressional investigations of colleges. Their opinions are reported in a survey conducted by "News Workshop," quarterly published by the New York University department of journalism. The survey is discussed in an article entitled "The College Press—Is It Intimidated?" Forty-one editors of leading college dailies and weeklies—14 from the East, 10 from the West, 11 from the Midwest, and 6 from the South—participated in the poll. Results of the NYU query show that:

Congressional investigations of education institutions have had little effect on the college press. College newspapers have outspokenly opposed these investigations and the methods employed by Senator Joseph McCarthy. The college press appears to be as free today of administration control as it was two years ago.

### Many Liberals Famous Men

(ACP)—Many violent anti-Communists use the term "liberal" as a synonym for Communist, left-wing, or radical. Strictly speaking, a liberal is one who advocates improvement, change, and reform. Although the sober opponents of Communism realize the vast difference between a liberal and a left-winger, many McCarthyites continue slurring the memory of the world's great liberals through their use of the word.

Among history's famous "fuzzy thinking" reformers were: A Jewish prophet who stood atop Mount Sinai to proclaim ten rules to live by.

The Carpenter's son of Nazareth nailed to a wooden cross for ideas subversive to Rome.

The French peasant girl who led her country's army against the British but was burned at the stake for offending the Church.

An Italian astronomer forced by the Pope to quit teaching his heretical doctrine that the earth travels around the sun.

A red-headed Virginia lawyer who advocated the right to revolt and dared to say "all men are created free and equal."

The Daily Texan

### ACP Ratings Show Much Improvement

Minneapolis, Minn. (ACP) In comparison with percentages for the first semester (1953-54) ratings for the second semester 1953-54 Critical Service just released show that college and junior college newspapers have improved in content and appearance, according to the Associated Collegiate Press.

Breakdowns, with first semester figures in parenthesis, show: All American Honor Ratings, 55, 19% (15%); First Class, 96, 34% (30%); Second Class, 97, 34% (43%); Third Class, 29, 10% (10%); and Fourth Class, or those requesting critical service without honor rating, about 3% (2%). Thirty-nine monthly publications, still being judged, are not included in these percentages.

All American Honor Ratings increased by 4%, First Class Ratings by 4%, and Second Class Ratings dropped 9%, indicating that those publications formerly classed as "good" went up to the First Class "Excellent" rating. ACP judges and staff feel encouraged by this trend.

All around general excellence among the dailies and larger weeklies continues, so that relatively few second and third class ratings were given. Probably the most difficult of all to rate, according to A. M. Sanderson, newspaper supervisory judge of ACP, were the college dailies and the junior college weeklies. Here, he said, the general excellence of All American and First Class papers stood out with possibly the weeklies in the 4000-plus category included. First Class papers in these groups were really outstanding, exceeded only by a few All Americans to that both All American and First Class publications may be regarded as among the finest in the country. All American ratings in any classification indicate "Superior" publications; First Class ratings correspond to "Excellent"; Second Class ratings "Very good" to "Good."

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### Debate Squad at Wayne

Tom Scholl received top rating of excellent at the Wayne University Forensic Conference held at Wayne University December 10-11, 1954. Tom Scholl and Robert Fritz defeated the University of Buffalo, Detroit Tech, and Albion College in the annual debate tourney. The question for the debate was resolved that the United States should adopt a policy of recognition of Red China.

Karen Pregitzer and Robert White won two out of three rounds of the question before the delegates. Pregitzer and White won against the University of Detroit and Wayne University but lost in the final round of the debate to Western Michigan.

The Wayne University Forensic Conference is an annual invitational affair to which speech majors are invited to compete on state level for honors. Alma College's speech department is under the leadership of Prof. M. Harold Mickle.

### List Faculty Addresses

While many of the Alma faculty and staff will spend the holidays at Alma, several staff members will make trips during the two-week vacation. The almanian publishes the Christmas addresses of the staff as a service to the student body; the publicity office has a student directory in which all

home addresses of students. Those wishing to buy these directories may secure them from the publicity office.

Addresses of those who will be off campus are as follows:

- Dr. H. C. VandenBosch, 1738 Drexel Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan.
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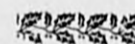
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