



## Scotsman Scores Spurious Stories

Work Continues On L. P. Recording

After many long years of being seen, but not heard, the SCOTSMAN will finally speak up.

"The Voice of the Scotsman" about which Alma students have been hearing various rumors, is the new division of "The Scotsman", Alma's annual publication. Under the auspices of Alan Botto, a freshman from Philadelphia, Pa., this group has set forth upon the task of making a recorded chronology of the year's events, a copy of which will be included in every yearbook.

The recording will appear in the form of a "45" RPM Hi Fidelity record. Through a special sub-contract, it will be pressed by Cook Records, Inc. of Stamford, Connecticut.

Though rumors about this project have been flying thick and fast among the student body, very few actual facts have been known. There has been considerable doubt as to the whole thing becoming a reality.

In a recent interview with Al (Tony) Botto he said there definitely would be a record in every yearbook. He also stated that the group is working steadily at the project and making progress.

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## U-M Biochemist At Tri-Beta And Chem Clubs

Dr. Halvor N. Christensen, Chairman of the U. of M. Department of Biological Chemistry, was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of Tri-Beta and Chemistry Clubs. After spending most of Thursday, February 20, talking with science majors and faculty, he gave an informal talk at the evening meeting in Buske House. He discussed biochemistry in relation to medicine and to careers in pure science. Types of graduate student aid, such as Research Assistantships, Fellowships, and Scholarships, were also described. A stimulating question and answer period followed during which members became acquainted with many facts of future work in these fields. Coffee and cookies served around a glowing fireplace ended the meeting.

### TO SHOW SLIDES

This evening at 6:45 in Tyler Center, Mr. E. Jager, the Methodist missionary to Liberia who is visiting our campus, will show slides of that country.

## Internat'l Night Planned for Mar. 7

At 8:00 Friday, March 7, the foreign language department is presenting its annual International Night in Tyler Center.

International Night is like a miniature World's Fair. Each campus organization has a booth representing a particular country. Each language club presents a short movie, and the Spanish department features a pinata which some student breaks after which everyone scrambles for the candy that has fallen to the floor. The evening closes with dancing for all who wish.

Admission is 10c. Proceeds will go to CARE.

### THE VOICE BOX

## Campus Opinion Forum to Be New Almanian Feature

A new feature which will appear in the ALMANIAN within the next two issues is a forum where the student, or faculty members can ask questions about doings on campus that bother him or her. In the same issue will appear the answers as given by the student, faculty member or administration official concerned.

Some of the questions the ALMANIAN has heard expressed so far are:

1. "Why doesn't our activity fee cover such expenses as the upcoming NAIA basketball tournament and the weekend Tyler movies?"

2. "Are some professors at Alma using the college as a 'way station' in order to obtain higher degrees at the students' expense?"

3. "What are the criteria set up by the academic standards committee, and why doesn't the committee stick with them?"

Students are invited to submit questions at the Almanian office, box in library marked Almanian, or mailed to Box 48 Tyler Center.

This feature was decided upon at the staff meeting February 25th in order to facilitate voicing of student opinion and to provide a reflection of campus attitudes for faculty and administration.

## Second "Bull" Session Covers Variety of Campus Topics; Many Facts Brought Forth

### Standards, Curricula, Social Calendar All Frankly Discussed

"The basis of judgment on which a student will be admitted to Alma College is competence, period!" emphasized President Swanson at the second informal gathering of campus leaders held in the Reid-Knox conference room Monday evening.

In answer to student opinions that Alma tended to "cater" to students from high-income families, or predominantly from Presbyterian backgrounds, the President explained the "sense of mission" held by the Synod of Michigan in its collective thinking concerning Alma College.

In regards to the possible appeal of Alma to students from "wealthier" families, the president disclosed figures proving the Synod's interest in affording education more to those who intellectually qualify, than to those who are financially able. Approximately \$76,000 in college grants and scholarships will be available for Alma students next year, in comparison with the approximate \$43,000 available this year, it was announced.

Social amenities on the campus came under discussion with re-

marks concerning the present procedure of "dressing" for certain meals. It was felt by a number of those present that the dress requirements have added to the appearance and morale of the campus. "I would hope," remarked Dr. Vandenberg, "that Alma would have room also for intellectually capable students but perhaps from socially deprived backgrounds. Here they would feel accepted and learn better social techniques (from present students)".

In the matter of academic standards, Dean of Men Kent Hawley announced that Alma's academic standards were now the highest of any privately-maintained college in Michigan. Much discussion concerning popular attitudes concerning Alma followed, with various expressions concerning the need for improved public relations in this respect.

Student Council President Harry Turner expressed what he felt was an attitude held by some students that "... Alma College is out to 'make a name' for itself at the students' expense." Reference was made to the number of students dropped at the end of last semester. Dr. Swanson responded—

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### DANCING LESSONS

Social dancing lessons are available at 7:00 p.m. on Monday nights. Twice a month starting on March 10th Square Dancing lesson will be available at Tyler Center under the direction of Mr. Harold Gordon. Both the events are under the sponsorship of the Tyler Board.

## Harris, Forbes Recital On Sun., March 2

Two Junior students, Ann Harris, mezzo-soprano, and Jack Forbes, trombonist, will present a joint recital this Sunday March 2, at 2 p.m. Miss Harris will be accompanied by Douglas Johnson and Mr. Forbes by Marilyn Henry. Miss Harris will also be assisted by the Male Chorus from the A Cappella Choir. Ann is a member of the A Cappella Choir, the Alma Singers, the Kiltie Band, Kiltie Lassies, and the Sigma Phi Sorority. She has been active as

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WATCH NEXT WEEK'S ALMANIAN FOR AN ARTICLE ON ALMA'S CHAPEL PROGRAM INCLUDING A SCHEDULE OF COMING HIGHLIGHTS.



Student Assistants. l. to r.: Dick Heuschele, Pat Nonhoff, Dean Wm. McKeefery, Henry Bova, Ron Stolz.

## Student Assistants Prove Successful Experiment

In September, 1957, Alma College initiated a Student Assistantship program, three-fold in purpose with triple benefits.

First, it permits the professor more latitude in teaching procedures; second, it gives the students in the class an enriched experience and, third, it provides the student assistant with an intellectual companionship and may whet his appetite for college teaching.

Whereas many universities and larger colleges utilize the medium of television to teach some of their students, such a plan would not be feasible at Alma. Because Alma is not a graduate school, no graduate assistants are available. Because Alma is a liberal arts college with emphasis on the individual, a program was designed to give its students the best in teaching and curricula without having its teaching staff hindered by many secondary details. It provides an exceedingly versatile program since the combination of teacher and classroom assistant results in a variety of classroom techniques. Too, the student assistant frees the professor for more individual attention to students as the assistant acts as proctor.

In the field of Economics, Professor Rex King has the able assistance of Ron Stolz, 25-year-old junior from Alma. Being older than most of the students, Ron has a unique relationship with the students, for he is able to easily bridge the gap of years between student and teacher.

He aids in the construction and correction of

tests, in compiling student grades, in mobile work needed during the testing period. Occasionally he has given one-hour lectures. He is group discussion coordinator at which time he selects and appoints panel members and leaders. Ron then keeps the discussion pinpointed and dynamic throughout the meeting. In order to survey the overall picture of the Economics course, he also participates in general planning meetings with Dr. King, head of the Economics department.

In the realm of Chemistry, Dick Heuschele, junior from Alma, spends approximately 8½ hours each week preparing laboratory materials, checking student results, discussing student problems, planning courses with Dr. Howard Potter, head of the Chemistry department, and supervising and instructing in the laboratory.

Miss Margaret Foley, head of the department of Language, has two student assistants, Henry Bova, Garden City senior and Patricia Nonhoff, Holland junior have two varieties of work.

Henry spends seven hours a week correcting notebooks for two sections, tutors one weekly class, tutors one student privately and, occasionally, conducts a class.

Last semester, Henry selected six students from a class of 35, in order to cover more thoroughly the work accomplished in the larger class. The students were rotated so that six different students each session were selected until the entire class had studied

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## A Cappella Choir To Give Concert

The Alma College A Cappella Choir will join with other Michigan church-related colleges to present a public concert in the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m., March 18.

Each college will present, individually, a group of musical selections and the finale will include the entire group of colleges presenting a mass chorus with orchestral accompaniment.

Approximately 500 voices will be heard during this fourth music festival.

Colleges attending will be Albion, Calvin, Emmanuel Missionary, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, Adrian and Alma.

## Extended Tour Planned For Choir in Spring

The Alma Choir, under the very capable direction of Dr. Sullivan, has plans completed for one of their busiest semesters to date. New choir robes are rumored to be a near-reality, to be ready for the choir's spring tour which begins the weekend after Easter.

Before the choir leaves for an extended tour of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and New York, it will perform this Sunday, March 2, at the Alma Presbyterian Church at both 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock services. On March 18, Tuesday, it will appear at the Festival of Choirs of church-related colleges in Michigan at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

For the first time in this writer's memory, the choir enjoys every number worked on to date. The more they are sung, the more they are enjoyed. The noted "Jesu Priceless Treasure" by Bach is subject to much effort and will comprise a major portion of this spring's tour program. By complete contrast, the choir is polishing up a large work by Kodaly called "Jesus and the Traitors." Kodaly is contemporary Hungarian and, like Bartak and the quartet, employs sounds to express meanings instead of chords as do earlier writers.

### NOTICE

There will be two showings of Henry the 5th, this Saturday and Sunday. Watch the Tyler Bulletin Board for the time and the place.

## Resignation of Dean Is Surprise On Campus

Dr. McKeefery Accepts Position As Veep At Washburn U.

President Robert D. Swanson of Alma College announced the resignation of Dr. William J. McKeefery as Dean of the College at the winter meeting of the College Board of Trustees in Detroit last week.

In requesting release at the end of the current school year, Dr. McKeefery stated that his resignation



Dr. Wm. J. McKeefery

is to permit him to accept the position of Vice President in charge of Administration of Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.

"Having invested ten years of my life at Alma," said Dean McKeefery, "it is with considerable reluctance that I submit this resignation."

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## Scots Face Northern in NAIA Tourney

Monday night, March 3, at 8:00 in the Alma High School Gym, the Alma Scots take on the Northern Michigan squad from Marquette in a semi-final game of the National Association Intercollegiate Athletes basketball tournament. The winner of this game will play in the finals Tuesday night against the winner of the Detroit Tech, Hillsdale game. The winner is to go to Kansas City.

Alma, in meeting Northern, is playing the favored team in this district playoff. Northern comes into this game with a record identical to that of Hope College, who is currently number one in the MIAA standings. Led by two six foot eight forwards, they promise to provide an exciting evening of basketball.

Alma was also in the NAIA tournament last year but lost in the first round to a strong squad from Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant who subsequently lost to Adrian College who went to Kansas City. If Alma wins this game and the finals Tuesday night, they will have attained two goals; (1) that of finishing with their best record in at least seven years, and (2) going to Kansas City for the first time in seventeen years.

Although Northern will be favored, Alma will have a distinct advantage in playing on their home floor plus the fact that Northern has to travel 500 miles to play.

Tickets are 75c for students and \$1.00 for adults. Joe Coe is in charge of ticket sales.

## 16 TEAMS ON INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

### Intramural Basketball

The boys' intramural basketball got under way last week with sixteen teams fighting for the championship. The teams have been divided into two leagues of eight teams each. At the end of a round robin schedule the four top teams in each league will make up an eight team elimination tournament.

After a week of play the standings of the two leagues were as follows:

League No. 1	W.	L.	Pct.
Tekes I	2	0	1.000
Northernaires	1	0	1.000
Delt Dodgers	1	1	.500
Barbarians	1	1	.500
Jumboes	1	1	.500
Almaniacs	1	1	.500
Fat Five	0	1	.000
Delt Dubbers	0	2	.000

League No. 2	W.	L.	Pct.
Blue Devils	2	0	1.000
Reds	2	0	1.000
Globetrotters	1	0	1.000
Tekes II	1	1	.500
Vets	0	1	.000
Spartans	0	1	.000
Dunkers	0	1	.000
Delt Seniors	0	2	.000

### Foreign Affairs

(ACP) — San Diego, Cal., Junior college student Ruth Daniels and her husband will sponsor a 20-year-old Japanese student in America, reports FORTNIGHTLY, the college newspaper.

The two, who say that they can hardly wait to welcome the young man, are providing a private room and support for him, in accordance with immigration rules. He hopes to attend a theological seminary here and return to Japan as a missionary.

Mrs. Daniels became acquainted with the youth through her work as secretary of the International Youth Friendship Correspondence club at her college.

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## Scot Cagers Dump Olivet

Saturday night the Alma Scotsmen bounced back after bowing to Hillsdale to overpower the Olivet Comets, 92-76 on the Alma home court. The Scots gained the lead early in the first quarter and Olivet never could quite catch up. Halftime score was 49-40.

Olivet's strength lay principally in Norm Schultz who accounted for nearly half of the Comet's score by tossing in 35 points. For Alma, George Arrick was high with 23. Also statistic wise, both teams completed the same percentage of free throws, 71%, while Alma made 44% of field goal attempts to Olivet's 35%.

In the preliminary J. V. game, the Alma J.V.'s knocked off the Olivet J.V.'s 65-44.

With three remaining games in the regular season, Alma's MIAA record is now 5-8 with an overall of 10-11. The last game of the regular season is tomorrow night when the Ferris Bulldogs come to town.

ALMA	FG	FT	TP
Arricks	7	9-10	23
Peters	7	4-5	18
DeVries	6	2-4	14
Cantrell	6	2-4	14
Lude	5	2-3	12
Northrup	2	1-1	5
York	2	1-2	5
DeYoung	0	1-2	1
Graham	0	0-0	0
Totals	35	22-31	92

OLIVET	FG	FT	TP
Schultz	12	11-14	35
Whitkopf	4	4-4	12
Lauch	4	1-4	9
Bernoudy	3	2-5	8
Barton	1	4-4	6
Parker	1	0-0	2
Mitmesser	1	0-0	2
Powell	0	2-2	2
Totals	26	24-34	76

## Scots Down Albion 78-73

Wednesday, Feb. 26

The Alma Scots gained revenge on the Albion Britons here tonight. Behind the 22 point effort of Dave Peters the Scots outlasted repeated Briton rallies in the last half to win a thriller 78-73. In racking up their 11th win of the season, the Scots hit for a fine percentage of 46% of their shots from the floor versus the poor percentage of 33% posted for Albion.

The lead changed hands 13 times before Alma took the lead to stay with four minutes left in the first half. Alma now has an over-all record of 11 wins and 11 losses and a M.I.A.A. record of 6 wins and 8 losses.

	FTA	FTM	FG	Total
Arrick	10	6	5	16
DeYoung	2	1	2	5
Peters	3	2	10	22
Northrup	0	0	4	8
Cantrell	4	2	3	8
Lude	5	4	0	4
York	4	1	7	15
Albion percentage	86-28	33%		
Alma percentage	68-31	46%		

## Internal Revenue Seeking Trainees

A training program will begin on July 1, 1958 for applicants for the Internal Revenue service. The only requirements are a degree; any degree; plus eligibility in the Federal Service Entrance Examination. The program calls for advancement to the grade of GS-9 at a salary of \$5440 per year within 18-24 months.

Interested students should file their application with the Placement Office prior to April 24, 1958 in order to be scheduled for the May 10, 1958 Examination. Application blanks are available at the Placement Office.

## From Where I Sit . . .



From where I sit I wish to say a few words to the Mr. Bored To Death whose ever so touching letter appeared in the last issue. (Mr. B. T. D. lamented the recreational facilities on campus and as a solution to his dilemma, he suggested recreation rooms with pool and ping-pong tables.) Imagine this—here is a "poor, overworked student" with so much spare time that he is bored! Bored in an atmosphere as stimulating as a college campus.

Mr. Bored To Death, sir, I don't know who you are but I can easily picture you. The editors, in answering your letter assumed you to be a three point student; I really hate to seem disagreeable, but aren't you closer to a bare one point? Of course, your average could be much higher, but this would depend on the combination of a good memory and "snap" courses. (And then again, maybe you're a phys ed major.)

As you clearly indicated in your letter, your spare time—and there's so much of it!—is spent in the Union, combatting boredom. Undoubtedly, you are an avid card player. You're interested in girls, and spend endless hours discussing them, but you make it clear that the females on campus are strictly nil. ("You should see the dolls at State!") And, of course, you are constantly deploring the absolute "deadness" of this campus.

Talk, talk, talk—with words you attempt to battle boredom, but you don't succeed. You use meaningless and vague jargon; your vocabulary is dominated by words like "out of it," "lunchy," and "I mean—you know . . .", when really you have no idea of what you mean, and what's more—you don't really care. If you ever work up as much as an ounce of enthusiasm for anything, you express it as "fabulous," "sharp," "neat" and "really keen."

Besides these briefly mentioned unique characteristics, you have many other such outstanding attributes which I won't go into now. I don't think I need to, because you surely must know your own qualifications. . . . need I extoll them here?

I picture you this way, Mr. B. T. D., because were you a person with any intellectual curiosity and love of life, you would never admit such a thing as boredom. Momentary boredom, yes, but never boredom for days on end as apparently the case is with you. You couldn't possibly know boredom in a world so teeming and challenging; you would be too busy studying and doing things you really enjoy; instead of there being too much time for you, you would discover how little time there really is in which to do everything you would like to do.

Oh, I give you credit for intellect, Mr. Bored To Death, (and a pretty fair amount of it too)—I have to, you're in college. You're here for an education, and maybe you're gaining knowledge—you can parrot answers backwards and forwards—but have you wisdom? Know you the meaning of this word? Knowledge without wisdom does not have true, nor full meaning. Wisdom is that quality which adds insight, perspective and understanding to life. It makes for a harmonious life, with no room for boredom. Admitting boredom is admitting a lack of something within yourself, you're lashed to your own narrow specialties, missing a bigger part of life.

Dear Mr. Bored To Death, if my surmise about you is wrong—I humbly beg your forgiveness. Maybe you have already discovered the mysterious ways of the world, known its best and greatest, and enjoyed life in all its beauty and challenge and now find it utterly boring. If you have, I pity you, but doubt if pool tables would solve your everyday boredom. May I suggest that you—do, by all means!—volunteer for a Sputnik, and investigate the possibilities of fighting boredom on the moon, before you turn into a vegetable here on earth.

M. O.

### M.I.A.A. STANDINGS

	W.	L.
Hope	11	1
Calvin	10	4
Kalamazoo	9	4
Hillsdale	6	7
Alma	6	8
Albion	5	8
Adrian	4	9
Olivet	1	11

## Dr. Meyer At Business Ed. Conference

### "Better Programs For Business Teacher Training" Is Theme

Dr. Stephen Meyer, Professor of Business Administration, Alma College, Alma, participated in the three-day joint convention of the four divisions of the United Business Education Association (NEA). The delegates met from February 20-22, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, concurrently with the convention of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

"Better Programs for Business Teacher Preparation" was chosen as the theme of the national convention. Guest speakers included Henry H. Hill, President, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, and James G. Umstatt, from the University of Texas, Austin, who is a member of the National Commission on the Experimental Study of the Utilization of the Staff in the Secondary School.

In addition to listening to outstanding educators, the participants formed small discussion groups to consider problems facing various types of colleges in the preparation of business teachers. Vital issues in administration and supervision of business education at all levels came under close scrutiny of the group. The establishment of business administration courses abroad was considered by members of the international division. Proper utilization of the staff in the secondary school received recognition along with a discussion of evaluative criteria at the secondary level.

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Working for the "Voice" are Shiela Peacock, Dave Hogberg and Dave Nichols in the department of script and continuity; Harold Ellsworth and Bob Ruggles, editing; Brad Randall as chief engineer; Knight Fee is working with Alan as general coordinator.

The all-important narrating will be done by Bill Glennon and Bob Wollard.

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within the bounds of a small unit. The result evolved in more questions, freer discussion and more recitation time per student.

Pat spends approximately 10 hours a week under Professor Foley's guidance. She contributes four hours for class time, prepares for class, corrects papers and has weekly consultation with the Professor in planning and surveying. According to one survey made by Pat after mid-semester exams, the original permanent class contained 14 "D" and "E" students. In teaching this group, she discovered that most of this specific class learned German by sight rather than by sound. Special exercises were given and the results were gratifying. The class then contained 2 "B" students, 9 "C" students and 3 "D" students.

Recently, the participating classes were given questionnaires in order to formulate tentative results of the Student Assistantship program. The answers indicated that the student has the advantage of more than one point of view. The other opinions are equally favorable. A closer student-teacher relationship developed. The student assistant is aided in becoming a future teacher. The professor is permitted to concentrate upon major functions of his work. The students are more at ease with the student assistant during their counseling periods. Grading is better and more efficient since more time is released for this purpose. Additional individual help is offered to students since time again is released. Finally, the student assistant, being a student, is familiar with the problems and capacities of the students.

How are student assistants selected? They are chosen by the department heads from the list of honor students.

Henry Bova and Richard Heu-

bele, for example, both were named to the 1957-58 publication, "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Patricia Nonhoff is performing an experiment with rats that may win her a fellowship. Ron Stolz is a veteran of the Korean war, an experience that has given him maturity.

Is the Student Assistantship program here to stay? "It is, as long as it satisfies a need," said Dr. William McKeefery, Dean of the College.

Continued Dr. McKeefery: "The Student Assistantship program is one important step to meet the greatest single shortage that higher education will face in the next decade: The recruitment and training of outstanding teachers."

## Experiment

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minded the group that 34% of the student body was in some form of "jeopardy" at the end of the semester. "What does this say to the faculty and administration?" he asked. "Are we spending enough time on academics?"

It was frankly admitted that Alma College is out to "make a name for itself," though NOT at the students' expense, it was emphasized. Mention was made of the loss of revenue to the college which accompanied the dismissal of the 60 students some weeks ago.

"Mediocrity just doesn't go with Christianity," the President said. Alma is faced with the alternative of improving (making an honest name for itself) or closing its doors. "Our contributors aren't interested in contributing millions to a college which is going to remain the same as it is now," he explained.

In referring to the Friday chapel of Religion In Life Week the President said, "Alma College has moved beyond what Dale (Lake) asked for," and in stressing the need for continual academic improvement he emphasized the fact that "we are moving into a highly competitive field" of education today. Alma, he said, must keep up, or close down.

### GIRLS' INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL RATINGS

Alma Alkies	4
Crazy 8's	10
Floor Terrois	8
Les Dames	2
Sigma Phi	5
K. I.	9
Pioneer Hall	15
Alpha Theta	14
Bermuda Belles	5

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## TKE's Win Volley Ball Title; Sororities Amidst Rushing

### TAU KAPPA EPSILON

The Tekes claimed the Volleyball Championship by virtue of their 15-10, 15-9 win over the Delt Dodgers. The Tekes entered the finals of a six team playoff by beating the Delt Sig Dealers and Little Six, while the Delt Dodgers won over the Delt III and Blue Devils. The Delt Dodgers were seriously handicapped when their ace spiker became ineligible for basketball at mid-year and was unable to play in the finals. Members of the winning Tekes team were: Ayling, Essenmarker, Jakobiszen, Johnson, Rankin, Kinder, Sinclair, and Glennon.

### ALPHA THETA

The Thetas are a very busy group at the present time. Their sorority Rushing Tea, held on Wednesday, was chalked up as a success by all who attended it.

The next week will also be a busy one for them. To start the ball rolling they have their rushing spread scheduled for Tuesday evening in the sorority room. To add to the week's festivities there will be the Student Council Song-fest on Thursday, and International Night on Friday for which they are planning to enter a sponge-throwing booth.

The crowning touch will be added on Saturday evening when they present the "Theta Top Hat." It will be a girl-bid dance and tickets may be purchased from a Theta near you. More about that in the next issue.

Officers for the semester have been appointed by the President. They are Second Critic, and Almanian Representative, Isabel Coubrough; Scribe, Sally Boyd; Keeper of the Archives, Kay Calhoun; Guide, Beverly Wright; Parliamentarian, Margaret Hannah; Sentinel, Bev Wendlandt; A.C.A. Representative, Joanne Sturmer; Room Chairman, Margaret Maneese; and Inter-Sorority Council Representatives, Sue Bristol and Elsie McClure.

The Thetas send their best wishes to Elsie Heusel on her engagement to Lawrence Luckhardt.

### KAPPA IOTA

Monday night the K.I.'s held a thank-you party for Tom Manion. He was presented with a pipe rack and pipes as a small token of appreciation for the many times he went out of his way to help in the sorority activities.

It is hoped that everyone enjoyed themselves at the Dime Dance held last Saturday night. The K.I.'s would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Miner, Mr. Storey and Mr. Kapp for chaperoning.

The first rushing party for the K.I.'s started with the tea held Thursday afternoon in Van Dusen Lounge. Next will be the spread on Wednesday, March 5.

With the beginning of the girls' Intramural basketball season, the K.I.'s entered with the representation of two teams.

### SIGMA PHI

The Sig Phi's would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the Sig Phi Dime Dance, Friday, February 28 after the game.

The sorority has accepted an invitation from the Delt's house-mother, Mrs. Wiles for a 'closed' open house Thursday evening.

At the present time the Sig Phi Quartette is busily preparing for the Song Fest. This is an opportunity for the whole college to see the fraternities, sororities and

independent groups and hear musical competition.

Tuesday was the Rushing Tea and now the final plans are being made for the spread and dessert soon to follow.

A reminder for the gals at Pioneer and Gelston Halls: don't forget to get those rolls and coffee on Sunday morning. Watch the bulletin boards for the exact time and place.

### German Club Plans For Internat's Nite

Die Lustige Gesellschaft announced that it is preparing for International Night with their traditional "Foley's Gasthaus."

The club meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month.

### PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Miss Doris Diefenback will speak to the philosophy club March 5 at 8:15 p.m. Her topic will be "Art Speaks in Philosophy."

## Russ. Educational Machine Very Formidable

### May Cause Trouble To Soviet Leaders

The average twelfth-grade Russian student has a better scientific education than most American college graduates. That's the observation of world traveler John Gunther, who recently returned from a tour of Russia.

Soviet emphasis on science demands grueling effort from pupils, Gunther reports in the March Reader's Digest. Every student preparing for college must take ten years of math, four of chemistry, five of physics and six of biology.

The Soviet child attends school 213 days a year, as against 180 in the United States. Homework assignments requiring from four to six hours' work daily are not uncommon.

Being accepted into college is probably the most important single event in a Soviet citizen's life, Gunther feels. The university graduate inevitably wins honor and financial rewards—often much sooner than our own graduates. All that the non-graduate can hope for is a manual or clerical job on a farm or factory.

Moscow University, completed in 1953, is the city's proudest building, Gunther writes. It is, except for the Eiffel Tower, the tallest structure in Europe. Its cost, \$750 million, was greater than the total combined endowments of Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

University standards are severe, but there are many inducements for the student. He is paid by the state to go to college and can earn substantial bonuses if his work is considerably above par. In addition, he is exempted from military service.

Careful planning has paid off for the Soviet government, Gunther writes. Of all students enrolled in Russian colleges, 65 percent aim for science degrees, as against only 10 percent in the United States.

But impressive as it is, the Soviet educational system has its drawbacks, Gunther reports. Great gaps exist in the knowledge of even the best educated. "The Russians are the most ignorant people in the world about affairs outside their own country," he writes.

He detects a possibility that, in its eagerness to educate the great mass of its citizens, the Soviet government may eventually loosen or change its structure.

"Once a class is created which is taught to think, particularly in scientific terms," he writes, "it will sooner or later begin to think for itself in other fields."

The article, "Russia Rings the School Bell," is condensed from Gunther's new book, "Inside Russia Today," published by Harper & Bros.

Steel Wool: The fleece from hydraulic rams.

## Harpist Maxwell Delights Civic Music Assn.

One of the oldest instruments known to man, the harp, became the delight of a near capacity crowd last Friday evening, February 21. The occasion was the third concert in a series of four presented by the Alma Civic Music Association and it featured Robert Maxwell, harpist, and a trio of rhythm players.

The first section of the program was the most delightful to these ears. "Bouree" by Bach displayed much of the crispness necessary for this kind of work. Debussy's "Clair de Lune" took on new dimensions under the magic spell of the harp. The remaining outstanding work of this section, and the rest of the concert, was a "Pastorale" by Scarlatti. All the charm of the piece made one feel that this was written definitely for a harp and not a transcription of Harpsichord music. The remaining part of the program consisted of adaptations from Mr. Maxwell's night club repertory. Although interesting, these remaining numbers were not as musically satisfying as the first portion of the program to this writer's ears.

## Resignation

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nation because of the wonderful associations developed here. Alma College has tremendous growth potential in the immediate future. It is only because of the great challenge of the new situation that I have decided to leave Michigan."

Dr. McKeefery is currently the president of the Michigan College Association and a member of the General Council of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan. He was moderator of the Presbytery of Saginaw in 1954-55 and president of the Alma Rotary club last year.

Since 1951 he has been Coordinator of the Liberal Arts Study of the North Central Association of Colleges and during this period has visited more than ninety colleges similar to Alma.

For the past two summers he has directed the Workshop in Higher Education, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota. During the time he has been in Alma, Dr. McKeefery has served various Presbyterian churches and presently is serving as interim minister of the Congregational church of Breckenridge.

Coming to Alma from Columbia University in 1948, Dr. McKeefery was appointed Assistant Professor of Religion. The following year, he was appointed Dean of the Chapel. In 1950, he was appointed Dean of the College, and in this position, has watched the faculty more than double in size.

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. McKeefery was graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and the doctorate in higher education from Columbia University. He taught briefly at Yale and Princeton.

In 1949, he married Ruth Franklin McKeefery. The couple has three children: Virginia, 9; Carol Ann, 7 and William James III, 4. Said President Swanson: "Alma College has been extremely fortunate to have the vigorous, imaginative and forward-looking leadership of Dean McKeefery. Under his direction, the academic program has grown in stature and reputation paralleling the physical growth of the College.

"Equally important is the fact that Dr. McKeefery has shared his time and talents in various civic and church activities throughout the state.

"In a very real sense, we take pride in knowing that our colleague has been called to this important post in higher education."

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## PHILOSOPHY SPEAKS

### "Truth"

Probably one of the most evaded terms in usage today is the word "truth." Webster would be among the first to proclaim the complexities involved in a satisfactory definition.

An excursion through a dictionary will reward us with this... Truth: that which is true; the actual facts, (to tell the truth) conformity with facts or reality; verity, etc. We must admit that a dictionary is a rather useful tool. But by the same reasoning we would have to concur that it is not

always as complete as we would wish. I submit that it falls short in this definition.

A question then arises. What is truth? How does one find it? The answer to either of these questions is not easy. The reason being that there is no neat concise answer wrapped up and tied in a pink bow. To begin with then it requires a search; even as a botanist searches for a perfect specimen or a gem collector looks for a precious treasure. In the same manner it requires an avid search for facts, but not merely the process of discovering facts to prove validity. This is often found in political and religious controversies as well. Rather it is a real search with a single-eyed aim to find out what is true, cost what it may and lead where it will.

Philosophers over the ages have taken this quite seriously in an attempt to come to a closer understanding. Some have been really skeptical and concluded that "there ain't no such animal." Others have, on the other hand, realized the existence of something which explains everything and yet is unexplainable. It is reasonable to assume an ultimate truth which explains the harmony of the cosmos, as well as the purpose of the creatures existing.

Some people believe in truth for rather shallow reasons. They would abstain from lying for the reason that there just might be a mystical power which will bring it's wrath down upon their shoulders; or they might be found out to be a "bad risk" in government, business, family, or elsewhere. They really don't believe in its existence, but they aren't taking any chances.

Philosophy has a deep concern for this search because it realizes that truth is basic to all considerations. "Righteousness without truth is bigotry; courage without truth is dangerous; and the person who cherishes hopes without seeking truth becomes an idle dreamer." It is for these reasons that the philosopher feels the need of every person in every field of endeavor to seek the truth.

—Con Ekkens

### Scouting Service Club to Meet

Wednesday, March 5 at 8:00 in the evening the Scouting Service Club will meet in the TV room of Wright Hall. This group is composed of former scouts interested in service to the community and youth, college and country. To be eligible for membership one must have a genuine interest in service work and past or present connections with the Boy Scouts of America. Anyone interested is invited to the March 5 meeting.

### Women's Judicial Council

The Women's Judicial Council of Alma College met at Gelston Hall last week. Business included discussion of discontent among the women students on campus. A suggestion to honor outstanding women on campus was made. This honor would not necessarily be in the academic field. It was also decided to place a suggestion box in the main lounge of Gelston Hall, in order to let the women suggest topics they would like the Judicial Council to Discuss.

The district SAWS meeting is to be held at the University of Virginia, April 2-5, and possible candidates from Alma College are: Margaret Hannah, Joan Donnelly, Sharon Beardsley and Laurie Preston.

Jackie Giar was appointed chairman of the committee on the "Glamour" magazine contest for the best dressed woman on campus.

## Recital

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a member of the Student Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference.

Jack is a member of the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity, Music Educators National Conference, A Cappella Choir, Kiltie Marching and Concert Band. He is also a member of the Almanian Staff and will soon be seen in the cast of the Spring play, "The Lark" to be presented on March 13 and 14. The two students collaborated last year to write and produce the one-act operetta "On Trial" which has been performed twice for visiting music groups.

The program is as follows:  
Come, all ye songsters..... Henry Purcell  
Music for awhile..... Henry Purcell  
An Chlee.....W. A. Mozart  
Voi che sapete from "The Marriage of Figaro".....W. A. Mozart  
Miss Harris  
Adagio from the Cell Concerto..... Franz Joseph Hayden  
Mr. Forbes  
Widmung..... Robert Schumann  
Der Nussbaum..... Robert Schumann  
Fussreise..... Hugo Wolf  
Elfenlied..... Hugo Wolf  
Miss Harris  
Concerto for Trombone..... Rimsky-Korsakoff  
Mr. Forbes  
Alto Rhapsody..... Johannes Brahms  
Miss Harris assisted by the Male Chorus  
Impromptu..... Amable Massis  
Ballade..... Eugene Bozza  
Mr. Forbes

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If, in expression of the living presence of Christ, in the pages of the ALMANIAN, each member of Alma College finds: (1) Some one thing to enjoy (2) Some one thing to interest (3) Some one thing to challenge (4) Some one thing to lead him more surely toward "life more abundant" (5) Some one thing to help him find and know himself more adequately—then we shall have just BEGUN to fulfill our obligation to Alma College—which is to help students realize that God is the very force of living and learning.

### Who Wins?

Another example of political deceit is taking place as the Senate Rackets Committee prepares to investigate the U.A.W. strike of the Kohler Company. Republicans are demanding to hear witnesses on strike violence, the Democrats countering with the proposal that U.A.W. President Walter Reuther and Kohler President, Herbert Kohler, testify first.

The Democrat suggestion is not difficult to analyze. They realize that the shrewd Reuther can, in effect, whitewash any evidence that will be presented by first mobilizing public opinion in his favor. The Republicans, on the other hand, wish to follow the standard procedure of the committee. However, they, too, have their motives for such an action. The Republican Party, or at least many elements therein, would like nothing better than to put sly Walter on the griddle and let him simmer a bit. He has caused the G.O.P. many anxious moments in the past and they now see an opportunity for retaliation.

One thing you can be sure when the committee does meet, the language won't be soft. In fact, you can expect to see some of the most disgusting testimony ever to come out of Washington. There will be many votes won and lost in the coming election as a result of these hearings. Want to bet who comes out on top?

### "A Rose By Any Other Name"

(Editor's Note) — We are indebted to the Hope College Anchor for the following editorial which, strangely enough, seems to iterate some opinions held on our campus. It is indeed interesting to note that Student opinions on like subjects are much the same. Apparently, tho, other colleges discuss them...

Religious Emphasis Week, though over, is still fresh in our minds and is still being discussed and evaluated. While there can really be no argument against having such an observance there are aspects of the, so called, Religious Emphasis Week, as observed at Hope College, that can be improved. One of these is the very name given to the observance - - - Religious Emphasis Week. Besides being very confusing to those not directly connected with Hope College, it is overflowing with connotations.

For one thing, do the members of the Hope family desire to be characterized as "religious" or would they rather be known as - - - followers of Christ, Christians? There is a difference, you know, between being "religious" and being truly interested in the "things of the spirit!" There is a difference between being adherents of "a" religion and being adherents of "the" religion, Christianity! Paul acknowledged this difference when he said to the men of Athens, "I perceive that in every way you are very religious."

Even if it is assumed that our observance is Christian in nature, another problem arises when the last two words in its title are considered.

Is it possible for a Christian or a Christian Institution to emphasize Christianity only one week out of fifty-two? If a person is a Christian, is it wrong to assume that his Christianity permeates his every thought and action—365 days a year? Is it possible for a person to be more Christian during the first week of February than he is during the rest of the year? Do the members of the Hope family attend Chapel, or search

their souls, or kneel in prayer only once a year? Most assuredly not! Then why give false impressions by using misleading titles?

Perhaps these few words are of little importance. Yet, it seems very sad indeed that an institution that has always been so anxious to uphold every other aspect of its witness would be so careless in such a matter. It is a poor advertisement indeed!

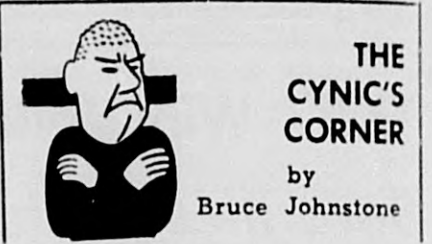
### Something CAN Be Done!

The idea of abolishing Saturday classes is not mere idle thinking. It is a plausible, practicable, possible suggestion. There are many solutions which could be used.

Classes scheduled for T., Th., and S. could easily be changed to T. and Th. for an hour and a half. Another idea on how to take the "S" out of T., Th. and S. classes is to schedule them for their regular time on Tuesday and Thursday and then invade the holy hour of 10:00 Wednesday to include the other. There is no reason why this hour should remain sacredly useless.

If we look, we find hours in the day when no classes are scheduled. By changing the noon hour schedule we would be able to schedule classes for twelve o'clock. Serving lunch until 1:15 would provide the extra time needed for lunch. Evenings remain another untapped source of time. Although unsuited for some large classes, they would be ideal for small advanced courses or laboratories.

Some of these measures may sound extreme, but it is worth it to gain a free weekend. Most of these suggestions are already in use at some other college or university. The ideas which fit our campus situation should be put into effect. Our administration should have the competence to handle this. It is up to us to take our stand and fight until they do.



And he appeared unto the administration and said: Thou shalt let the students go from the bondage of required chapel that they may serve their faith in love and not because of fear.

But the administration hardened its heart and would not let the students go.

So he caused myriad plagues and sundry unpleasanties such as studies, and letters, and conversation, and snores to bother and discomfit the leaders of required chapel.

But after each plague and unpleasantry the administration once again hardened its heart and would not let the students go.

So after many years he again appeared and told each student to escape from this bondage whenever it should be possible and not to return unless his ultimate freedom should be in threat, and this was done and he paused to rest to see the result of his labours.

To this day his labours appear to be in vain but he is exceedingly patient and so still waiteth.



### POLLY QUIPS

(Political Quips)

by RALPH BURNEY

Note to Princess Margaret: Please don't reconsider and marry Peter Townsend. My spouse says that if I continue to write nasty things about the Republican Party, I'll be available.

Adlai Stevenson wants to run for President again. Well, they said the comedians would make a comeback on T.V.

About the only chance the Republicans have to win in '60 is to lower the voting age to sixteen

and nominate Elvis Presley. Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler says that the people will never be foolish enough to vote the Republicans in office again. Butler would do well to remember that the people elected a guy by the name of Truman who said he liked "Old Joe" (Stalin).

Say Soapy, if business is so good in Michigan why doesn't the Mennen Company move here?

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter In Answer to Mr. Bored:

After reading your most recent letter to the editor, I would like to assist in relieving your tired, overworked mind. If you seek an answer to your question, ask some of your upperclassmen and women who have passed through the age of adolescence. They will recall a pool table in Tyler, then look at the holes in the ceiling (of what was then Tyler Recreation room) where your fellow students so deftly and decoratively used their cues. Look in the west basement room of W-Hall, see all the nice new ceiling tile and the new wall paneling? We also had a pool table there.

We had at the same time, several ping-pong tables on campus, in W-Hall, the gym, Tyler, and P-Hall. The tables were broken and replaced several times at the school's expense, but those darned paddles were alive, or at least I think they were as they were always walking away. One time I recall just before you lost your tables, etc., there were eight new ping-pong paddles purchased about ten o'clock in the A.M. and darned if they hadn't all walked off before we could lock them in for the night! Oh, well, that's the way it goes sometimes, but you need have no fear, Mr. Bored, for the college has no need to purchase recreation facilities, as we have several in storage, waiting, hoping against hope that some day our student body will learn to use said facilities as they were intended.

Sincerely,  
Pete.

### PLACEMENT CASEMENT

- March
- 3 Detroit Public Schools—Teachers, all fields
- 4 Greenville Schools  
Post Cereals—Needed Chemists
- 5 South Redford Schools  
Aetna Casualty & Surety Co.—Needed Field Representatives and Underwriters
- 6 Waterford Township Schools
- 7 Ashley Schools  
Hazel Park Schools
- 10 Harper Creek Schools  
St. Clair Shores Schools

### REB's yell-

THERE ARE STILL some openings on the ALMANIAN staff. In the circulation department we still need a few distributors. If any are interested, see Pete Jensen, the circulation manager. There is room for some more sports writers, news reporters, feature and column writers as well. Remember, the ALMANIAN is not only an institution (we hope) but an organ of expression as well. Your contributions are eagerly solicited. Drop your news through the slot in the office door, deposit it in the box in the library, hand to a staff member, or mail it to Tyler Box 48.

OUR SINCERE appreciation goes to Dr. Swanson and Publicity Director Stebbins for the cooperation they afforded us in our "scoop" of two weeks ago. The Almanian beat every other newspaper in Michigan with the science-building story. We were quite amused to notice a student in Tyler flip thru the pages of the Almanian fresh out of his mailbox. "Well," he remarked, "there's nothing in here." And with that our pride and joy went into the wastebasket. Later in the evening, the same student was quite interested in the story of the science building as it appeared in the Saginaw News... Ya can't win!

A COLLEGE STUDENT is one who enters his alma mater as a freshman dressed in green, and emerges as a senior dressed in black. The intermediate process of decay is known as a college education.

OUR APOLOGIES both to our readers and to one of our editorial writers for the front-page booboo of last week. "Live It Up" was supposed to be an editorial, not a news item. We had a few more mistakes, too, but then after all, it was the first time.

VALPO (U. of Valparaiso) is having its troubles in the field of nationalized sororities. In the language of the Valparaiso Torch, "Main points of concern hindering nationalization appear to be the expense involved and the restrictive clause...."

University of Alabama's Crimson White has coined a new cliché: "lonely as an intellectual at an Elvis Presley movie."

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