

# The Crucifixion

by Praim Singh

## WERE YOU THERE?

"He was crucified, dead and buried . . ."  
 "Christ was crucified", how many times have we heard this statement made, at home, in the church, and even in the streets. But how many of us have really thought of the crucifixion as it really was—a moment of supreme human suffering? In this the season of Lent, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord is supposed to convey something more than mere ritual and an opportunity to engage in social festivities. It is supposed to stimulate our thoughts, so much so that we take a journey back 2000 years in the past to witness the height of human cruelty and pain—the crucifixion of Christ. Do we realize that Christ had made a sacrifice for the world? Yes, you say. Do we really appreciate this? Here was a world, one dying, the blood of life draining slowly out by way of moral corruption and disobedience to God. Such was the state of the world which lay at the feet of Jesus as he hung from the cross. Then the blood of Christ flowed into the veins of this dying world, humanity was saved, the divine blood transfusion had been made.

Today we tend to think of the crucifixion, not as the bloody, cruel act it was, but rather as a garlanded event of the past. We visualize little white angels fluttering around with wreaths of flowers decorating their bodies, and we seem to think of a clear sky being the backdrop to all this. Yes, this is somewhat exaggerative, but do we not think of this dreaded act in somewhat the same way? We do not see the tears, the sweat and the blood which were shed on that day. We do not think of the pains which were felt on the cross. And the extreme loneliness experienced by our Lord, who could not see his disciples there with Him at the very end. No, we do not see or feel these things. We do not want to think of these things; they are unpleasant. Is it, maybe, that we will feel guilty in some way or the other?

Let us go back into the dim past for awhile. We are now in front of the Roman mansion of Pontius Pilate. There is royalty here, both authority and splendor, both physical and spiritual—Pilate and Christ. There is also disorder and stupidity. The mob shouting, swearing, crying for, the blood of an innocent man. Physical authority gives way to the mob and Pilate utters those fatal and historic words, "I wash my hands of this matter", and Christ is handed over to the bloodthirsty mob. But wait. He is a "king". So they plait a crown for Him. A crown of mortal pain, a crown of thorns. We do not want to get mixed up with this, so we stand on the side lines, and we follow the crowd.

Christ bears his cross. He stumbles under the heavy load—the cross, our cross—yours and mine—but He bears it well. Slowly, agonizingly, He goes up until finally we are there—on that hill where history was made and where the world was saved—Calvary.

Christ is nailed to the cross. This is what we always hear. Do we try to think about what this really means? But

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## VOICE BOX

### Campus Opinion Forum Breaks Forth with First Question

(Following up the first question used as an example last week in the "Voice Box" this week's Almanian publishes an answer. Students, faculty and administration are invited to take advantage of this new feature by sending questions to Box 48, Tyler, leaving them in the Almanian office, or giving them to any one on the staff. It is NOT necessary to sign questions as the Almanian will take full responsibility for them and assign reporters to seek the answers. We cannot guarantee to use all questions due to space limitations, but we will answer and publish just as many as possible, without fear or favor).

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

We are indebted to the members of the Tyler Board for the following answer:

The members of the Tyler Center Board are pleased to have the opportunity to answer, through the Almanian, the question concerning the ten cent charge for the movies presented at Tyler Center.

Two years ago a movie series was planned by the Student Council. Last year, upon the creation of the student-manned Tyler Board, responsibility for the movie program was turned over to them. The Board presented five films from March to May, 1957.

This year an attempt has been made to plan some form of recreation at Tyler, a dance or a movie

every weekend. The Council granted \$140.00 to the Board for movies for 1957-58. Films of the quality of The Glenn Miller Story rent for \$34.93. The cheapest film of the nine shown so far this year was \$21.00.

It was decided to charge a minimum fee to help cover the cost and balance the budget rather than to discontinue the program or turn to films of lesser quality.

To date we have spent \$228.04 and we have taken in, at ten cents a person \$77.04. Half of the \$50.00  
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### Politician Puts in Forum Appearance

Secretary of State James Hare and Detroit Free Press Writer B. Deitrick, gave the Political Forum several observations of importance Tuesday evening.

Hare stated that Socialism is inevitable and that we, as a people, must accept this. Under close debate by a member of the Forum, the Secretary stated that the people want Socialistic controls.

Mr. Hare also spoke of the insurance program of Michigan. At the close of the meeting, Mr. Hare was asked to clarify several points he had made during the meeting, more important of which was the possibility of labor controlling the Democratic Party in Michigan. Hare said that he was certain that Labor and the Democrats disagreed on many issues but when asked for specifics, his only remark was, "Write Walter Reuther."

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### Hill, Dasef At Oratory Contest

Alma College will send two student orators to the State Oratory contest at Eastern Michigan College, March 7.

Bob Hill, Roseville senior will address the group with a speech entitled, "I Was a Tramp Athlete".

Joan Dasef, Gross Pointe junior, will speak on "The Measure of a Man."

Approximately 12 colleges will be participating in the contest, sponsored by the Interstate Speech League. Winners will go on to the Interstate Oratorical contest to be held at Michigan State University in April. At that time, there will be representatives from thirty state winners.

### "The Lark" To Be Presented Next Thursday, Friday

Alma College will present "The Lark," a story of Joan d'Arc, on March 13 and 14 in Jerry Tyler Student Center auditorium.

Under the direction of Professor Paul Storey, the part of Joan will be portrayed by Danice Chisholm; Cauchon by Henry Bova; Earl of Warwick by Robert Streadwick; the Dauphin, Charles by Thell Woods and the Inquisitor by Bob Beltz.

The College stage version of "The Lark" was written by Jean Anouilh and adapted by Lillian Hellman.

It is the story of the country girl who was inspired by unearthly voices to lead the armies of France against the invading English, to crown a king and then to be burned at the stake.

Modern in adaptation, there is little scenery involved. A few  
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## Annual International Night Is Highlight at Tyler Tonight; Varied Activities at Booths

### NEW TRUSTEE

The Reverend Mr. Charles K. Johnson of the First Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan was named to the board of trustees of Alma College at the last board meeting.

### Sponge Throw, Rat Race, Even Blood Typing Available

Tonight at 8:00 in Tyler Center, the combined campus organizations will present their fourth annual International Night. International Night has been compared with a miniature World's Fair.

The language clubs will venture to pick one outstanding characteristic of the country they represent, and the students will be able to participate in such things as: the breaking of a pinata, an old Spanish custom; having their portrait painted by a French artist; or stopping for a snack at a German Gasthaus.

The Kappa Iota Sorority plans to sell pizza, and the Sigma Phi Sorority will serve punch. A sponge-throwing contest will be under the supervision of the Alpha Theta Sorority. The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity will feature a penny-pitching contest.

A race of white rats should prove interesting, and this project will be under the guidance of the Psychology Club. If a student wishes to have his blood type taken, the Biology Club will have a booth for this purpose.

All the proceeds from International Night go to CARE, and the admission fee is 10 cents.

## Chapel Program Given; Interior Changes Planned

The schedule for religious chapels for the next two months was revealed in a recent interview with a spokesman from the Religious Life and Work Committee.

The speaker for next Monday, March 10, will be Dr. Swanson; March 17, Reverend Mr. Gibson of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Alma; March 24, Reverend Mr. Harold R. Martin, Moderator of General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Following the return from spring vacation the tentatively scheduled preacher for April 14 is the Rev. Mr. Roy Marshall of Spring Lake Presbyterian church.

Also tentatively scheduled to preach in April is the Rev. Mr. Don Benedict of Cleveland. He  
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## Barnette Shepherd Is New Junior Year-Abroad Nominee

For the third time in three consecutive years, Alma College has been appointed to send a student to the Far East on the Junior Year Abroad plan of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Barnette Shepherd, Alpena sophomore, is Alma's 1958-59 representative. He is a pre-theological major who has actively participated in the Youth Synod of Oregon and was Moderator for the Youth Presbytery in Oregon.

A transfer student from Louis and Clark College, Portland, Ore., Barnette will leave for India in mid July, when he will attend the University of Allahabad in the city of Allahabad.

The Junior Year Abroad plan of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was officially launched in 1953. During the last four years, 138 students have passed through the  
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Barnette Shepherd

## Glamour, Style Wanted by Committee

Clothes, clothes, who's got the clothes, and who can wear them the best? That is what the almanian would like to know. Who is the best dressed girl on the Alma College campus? The student body will get a chance to pick the lucky girl who will enter Glamour Magazine's contest for the 10 Best Dressed College Girls in America. This will be an important decision to make—this candidate will be representing Alma College in this nation-wide contest.

A committee, consisting of the almanian's editor-in-chief, a faculty advisor, Miss Diefenbach, one independent girl, and a representative from each sorority will pick 10 girls, whom the students will elect by ballots to be printed in the almanian next week. These are to be turned in to the almanian box in the social director's office in the Union before March 20. The  
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INTERNATIONAL night, with its air of "little world's fair" sparks an evening of outstanding interest. The above photo, taken at a previous year's event, is exemplary of what can be expected in Tyler tonight.



WITH THE GREEKS

# Delts Plan Spring Swing; Rushees Enjoy Spreads

**SIGMA PHI**  
Saturday the Sig Phi's had a very busy day. The sorority room was cleaned from top to bottom, which includes un-stuffing a huge heart from the Amo Te.

Sunday, the sorority attended the recital of a sister, Ann Harris, and brother, Jack Forbes. Congratulations are very much in order for them both.

The sorority would like to extend its thanks to Mrs. Wiles and the members of Delta Gamma Tau, for a very enjoyable evening Thursday, February 27. A very good time was had by all, and it's a sure bet that anyone who was there would nominate Mrs. Wiles for "cook of the year."

Thursday, March 6, will complete another phase of rushing, when the rushees attend "A night in Chinatown." The final plans are made and all is in readiness.

held on Saturday, March 22. As in the past this year's Spring Swing promises to be a highly entertaining event.

The Delts were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Henry Howe. To Mr. Howe, who is one of the founders of this fraternity, we express our deepest sympathy.

The Delts congratulate Jim Fox and Genevra Gould upon becoming pinned and Gerry Stirling and Dale Lake for being engaged. This past Monday night saw the introduction of some new equipment at the Delt serenade. If you didn't notice it, ask one of the girls who did. Keep your eye out for advance notice of the Delt Spring Swing on the 22nd of March.

## Rushees Attend Sorority Teas; Spreads Next

Sorority rushing started this year with the Sig Phi Tea on Tuesday Feb. 25. The general theme was carried out in the sorority colors of blue and gold. A centerpiece of yellow roses adorned the tea table, where tea and small sandwiches were served. Each of the rushees was presented with a favor of a vase.

Pink roses trimmed with grey ribbons made the centerpiece for the Alpha Theta tea on Feb. 26. The theme was also carried out with the Theta symbol on the petit fours. A plant, wrapped in pink and grey, was given to each of the rushees as they left.

On Feb. 27 the Kappa Iota Sorority presented their rushing tea. Yellow daffodils and violet sweet peas decorated their tea table, as tea or coffee was served from their own engraved tea service. Rushees were greatly surprised when they returned to their rooms to find that daffodils were delivered while they attended the tea.

Many of the rushees expressed their satisfaction of the teas since they were able to know the sororities better.



Dr. Halvor Christensen, center, was guest speaker at the combined meeting of the Tri-Beta and Chemistry clubs. Dr. Christensen is chairman of the U. of M. department of Biological Chemistry.

**KAPPA IOTA**

This Friday at International Night, the KI's will sell the pizza that went over so popularly last year. Also included in this busy time is the Song Fest, where the KI's will sing a medley of three spiritual songs.

Last Thursday the KI's had their tea, and a good time was had by all.

**DELTA GAMMA TAU**

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## Lambda Iota Tau Seeking New Memberships

The Alma chapter of Lambda Iota Tau, the honorary literary society, announces that it will be considering applications for membership within the next month.

An applicant for membership must have received a 2.00 average in a minimum 15 credit hours completed beyond the freshman courses, in language and literature. The applicant must have an over-all academic average of 1.5. The applicant must be recommended by a member of the English or language department and must read a 1500 word original paper in some phase of language or literature.

The members of Lambda Iota Tau are making plans to develop a more rounded program for the society. Programs in drama, music, poetry, and readings from various writers in foreign languages have been suggested.

## McCall Attended Education Confo

Dr. McCall attended the joint meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education and The Association for Student Teaching at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on Feb. 20 to 22.

Speakers at the meeting were Dr. Ralph Bunche Undersecretary of the United Nations and Paul Woodring, Educational Consultant for the Ford Foundation.

## Chapel

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is one of the founders of the East Harlem Protestant Parish. Contrary to the present movement to the suburbs by the Church, this man and a few others have chosen to remain and work with the less fortunate people of the community.

On the 28th of April, Dr. Cornelius Loew, professor of religion at Western Michigan University, will preach. In addition to preaching in Chapel, he will speak to a faculty meeting on "Christian Perspectives in Higher Education."

The Religious Life and Work Committee mentioned above is a student faculty committee charged with the responsibility of managing the Chapel programs. It differs from the Assemblies Committee in that this latter board has control of convocations. The R. L. W. Committee is responsible only for the Chapel worship services.

This same R. L. W. Committee is presently considering the installation of a long desired cross within chapel to make it more worshipful. But any action must be decided in the light of plans for a complete interior renovation in the near future.

As the College considers its building plans across the years, one of the major items that concerns it is renovating the chapel interior. This will probably include radical architectural changes such as moving the choir and organ to the back of the Chapel. A new chancel will be built in this vacated area. This new chancel will have a pulpit and lectern on either side with a new communion table in the center. The removal of the old chancel will allow more pews to be installed and thus increase the seating capacity.

With this change coming in the future the RLW Committee is faced with deciding on a cross which will fill our immediate needs now and possibly fit into the new scheme too. This is to do and the only alternative is to divert some of the funds allocated for the major change to be used on a cross.

The architect's representative will be on the campus next week and will be consulted for his opinion. After this consultation some action in respect to a new cross will probably be taken.

## Stromberg, Rowe To Give Recital In Chapel Sunday

This Sunday at 4:00 p.m., Nan Stromberg of New Baltimore, Michigan, will perform in a junior recital in the college chapel. She will be assisted by Ron Rowe, a freshman from Lincoln Park. Mr. Rowe will be accompanied by Donna Allen at the piano. Miss Stromberg will be assisted by Mrs. Mae Nelson Stewart who will play the orchestral part at the second piano in Schumann's piano concerto in A Minor, the first movement. Miss Stromberg will also play Bach's prelude and fugue in D minor, and Beethoven's Sonata in Bb, Opio. No. 3.

Nan is a pupil of Mrs. Mae Nelson Stewart and previous to entering Alma College, studied with Miss Josephine Carolin of the Detroit Area, for a total of 13 years of study.

Mr. Rowe will perform the "Concerto for Flute" by J. Quantz and "Cantabile and Presto" by Georges Enesco. College students and faculty are invited to attend.



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# SCOTS OUSTED IN NAIA TOURNAMENT

Basketball season closed Monday night for Alma as the Scots made a valiant try but went down to a stronger Northern Michigan team 58-63 in the semi-final round of the district NAIA basketball tournament.

Actually the game was much closer than the final 5 point deficit seems to indicate. Northern started off rather strongly, but Alma soon caught up, and the game was nip and tuck the rest of the way. The Scots went ahead with 3 minutes and 4 seconds remaining in the first half and never relinquished their lead to Northern until 3:45 of the second half. After this, the lead changed several times but never varied by more than two points until with five minutes remaining, Albeck of Northern stole the ball—ran down the court all alone, and laid one up to put Northern ahead by 4. The Scots never did catch up.

Northern had a tall and fairly good ball handling team but Alma was in the game and pushed Northern all the way. The Scots had enough shots but just couldn't get enough through the hoop—20 out of 69 for 29 per cent. Northern completed 23 out of 68 shots from the floor for a 33 per cent. At the free throw line, Alma connected on 18 out of 22 tries for 82 per cent, as to 17 out of 25 for 68 per cent for Northern.

The atmosphere was a little different in the gym last Monday night. For a change a little noise was made and more than a little enthusiasm was shown. It seems rather strange that the season had to be practically over and the students had to pay 75 cents to get in before the student body got fired up. And fired up they were! Alma finally made a step forward along the lines of showing their school spirit.

ALMA	FG	FT	TP
Peters	4	7-8	15
York	5	3-3	13
Northrup	4	0-2	8
Cantrell	2	3-3	7
Lude	2	1-1	5
De Vries	1	2-2	4
De Young	2	0-0	4
Arriek	0	2-3	2
NORTHERN	FG	FT	TP
Hamilla	7	4-4	18
Pearce	7	1-2	15
Wilson	5	3-5	13
Kaiser	3	6-7	12
Peterson	0	2-3	2
Albeck	1	0-3	2
Weston	0	1-1	1

### M. I. A. A. Final Standings

	W	L
Hope	13	1
Calvin	10	4
Kalamazoo	10	4
Hillsdale	7	7
Alma	6	8
Albion	5	9
Adrian	4	10
Olivet	1	13

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Butch Cantrell stretches for this one during the Alma-Hillsdale game.



About this time of the year tempers seem to be a little shorter than they are during that pleasant time when spring unfolds into summer. The sodden parade of winter's gray, cold days begins to make itself felt in strange ways. Subjects at which one time seemed trivial may now be hotly debated. Everyone is waiting for the world to turn green and the sun to get warmer. In a word—spring!

But along with delightful spring arise the moans from the scholars who are stricken with the mysterious malady known as spring fever. This baffling and contagious disease takes an enormous toll of the population, and has puzzled the medical experts for years.

The symptoms of this illness are truly intriguing. The power of concentration is the first to be affected. It is impossible to concentrate on the War of the Roses, or draw the interior furnishings of an earthworm, let alone remember French irregular verbs! Some days it is not even easy to stay awake—in class, that is. But one is always alert enough to watch television and listen to weird sounds from the juke box or a phonograph. It is a tremendous burden to complete a required reading assignment, but on the other hand, it takes practically no effort to read an equal number of pages of a best-selling novel. At the end of the day the poor student goes to bed still groaning upon the injustices inflicted on youth.

But, no matter how sick the scholar may be, he continues in search of higher education in spite of his serious handicap. Very heroically he manages to be in attendance at classes most of the time. But sometimes "cutitis" sets in and then it is necessary to purge the system—a day or two of sunshine and plain nothing will do it nicely.

While the patient has noble feelings about attending classes when practically on his deathbed, the sentiments reach an unsurpassed peak when extracurricular activities are concerned. No matter how sick one may be during the day, his school career can not be quenched—at the dances he will gallantly dance every last, gay and lilted waltz than admit to any feelings of illness.

The length of this illness usually is from the first bright, warm day to the end of May or so. At this time shock treatment is used on the patient. It is usually administered on a beautiful Monday morning when the patient is feeling at his absolute lowest. The standard treatment consists of a few informative words from the profs, "Exams are next Monday . . . judging by the marks. . . . I suggest that some of you. . . ." M. O.

## Alma Avenges Early Defeat

Working like a well-oiled machine the Scotsmen team rolled up 90 points to the Ferris Bulldog's attempt of 49 points in last Saturday night's game. Alma led all of the way outscoring Ferris 40-28 in the first half and 50 to 21 in the last half. The Scots were led by the sharp shooting of George De Vries with 20 points, Jim Northrup with 17, and in general the whole team was able to hit from the outside when necessary and played good heads up ball. Bruce Jones led Ferris with 17 points. Alma hit a terrific 88 per cent of their free throws and 45 per cent from the floor compared to Ferris's 43 per cent of charity tosses and 30 per cent of field goal attempts.

Alma	FG	FT	TP
DeVries	8	4-5	20
Northrup	8	1-1	17
York	6	1-2	13
Arriek	3	3-3	9
Graham	3	1-1	7
DeYoung	3	1-1	7
Cantrell	2	2-2	6
Peters	3	0-0	6
Lude	2	1-2	5
Totals	38	14-17	90

Ferris	FG	FT	TP
Jones	7	3-6	17
Kruger	4	1-5	9
Killman	3	2-4	8
Shippey	3	1-1	7
Fryatt	2	0-0	4
Olendorf	0	2-3	2
Jackson	1	0-1	2
Johansen	0	0-0	0
Runkle	0	0-1	0
Totals	20	9-21	49

## Shepherd

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Office of Student Work en route to ten countries and 16 institutions of higher learning.

Last year's Alma College junior student was Larry Braak, Grand Haven, who spent his year in Pakistan. In 1956, Lois Welberry, Milford, studied in Tokyo, Japan under this plan.

The purpose of Junior Year Abroad is to build an international friendship through a mutual sharing of Christian experience and to make possible for each student to fulfill the academic requirements for the junior year and receive credit for graduation.

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## Scots Down Soo Behind Northrup's 22

Thursday, February 27, the Scot hoopsters led by Jim Northrup with 22 points defeated the Hornets of Soo Tech, 78-69. This gave Alma a three game win streak and brought their overall record to 12 wins against 11 defeats. Although Alma scored only 50 per cent of their charity shots compared with 81 per cent for Soo Tech, the Scots connected for 40 per cent from the floor where it counts as to only 30 per cent for Soo Tech.

	FG	FT	TP
Northrup	9	4-5	22
Cantrell	7	0-2	14
Arriek	5	2-3	12
York	4	1-3	9
DeVries	4	1-2	9
Peters	3	1-1	7
Lude	1	1-4	3
DeYoung	1	0-0	2
Totals	34	10-20	78

Soo Tech	FG	FT	TP
Villemure	10	2-2	22
Oemerse	10	0-0	20
Ledy	2	9-10	13
Wickstrom	1	4-5	6
Stokes	2	1-1	5
Koller	1	1-3	3
Totals	26	17-21	69

## Glamour

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winner of this contest will be photographed in a campus outfit, a date dress, and an off-campus daytime outfit, and these photographs will be sent to **Glamour Magazine**. If this entrant is one of the winners, she will be photographed on the Alma campus, and in June be flown to New York as **Glamour's** guest for interviews, a fashion show, and entertainment. A picture and article will appear in the August issue of **Glamour** about her. If an Alma coed is picked as a winner, that will mean nationwide publicity for the college and Alma's coeds will have the prestige of being well-dressed.

However, when electing this candidate, the student body must remember that it is not a popularity contest—as most of the contests are. Alma's entrant must be the best-dressed girl on campus, and it must be the students who pick this representative.

**Glamour** sends these tips on how to spot this girl: She must have a good figure and good posture, clean shining hair, carefully done makeup, impeccable grooming, a good clothes budget, a good all-over wardrobe plan with individuality in color, accessories, and looks, a real understanding of her fashion type, and be appropriately dressed at all times. Again, don't choose a girl only because she has a pretty face or is popular. The committee and **Glamour Magazine** believe that taste, grooming, and planning are much more important than money in a well-dressed lady. Keep this in mind as the vote is cast next week.

## Voice Box

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charged for Henry V was absorbed by the English Department and the projectionist, Doug Bartlett, has been paid by the Audio-Visual funds, approved by Miss Roberta Wills.

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## "The Lark"

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levels of steps and platforms and lights provide adequate setting for this moving story.

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### Death of a Party?

The once robust Republican Party has degenerated into a "Weak Sister" on the American political scene. The problems of the G.O.P. were recently magnified when a group of Republican congressmen demanded that the President fire Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. Although one may not agree with the agricultural policies of the Secretary, he can never be accused of the lack of courage that has been displayed by enemies in his own party. The political weaklings are fearful for their jobs in 1958, and well they might be. In fact, America will do well to be rid of them.

The firing of Benson certainly will not give the Republicans anything that resembles a victory in the coming elections. President Eisenhower, who is anything but a politician, has not been able to rally the Republicans under one banner, as did the late Senator Robert Taft. They had their chance to make political hay while the Democrats were squabbling, but they blew it. The G.O.P. is divided into so many factions that it is hard to tell what they stand for.

The Republican Party is sick indeed! It may even be cast in the role of only a weak protest group to the resurgent Democratic Party. Perhaps we are witnessing the death of the Republican Party, as such.

### Crucifixion

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we are here now, we are going to see it. His palm is opened out and slapped against the rough wood. A cold iron spike is pushed through His hand, tearing and destroying the tissues as it passes through. Red warm blood flows out, and quickly warms the cold steel of destruction and pain. Another and another and yet another until Christ is securely nailed to the cross. Oh, the pain and torture of it all! Think of it! Then up goes the cross, silhouetted against a dreary sky. The head of Christ is drooped. His eyes are closed, but He is not yet dead. His crown draws blood from His forehead. The shining droplets run slowly down to His cheeks where they mix with the tears and sweat, all products of human suffering, and together they drop to the earth from where they had come. Then Christ died. He had suffered terribly at the hands of stupid and passionate people, the very people for whom He had died—you and I. This was one of the cruelest human acts of all times.

And now we are back in our own time. Is it very much different from the world of the past? No, we still do not want to get "mixed up" with this, so we stand on the sidelines. Still we raise our voices to the chant of the mob of the past "crucify Him" whenever we indulge in moral-degradation and disobedience to God. We still do not bear our "cross". We sometimes even "wash our hands of the matter" fearing the crowd. But should we?

But in spite of the evil and cruel aspect of the crucifixion, we should still rejoice in it. For we must remember that it was God's way of saving the world. This was the will of God. But in our rejoicing, let us not be misled to believe that the physical aspect of the crucifixion was "a happy affair". It was far from that. Let us see it for what it was realistically—a moment of intense pain and suffering. And for what it stood for—the salvation of the world. Looking at the crucifixion in its true light maybe you and I would see in this season of Lent, something more than just "another event in the life of Christ". Let us live again in the blood of Christ given to us through the divine blood transfusion made for us.

—by Priam Singh

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

### NO "REC" ROOM

Our Alma Mater, campus bare, there's nothing ever doing there. No tables now, ping-pong or pool—nothing left at this old school. I wonder not the reason, tho', I realize, they had to go. When students, nothing better could, but smash the plaster, break the wood,

Rubber burn the floor, with shoes, bust the tips from off the cues; Borrow paddles, ball and such, they thought it would not matter much If they were used, and not returned; they paid their way, this much they earned.

But now that all are broke and lost, they realize the tragic cost, There's nothing now to do, alas! Just study, sleep and go to class. Sorry, now, there are a few, who'd like a paddle or a cue, A "rec" room, no, there isn't any. A few can spoil it all for many. Remember this now, one and all, when you have an urge to smash a wall,

Or tear a venter all asunder, the way some act, it's no darned wonder. "Pete"

### Who Is Responsible?

During the present school year Alma College has been embarking on a frantic, and we hope eventually successful, campaign to raise our academic standards. Of this I am glad. But isn't it of great, perhaps even greater, importance that Alma begin to put back into practice some of the Christian principles around which our college was originally founded.

The great difference between the rules in the book (I'm referring to the Student Handbook, 1957-58) and the common and all too accepted behavior of a great many of the students on this, our CHRISTIAN college campus, seems something of an absurdity to any objective observer.

May I quote from page 23 of this handbook: "The use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden. This applies in fraternity houses, in any house approved by the college for student residence, at any college function, or any college sponsored trip. All places of business in Alma which sell such beverages by the glass are 'out of bounds' for college students unless accompanied by their parents. Any student who does not observe these regulations is subject to disciplinary action."

Read, fellow students, and laugh. Shrug it off, faculty members, and leave it to the administration. That seems to be what has been happening for many years.

Who's responsible? Me, oh no, I wouldn't want to "squeal" on a fellow student. Any of you chaperones, most of you members of the faculty, are you responsible? When you suspect the use of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a Spring Formal, soon to be coming up, will you investigate?

We complained when one member was expelled from Alma College for drinking. But most of the complaints I heard concerning this case were not because one fellow was "asked to leave" for drinking, but because there are so many others (we students know, you faculty and administrators might, with not too much trouble, find out) who have indulged and continue to indulge so much more, and yet are still attending Alma College.

And how about the groups that gather in bars, in Alma and vicinity nearly every night? The rule says no. Evidently these students are aware that no one intends to enforce this rule, at least not to the extent of going out of their way to do so.

If we are going to continue to call Alma College a CHRISTIAN school, if we are going to continue to have such regulations as the one I have stated, they must be enforced. My one question is, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

A Concerned Student

### AN OPEN LETTER TO Dr. Jellema.

On Monday, March 3, you stated in your chapel talk that one of the gods on this campus was that of the group and the religion was that of conformity. It is hoped that you are not limiting this to our campus.

Surely you must realize that the individual is not to blame for this behavior. We are victims of an anxiety producing culture. Much more emphasis IS placed on conformity nowadays than ever before. Why? The American people believe that they are the most civilized people in the world. To insure this, the process of "humanizing" a person begins immediately at birth. Individualism is oppressed. Natural curiosity is extinguished almost as soon as it appears. Parents want their children to grow up to be "good," "nice," "normal" and socially accepted people. Any behavior which might tend to set junior apart from the rest is termed as "bad."

The educational system helps to tighten the bonds which have been placed around the young child. In grade school, junior high school and high school, we are told by our instructors (with a few exceptions, of course) what we should learn and from what point of view. Inquisitiveness of further knowledge on a subject has often been answered by "Well, we don't go into that in this course." It cannot be denied that there are a few instructors on this campus who will not accept answers on test questions which read, "In your opinion.....?" unless the answers are nearly verbatim from the professor's lecture notes.

Is it still a wonder as to why a professor lectures to a vast sea of blank faces? Or why some students with grade point averages of 2.00 and above can no more than "parrot" back to the instructor what has been stated either in classes or the text book? The idea of conformity has been so thoroughly instilled in us that for some, to speak out for something in which we believe, would be a most traumatizing experience. A few people dare to raise their hands in protest; many go unacknowledged.

On this campus and many others, the cry of "Where is the individual?" is sounded, but the ip-

dividual who will stand up for what he believes and acts accordingly is not going to be heard or seen until our society stops the pounding, beating and hammering of conformity into the mass mind of its members. P. C.

### Dear Editor,

In the February 28 issue of the Almanian Dr. Swanson made a comment to the effect that "Alma college has moved beyond what Dale Lake asked for."

I seem to recall the preceding issue carrying these comments by Dale Lake. "A man ought to act in every situation in such a way that what he does becomes a universal law." "We must find an issue that is vital and pursue it!" "acquire the correct relationship to his environment", "we must acquire a working relationship with our fellow men," "a man must work out his personal relationship in this field...."

Is it possible for Alma college to move beyond these statements? Is it possible for anyone's "grasp to exceed their reach"?

—Exception

### Dear Editor,

I would like to come to the defense of the most severely maligned man on the campus, "Mr. Bored To Death."

Admittedly a person should be able to rise above his surroundings and do something about his present state of affairs. However, the Alma College community leaves much to be desired in terms of the variety of social activities available for students.

There appears to be a genuine need for leadership among the student body to remedy the existing conditions. The Student Council has been requested to evaluate the total social structure of the campus and to make recommendations for formulating the calendar for next year.

The Student Affairs Committee has recommended that the Alma College community think of organization in terms of basic social groups in the living units which will provide "grass roots" opportunities for self-government and for unique and constructive social programs.

Leadership is needed. What student groups will take the initiative?

An attempt is being made to establish a student government in Wright Hall. The college is willing to do its part by providing additional social activity areas in the residence units for inter-living unit exchanges. Facilities can be provided when students accept the challenge to recommend and sponsor social activities.

Sincerely, Kent Hawley



### POLLY QUIPS

(Political Quips)

by RALPH BURNEY

Our fine political science professor says that he doesn't agree with the Southern Democrats or even the Northern Democrats. Never did know a member of the Donkey Party who would claim a part of it.

Presidential Press Secretary Jim Haggerty has ulcers. Heck, his problem is that he doesn't know who's president, Sherman Adams or Dwight Eisenhower.

My son asked my wife what she thought about a Republican who turned Democrat. "A traitor," she answered. "What about a Democrat who turns Republican?" he asked. "A convert, son, a convert," she replied.

Ike got Mamie to take a 3,000 mile trip without him. Who said the President isn't a diplomat?

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