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New Names on College Staff

Nine new names appear on the roster of the Alma College staff for the 1956-57 school year. Five are replacements, while the remaining four are additions necessitated by Alma's continuing rise in enrollment.

Heading the list is Dr. Robert D. Swanson, whose appointment was announced by the College Board of Trustees in late July. Dr. Swanson comes to Alma from the Vice-presidency of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Also new are Donald E. Bangham, Assistant Professor of Business Administration; William F. Bishopp, Jr., Assistant Professor of Modern Languages and English; Dr. William W. Jellema, Assistant Professor of Religion; Dr. W. L. Tolstead, Assistant Professor of Biology; Arthur L. Smith, Director of Athletics; David E. Huyler, Assistant Professor of History; Mrs. Josephine MacKay, Assistant Librarian; and Miss Elizabeth Holmes, Assistant Professor of English. Dr. Tolstead is on a one year appointment, replacing Professor Arlan Edgar who is on a leave of absence completing his work on a doctorate in biology.

Dr. Tolstead in an interview stated that he was most impressed with Alma College's friendly atmosphere and enjoys working with the students. He finds the field trips most interesting since this is the first time he has been in Michigan.

Coming from Iowa, Dr. Tolstead takes trips back every summer. While there he engages in flower gardening which is his main hobby. He collects a variety of vases and uses his artistic abilities in arranging and photographing flowers.

Dr. Tolstead received his Master of Science degree from Iowa State College and his doctorate from the University of Nebraska.

Miss Holmes comes to Alma from the East. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University. She taught for one year at Indiana University as a graduate assistant in the English Department. She then went to the University of Connecticut where she received her Master of Arts degree.

Miss Holmes, in addition to her duties on the English faculty, will assist Mrs. Mildred Hall as assistant resident in the new women's dormitory.

The remaining four new faculty members all come because of Alma's continued growth, which shows an increase in enrollment from last year's all time high of 659 to a record of 679 this semester.

Mr. Bangham, in business administration, holds an A.B. degree from Wilmington College in Ohio and a Master of Business Administration degree from Ohio State University. He has held both state and government jobs dealing with business and has had extensive teaching experience both in colleges and high schools.

Mr. Bishopp is a native of Sheldon, Illinois, and was graduated with high honors in French, and election to Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois. He also has studied at Princeton, Oregon University, and Columbia. Also included among his various honors

was a two year exchange fellowship at the University of Paris. For the past two years he has been an assistant professor at Ohio Northern University in the Department of French and English.

Mr. Jellema entered Hope College following his release from the navy in 1946. He received the A. B. degree in law in June of 1950. Having decided to continue his education along theological lines rather than legal, he entered Western Theological Seminary, an Institution of the Reformed Church of America, in Holland, Michigan. After graduation he furthered his studies at the New College, University of Edinburgh,

and the University of Basel in Switzerland.

Mr. Huyler is a native of Michigan, his home town being Ann Arbor, but lived in Tenafly, New Jersey for twenty-two years. He began his undergraduate work at Cornell University in 1941, but went into military service in 1943. He returned to Cornell and obtained his degree in 1948. After one more year of work he received his Master of Arts degree.

Since 1949 Mr. Huyler has taught in several private elementary and secondary schools in the East. Before coming to Alma he last taught at the Perkiomen School, Pennsburg, Pennsylvania.

It is hoped that the new faculty will find their stay at Alma College enjoyable and we sincerely wish that they will remain here a long time.



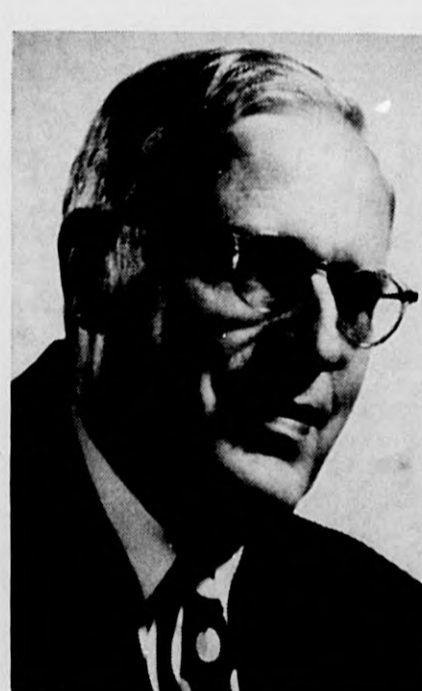
William F. Bishopp



Dr. W. L. Tolstead



Dr. William W. Jellema



Donald E. Bangham

RECORD ENROLLMENT SET

With the full tabulation of the enrollment in, the record of last year was shattered. Although the expected enrollment predicted by the administration did not materialize, the increase was significant. The total number of students on the roster of Alma College reached a total of 692 students. Of these

432 are men and 260 are women. The freshmen, as before, lead the other classes in number. They comprised a total of 246. Next in line were the sophomores with a grand total of 213. The juniors with 112 and the seniors with 108 held the third and fourth positions respectively.

Of the entire total of students 41 are war veterans. This also is one of the highest totals in the years after World War II. There are also 13 part time students on the campus this year. One withdrawal was listed by the Registrar's office.

To cope with the increased enrollment a new girls' dormitory has been provided which has a capacity of 206 students. This is the fourth new building to be erected on the Alma campus in the past five years. This is indicative of the growth of this small college.

Steward Day to Be Homecoming Theme

Saturday, October 13, is the day set on which the Alma College Alumni return to the Campus for their 66th annual Homecoming celebration.

The Homecoming this year has been proclaimed in honor of Dr. Florence Steward, professor of sociology, who for 30 years has been a member of the College faculty. Miss Steward was also honored by the College this past June when she was awarded an honorary doctor's degree at the Commencement exercises. As is traditionally the case at Homecoming, some dozen of the Campus organizations will have entries in the morning float parade and each float will have as a theme some aspect of life and career of Dr. Steward.

The parade, scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, is only one of the host of activities on the Homecoming agenda. There are also the usual Alumni registration and coffee hour in the morning, Alumni luncheon at noon, the Homecoming game with Hillsdale in the afternoon, and the Alumni banquets and Homecoming dance in the evening.

In addition this year there has been added to the program a special event. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Alma College A Cappella Choir, and in honor of the occasion, Dr. Ernest Sullivan, head of the music department and choir director, has invited back all former choir members. All of these, plus all 55 present members of the Choir will join together for a rehearsal in the morning and will present an afternoon Anniversary Choir Concert on the Chapel steps immediately following the football game.



Dr. Florence Steward

Then too, of course, there will be the usual bevy of campus beauties, one of whom will reign as Homecoming Queen. The Queen and her court will be elected by the student body on Thursday, October 4, and will rule over all the Homecoming activities. The Queen will be crowned between halves at the game and will be honored with gifts at the evening Homecoming Dance.

Response from the Alumni has been especially enthusiastic this year and it is anticipated that this will be the largest Homecoming in the history of the College.

Schluckbier Represents Alma College

Richard Schluckbier represented Alma College on Monday, September 24, at a meeting of the Michigan Colleges Foundation in Detroit.

The Michigan Colleges Foundation is an organization of fourteen independent Michigan colleges, including Alma, whose officers are leading Michigan industrialists, and whose chief efforts are devoted to fund raising for the fourteen members.

The Monday meeting was hosted at a luncheon by the Economics Club of Detroit and one representative male student from each of the member colleges plus picked students from Detroit high schools were invited to be present.

Schluckbier reports that it was a most interesting and profitable day, especially the sessions with Joseph A. Livingston, Financial Editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin, who has recently returned from an extended stay in the Soviet Union. In the morning Mr. Livingston held an informal question and answer period and in the afternoon spoke to the topic "Can Russia Overtake the U.S. in Industrial Production." His conclusion was that they cannot. In support of his conclusion he pointed out that the period of greatest Russian expansion came immediately after World War II when the U. S. was pouring money and technological assistance into the Soviet Union. That aid is no longer forthcoming. In addition, he pointed to the fact that while the Russian electric power output has increased some 500%, it has apparently reached a plateau and still is only 1/4 to 1/3 of the American output. Mr. Livingston believes that Russia has tried to do too many things too fast.

Richard Schluckbier is one of Alma's outstanding campus leaders. He is a member of Student Council and Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity and, during the past three years, has been a member of the A Cappella Choir, the student newspaper staff, and the national honorary speech and drama fraternities. He is employed weekends and summers as a staff announcer by radio station WSGA, Saginaw.



Sullivan Gains Doctorate

Professor Ernest G. Sullivan, head of Alma College Music Department, has successfully completed all requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at Indiana University. The degree was conferred by the University in September of this year.

Mr. Sullivan's thesis topic was "An Experimental Study of the Relationships between Physical Characteristics and Subjective Evaluation of Male Voice Quality in Singing." This study was an attempt to determine the physical attributes of vocal tone which contribute to subjective judgments of excellence of voice quality. Male vocal tones were evaluated by a jury of voice teachers and analyzed by means of an electronic sound spectrograph. This study also makes possible the tracing of vocal development through periods of training and maturation.

Dr. Raymond G. Smith of the Indiana University Music faculty directed Mr. Sullivan's research, while Dr. Thurber Madison was chairman of the examining committee.

Mr. Sullivan has been a member of Alma College faculty since September of 1953, coming here from extensive professional singing, teaching, and directing experience in Chicago and Canada.

Along with his teaching and administrative duties, he has been director of the A Cappella Choir for three years, during which time he has brought it to a position of prominence both in Michigan and in the adjacent mid-western states. As in the past Mr. Sullivan will again this year take his choir on two extended tours, singing concerts in major cities in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and New York.

Ready to Hatch

Friday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel—Art Turner
- 3:00 p.m. Choir—Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Band—Tyler Auditorium
- 8:00 p.m. Theta-Delta Sigma Dance—Tyler Auditorium

Saturday, October 6

- 8:00 p.m. Football—Adrian (there)

Remember Alma College

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Worth of College

By the time a student reaches the college level he has supposedly achieved a definite point of maturity in his life. There is little doubt that these years, which are to be spent in college, are the most formative in any normal human's life. All of this is probably news to no one. Yet, it is tragic to see the waste of time and money which some so-called "students" go through.

There are students who believe a college to be a good setting to act out their little dramas of social advancement without regard to the real purpose of the college. These are the social flitters who are in everything yet contribute exactly nothing. For some unexplainable reason they manage to graduate and go out into the world which somehow manages to swallow them up. This type of person usually fails to fulfill his duties in a complex and fast-moving society such as we have today.

On the other side of the ledger is the extremely introverted intellectual who gets honors in geophysics yet fails in a society that demands a grain of the human element in its every day activities. At a party he is the perfect fop and outside of his academic specialty is a failure as a social animal.

Somewhere between these two extremes must lie a path of compatibility and cooperation between the social and the academic. This is one of the many facets of obtaining a true and workable college education. A definite sign of growing maturity in a student is when through this confusing maze of studies and social functions he finds a path of moderation and upon graduation finds himself prepared to go into life with the ability to handle, and cope with, the infinitely varied situations that modern living presents.

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To the Almanian

Dear Mr. Editor:

Since you have so graciously invited me to make a contribution to this first issue of Almanian, let me address my remarks to you. Should your readers be interested in the role of a student newspaper on a college campus, perhaps they will read these few sentences. They are neither private nor confidential.

You, sir, are on the spot—and I envy you for it! As the editor of a student newspaper, you can make or break campus spirit. If your bi-monthly news sheet is simply a re-hash of "old stuff," if your reporting is confined to trivialities; if your editorial policy is insipid with petty moralizing—then we're sunk—all of us! Nothing is quite so dead as an uninspired newspaper.

The pen is mightier than the sword. This is not just a worn out cliché. Ideas, freshly expressed and vigorously pursued, have all the explosive qualities of dynamite. A student newspaper should be the best evidence of how lively, how vigorous and how independent is the thinking, not only of its editors, but of its readers as well. Personally, I shall look forward to some lively debates in your columns;—discussions between yourself and your readers; issues raised; causes championed. You, Mr. Editor, occupy the enviable arena where ideas come to grips with one another. There can be no more stimulating or profitable encounter.

Someone may ask: "What about freedom of the press on a college campus?" That isn't the question. The real question is: "What about editorial responsibility?" What about journalistic integrity? Honesty in reporting? Fairness to all sides of an issue? Courage to take a stand? Humility to admit there may be two sides to a problem? These are the real questions, Mr. Editor. You will face them. So will I as one of your readers.

Believe me, this is neither a challenge nor a lecture. It is a sincere invitation to make the Almanian a truly "cutting edge" for everything that is right and decent at Alma College.

I wish you well.

Robert D. Swanson

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Student Council Plans Homecoming

The first meeting of the 1956-57 Alma College Student Council was called to order at a breakfast meeting September 19 by Pres. Dave McDowell. The Council discussed the planning of a pep rally scheduled for September 21, preceding the Alma-Northern Michigan game. Also plans were made for the first all-college dance to be given on September 22. The Velvetones provided a fine evening's entertainment and all who attended enjoyed the event.

The Council received an invitation from Dr. and Mrs. Swanson to share an informal hour with them in their home. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were especially appreciative of Dr. Swanson's interest and enthusiasm in the Council's present commitments and future plans. We would at this time like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Swanson publicly for a very enjoyable evening.

Another Council project was the sponsoring of the Freshman elections for class officers and Student Council Representatives. Those elected were: Jim Rennell, president; Bob Hradsky, vice president; Sue Edgar, secretary-treasurer; Roy Fuentes, Dave Proctor and Murtle Cullar, Council representatives. Another addition to the Council was Don Sinclair who is taking the place of Jan Andrews as sophomore representative. The Council wishes to welcome these new members and to congratulate them on their election.

The Homecoming committees are now in full swing getting things ready for this forthcoming event. There will be a Homecoming Dance in the evening following the game. Kenny Davis and his band will furnish the music for the evening and will, without a doubt, receive an enthusiastic welcome on his return engagement.

The theme of the 1956 Homecoming will be in honor of Miss Steward, who is retiring from Alma College at the end of this school year. The floats and lawn decorations will follow this theme and be judged by a committee of five. Those chosen to act as judges are: Mayor Thompson of Alma, Mrs. DuBois, Miss Holmes, and two representatives of the Hillsdale Student Council to be chosen by them.

The Student Council has had an exceptionally fine start this year under the leadership of Pres. McDowell and the direction of Dean Vreeland and Dean Story. The Council will welcome the cooperation of the student body and will gladly accept any suggestion which will lead to the betterment of Alma College.

Joe Roe
Student Council Publicity
Chairman

A DESCRIPTION OF US?

Brunswick, Me.—(I.P.)—"The small liberal arts college may be defined as a place where everybody knows who is next to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and who is next to flunk out, and why," according to Dr. James S. Cole, president of Bowdoin College.

"This enforced intimacy," Dr. Coles declared, "actually gives a student a wider experience in human relations than he would otherwise have, for he can not limit his acquaintance only to men of similar views and beliefs to his own, but will have friends among men of widely varying interests."

"In many ways, the small college has advantages similar to those claimed for the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton: the intimacy of a small group, the advantage of close association, and the restricted use of relatively limited resources to those persons and projects able to profit most."

"The atmosphere at a small liberal arts college," Dr. Coles asserted, "seems leisurely compared with that of the large university,

but through that very fact, life is more contemplative and ideas are more thoughtfully received and considered.

"In recent decades educational leaders, and our leaders in commerce and industry as well, have recognized that man cannot live by bread alone, nor can he live on iron or steel, titanium or vanadium; nor can he live solely on poetry, art, or music. They recognize that there is a void in a nation whose people don't worry as much about philosophy or literature as they do about where to park their cars. They recognize that while the attainments of science cannot wait for the systematizing of our understanding of social forces, neither can science continue its advance oblivious to these forces."

Dr. Coles concluded with this advice, "Let us sell short neither the liberal arts nor the small college. On the contrary, let us all join in proclaiming it: many unique virtues and contributions."

The Sugar Coated Stomach Ache

Cambridge, Mass.—(I.P.)—Urging educators to take a tough, realistic attitude toward the humanities instead of trying to sugar-coat them in terms suggesting that they can improve the world, Howard Mumford Jones, author and professor of English at Harvard, pointed out recently that the humanities cannot be defended as instruments that "prepare for effective living or for understanding ourselves," or as agents that influence behavior.

Rather, he maintained, they provide "an opportunity for maturation and the development of the soul," and it takes hard work—comparable to that necessary in studying physics or medicine—to understand them.

The 'humanities' as the object of study cannot in all cases produce 'humane' personalities," he said. "The desire to produce gracious personalities out of adolescents is entirely commendable and such personalities, if they do develop, should be 'humane' in both senses of the word," he said, warning "humane" persons will not be the product of a milk-and-water version of 'humanities' which are in themselves the product of some of the greatest and subtlest brains."

Instead of trying to sugar-coat the humanities, he contended, educators must acknowledge that the study of them "is as much an example of 'expertise' as the professional study of economics or medicine." Moreover, he insisted, the "expertise" required in the study of the humanities is not "pedantry, antiquarianism, living in an ivory tower, or any other perjorative outlook. 'Expertise' is

essential to the codification, development and interpretation of knowledge in any field. All secondary-school knowledge is in fact parasitical upon somebody's 'expertise.' Humanistic scholarship is as essential to humane learning as mathematical research is to physics."

He went on to say that courses like "Adventures in Literature" may have great teaching value and may even induce some students to read more books than otherwise they would have read. "But," he added, "the maturity required to interpret a humanistic masterpiece is not the same thing as an 'appreciation' of books gleaned from an anthology of 'adventures in literature.'"

The humanities, according to Professor Jones, "are principally but not wholly concerned with knowledge of the past. They put the present into perspective, and reinterpret the past in terms relevant to the present."

Say Textbooks Are Worst Part of College Course

Princeton, N. J.—(I.P.)—The enemy of learning at the university level is the text book, the classroom lecture, and the course system, declare Dr. George Gallup, director, American Institute of Public Opinion. "As a one-time college professor, and as an observer of universities both here and abroad, I have come reluctantly but inevitably to this conclusion," he adds.

"In contrast to European universities, we can lean heavily on text books which consist for the most part of bits and pieces of knowledge cannibalized from other text books. Too often the professor, in his classroom lecture, merely repeats the material covered by the textbook. And the student, once in a true-false quiz, can promptly forget the whole dull business."

"Is there any wonder that so many students stop reading books and stop trying to broaden their intellectual horizons when they leave college? For that is what happens. We have found persons who have not read a single book since they left school. On the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, an alumni group of one of our best universities sent a questionnaire to all members of the class. Half of those replying admitted that they had not read any book in recent months. And that to me is at least one measure of how bad an education that class received."

"The primary function of education, as I see it, is to teach students to think independently, to write and to speak with some facility, and above all, to be curious about the world today, and the world of yesterday."

"With the great number of hours of time at our disposal, is it too much to ask that every person set aside at least one hour each day to read something of an informative nature, whether it be in books, magazines, or newspapers? That may sound to you like a modest requirement, and yet, if the great mass of our people would spend even this small amount of time daily in this way, our cultural and intellectual standards would be raised materially."

Want Your Problem Heard?



It has been asked by many if in the face of the progress on the campus of Alma College conditions such as these have not been given attention?

The question is raised as to whether these are adequate facilities or not. Any opinions would gladly be received by the almanian as letters to the editor. This problem was requested to be aired on the editorial page. If the occasion arises and there are problems worthy of attention we, of the almanian, will be glad to print it if of a constructive nature.

The invitation is open to both the student body and faculty members alike.

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With the Greeks

PHI PHI ALPHA

We, at 313 Philadelphia, would like to welcome every one back to Alma. We hope you had an enjoyable summer, and that you are now prepared to face the challenges of the new school year.

Phi Phi Alpha opens its fifty-eighth year with president Tom Dodd, veep Dick Schuluckbier, recording secretary Don Sinclair, treasurer Gordie Snyder, and house manager George Carter. George has a few projects in mind designed to improve the house and keep old members and new pledges busy.

Our booth at the state fair was again a success, and we are happy that many alumni and students paid us a visit.

Congratulations are now in order for Stan Stoltz, who married Peggy Tinney, Fred Wyngarden, who became engaged to Carol Blanck, John Hurst who pinned Connie McCall, and Don Sinclair who pinned his home town girl Betty Grieve.

Intramural football has taken over the sports scene, and the Phi's opened the season by trouncing the Rockets 35-12.

This is a reminder that independent and freshmen men are always welcome to pay us a visit.

DELTA SIGMA PHI

Gamma Phi Chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity welcomed back 39 members into the fold again as everyone again prepares to hit the books. Among the 39 members returning are all of the officers who were elected for 1956 last spring. The list includes: president, Bob Atkins; vice-president, Bob Wallace; secretary, Dick Butterbach; treasurer, Les Woodruff; house manager, Bob Lambert; parliamentarian, Bob White; chaplain, Jake Messman; and sergeant at arms, Ken Gibbard.

President Bob Atkins was laid low last week by the mumps. Glad to report that he's okay now.

The Delt Sigs have already started on their Homecoming float. They've won first place in the parade the last two years and are after their third prize in a row.

The Delt Sigs have undertaken a mum selling concession for Homecoming. Their booth is the ticket office in Tyler Center where they will sell from 8:00 o'clock in the morning until 6:00 o'clock in the evening. Men, get your girl a mum from the Delt Sigs.

The Gamma Phi Chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi international Fraternity would like to welcome anyone to come down to the house, meet the fellows and use the facilities we have there. See you soon.

ALPHA THETA

Now that we are pretty well situated in our new room (thanks to the Delt Sigs), the Thetas would like to welcome the fresh-

men and new students to Alma, and say that we're glad to see all the upperclassmen who returned.

At our meeting Monday night, our president, Connie McCall, appointed the following new officers: Parliamentarian, Marilyn Mott; Historian, Roberta McAllister; Keeper of the Archives, Mary Lou Heberlein; Guide, Peggy Gardner; Sentinel, Patty Wilson; Almanian Reporter, Joan Moore; Room Chairman, Bev. Wright.

Plans are being made for our Homecoming float and for the banquet which will be served at the Episcopal Church in Alma.

We are happy to welcome Sue Hyde back into active membership. Our congratulations are offered to Rochelle and Howie Wiley and to Sherry and Dick Rudduck who were married this summer. Congratulations are also extended to Jackie McAllister and Carol Blanck who became engaged, and to Carrie Woods, Kitty Taylor, and Connie McCall who were recently pinned.

KAPPA IOTA

The K.I.'s are glad to be back on the Alma campus after three months vacation from books, professors, and eight o'clock. They are looking forward to a year of good times and hard work with old and new friends.

Arrangements are in process for the Homecoming float and Alumni banquet. Congratulations to Joan Donnelly and Chuck Morrison.

The K.I.'s are happy to welcome back Jeannie Lyons Preler. Five of our members marched to the altar this summer so we will say congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Jackson (Jan Potter); Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown (Marilyn Castile); Mr. and Mrs. James Wager (Jan Anderson); Mr. and Mrs. Larry Parks (Joy Phillips); Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fountain, (Alma Woods); Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gooderal (Jan Chadwick).

Wholesale Flunkout Inhuman?

Urbana, Ill.—(I.P.)—"Wholesale flunkout" of students not capable of doing needed college work is "inhuman," according to President David Henry of the University of Illinois. He predicts overcrowding of colleges for the years ahead.

"Whatever methods we may use to make sure that students in college can do and are doing college level work," President Henry said, "one of the screening devices we must not use is the inhuman, wholesale flunkout."

He said a high school diploma is no guarantee of a pupil's readiness for college because of the diversity of subjects taught in the high schools. In addition to entrance examinations, he said that the colleges should evaluate high school grades as a basis for admission to the universities.

Fraternities and Sororities Hark

(I.P.) Newark, Del.—results of a survey dealing with the academic performance of fraternity men at the University of Delaware have been made available to fraternity president, faculty advisers and alumni advisers to assist them in stimulating better scholarship, particularly among residents of the campus fraternity houses, according to Dean of Students John E. Hocutt.

Dean Hocutt urged the fraternities to undertake a critical self-evaluation leading to the improvement of scholarship by considering the following questions:

1. Are living conditions within the fraternity house so crowded as to be a deterrent to the scholastic performance of those living there?
2. Are adequate study facilities provided for the house residents?
3. Does the fraternity enforce "quiet hour" rules so that studying can be done with a minimum of distraction and interruption?
4. Does the fraternity recognize that members' obligations to their school work must take precedence over all else and give due consideration to this fact in assigning fraternity responsibilities to members?
5. Does the fraternity place too great an emphasis upon its social program to the disadvantage of those students who must limit the time they allow for recreational activities?
6. What has the fraternity done to honor and create respect within the fraternity for those members who achieve good scholarship records?

Too Smart for Own Good?

South Bend, Ind.—(I.P.)—Some college students are too smart and efficient for their own good, according to Edward R. Quinn, head of the department of testing and guidance at the University of Notre Dame. Students with superior mentalities sometimes become frustrated in choosing a college course and career, Quinn says, "because of their intense interest and outstanding aptitude in several fields of learning."

He cited the case of one student who wants to become a doctor, a mathematician and a high school teacher. "This is a more serious problem than it seems and a student in such a predicament requires patient and careful direction," Quinn points out. He explained that superior students undecided as to their course and career are given a variety of readings dealing with their several areas of interest. After completing the readings, the student's reaction is tested by a skilled counselor. Generally, Quinn says, the student himself will gradually eliminate the alternatives and settle on one career or field of endeavor.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty for nineteen years, Quinn emphasizes that a counselor should never indulge in crystal gazing and pick out a specific occupation or courses of study for a student to follow. The department of testing and guidance, he explained, never tries to place a boy in a particular position but rather in the "job family" where he has the most interest and aptitude.

First Artist Appears For Assembly

Miss Margaret White, nationally known harpist, was the guest artist for the first Alma College student assembly of the year, held in the College Chapel at 10:00 a. m., Wednesday, September 26.

In addition to her study with four of the nation's outstanding harpists Miss White has gained a proficiency in virtually every other musical instrument. She has appeared in more than 250 concerts in Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Kansas, and with the U.S.O. during the war. She was a member of the faculty of Christian College in Columbia, Missouri from 1938-45 and has been Professor of Harp and Piano at Indiana University since 1945. Miss White has appeared as piano soloist with the Interlochen National Band over NBC, as violinist and harpist with the Interlochen Symphony, and in concerts with the Berkshire Quartet and the San Francisco Symphony.

One such artist appears once each month on the Alma College campus during each school year.

Around the Campus

COLE COTTAGE ELECTS COUNCIL

Cole Cottage had a house meeting Wednesday evening September 26, after the A.C.A. Picnic, and elected the following officers: Ann Harris, House President; Barbara Guthrie, W.S.G.A. Council Representative; Judy Korn, Secretary and alternate representative.

These three officers from the Cole Cottage Council, Jan Heacock was elected Fire Captain. Various suggestions were made as to activities of the "C.C.C." after which refreshments were served with Dean Esther Vreeland as guest of honor.

GERMAN CLUB LEADERS

On September 25, the German Club held its first meeting of the school year to elect its officers: President, Pat Nonhof; Vice President, Don Miller; Secretary-treasurer, Una Edwards; members of executive council, Dick Heuschle and Elsie Heusel with Miss Foley as advisor.

BIOLOGY CLUB MEETS

To start the ball rolling in good fashion, we held our first meeting. This meeting was a social get-together of all members, old and new. The gala event took place at the Conservation Park at 7:00 p. m. Dr. Eyer led the group in the singing of some "old favorites" of the Biology Club while hot chocolate and cookies were served. The new member of the Biology Department, Dr. Tolstead, began a fire-side discussion of interesting summer events by telling of his trip to Oregon and the work he did in the field of Experimental Botany. President Tom Weeber then previewed the program for this semester.

Our next meeting was held on October 4, for the planning of the over-night field trip to the Alpena region for the observation of the "Sinks" from both the Biological and Geological aspects. The trip was scheduled to start Friday afternoon, October 5.

Our hearty congratulations go to Tom Webster, Dave "Duff" McGinnis, Jack Harris, and Bill Woodland upon their recent marriages.

Requirements to Be Stiffened

Collegeville, Ind.—(I.P.)—Several important changes in the academic policies of St. Joseph's College recently put into effect by faculty action. Among the changes are, according to Rev. Edward Maziarz, Dean of the College, were ones concerning the entrance requirements for freshmen, new index requirements and probation, and the graduation requirements for 3-2 engineers.

The change concerning the entrance requirements departs from the previous dual-admission system. Formerly, students could be admitted either by certificate or examination. Under the newly adopted plan students will be admitted through an exam only by exception; they will instead be expected to qualify on the basis of their records, and the standards expected have been stiffened.

The first two conditions for admission by certificate, concerning high school graduation and necessary credit units, have remained static. However, where previously ranking in the upper two-thirds of one's entrance by certificate, the student will now have to meet at least two of the following three requirements: 1. average of C or 80 or equivalent in total high school work; 2. rank in upper half of high school graduation class; and 3. I.Q. of 108 or equivalent.

By way of exception, students who fail to meet the above requirements, but for other reasons show promise for success in college, may be permitted to take an entrance examination. To be permitted to do this, they will need a special recommendation from their high school principal or counselor.

The change in the index requirements and probation will affect only sophomores. Under the new system, all students except freshmen will have to maintain a 2.00 index to avoid probation. For freshmen, it will remain at 1.5. Fr. Maziarz explained that this step was taken for the student's own protection. Under the old system it was possible for a stu-

FTA HOLDS MEET

The Future Teachers Association met for the first time this semester on Thursday night, September 27. The officers for this year are: Alan Cordell, president; Jane Hunt, vice president; Betty Dillan, secretary; James Amell, treasurer and Wallace Frank historian.

The meeting was started by the president reading the constitution of the F. T. A. The programs for the following semester were announced. Also short speeches were made by the other officers. The meeting was concluded by the serving of refreshments.

Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Anyone interested in coming to F. T. A. is welcome. At the next meeting Lois Welberry will talk about her school experience while in Japan.

WRIGHT HALL

Wright Hall claims a President, Vice President, and Student Council Representative in view of Wednesday's election of Freshman Class Officers. Tom Rennell was chosen for the class leadership, with Bob Hradsky in the second slot, Roy Fuentes as the Student Council Representative. The candidates were well chosen and we are looking for a successful year.

BRUSKE ELECTS

The following officers have been elected by Bruske House residents: House President and WSGA Representative, Ruth Anderson; Secretary, Sue Edgar; Distributor of Mail, Pat Lester.

A. C. A. FEEDS

The Alma Christian Association began its school year with its annual picnic at Conservation Park on Wednesday, September 26. Over one hundred students enjoyed the outing. After the meal Dr. Miller introduced Dr. Jellema, who will be assisting in our program for the coming year. Also participating were Dr. Kirk and Dean Vreeland. Several songs were sung around the fire before we returned to the campus. Future meeting of A.C.A. will be in the chapel at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings.

dent to waver from one semester to the next right around the minimum passing mark, and then find himself short of quality points for graduation when he reached his senior year.

This program, which will be limited to between 10 or 20 students in each area, will be conducted on an interdepartmental basis. It envisages the organization of the faculty teaching the program into functional groups, paralleling the areas recommended for the first two years, rather than on the strictly departmental basis around which the faculty is now organized.

AUTUMN

Summer is gone,
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And cool, crisp air.

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I try to see all that I could,
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Is like God's love to you and me.

by John Moon

Cast for Play

After several days of strenuous tryouts, the cast for the play **DOUBLE DOOR** by Elizabeth McFodden was selected, the announcement made by Prof. Miner. The play will be presented November 15 and 16 in Tyler Auditorium. Cast listings are as follows:

Double Door, Elizabeth McFodden
Victoria—Rachel Closser
Corline—Jean Molyneux
Anne—Alida Price
Avery—Nancy Martin
Louise—Genevra Gould
Rip—Bob Cotter
Sully—Bob Beltz
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Here's all you do. Study the descriptions (at right) of the articles in the October Reader's Digest—or, better still, read the complete articles in the issue itself. (But you are not required to buy The Reader's Digest to enter the contest.) Then simply list the six articles—in order of preference—that you think readers of the magazine will like best. This will be compared with a nationwide survey conducted among a cross section of Digest subscribers.

Follow the directions given below. Fill in the entry blank, paste it on a post card, and get it into the mail before the deadline. Additional blanks are obtainable at your college bookstore.

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1. Norfolk's friend to troubled teen-agers. Story of the arthritic cripple to whom youngsters flock for advice.
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3. How to sharpen your judgment. Famed author Bertrand Russell offers six rules to help you form sounder opinions.
4. My most unforgettable character. Fond memories of Connie Mack—who led the Athletics for 50 years.
5. How to make peace of the Pentagon. Steps to end ruinous rivalry between our Army, Navy and Air Force.
6. Book condensation: "High, Wide and Lonesome." Hal Borland's exciting story of his adventurous boyhood on a Colorado prairie.
7. Medicine's animal pioneers. How medical researchers learn from animals new ways to save human lives.
8. What the mess in Moscow means. Evidence that the Communist system is as unworkable as it is unnatural.
9. Western bridge builder. Introducing David Steinman, world leader in bridge design and construction.
10. College two years sooner. Here's how extensive experiments proved a bright 10th-grader is ready for college.
11. Laughing the best medicine. Amusing experiences from everyday life.
12. What happens when we pray for others? Too often we pray only for ourselves. Here's how we gain true rewards of prayer when we pray for others.
13. European vs. U. S. beauties. Why European women are more glamorous to men.
14. Trading stamps—bonus or bunkum? How much of their cost is included in the price you pay?
15. Living memorials instead of flowers. A way to honor the dead by serving the living.
16. It pays to increase your word power. An entertaining quiz to build your vocabulary.
17. Are we too soft on young criminals? Why the best way to cure juvenile delinquency is to punish first offenders.
18. Medicine man at the Amazon. How two devoted missionaries bring medical aid to jungle natives.
19. Creatures in the night. The fascinating drama of nature that is enacted between dusk and dawn.
20. What your sense of humor tells about you. What the jokes you like, the way you laugh reveal about you.
21. The sub that wouldn't stay down. Stirring saga of the U.S.S. *Squalus*' rescue from a depth of 40 fathoms.
22. Madame Butterfly in bobby Sox. How new freedoms have changed life for Japanese women; what the men think.
23. Doctors should tell patients the truth. When the doctor operated, exactly what did he do? Why a written record of your medical history may someday save your life.
24. "How wonderful you are..." Here's why affection and admiration aren't much good unless expressed; why locked-up emotions eventually wither.
25. Harry Holt and a handful of children. Story of a farmer who singlehandedly finds homes for hundreds of Korean war orphans.
26. Our tax laws make us dishonest. How unfair tax laws are causing a serious moral deterioration.
27. Venereal disease now a threat to youth. How V.D. is spreading among teen-agers—and sane advice to victims.
28. Sucky. Benson's left thumb in the American farmer. Why he feels farmers, left alone, can often solve their own problems better than Washington.
29. Your brain's unutilized powers. Seven new findings to help you use your brain more efficiently.
30. Britain's indestructible "Old Man." What Sir Winston Churchill is doing in retirement.
31. Are juries giving away too much money? Fantastic awards jurors hand out because they confuse compassion with common sense.
32. My last best day on earth. In her own words a young mother, learning she had cancer, tells how she decided to make this the "best year of her life."
33. Foreign-aid memo. How the billions we've given have brought mainly disappointment and higher taxes.
34. Our where jet planes are built. Story of Edward Air Force Base, where 10,000 men battle wind, sand and speed barriers to keep us supreme in the sky.
35. Life in these United States. Humorous anecdotes revealing quirks of human nature.
36. War's most playful friend: the Lord Otter. Interesting facts about this amusing animal.
37. Why not a foreign-service career? How our State Department is making foreign-service attractive to young men.
38. A new deal in the old firehouse. How one town got lower taxes, greater protection combining fire and police.
39. Crazy man or Crazy News. Meet the man whose statue of an Indian will be the largest in history.
40. Their business is dynamite. How the manufacture of this explosive has been made one of the safest industries.
41. His best customers are babies. How a kitchen strainer and a pint of mashed peas became the Gerber Products Co.
42. Smokey Mountain magic. Why this, our most ancient mountain range, has more visitors than any other.
43. Call for Mr. Emergency. Meet the Emergency Police, who get 8 million New Yorkers out of trouble.
44. Beauty by the mile. How landscape engineers prove roadside planting is pleasing as well as beautiful.
45. Humor in uniform. True stories of the funny side of life in our Armed Forces.
46. Seven economic fallacies. The American Economic Foundation explains misconceptions about our economy.
47. Admiral of the Great Oil Fleet. Story of Stavros Niarchos, who has won a fortune betting on—and carrying—oil.

Placement Casement

All seniors will be receiving a communique from the Placement Office regarding their interest for help in securing a position upon graduation. There are already scheduled interview dates, with representatives from business and industry, for people who are not going to be teachers.

All future teachers who are seniors will sign up at the Placement Office as a part of their curriculum. There is no charge for using the Placement Office's services.

Men who want part time jobs off campus will now contact the Placement Office and not the Dean of Men. Women, however, are still be placed in such jobs by the Dean of Women.

PICTURE LOAN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED

An opportunity for those students who wish to have a famous painting in their rooms has been given to us by the University of Michigan through a loan exhibition. Artists of Europe, the United States, and Mexico were represented in the collection covering a period of time from the Pre-Renaissance to the present day style of painting.

Collections such as this are a part of the cultural program of many well-known colleges and Alma College has taken her first step toward proving that her students, too, approve of a picture loan library. Your comments and suggestions will be welcomed by the Art Department in furthering the development of our own collection of painting. The possibility of including the works of talented Alma alumni and students is also being considered.

Those students who have loaned paintings will be notified as to when they must be returned to the Art department. Will have to be returned Feb. 8.

Weekly Calendar

This year will see the inauguration of the Weekly Calendar to supplement the Annual Calendar of social events. The Weekly Calendar will take the place of the Monthly Calendar formerly provided. Copies of the Weekly Calendar will be posted on all campus bulletin boards. Residence hall officers and fraternity representatives are invited to pick up copies for their house bulletin boards at the Personnel Office on Saturday mornings. Copies for individual students will be available in Tyler Center, as usual.

Copy for the weekly Calendar must be in the Personnel Office not later than 11:00 a.m. on the Friday morning preceding the week of the events. All requests pertaining to items to be scheduled should be in writing, and must include the time and place of the meeting, or event.

To schedule a place of meeting, it is necessary to clear with Mr. Merritt in the Business Office for all buildings other than Tyler Center, and for all off-campus groups. Arrangements for scheduling space in Tyler Center may be made through Dean Vreeland in the Personnel Office.

Mademoiselle Opens Contest

A chance for co-eds to win a month's job as editor on "Mademoiselle" magazine is now open. The contest ends November 30.

The magazine's College Board Contest offers a chance (for freshmen to seniors) at winning one of the twenty Guest Editorships—a month on the staff of "Mademoiselle." Those who are accepted on the College Board do two assignments during the college year. Assignments give features about life on their campus; to submit art work and fashion as well as feature and fiction.

The top twenty Guest Editors will be brought to New York next June to help write, edit and illustrate the August College issue. They will be paid a regular salary for their month's work, plus round-trip transportation to New York City.

November 30 is the deadline for applying for College Board Membership. A 1500 word critique of the editorial section in Mademoiselle's 1956 August issue must be written. If the August issue is unavailable a later issue will do.

Successful candidates will be notified of acceptance of the College Board before Christmas.

New Residence Accepts First Occupants



Two hundred and seven Alma College co-eds took up living quarters in the beautiful new Women's Residence Hall on September 18, 1956. It was finished just in time to help out in the pressing housing problem here on the campus.

Besides its practical function of housing students, it is an addition of beauty to an ever-growing college. It stands to represent the faith of the people in a small liberal arts college.

The building was partially financed by the college Board of Trustees who gave nearly a quarter of a million dollars or nearly one-third of the cost of the completed building.

Surrounding it is a broad expanse of lawn which sets it off.

Although connected to Tyler, its recessed north wing lends to it an air of privacy and character, while its U-shaped form, modern breezeway, and blending architecture gives it a quality of friendliness.

In its spacious interior are a sunken main lounge with a large fireplace, several smaller lounges and cooking areas for midnight dining, laundry facilities, four large sorority rooms, a three-room head residents apartment, nurse's office and infirmary, four double guest rooms, each with private bath, two way speaker system between the desk and each room, and a large parking area to the northwest.

The individual rooms are appointed with appeal. Green, gold, and rose are the three main color themes used in each room so as to break up the monotony of a monochlor room. Each room has one wall consisting entirely of windows giving the occupant a good deal of sunshine.

The new structure stands between the Chapel on the east and Van Dusen Commons on the west, forming a western triangle of new buildings, composed of Tyler Student Center, the Commons, new residence hall and Chapel.

It is a salute to a growing college and it is hoped that the progress begun will be maintained and furthered to higher levels.

BRITAIN'S MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The lists are now opened for U. S. college students to apply for a two-year Marshall Scholarship award for study at a British university. Any American student of either sex, married or single, may apply for one of the awards, provided he or she is under 28, and has had three years' college education.

Applications are considered by home region — North Eastern, Southern, Middle Western and Pacific—and awards are made on the basis of character as well as scholastic attainment.

The scholarships are for two years' study at any British university plus a cash award of \$1,540 a year for expenses with married students receiving more. Tourist class transportation to and from the United Kingdom is also provided.

Students wishing to try for an award should apply to H. M. Counsel General, Chicago. Details such as preference for university in Britain and study subjects should be included. Announcement of winners will be made in Washington each April for the following October. All applications must be submitted not later than October 31, 1956.

The Marshall Scholarship award has been operating for three years. It was set up in 1953 as a signal of Britain's appreciation for U. S. Marshall Aid.

New Manual

Philadelphia, Pa.—(I.P.)—A proposed study to develop, through cooperative action with other national groups, a "do-it-yourself" type of manual that will assist colleges and universities to obtain a better utilization of present facilities, was announced by John Rhoads, Temple University registrar.

Studies on utilization of instructional space during the past few years have indicated that many colleges and universities are actually utilizing not more than fifty per cent of the classroom space available. Obviously, there are many factors that might enter into an adequate study of space utilization. It would be the purpose of this project to define some of the more significant problems and to formulate procedures for improving the use of available space.

In many colleges and universities the registrar, or a committee of the faculty including the registrar, is responsible for the scheduling of classes and space. Reports indicate that in this connection little or no attention is given to a self-study of space utilization and related problems. For this reason college presidents find it difficult to secure from their administrative officer in charge of assignment of classroom space an accurate appraisal of classroom needs.

In the past 10 years, Russia has risen from seventh to second place as a world naval power, according to NATO experts.



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Dean Vreeland Speaks

Mrs. Esther Vreeland, Dean of Women and professor of Family Life Education, spoke at the meeting of the Michigan Child Study Clubs at Traverse City on September 27, on the subject of family recreation. Dean Vreeland is a member of the Board of the Michigan Child Study Clubs. She recently prepared two study outlines for the Child Study Manual.

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ART SMITH PREPARES ALMA SQUAD FOR ACTION

Art Smith, new Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Alma College, came to Alma from Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, where he coached both basketball and football. He comes from the Coast school with 23 straight gridiron victories and a record in his last three years of 27 and one.

However, he forsoes an entirely different state of affairs at Alma for the 1956 season. With Hillsdale, as tough as ever, and with Hope, Albion, Kalamazoo, and Adrian in the MIAA all likely to be improved, he says "We're going to need some luck on our side to win three games." That luck he thinks is going to have to consist of the avoidance of injury to the top 14 or 15 men and the rounding into shape of half a dozen new ones.

Of last year's returning veterans, George Arrick, 220 pound junior tackle from Melvindale; Eric Sundeck, 195 pound sophomore center from Saginaw; and Warren "Tex" Gleason, 220 pound sophomore fullback from Belding have been impressive.

Smith and backfield coach Gary Stauffer both agree that at least four of the newcomers are likely to see plenty of action. Probably brightest among them is Pat Brady, 175 pound freshman halfback from Saginaw St. Andrews. Pat has just returned from six years in the service but has apparently lost none of the speed and finesse that made him a High School All-American at St. Andrews in 1950. If Brady makes the first string backfield, he is likely to have another freshman as his signal-caller — Bill Rankin, 178 pounder from Detroit Western, who may nail down the starting assignment because he throws better than any of the other quarterbacks in camp. On the line, two other frosh have been impressive. They are Bill Klenk, 180 pound end from Roseville, who has stood out for his pass receiving and all-around ruggedness; and Bill Westhauser, 251 pound guard from Sawyer, who has outstanding mobility for his size and is making the veterans hump to keep their jobs.

In addition to these four, one other newcomer has been running at guard with the first team. He's Gordon Smith, 185 pound senior from Alma, who this year turned out for football for the first time. As a freshman, he starred on the Western Michigan Plebe team.

After days of workouts, the squad shapes up this way. At the ends it's senior letterman Jack DeCou and Chuck Morrison, with Bill Klenk in the running. At the tackles, veterans George Arrick and Dale Lake have the inside track, with big Carl Rubel

Kalamazoo Harriers Down Alma Squad

The Scot Harriers were defeated, 22-33, in their first meet Saturday, by a strong Kalamazoo squad. Although decisively stronger than last year, the Scots weren't strong enough to beat Jim Wallace of Kalamazoo, who finished first, running the four miles in 22:29 minutes.

Kalamazoo took second and third places before Alma's Dick Vinciguerra and Larry Braak, taking fourth and fifth places with the times of 23:44 and 24:00 minutes, respectively, finished. Fred Immer, running again for Alma, placed seventh. Two freshmen, Jim Burris and Lou Goecker, held down the Scots fourth and fifth positions.

The next meet which the Alma Harriers will have, will be against Hillsdale at Homecoming. This is one meet which they have all hopes of winning. They beat Hillsdale last year and hope to repeat that performance.

Alma College Football 1956

Under the leadership of head coach Art Smith, the Alma Scots are well into their 1956 football schedule. All of the remaining games, except one, are M. I. A. A. competition.

*Oct. 6	Adrian	.....	Away
*Oct. 13	Hillsdale	.....	Homecoming
*Oct. 20	Olivet	.....	Away
*Oct. 27	Albion	.....	Home (N)
Nov. 3	Ferris Institute	.....	Away
*Nov. 10	Hope	.....	Away
* M. I. A. A. Games			
	(N) night		

We all know the team is going to do its best. Let's get out there and help with our cheers.



Art Smith

trying to win back his last year's starting berth. At the guards it's Bill Westhauser and Gordon Smith, with competition from sophomore Marv Boerma and freshman Frank Harris. At center it's letterman Eric Sundeck and Jack Greenle's. The quarterback chores will be in the hands of one of two probables—Bill Rankin or John Harris. At left half there's Tom Johnson trying to fill the hole left by the graduation of All-MIAA Marv Raab, but he's getting a stiff argument from Pat Brady. At right half the mighty mite, 150 pound Bobby Hill, stands head and shoulders above the rest of the field. At fullback, Tex Gleason currently has a slight edge over senior letterman Frank Lawrence.

The squad has named end Chuck Morrison from Detroit and tackle Carl Rubel of Royal Oak co-captains for the year.

Alma appears to be an unknown quantity with its new coach, new wing-T offense, and green squad. In the MIAA, Hillsdale appears to be the class of the league again and headed for another undefeated season, although they may get some argument from Hope, Albion, and Kalamazoo, who will fight it out for third, while Adrian, Olivet, and Alma will scramble for what's left.

Coach Smith isn't particularly optimistic about Alma's 1956 chances, but he gives one assurance. "Alma will show up for every game," he promises.

Cross Country Perks Up

Cross country prospects at Alma look better this year as Coach Charlie Skinner has three lettermen back from last year's squad that finished in sixth place in the MIAA. The squad has also been strengthened with the addition of Fred Immer, a returning serviceman, who lettered in '53. Other lettermen are: team captain Larry Braak, Spring Lake; Dick Vinciguerra, Auburn, New York; and Larry Brink, Grand Haven. The Scots also have two fine freshmen prospects in Jim Burrs, Comstock, and Louis Goecker, Flint.

The Scots lost their first meet of the year to Kalamazoo last Saturday, 22-33. However, Coach Skinner expressed optimism as to the future of this season. Last year Kazoo shut out Alma 15-40 in a complete rout. But the Scots put up a much better showing against the Hornets this year. Also there seems to be more interest in the sport with 10 men working out under Skinner and his assistant, Del Hahn.

With the renewed interest in cross country the Scots could move up in the standings a notch or two.

ALMA DROPPED BY KALAMAZOO, 21-6

Alma College lost its first M.I.A.A. game, 21-6, to Kalamazoo College last Saturday.

The Hornets scored their first touchdown early in the first quarter after marching 72 yards downfield, which ceased with a one yard plunge over the line. Kalamazoo tried to score again in this quarter, but the attempt was broken up by the Scots.

At the half the Hornets held a 13-0 lead. They had scored their second touchdown after a drive, consisting of several penalties against Alma and a series of running plays, covering 71 yards, climaxed by a one yard pass over center. In the last few seconds of the half Alma threatened, but was unsuccessful in scoring.

Alma's only score commenced when Tom Johnson intercepted a Hornet pass, and returned the ball to his own 32. Bob Hill, later on Kalamazoo's 43, ran 43 yards for a touchdown.

Early in the past quarter Bill Klenk's punt was blocked on Alma's 15 and run back by Bob Steward. Their attempt for conversion was blocked by Eric Sundeck.

Kalamazoo gained its final two points by trapping Tom Johnson for a safety in the last few minutes of the game.

The Scots play their next M.I.A.A. game this coming Saturday at Adrian.

Northern Rolls over Scots, 32-0

On Saturday, September 22, Northern Michigan clashed on the gridiron with the Alma Scots. Northern, under the coaching of Lloyd Eaton, defeated the Scots, coached by Art Smith, 32-0. Winning this game avenged the 33-0 defeat given to Northern by the Scots last season.

Northern got its first three touchdowns primarily by two running plays and a pass. Only one of the three attempts at conversion was good, bringing the score at the half to 19-0. Pass connections in the second half brought about Northern's last two touchdowns. Only one of the extra point attempts was good giving the final score of 32-0.

Eric Sundeck, playing a great defensive game, kept Northern from scoring more than they did.

The farthest Alma could penetrate into Northern's territory was the nineteen yard line. Completing only one of seventeen passes was one reason for the Scots' inability to score. Pat Brady and Tex Gleason, being unable to get rolling, could not stave off the onslaught.

Coach Art Smith remarked that Northern used all the possible breaks and that the team was disappointed in losing.

Meanwhile in the locker-room of the winners, Coach Loyd Eaton of Northern commented that the game was won by the boys and that he had very little to do with it. He also said that Northern was on their way back after losing all their games last year. Coach Eaton also remarked that Alma had a great group of boys.

Part of the Alma Eleven



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