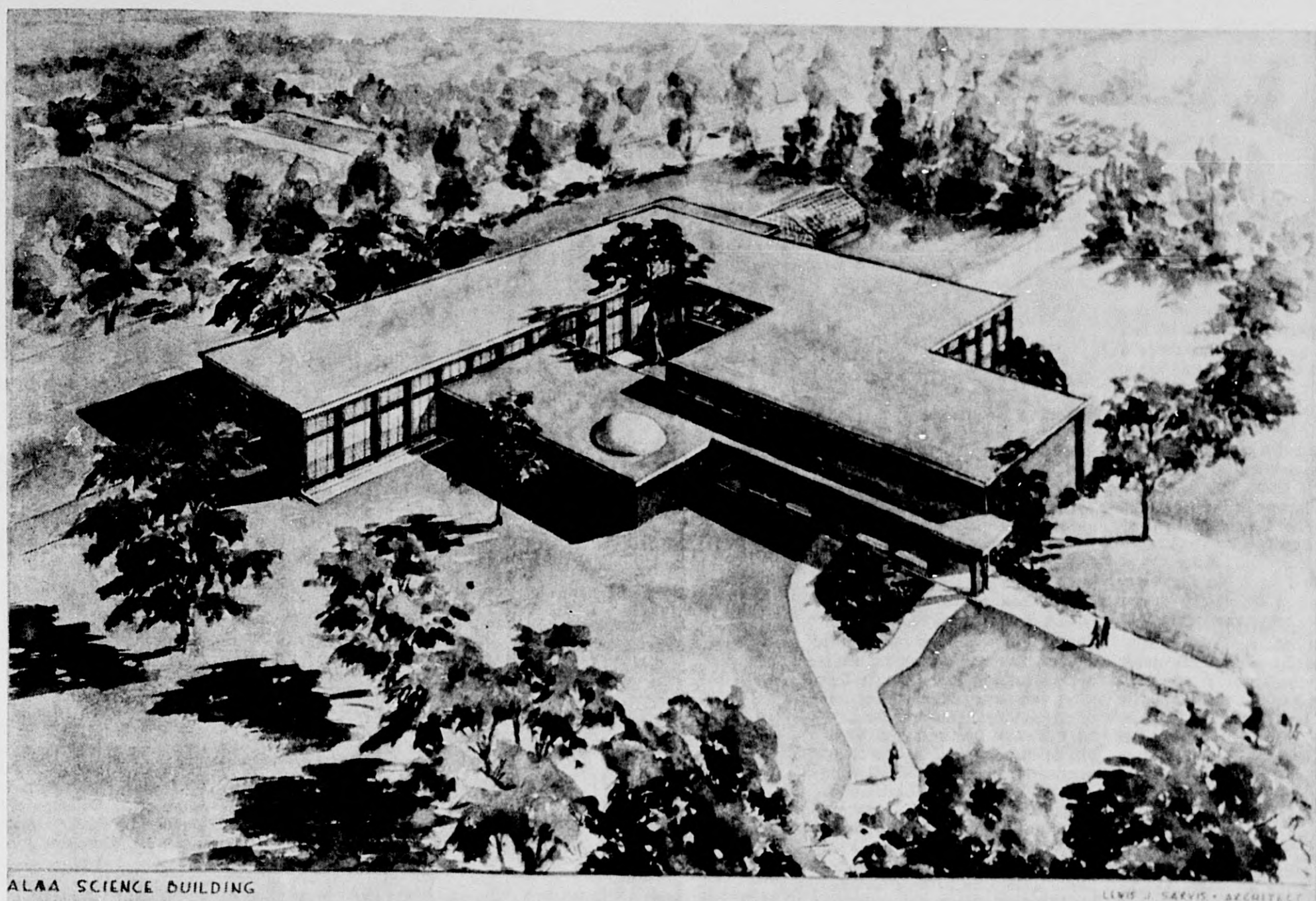


## Science Building To Be A Reality



ALMA SCIENCE BUILDING

LEWIS J. SARVIS - ARCHITECT

Construction of the new Alma College Science building will begin in June, according to information released by college officials. At an approximate cost of \$1.5 million, the building will include classrooms and laboratories for the study of chemistry, physics, biology, geology, astronomy and mathematics.

The building will front on College Avenue, a residential section. Four temporary buildings,

presently used for married student housing, and the tennis courts will be removed for construction. First to be constructed will be classrooms and laboratory wings which will be ready next year. The total building will be completed in late 1959.

Architect's drawings of the building have been received by College officials. Particular attention will be given to the lobby, which will be entered at the end of the covered

walk. Scientific displays will be in prominence, and the planetarium will rise above.

To the right of the white-domed planetarium as shown in the sketch, will be a 300-seat auditorium. To the left will be a 100-seat amphitheatre. On the north-east wing will be the greenhouse for students of botany. Adjacent to the general laboratories, each professor will have a private office and his own re-

search laboratory. Advanced students of science also will have individual laboratories in this area.

Architect for Alma's newest addition is Lewis J. Sarvis, of Battle Creek, an alumnus, who designed Alma's most recent buildings, including Mary C. Gelston Hall, Van Dusen Commons, Jerry Tyler Student Center and the Reid-Knox Administration Building. All buildings

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## Delt Sigs Express Concern Over Discrimination

Announce Desire To Clarify Ritual at "Bull" Session

Concern over the national headquarters' interpretation of a ritual clause in a discriminatory manner, was expressed here last week by members of the Local Delta Sigma Phi. One member, expressing himself at the Thursday evening "Operation Hairdown" (see story —"Swanee's Bull Session") said that the local chapter had queried the national officers concerning its discriminatory policy but had as yet received no return answer.

"Discrimination," he said, "is contrary to the spirit of the law of the land, contrary to the principles of the Church, and against the policy of the Synod of Michigan, owners of Alma College.

It was disclosed also that Dr. Swanson and some other officials of the administration had been in conference with the Delt Sigs on this matter.

"The Fraternity is not prepared, however, at this time," the spokesman said, "to release a statement to the newspapers."

### SWANEE'S BULL SESSION

## President and Wife Host Campus Leaders Thursday

Inaugurating a new and interesting activity on the campus last Thursday evening, President and Mrs. Swanson entertained leaders of the various campus activities for an informal chin-fest.

In giving Dr. VanderBosch credit for the idea, Dr. Swanson objected to the suggestion that the affair be called "Operation Hairdown . . ."

The activity's "continuance will depend in part," continued the President, "on how important students consider these meetings."

The group assembled were privileged to be the first to see the just-arrived architect's drawing of the new science building (see story).

Long Range Planning was discussed. The group was enlightened on LRP's history and various facts disclosed, including the planned size of Alma College in the foreseeable future as an institution of 1000 enrollment.

The nature of the discussions took on an interesting and straight-to-the-point form. For example, one of the questions asked was: "There seems to be some feeling among student and faculty comprising various committees, that they are not to originate, suggest, or propose anything that has not previously been directed to them by the President; also it

would appear from some remarks that it would be taboo for a committee, or members of a committee to disagree or take issue to suggestions and remarks from "higher up." Dr. Swanson, or either Drs. Hawley or VandenBosch were asked to comment on this.

Dr. Swanson denied the implications of such an attitude and mentioned that of the 15 committees, seven have students as members as well. The student body has been involved, he said, and will continue to be involved in the making of policy decisions for Alma College. In the college's administrative system, policy MUST, he emphasized, come up from committee. The college president, it was pointed out, is merely chairman of the executive committee and in such capacity is responsible for the interpretation of the will of the Board of Trustees. He named the Judicial committee as an example of a committee in which action originates. The athletic program, for another example, was cited as being formulated in committee.

Tongues were loosened with tasty refreshments provided by Mrs. Swanson, assisted by Mrs. VandenBosch and Mrs. Hawley, and the Bull Session continued then until nearly 11:30.

In speaking of grading standards and marks value, Vice President VandenBosch said that ". . . each student has a right to know how he or she is being evaluated."

Some statements were made by one of the students concerning the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity's stand

"The Lark," a French play dealing with the trial of Jean D'Arc, will be presented on this campus, March 13th and 14th. Watch the ALMANIAN for future announcements.

for de-segregation and some considerable discussion followed on related fraternity-sorority problems.

Dr. Swanson promised those present that "there will be more of such gatherings" in the interest of fostering a more truly community consciousness on the Alma Campus.

## Tri-Betas Constitute Activities

At the January 16th meeting an appendix to the National Tri Beta Constitution for our Gamma Beta Chapter was presented and approved by the group. A discussion was held regarding the paper presentation contest now in progress. Mr. Edgar further explained the contest and said the papers are due March 15. The Tri-Beta Regional Convention is being held in Lansing this year on the week-end of March 29-April 1. It is hoped several members will be able to attend.

Plans for this semester's activities have been drawn up by the executive committee and included are several field trips. (We hope a day's canoe trip down the Pine River and an overnight trip to the

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## First Valentines Never Forgotten

America Ranks First In Annual Observance

by Mary Onapu

Once upon a Valentine's Day a little boy wishing to express his admiration to the object of his affection, somewhat sheepishly and blushing fiercely, handed his very first Valentine to his favorite girl. The thrilling message on the card read, "Roses are red, Violets are blue, You're as pretty as the monkey in the zoo." This is a little boy's method of declaring his love. Shakespeare has said it in other ways. But no matter how it is expressed, Valentines, especially the very first ones ever received, are never forgotten.

Valentine's Day has reached its present ecstatic state after a long, though somewhat undetermined history. Nobody seems to know definitely how it started, except that it descended from an ancient Roman festival. St. Valentine is the name given to three different Roman martyrs, whose feast day falls on February 14. However, the customs of St. Valentine's Day have no connection with the lives of these saints, excepting their feast day.

The first Valentine known, now in the British Museum in London, was sent by the Duke of Orleans to his ladylove after his capture in the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

Originally women alone used to be on the receiving end of a tangible token of affection—a gift from a beau or husband. Now, however, the tables are turned, it is the man's chance to receive as well as give.

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### PLACEMENT CASEMENT Teachers Wanted

Wed., Feb. 26—Flint Schools, all grades  
Thurs., Feb. 27—Warren Township Schools, all grades  
Fri., Feb. 28—Bridgeport Schools, all grades

# York Paces Scot Cagers

When George Carter of Three Rivers left the Alma college basketball squad at the start of second semester to accept a teaching job in St. Louis, the Scots lost one of their highest scoring players in many years. But last Wednesday night another Three Rivers product, Bill York, very capably filled the shoes of Carter at guard as the scrappy little Scot led his team to a 72-67 triumph over Kalamazoo.

The smallest man on the squad at only 5-7, York counted 24 points on eight baskets and eight free throws, out of eight attempts, to lead all scorers, but in addition played a fine defensive game against the taller Hornet players. Half of his point production came in the final ten minutes of play when the Hornets began to hit and closed the gap which had been a 10-point 54-44 lead for Alma as the last quarter of the game opened, to just a bare 66-65 lead for the locals.

York bagged a bucket with 1:25 of play remaining to boost the Scot lead to 68-65, then sank two more free throws at the 49 second mark to widen the margin to 70-65 and a fter Casey Clark had caged a two-pointer for Kazoo at the 37 second mark, York broke in for a dog just before the buzzer sounded to bring the final 72-67 edge.

Actually, the Scots were never behind in the game as they got off to a 4-0 lead and then stretched it to 12-3 in the first six minutes of play as the visitors had trouble locating the hoop. At the end of the first ten minutes of play Alma was out in front 19-12 and stayed that way for the rest of the first half, the intermission margin being 39-31.

As the second half opened the Scots found the going rough and at the end of seven minutes held only a 45-41 advantage but in the next three minutes Alma pulled away to the 54-44 lead they held as the final ten minutes of the exciting contest began. The Hornets racked up 23 points in those closing minutes, eight of them by a reserve forward, Casey Clark, who sank four out of five shots he gained.

With four minutes to go Alma still led 65-61 but baskets by Bob Ellis and Clark cut the margin to 66-65 at the 2 minute mark and set the stage for Alma's final six points by York. The victory was the third in MIAA competition for the Scots this campaign, avenged an earlier 74-51 loss for the Alma team at Kalamazoo and brought the season's record to date to 8-10.

Coach Wayne Hintz used only six players in the game, with all of the starting five reaching double figures in scoring. For the visitors, Bob Brice led the point making with 18 points.

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# Former Student To Be On Campus With Marines

Marine Second Lieutenant Lynn Crawford, a former Alma College student, will be on campus the 3rd and 4th of March. Lieutenant Crawford has just completed the Marine Officer Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, and will be on temporary duty here in Michigan for about two weeks before proceeding to his assignment with Marine units in Hawaii.

Lieutenant Crawford will assist First Lieutenant P. M. Peterson, the Officer Procurement Officer, in providing information on Marine officer programs.

Lieutenant Crawford was born October 7, 1933 at Saginaw, Michigan. He attended Alma high school where he took an active interest in both social and athletic activities. He was a member of the Cross Country track team, and participated in other track events. He became the student Council's Vice President and the Student Director of the Community Center. He was elected the Senior Class President, and the Hi-Y President. He was also the Co-Editor of the school paper. He was graduated from Alma high school, Alma, Michigan in June of 1951. In September of that year he enrolled at Alma College. In the three following years he was a member of the A Cappella Choir, the Cross Country track team, the Chemistry Club, the Inter-Fraternity council, and the Student Council. He took an active part in intramural sports and was elected to Jr. Vice-Presidency.

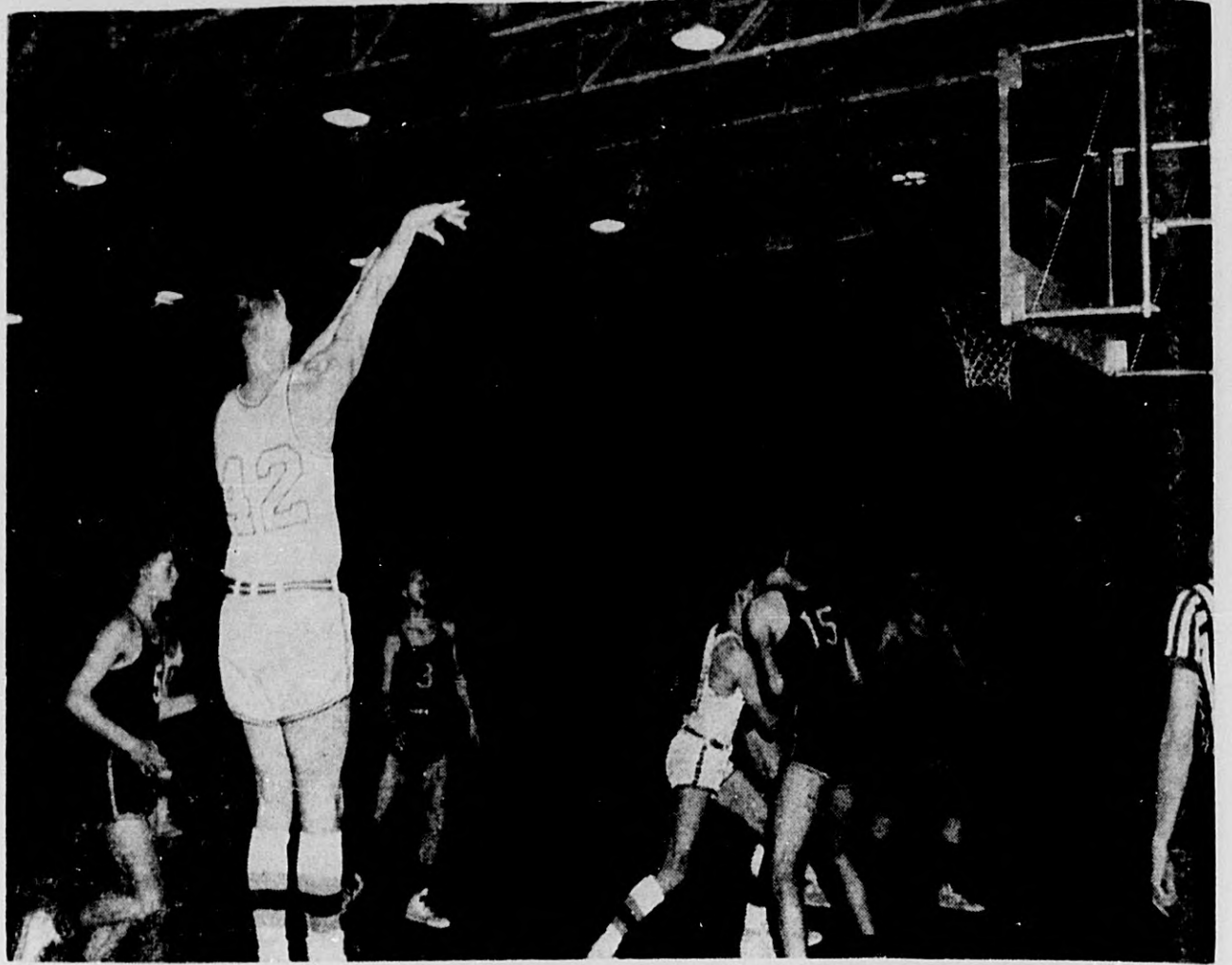
While at Alma College he was a member of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity and was elected the fraternity's Vice President. In 1954, Lt. Crawford transferred to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The following year he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Science, with a minor in German. While at Western Michigan University he played intramural basketball. In September of 1955, Lt. Crawford enrolled at Michigan State University to begin work on his master's degree. He became a Graduate Research Assistant under Dr. A. E. Warner, and later was a tutor for the University. He received his Master of Arts degree in December of 1956 in Business Administration. In 1954, he married the former Beverle R. Laird, the daughter of Dr. R. G. Laird of East Grand Rapids, Michigan. She too graduated from Michigan State University in June of 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. In January of 1957, Lt. Crawford enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidate Course and was sent to Quantico in March for training. He became a member of the 19th Officer Candidate Course and graduated from that class in June when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. In October of 1957, his son was born at the Quantico Naval Hospital. He has just graduated from the 3-57 Basic Class on February 15, 1958 and is being transferred to the Territory of Hawaii for duty with a Fleet Marine Force Unit.

# Tri-Betas

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 Sharp-Tailed Grouse Dancing Grounds will be possible.)

Mr. Kapp reported on the Bi-annual meeting of Tri-Beta which he attended during Christmas vacation. This was held in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science meetings at Indianapolis. The Tri-Beta luncheon was followed by a business meeting. Some rather important business was conducted which included the granting of several new chapter charters and the recalling of several others. Mr. Kapp remarked about the value and worth of the AAAS convention as a whole. A thousand papers were presented during the convention, December 26-30, by famous personages from the field of science. First glimpses of new books and films were given, and much new scientific apparatus for research was displayed. Realizing in part, at least, the important and interesting nature of the convention, many of us hope to attend the next one.

**SONG OF SAL**  
 did you ever wonder where they get those names, like Rip Torn  
 Tempest Storm  
 Gale Storm?  
**epilogue**  
 i never did.



Butch Cantrell scores on a jump shot in the Calvin game. Calvin finally overpowered to win the game.

# American Students In Europe Reaches All-Time High

European schools have never been more populated by American students than they are now, reports Aage Rosendal Nielsen, Director of the Scandinavian Seminars for Cultural Studies, 127 E. 73rd St., New York 21. Mr. Nielsen has just returned from a New Year's evaluation session in Norway with his 54 Americans who are studying this year in 40 different institutions in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The reason for this increased exodus to European schools, says Mr. Nielsen, is that Americans have learned of the growing number of programs available to them for a year's study abroad at a low rate—in some cases, considerably cheaper than a year of college at home. Mr. Nielsen's program of living and learning in Scandinavia is one of these. The Scandinavian Seminars' fee of \$925 covers tuition, room and board for nine months, from August to May.

The Scandinavian Seminars is open to undergraduates for their Junior-Year-Aboard, to college graduates and to teachers and educators.

The Scandinavian Seminars is still receiving applications for 1958-59, and plans to accept 75 students for this, its 10th anniversary year. The deadline is April 1st, but Mr. Nielsen advises applying soon, as this, like other year-abroad programs, is filling up unusually fast this year. Students interested in studying in Scandinavia for the academic year 1959-60 are also encouraged to apply now.

It is not necessary for American students to know any of the Scandinavian languages in order to apply to the Scandinavian Seminars. However, all students begin to learn one of the languages in this country by using language-study records supplied by the Seminars. More intensive language training takes place abroad, in orientation courses and through living with two non-English speaking families for a month each.

As a result of this three months' orientation and training the Seminar student is sufficiently versed in his Scandinavian language to live and study with 50-100 Scandinavians for six months in one of the 300 Scandinavian Folk Colleges. These liberal arts colleges, for which Scandinavia is famous, place principal emphasis upon the humanities and social sciences.

The Scandinavian Seminars is a flexible program with a concern for each person's interests and needs. The student may carry out an individual study project in a field which particularly interests him, under the guidance of his Folk College faculty advisor and the American academic advisor of the Seminars, Dr. Halfdan Gregersen, formerly professor at Harvard University and Dean of Williams College. Dr. Gregersen and the staff will direct the students to source material for his project, and will help him to arrange short field trips and interviews with authorities in his field.

Some fields which students have explored for their projects are: Social Welfare and Legislation, Scandinavian Literature, Art, Crafts and Design, Physical Education, Adult Education, The Coop-

erative Movement, Agriculture, Scandinavian History, Labor Problems and Labor Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, The Folk School Movement, Governmental Organization, Religious Movements, Youth Organizations and Home Economics.

Mr. Nielsen points out that the principal value of the Seminars' program lies in its experimental approach to **person-centered**, liberal arts education in an international setting.

# Russia Summer Travel For Students and Teachers

Following the recently signed cultural-tourism exchange treaty by President Eisenhower and the Soviet Ambassador, a series of student and teacher tours have been arranged in Russia in cooperation with Intourist, the USSR government travel agency.

Each of the tours will be conducted by an American college instructor and will cover highlights of Europe, the Brussels' World's Fair as well as the historic cities of the Soviet Union. Members of the tours will have opportunities to meet their Russian student-teacher counterparts, to see the educational facilities, and to learn from personal observation the every-day life and ambitions of the Soviet Student.

The tour programs are economically priced and arranged only for students and teachers. Students who have been out of college for two years or less are eligible to join as well as students presently enrolled in college or senior high school.

The six scheduled conducted groups are privately organized and information may be obtained from authorized travel agents or from the sponsoring agent, the Maupin Associates of Lawrence, Kansas, one of the few Intourist contractual representatives in the United States.

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# Scot Speeches Place at Hope

Extempore and Oratory speech contests drew ten small colleges to the Hope College Campus, Feb. 7. Alma won a second and third place in the Oratory and a second place in the Extempore class.

Lynn Church took a second in Oratory with "The Price of Peace", and Sharon Beardsley copped a third place with "Man's Inhumanity to Man". Bob White took a second place in Extempore, it was announced by the speech department under Mr. Harold Mikle.

# Program Cited for Crime Prevention

The MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH program of February 15th will be a doubly memorable occasion for WJR, the Goodwill Station, the CBS Radio Network and the 60 voice MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH chorus.

The MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH program on that date will be cited for the third consecutive year by the National Exchange Club, sponsors of National Crime Prevention Week, for "outstanding service to youth and the cause of crime prevention."

Worth Kramer, executive vice-president and general manager of WJR, and Don Large, director of the MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH chorus, will accept the award for WJR and the CBS Radio Network. The program will also mark the guest appearance of the 150 voice All-City "Y" Teen-Age chorus of metropolitan Detroit, who will make their broadcast debut in celebration of the 65th anniversary of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The MAKE WAY FOR YOUTH program is entering its twelfth year of broadcasting over WJR and celebrating its 10th year on the CBS Radio Network. The program is heard each Saturday evening at 7 p.m. over WJR.

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WITH THE GREEKS

# Sig Phi Amo Te Tomorrow; Teke's Elect New Officers; Fraternity Smokers Next Week

**DELTA GAMMA TAU**  
Fraternity smokers are coming up next week with the Delts' smoker scheduled for Wednesday, February 19. The Delts encourage all men who are planning on pledging a fraternity this semester to attend all three smokers. Belated congratulations go out to Bill and Sandy Hecht and Spence and Karen Cordes who were married recently and to Stan Ruger and Sue Richards who were engaged. The Delts wish you all the best of luck.

**SIGMA PHI**  
The Sig Phi's would like to invite everyone to their Amo Te, Saturday, Feb. 15 in Tyler Auditorium. The music will be furnished by The Clansmen with the members of Delta Gamma Tau assisting with the entertainment. The Amo Te promises to be a big night for all, so hope you'll all be there.

At their last meeting the group elected two new members to the Inter-Sorority council. Holding the positions this semester are Barbara Busby and Margaret Uleh. Last Monday evening, an ISC meeting was held at Mrs. Vreeland's home and plans were made for spring rushing.

Tickets for the Amo Te may be obtained from any sorority member or at the door. Dancing will be held from 8:30 to 11:30.

**TAU KAPPA EPSILON**  
Monday night saw the TEKE's holding election of officers for the remainder of the year. The results certainly look for a favorable year. Prytanis or President, Wayne McDowell; Epiptytanis or Vice-President, Gordon Snyder; Grammateus or secretary, Dave Proctor; Histor, John Hobart; Crysophlos or treasurer, Keith Nolan; Hypophetes or Chaplain, Kei An Lee; Pylortos or Sergeant at Arms, Bill Gillow; Hegemon or pledge trainer, Roger Dyke.

Plans are also being made for the Fraternity Song Fest and the Fraternity Smokers, which are coming up soon.

Congratulations are in order for the TKE bowling team which won first place in the intramural bowling league.

This weekend there is the TKE regional basketball tournament. The Zeta Delta chapter is sending ten men to represent them and certainly wish them the best of luck in their efforts for the championship.

**KAPPA IOTA**  
The success of the K.I. Luxury Liner was agreed upon by all, from the music and decorations right down to the fabulous food. The K.I.'s would like to thank everyone who helped to make it as great as it always has been in past years.

This month will be a busy time with plans being made for a rushing tea, the song fest on Feb. 27 and the K.I. Dime Dance on Feb. 22.

Because the sloppy joes sold during exam week went over so popularly, in future weeks they will be sold again.

Congratulations to sister Wendy Smith upon her engagement to TKE Fraternity brother Dick Waterworth over semester vacation.

## Home Ec Club Elects Officers

The Home Economics Club held its first meeting of the semester, Thursday, February 6. All officers were elected: Nancy Erber, President; Gerri Sechrist, Vice President; Nancy Raker, Secretary; Carrie Wood, Treasurer; and Joy Beedell, News Correspondent. Money-making projects was the topic of discussion for the meeting. After the business meeting a work period followed, in which a centerpiece for the Chicago convention was made.

Any girl who is interested in Home Economics may join, regardless if she is in the department.

**Defly Defined**  
(ACP)—Quotes columnist Nancy Conneighton in SPRING TIMES, College of Saint Mary of the Springs: "Committees are composed of the unaware, appointed by the unwilling, to do the unpleasant."

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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—(Galatians 6,8.)

Each of us who has grown to maturity knows only too well that the bad things we have thought and done live on, if only in our dreams, to haunt and plague us. But, likewise, the good things we think and do live on to bless us—sometimes in unexpected ways when we most need comfort- ing.



Mr. Ilmer, second violinist, showing interested students, Jack Farbes, Doug Johnson, and Walter Tarrant some movements in the fine arts.

## U of D Offers Fellowships in Graduate Work

The University of Denver has announced that the Social Science Foundation is offering graduate fellowships ranging from tuition to \$1600 leading to the degree of Master of Arts at the U. of D. in the study of International Relations.

College graduates who will hold a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent with outstanding undergraduate records by Sept. 1, 1958, can apply. Completed applications and supporting papers must be post-marked no later than March 1, 1958.

For further information write to: The Director, Social Science Foundation, University of Denver, Denver 10, Colorado.

## Radcliffe Offers Summer Course In Publishing

Publishers' Row will again move to Radcliffe this summer when the College opens the 11th session of its Course in Publishing Procedures.

President W. K. Jordan has announced the dates for June 18 to July 29. The course, designed to prepare both men and women for a career in publishing, is staffed by more than 50 of the country's leading publishing executives.

The curriculum includes training in the techniques of publishing, as well as discussion of the various opportunities from paperbacks to scholarly publications, little magazines to mass circulation giants. Workshops in design and production supplement lectures, projects and field trips.

The course is under the direction of Helen D. Venn, formerly of Conde Nast Publications and J. Walter Thompson Company. Inquiries may be addressed to: The Publishing Procedures Course, Radcliffe College, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

One of the hardest secrets for a man to keep is his opinion of himself.

## Quartet Thrill Many Listeners

Last Friday was a gourmet's delight for those lovers of chamber music. Those students who were not such fans were bored. The nationally famous Fine Arts Quartet presented an unusually fine assembly program to many listeners' ears. In the morning assembly, they played a movement from one of Haydn's many quartets with all the necessary precision and fluidness required of such work. What followed by Bela Bartok was five movements of new, experimental listening which was definitely exciting. In defense of this particular group of selections, it must be said that in order to listen fairly to this music, one must forget the usual pattern of music and prepare to take on a new concept just as a student in a new language still uses the same old sounds in new combinations and new tone colors. For those that stayed, the Beethoven Quartet in Bb major filled in the last half hour. This selection was emotionally the most stimulating in that the quartet adequately did justice to the stirring feelings that Beethoven meant it to have. This portion of the program was concluded with the Finale from Dvorak's "American" quartet.

Starting at 4:00 in the afternoon, the quartet presented a string workshop for high school students. After a short performance the group broke up and held individual sessions for their respective instruments. After supper, the group held a session on performance problems and techniques and illustrated this portion with musical examples from their own repertoire. Two quartets composed of high school students brought the program to a close. High school problems and general techniques were discussed which provided the most interesting

part of the program. It is interesting that the quartet has been playing together for about 11 years. About the first of March they will be leaving for an 11 week tour of England, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and France. They will appear on the Dave Garroway "Today" show on the morning of February 28 for one of their frequent appearances on this particular show.

## First Valentines

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According to "Look" magazine United States is the loveliest country of all on St. Valentine's Day, with Canada a poor second. Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand clam up somewhat, but acknowledge the day, whereas Pakistan, India and Switzerland are stone cold. France assigns no special day to love, but claims all 365 days of the year.

February means love for the birds, too. It is the start of the courting season for American non-migrating birds, including birds of prey.

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## "HIT THE BOARD!" - GREEK CLASS BYWORD



Much cogitation and page-leaving is evident nowadays in Greek 12. The blackboard has become



the textbook and the hour one of industry. Actually, it's all "Greek" to them.

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### Saturday Classes

It gives us great pleasure to turn our editorial columns over this week, entirely to our readers. And, so, without further ado . . .

Every year at registration time students endeavor to find schedules they like. Frantically they wrestle with their problem. But almost inevitably the ax falls. Once again they have been caught by the scourge, Saturday classes. Somehow, although other schools have solved the problem, Alma continues to offer many vital classes on Saturday. Let us consider the psychological effect with which this hits us.

The Alma students need a full two day break from their classes to renew their energy and interest in their academic pursuits. A full weekend provides time for needed sleep. At present, attendance at church on Sunday deprives many of us of our only opportunity to sleep in. I am sure it is not the intent of the administration to discourage students from attending church.

Nor does the administration intend to produce a community of sickly scholars. The daily sick line at the nurses's office testifies to the rundown condition of the students. When flu or some other contagious disease strikes this campus, it spares few, because few have maintained a physical condition to resist it. We deserve one morning to receive the rest our bodies require.

This full weekend might be used to catch up on studies we couldn't get done the preceding week (or the work ahead if by some stroke of good fortune we end up with no left over assignments). It would also furnish ample time for activities other than studying—the kind that renew our energy for our academic interests. These might be of a cultural nature or of a purely social nature. Events now scheduled for Friday nights suffer because of the need to prepare for classes the following morning.

For the homesick student or the student with a desire to go somewhere else for a weekend, an end to Saturday classes comes as a real blessing. He can leave campus without missing any of his lecture material.

Many students ignore their Saturday classes anyway. They fail to prepare, leave campus, or sleep in. If the lecture covers material important enough to be offered it is important enough that we need to be there. Regulations forcing everyone to come to Saturday classes would cause a demoralizing effect on us. How much better it would be to offer the classes at a time when it is impossible to attend and gain the knowledge without losing our weekend.

### Der Fuehrer

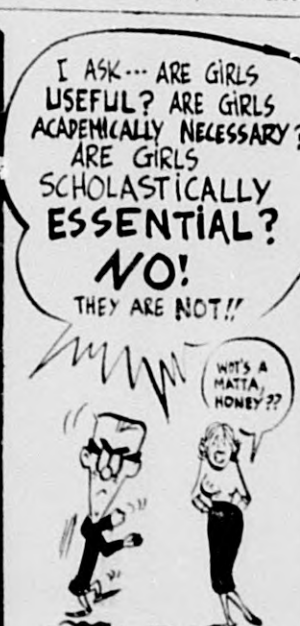
Walter Reuther has made his demands to the "Big Three". It would do well to look past the ramblings of Reuther's serf, Soapy Williams, or the rebutals of Harlow Curtice to get some idea of what the labor leader is actually attempting.

One would do well to keep in mind that a labor leader would not actually want complete government control over industry because of the bargaining problem. However, Reuther, a one time member of the Socialist party, is quietly attempting to make this come about. He has used his caustic and vituperative speech to complain about something that is reminiscent of the "class struggle". Anyone who disagrees with him is said to be under the control of big business, or perhaps a member of the Communist party.

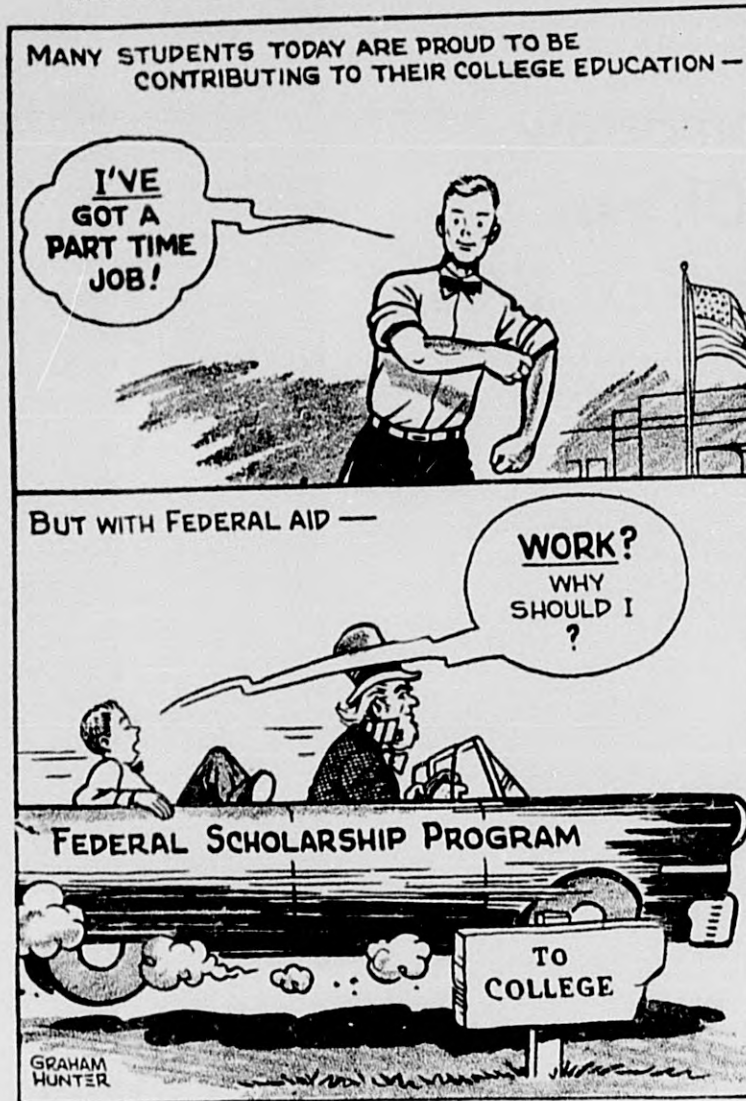
When Reuther takes his occasional jaunts around the world he quickly runs to embrace the international coward, Jawahl Nehru. There he can talk on and on about the coming of the "new order" in the United States and even go so far as to presume to speak for the people of this nation in telling Nehru that the working man sympathizes with the neutrality of India.

The Democrats love Reuther because he means votes and they don't have to compromise any principles, if indeed they have any. The Republicans, led by the old Fence Straddler Ike, are so afraid of Reuther that they wouldn't dare attack him. The people of this nation are now reconciled to the fact that it is an honor to be classified as "common" and to let someone else think for them.

What then is Walter Reuther after? It could be suggested that he has the same thing in mind as Herr Schicklgruber.



### WHAT PRICE YOUTHFUL INCENTIVE?



### Our Fellow Thieves . . .

Alma College is confronted with a problem of serious proportions, dishonesty among the Alma students. This is manifest in classroom cheating, among other things. The acceptance of dishonesty is appalling when one stops to consider that we call ourselves a Christian college community.

A group has been formed on campus to consider a possible solution and to make recommendations to the administration. Two alternatives seem to exist. 1. Some type of "honor system" could be introduced or 2. the faculty could police examinations with a heavy "fist". It would be a sad commentary on this campus should the men and women of Alma be found lacking enough intestinal fortitude to eliminate this prevalent condition themselves.

The question is whether Alma College, or any college which professes to be Christian, can make the required progress when this rank problem exists. It is indeed sad to have to consider our fellows as thieves.

### Critic's Corner

### Chapel z-z-z-z-z-z

Slowly we enter the chapel, humble, ready to be inspired. As the program starts the speaker of the day rises amidst an expectant hush.

Promptly as the speaker starts, books open, knitting and incomplete letters come out, and the gentle hum of snores beginning at the back of the audience, slowly rolls forward gaining in volume until the house sounds like a dynamo.

In the pulpit the speaker, unaware and equally unconcerned, continues a long rambling talk filled with brilliant observations which for some reason fail to deal with his announced subject. This, however, is to be expected as he is

famous and obviously a well-trained man.

As the epic ends at the close of another beautiful well-planned and prepared convocation, the suitably inspired audience puts away its books, seals its letters, and the hum of snores once again recedes to the background as the last sleepers awake. The audience arises and, in well-trained order, spews out to head for that last cigarette and cup of coffee which makes the next class bearable.

B.A.J.

### My Neighbors



"We've been going steady now for 37 years. For the last time, WHEN are we getting married?"

### Feature Harpist At Alma Civic Music Concert

Friday, February 21, will bring to town one of America's foremost harpists, Robert Maxwell. He is appearing under the auspices of the Alma Civic Music Association. This is the third in a series of concerts for this season.

A veteran of the NBC Symphony under the baton of the late Arturo Toscanini, Maxwell played with the symphony as one of its youngest performers, 17 years of age when he first joined. Popular music is well within his grasp, too, as the well known "Ebb Tide", which he wrote, will attest.

### From Where I Sit . . .



Things seen on the Editor's desk: a silverfish, which brought up the question of the age of Old Main, which in turn brought the comment of dinosaurs stalking in the halls of Old Main.

Believe it or not: Eugene Schmitzer, freshman, must have an appetite comparable to Grand Canyon. At dinner Tuesday night he started the meal by having three helpings of the main course, washed down by five glasses of milk, and calmly proceeded to top that off with dessert—14 pieces of pie.

After a lapse of many years, the beard is returning to the American scene. The once familiar names of the variations such as the VanDyke, goatee, Shenandoah, mutton chops, and many other intriguing and descriptive names, are heard again. Madison Avenue has added its collection of be-whiskered gentlemen to the advertising field where the bearded Smith Brothers have sold cough drops for years.

The trend has been taken up by about 300,000 men nationally and locally on campus, about 3 or 4 men are pampering sets of chin whiskers. The number varies from day to day as the mood strikes the males, or pressure is brought to bear on them.

Among the noticeable beard growers on campus are Henry Bova and Ed Pitts. Bill Wilson had the beginnings of a beautiful beard and had the campus watching its progress with anticipation, when—lo, and behold!—one morning he appeared clean shaven. Why, was the question foremost in the minds of the many interested observers. Mr. Wilson declined to comment on his sudden and close shave, but rumor from Wright Hall hath it that, sleeping in a room with windows wide open, he often awoke to icicles on his pride and joy in the morning. —M. D.

### Science Building

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are expressive of the Sarvis design, being of glass and brick and one or two-stories. Courtyards and covered walks are used in two designs.

In an interview with the Almanian reporter, Dr. Swanson made these remarks:

"We are happy to announce that our architect is now preparing detailed working drawings and specifications for the New Science Building. These drawings will be ready to submit to contractors for bidding in May and ground will be broken sometime in June.

"This announcement comes after nearly seventeen months of negotiations with the donor, during which time fifteen different sets of plans were proposed. Because the donors were more interested in making sure that this important building represent the finest of its kind in this area, rather than hasty and speedy construction, the total amount of money to be spent has doubled in seventeen months. Members of the Science and Mathematics teaching staffs now feel that the final scheme for the building will provide superb facilities for developing an even stronger program than we now have.

It cannot be repeated too often that this magnificent gift has come to the College because of the record which Alma has made in the Sciences. We now stand on the threshold of a new opportunity."