By Dr. Ross Miller, Pastor Emerson Presbyterian Church, Head of the Department of Religion, Dean of Chapel

"Ye are the light of the world—a city set on a hill cannot be hid, neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candle-stick-and it giveth light to all that are in the house."

The greatest men receive a reward for what they are, even more than for what they do.

Napoleon's inspiring presence in a battle was worth thousands of men.

The quiet, pervasive, even unconscious influence of an upstanding character is worth more to any group than a long list of honors or activities after his name in a college annual or "Who's Who."

Two students lived on the same college campus, belonging to the same group. The testimony of one about the other was this: "When he joined the group our tone was noticeably improved. He said nothing, he did not preach, nor did he stand aloof. But the rest of us knew he did not approve of certain things—and his influence was such that we complied with his unexpressed wishes."

Such a worthwhile character is as "a city set on a hill" -it cannot be hid.

I once knew a young veteran who was elected commander of his local American Legion Post. At the time, the members were planning an action which was at best a bit below their standards. But when my friend took office, the members volunteered this cooperation: "We rather feel that our contemplated action would be embarrasing to you; if you say the word we will drop it." The new officer of that group quietly admitted that was true—and the plan was dropped.

Neither of these men would want to be called a moral reformer-indeed it could not be said that they were consciously active in such reforming—but "a city set on a hill cannot be hid." The finest of all influences is the unconscious one of the man who does not fully realize the power he exerts.

A story of Peter runs, that the people thronged after him, if, perchance, his shadow only, might fall upon their sick folk so that they might be healed; and Peter, so the story goes, did not know that his mere presence meant so much to those about him. But a city set on a hill, whether the story about Peter is true or legendary, cannot be hid.

One is responsible for the influence he exerts, consciously or unconsciously, on those he meets. He is respon-(continued on page 2)

Mates at Delt

Spring Swing

Under the Sea."

the underwater scene Saturday

evening of the Delt Spring Swing,

showing the theme "20 Fathoms

Gaily colored decorations of

a water spectacle were highlighted

by seaweed throughout the audi-

torium, and a galaxy of fish su-

spended in the air, which included

Music for the occasion was pro-

vided by the Modern Men, an or-

chestra from Grand Rapids.

Guests also enjoyed the entertain-

ment which showed a big brown

squid stealing all the shipmates

Biologists Attend

Academy Meets

The Biology Department Fac-

before daybreak on Friday, March

21, bound for the Michigan Aca-

demy of Science, Arts and Letters

meetings at the U. of M. in Ann

at which current research papers

were presented, some members

attended portions of the Medical

Science, Zoology, and Botany pro-

ceedings. The students on the

trip were Dick Heuschele, Jim

Kolberg, Phyllis Moreen and

Lunch at the Michigan League

provided the setting for a brief

reunion with Alma biology majors

from previous years. Of those

now attending Med. School the

group saw Bob Hoag, Bill Kube,

Gary Mayer, J. P. Ryan, Fred

Schmidt and Tom Weeber. Wil-

lard Payne is now doing gradu-

ate work in Botany; his wife June

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Chuck Norman.

Of the many sectional meetings

a huge paper mache whale.

from Captain Akrab's ship.

Locals Plan Squid Captures **National**

Affiliation

A panel of representatives and guests from nine national sororities visited the Alma College campus last Saturday to discuss the possibility of the locals going national. The Panhellenic panel held discussion groups during the

day at various points on campus. The representatives and their guests were served at a coffee hour by sorority members until eleven o'clock, when a panel discussion in Dunning Chapel was held. The advantages of a national sorority over a local, and philanthropic programs of the sororities, both nation-wide and local, were among the topics discussed by the representatives on the panel.

After eating a luncheon, each representative visited the local sororities in their rooms. At these individual meetings specific questions about the particular sororities were asked and discussed. Most of these discussion questions were raised from Alma's sorority members, and concerned the fees involved, the other chapters ulty and several students rose in colleges in Michigan, steps toward nationalization, and other pertinent topics.

These representatives were invited to the campus by Mis. Vreeland, Dean of Women, to help acquaint the Alma coeds with the national sororities advantages and programs. Since last fall the sororities on campus have been discussing nationalization, and this was one step towards that goal.

The national sorority representatives were: Mrs. Clarence Crook, Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. Robert Nelson, Alpha Omicron Pi; Mrs. Harvey Bumgardner, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Mrs. Lillian V. Schippers, Alpha Sigma Tau; Mrs. James Vaughan, Alpha Xi Delta; Mrs. James Stryker, Delta Zeta; Mrs. H. W. Snyder, Sigma Sigma Sigma; Miss Yvonne Hamilton, Theta Upsilon; and Mrs. S. D Capps, Pi Kappa Sigma.

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Joan Dasef, state oratory contest winner, receives a certificate of merit from Mr. Mikle as Bob Hill, runner up, looks on.

NOTICE

Applications for rooms in the residence halls can be made April 8th through April 21st at the office of the cashier in the Administration Building. A \$25.00 deposit is necessary to hold a room.

Scottie Seeks Official Sanction

Appearing before a meeting of the publications committee Monday evening, Jim Stringham, Lansing junior, editor of the "Scottie" campus humor magazine, petitioned the group for official sanction as a publication of the college for the controversial magazine.

A quorum was not present at the meeting, presided over by Dr. Sam Cornelius, and so no definite action was taken.

The "Scottie's" petition made note of the opportunities it affords for humorous writing on the part of the students. Editor Stringham also mentioned that the advertisers in the first edition of the magazine, Aima merchants, had received the advertising media favorably.

ion that the "Scottie" fulfilled a need on the campus for a "new viewpoint" to common situations. He expressed his belief that the

held in the Almanian office on Wednesday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Literary Insert To Take Place of Pine R. Anthology

issue of the Pine River Anthology this year, the Parnassians are soliciting manuscripts for a forthcoming literary supplement, possibly to be included in the pages of the Almanian.

The Creative writing group originally planned to re-produce the extinct Pine River Anthology starting this year. "The group has shown increasing interest in the art of writing at our meetings so far this year" a member stated, "however, the volume of manuscripts has not been sufficient to undertake the production of the anthology.

Short stories, plays, critical essays, poems, and other creative writings of students, faculty members or members of the administration are earnestly desir-

The Parnassians will meet again Sunday evening, April 13, in Tyler Center. A number of dummy formats for the literary supplement are to be submitted at that time.

Interested writers are urged to turn in their manuscripts to Mrs. Ruth Phillips, social director, or to contact her in regards to writing for the supplement.

Language Clubs **Send Tidy Sum** For CARE

International Night, March 7th, sponsored by the language clubs of Alma College was a gala

The proceeds, \$102.00, will go to CARE. Last year's recipients in Vietnam and Germany sent letters expressing their gratitude for the CARE packages.

"Students of Alma College can be proud of their contribution to this worthy organization," Miss Foley, adviser of the project, stat-

Science Funds Available from Clack Memorial

Generous Donors Make Fund Possible to Outstanding Students

As a memorial to Ann and Lee Clack the Midland Chapter of the Alma College Alumni Association has initiated a science scholarship fund for science students at Alma

Ann (x'43 Carter) and H. Lee Clack, '42, graduates of Alma, and their children lost their lives last November when the strato-cruiser on which they were returning to Japan was lost in the Pacific ocean. Lee, having been Manager of the Tokyo Office for the Dow Chemical Company, had brought his family home for a three months' visit. The family was returning to their life and work in Japan when the plane went down.

There are many distinguished families among Alma alumni. The Ann and Lee Clack family was one of them. Lee's position with the Dow Chemical Company was one of high level importance. Moreover, it had been indicated that Lee had a great career ahead.

In addition to knowing Lee and Ann, hundreds of former students remember Dr. Robert Clack. Lee's father who taught mathematics and astronomy at Alma College for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Clack still reside in the fam-

This scholarship fund to be known as "The Ann and Lee Clack Continued on page 2

Final Concert Features Baritone In Civic Assn.

The last concert in a series of four sponsored by the Alma Civic Music Association will be held on Monday, April 7th, and will feature James Pease, baritone. Let this serve as a reminder to all college students that this is the last concert of the season.

This year's series has been the best of the three year span by the association.

Shepherd Writes Paper Defining "Honor System"

Interested Student Group Advocates Further Consideration

An informal student group from Alma College, under the guidance and recognition of a faculty advisor, has conducted a survey of the Honor System at various schools during the last months. The mass of information obtained through this process has been compiled into a seven page definition and summary of the honor system by Barnette Shepherd, Alpena sophomore. It is understood that this paper is the groundwork for a proposed honor system at Alma College, which has been advocated from time to time.

The group of students, in their investigation of the Honor System, mailed 64 letters to colleges and universities across the country, requesting information about the systems at these schools. Of the 64 requests mailed, answers were received from 28, of which 11 have some form of honor system. The rest of the replies indicated that some had had it; that it had been tried, but had failed; and many mentioned that interest was being shown by the students in such a system currently The majority of the schools replying seemed very interested in hearing of the results at Alma College, if such a system was to be initiated.

The schools contacted ranged in enrollment from 180 (St. John's College at Annapolis, Md.) to 8,-165 (Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, N. Y.). Included among the 64 were Yale University, University of Virginia, Harvard, Colgate and

Of the many descriptions of Honor Systems received, the group working for it locally seems to be the most pleased with the system at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Knox has an enrollment of 820. Around the definition and description of this Illinois school's system are based the proposed principles of the honor system for Alma College.

In his paper Shepherd discusses the abstract principles of the honor system; the need of basing it on an equally broad concept Continued on page 3

TKE's Initiate **New Student** Help Facilities

Ron Stolz Acts As New Intermediary

According to information released by Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Ron Stolz was appointed a medium for student-faculty relations, signifying a new relationship on this campus. TKE stated that the need for such a relationship has been evident for some

According to the release many students have financial, academic, or personal problems which are in some way concerned with the faculty or administration. Often, it was stated, these problems are discussed more easily with a fellow student. Therefore, in the event of such a situation, a meeting is arranged between the student and faculty member with Stolz as an intermediary.

Stolz was chosen because he is a veteran as one who has had experience dealing with people.

It is stated that this relationship has proved helpful already in several situations.

This is not something reserved to TKE but is open to all stu-

dents on campus, officially said. "This has the whole-hearted support of the administration and we hope that very soon other such representatives shall appear on campus."

magazine could pay for itself and not be a burden upon the finances of the committee or other student funds Another meeting of the publications committee has been scheduled to discuss the matter further. Dean of Men Kent Hawley, with whom Stringham had conferred previously, will be invited to the committee's meeting which will be

Shelving plans to produce an

ed, it was stated.

Sororites Welcome Panels, Discuss National Filiation; Frats[®] Enjoy Pledging

KAPPA IOTA

The K. I.'s have had new cabinets built in their sorority room and the new pledges have happily consented to sand and stain them down. They have decided to wait until after vacation to choose the material to finish the seats and pillows. This will add even more attractiveness to the room.

With many of the activities over, the K. I.'s are selling Sloppy Joes again and met with success as usual when they were sold Thursday night at Gelston and Pioneer Halls.

With the sorority formal not too many weeks away, the K. I.'s have decided on the place where it is to be held, the favors, etc.,

The K. I.'s are to have a rummage sale on April 12th and if you want to find bargains, you'll be able to find them there.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Activities at 313 Philadelphia this last week included a closed party for members, pledges and their dates. The pledges provided excellent entertainment.

Recently the TKE's had some new gravel put on their driveway and parking lot. This was done to stabilize the ground as their plans call for an asphalt drive and parking lot in the fall.

As Easter vacation is about here, plans are being made for various trips. About a dozen of the fraters are planning to spend the vacation in Florida.

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for Americans who wish to study

abroad and for foreign students

who want to study in the United

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edition of the Handbook on In-

ternational Study recently pub-

lished by the Institute of Interna-

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ond edition, is truly a "how-to"

guide on international education

with information ranging from

where to study nuclear physics

in Sweden to the exchange rate of

the Indian rupee. It not only lists the 25,000 awards and grants of

more than 250 different scholar-

ship programs, but also lists the

requirements for these programs,

describes American and foreign

education, and discussion govern-

ment regulations affecting the

international student. The schol-

arship programs listed range from

grants for the mature specialist to

The 450-page book gives other

information valuable to the stu-

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SIGMA PHI

The Sig Phi's were hostesses to a tea for their patronesses Monday night, after which was held informal initiation and the regular meeting.

Plans were made for the formal and also in the planning stage is sorority weekend. This year the Sig Phi's will go to Caystal Beach, and stay at the cottage of one of their patronesses, Mrs. Sullivan.

After the meeting, the sorority was serenaded by the Delts in honor of the new pledges. They were very pleased to see the Sigma Phi letters alongside the iraternity letters, which were lighted during the serenade. This climaxed a big evening for the sorority, after having eaten dinner with the fraternity members. Th pledges were presented with yellow roses at the serenade, which is the sorority flower.

Congratulations go to Shelia Peacock and Paul VanceVelde on their engagement After the sarenade Shelia was escorted into the shower by her sorority sisters.

Saturday was a big day for all sororities, as representatives from nine nationals visited with the individual groups. Many thanks to Mrs Vreeland who was in charge of the day. Thanks are due also to Tom Manion who graciously helped with the coffee hour and prepared a fine banquet for the

A big vote of thanks and praise to the Delts for a wonderful Spring Swing and a very nice serenade



I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.—(Psalm 16, 8.)

God is always with us, His children. But our willfullness. our selfishness, our stubborn clinging to unworthy thoughts and habits, keep us from knowing His love, in which we will find the strength to surmount all life's trials.

Handbook has several new features, including a list of U.S. colleges and universities offering special English language courses to foreign students, a statistical resume of exchanges between the U.S. and other countries for the last 35 years, and a chronology of the major events in international

education. The price of the Handbook is \$3.00 and may be obtained from the Institute of International Education, I East 67th Street in New York City or from its regional offices in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, Houston and Washington, D. C. (addresses below).

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Clack Memorial

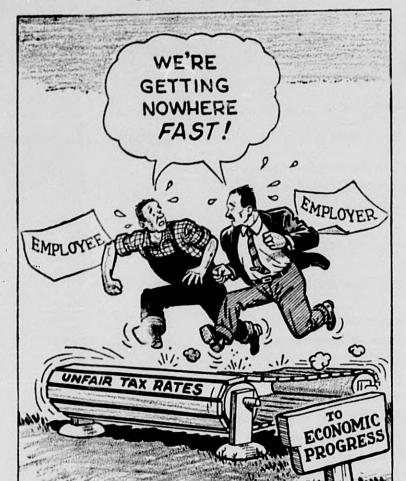
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Memorial Scholarship" will be used to finance scholarship awards to outstanding students who are majoring in science. Contributions have already been received from friends of the Clacks and it is hoped that the fund will continue to grow as others wish to contribute to this living memorial. Contributions may be sent to the office of College Relations at Alma Col-

Difference between a glutton and a gourmet-

1. Glutton eats a lot of a

2. Gourmet eats a little of a



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sible not only for making his light shine, but even for letting it shine. If a person is what he might be, his light will shine, he won't need to force it. It is natural for a light to shine, nor can it be forced.

Shining is inherent in godliness; if we have The Light, we do pass it on to others, we do give light "to all that are in the house."

One may not realize that he has any influence, but he has. And for that impact, he must answer to Him who invested Personality in us.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

(Editor's Note: Our apologies to Dr. Miller for including this without his knowledge. His meditation appeared also this week in the Gratiot County Herald and we were fortunate enough to be able to "steal it" from them. We thought it particularly applicable to the members of Alma College and so decided to publish it. We consider it highly fitting that the words of our wonderful Dean of Religion should be the final Lenten meditation in the Almanian this year. Our sincere thanks go also to the previous contributors: Priam Singh, Jean Molyneux, and Dale Lake.)

As he walked through the door George T. Wimberton was pleasantly amazed to find that his wife had replaced a horrible reproduction of Cezanne with a view of Lake Michigan. No sooner had he made a noble attempt at a "ringer" with his hat on a pair of protruding deer antlers than a clear pear shaped tone verbalized. "George, is that

To which he replied, "You were expecting maybe Mamie Eisenhower? No, this is a revenue officer, and I have come to tax your nerves."

"Don't be silly, darling, you know that nerves aren't taxable," she said as she sprightly waltzed into the room. "By the way, what do you think of Lake Michigan?"

"Oh, I think it's here to stay," he said with a grunt as he traded places with Jethro (the cat) who was until that moment occupying his favorite chair.

"Oh, I mean the picture."

"Well it is an improvement over that mess that was hanging on the wall."

"But do you like it?" she persisted.

"Why, yes, if by that you mean do I prefer it to the other atrocity," which was th eonly thing he could think of on such short notice.

"Good! I gave the Cezanne to Dot and this only cost fifty dollars!"

"You what!" George said without hesitation and rather firmly. "Well, doesn't that beat all." He then burst into a robust laughter.

"What's so funny?"

"Oh, nothing. I just ordered a matched set of golf clubs."

(From here on the conversation is censored for obvious reasons)

-E. E.

PLACEMENT CASEMENT

General Placement

Students who have passed the Federal Service Entrance Examination and who are graduating in June may be interested to know that two openings for employment now exist in the Saginaw District office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Persons interested in applying for these positions should contact Mr. A. D. Boccia at 201 North Jefferson, Saginaw, Mich-

Teacher Placement April 17-Fraser Public Schools

Dr. Cornelius Speaks at Tau Meeting

In the plush lounge of Van-Dusen Commons a meeting of the Lamda Iota Tau, scholarship society, was held.

Lamda Iota Tau is a national organization with chapters in many colleges in the United States. They recognize the English and foreign language majors o. minors in the respective col-

The guest speaker at the Wednesday meeting was Dr. Samuel Cornelius, who is actually one of the three present advisors of the guild.

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The requirements for joining Lamda Iota Tau are that a student must have a 1.5 overall, a 2.0 minimum in fifteen hours of English and 2.0 in a foreign lan-

Present members are Hank Bova, Margaret Hannah, Jean Molyneux, Edward Passenger, Ann Reavey, and Marie Boyce.

Biology

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works at the Botanical Gardens. After lunch, Mrs. Gary (Irene Emmerson) Mayer took the visitors from Alma to the Urology lab in the Kresge Center where she is working as a research technician on the artificial kidney. This apparatus removes wastes and restores the blood to its normal chemistry when kidney failure occurs. The patient's blood circulates through the apparatus via an arm tube from an artery and back to the body through a vein.

A tour of the U. of M.'s Medical School facilities followed. The group visited East and West Medical Buildings (which included the gross anatomy lab), the new Medical Sciences Building, now under construction, and Hospital Hill.

Some of them then toured the University Museums, visiting the permanent displays and a research lab in the Paleontology section. A brief visit to the art exhibit, followed by a car tour of the new North Campus rounded out the afternoon.

After an enjoyable dinner at the Kapp's, the tired biologists headed for Alma.

Classroom Classics

It was one of those blistering days. I had called on a student to read aloud a brief paragraph from an essay. This he did, laboriously. When he finished, I asked him to comment on the significance of the passage he had just read. His earnest reply brought even the sleepiest student to an hilarious awakening. For he said, "I am sorry, sir, but I wasn't listening."

(The Reader's Digest)

After several antonyms had been given for the word "jubliant" in the sixth-grade spelling hour, one little boy added: "Oh, I know what you mean now - it's

like jubliant delinquency." (The Reader's Digest)

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Intramural Playoffs Scheduled

As the regular men's intramural basketball season closed, the top 4 teams in each league drew for opponents in a play-off tournament. Monday night in four games played, the Teke I topped the Vets, The Dunkers beat the Delt Dodgers, the Northernaires came out ahead of the Almaniacs and the Blue Devils won out over the Reds.

Scores of Wednesday nights games are not available because of the paper coming out earlier this week, but the winners of the Teke-Dunker game will play the winners of the Northernaire-Blue Devil game for the championship Filday at 8:30. The losers of Wednesday night's games will play at 7:00 to determine third

REGULAR SEASON FINAL

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Tekes I	7	0
Northernaires	6	1
Almaniaes	5	2
Delt Dodgers	4	3
Jumboes	3	4
Fat Five	2	5
Barbarians	1	6
Delt Dubbers	0	7
League B	W	L
Blue Devils	7	0
Dunkers	6	1
Reds	5	2
Vets	4	3
Tekes II	3	4
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Scot Golfers Work Out Nets

Courses Not Yet Open; First Meet April 16

Scot golfers are preparing for the coming season by working out inside with the net since no known golf courses in the area are open yet. The men will work out on their own during spring vacation When they get back practice will start in earnest for they will have just 9 days of outside practice and position playoffs, weather permitting, before the first match.

Some of the men returning from last year to bolster this year's team are Dick Ayling, William Jones, Tom Johnson and Gordon Snyder. Last year the team played 11 matches, winning 5 and losing 6. This spring the Scotsmen golf team under Coach Art Smith is scheduled to have their first meet with Ferris Institute April 16. The remainder of the schedule was printed in last week's Almanian.

Mackinac Bridge **Festival Being** Planned for June

Plans for the Mackinac Bridge Dedication Festival next June 26, 27 and 28 are rapidly moving forward. This week the first newsletter from headquarters of the Mackinac Bridge Dedication Festival was mailed to committee porting details of plans already being made for the huge June Festival at the Bridge site.

"Crammed into these three days," says the Newsletter, "will be scores of outstanding eventsexhibits, demonstrations, parades, contests and shows"--which will precede the formal dedication ceremonies at noon on Saturday, June 28, at the center of Michigan's history-making bridge.

Reflected in the Festival's organization and committee strucof citizens from both sides of the Straits of Mackinac-from every section of the state.

The Parade Committee, will stage parades in both Mackinaw City and St. Ignace during the Dedication Days, is headed, for Upper Michigan by Paul Sconder of Mackinaw City and John LaHaie of St. Ignace, and for Lower Michigan by the veteran Det oit parade planners, Andrew Kirkpatrick and John G. Mulally. Already 63 high school bands have volunteered to participate in the parades. On Saturday will be the parade of the Michigan Queens, starting from both ends of the Bridge and joining at the center of the Bridge for the official dedication ce: emonies at noon. Because viewing and hearing facilities on the Bridge itself for the formal Dedication ceremonies will be limited, plans are being studied for broadcasting or sound amplification to carry the dedication to the multitudes in the Bridge area.

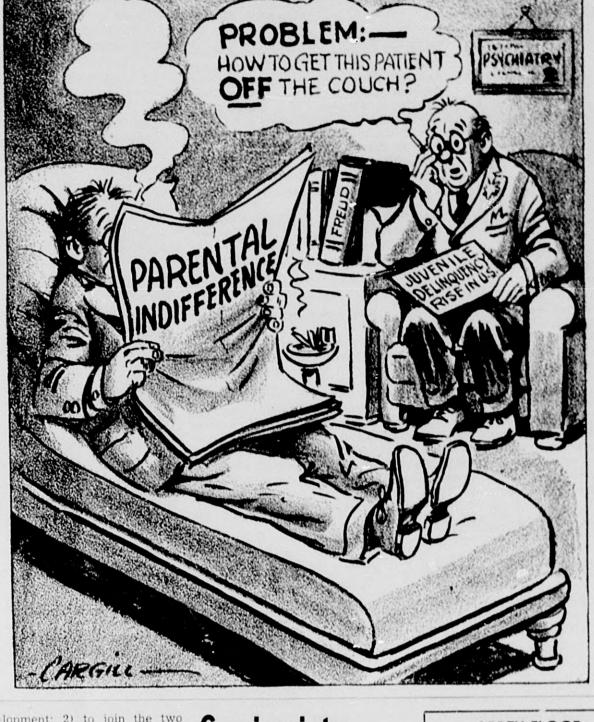
The Queen's Committee is headed by Rodney C. Linton of Detroit, who is a director of the Michigan Junior Board of Commerce which is sponsoring the Queen's Parade. Every county in the state will be represented.

The three-day Dedication Festival will also provide such additional attractions as aquatic events and three nights of fireworks which will depict the history of the Straits area from the 17th Century to the present day. Concerts in both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City will be presented on Friday, June 27, by the 200piece orchestra from the worldfamed music camp at Interlochen.

A souvenir brochure is being prepared for distribution and sale at the Festival.

"Interest in the dedication program is gratifying," says Chairman Walker Cisler, "both from the standpoint of the active support we are getting from all parts of Michigan and the national recognition of the Mackinac Bridge engineering as our greatest

achievement." The broad objective of the Festival are three fold: 1) To provide for our State added national recognition for its leadership in economic, industrial and agricultural ed from "Glamour" Magazine.



development; 2) to join the two Michigan peninsulas in a far reaching program stressing our members and workers throughout resources and potentials; 3) to the State, announcing appoint- highlight Michigan's unparalleled ments to committee posts and re- recreation and vacationland ad-

Age Is No Guarantee of Maturity

To that grand old intercollegiture is the actvie participation ate institution, the bull session, has come a great new subject of discussion. In this era of the tranquillizer, emotional maturity has marched into step alongside sex, politics and religion as a favorite topic of college conversa-

> What is maturity? How can you tell when you have achieved it? What'll it get you when you

have it? The sad truth, according to Michael Drury, in the April Reader's Digest, is that maturity cannot be gained in ten easy lessons, like the latest dance step. Rather, it is a slow and continuous process which can slip away more easily tha nit is gained, and is sometimes never found at all.

Age is not necessarily a guide to maturity, the author says. In fact, youth and inexperience frequently breed the qualities that one must retain if he is to be mature: trust, curiosity, flexibility, willingness to learn.

Failing repeatedly in her efforts to ride a bicycle, one young lady said laughingly to her companion: "It takes real brains to be as dumb as I am!" This ability to poke fun at herself marked the girl as a mature person-though she was only eight.

On the other side of the ledger. author and teacher Edith Hamilton made this observation at the age of 90: "The older I grow, the less I know-but that isn't to say I trust less or have less appreciation for what is beautiful. Life is more interesting as it goes on."

How do we recognize maturity in ourselves? There are no set formulas, but there are some signposts. Ability to bounce back from staggering grief or disappointments. doing something you've always feared, being able to part with long-held convictions -these are some of the hallmarks of maturity

Arrival at maturity gives no assu ance of a Utopian life, the author warns. Anguish, selfdoubt and despair afflict even the most stable person. But recognizing that you are neither quite so wonderful nor quite so hopeless as you once believed brings the kind of inner peace that makes one a mature person.

"Are You Mature?" is condens-

Coming into The Terminal

The late Dwight Morrow, who was very absent-minded, was once reading earnestly on a train when the conductor asked for his ticket. Frantically Mr. Morrow searched for it.

"Never mind, Mr. Morrow," the conductor said. "When you find it, mail it to the company. I'm certain you have it.

"I know I have it," exploded Mr. Morrow. "But what I want to know is, where in the world am I going?'

(The Reader's Digest)

The luggage-iaden husband stared miserably down the platform at the departing train.

"If you hadn't taken so long getting ready," he admonished his wife, "we would have caught it,"

"Yes," the little woman rejoined, "and if you hadn't hurried me so, we wouldn't have so long to wait for the next one!"

(The Reader's Digest)

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as that of personal honor; and the most basic concept of the System is that academic work is done without faculty surveillance. Shepherd also states that it is not merely a "code of ethics."

In defining the Honor System, he describes some of the areas that come under its influence. Although the most common to these is the class oom and academic work, it may well extend beyond that-it may extend to personal and college property, policies of the library, buying and selling, it was explained.

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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.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Fraternity Files . . .

'Fraternity files" have always been a topic which has aroused considerable comment. As far as we know, all of Valparaiso's fraternities have a filing system in various stages of order and completeness. Is this practice contrary to the Valparaiso Honor code?

To date the problem has not been faced directly by the Honor Council. Undoubtedly the individual members of this group have varying opinions about the ethicality of this practice. A test case probably would be necessary for the formation of a definite Honor Council policy.

The Torch is of the opinion that the use of fraternity files is not an encroachment upon the Honor code. We feel that usage of fraternity files does not constitute "unauthorized aid."

We take this stand despite the fact that many students have unequal opportunities to avail themselves of this "extra" information because they do not belong to Greek societies. We believe that any test or project which instructors see fit to return to students can be used as a study aid by succeeding classes.

Instructors if at all possible should (and most of them do) change the content of their tests from term to term. If the course is so limited that only certain specific questions are valid (and we hope this is an exception), then students should be able to use with no qualms of conscience the additional material which is available to them. Aren't they sufficiently informed in the area for which the course demands responsibility?

In order to avoid the entire problem, the idea of stressing ideas rather than minute facts would be desirable in those areas where this is possible — and this should be possible in most cases. College level instruction should stimulate the mind

to think rather than to memorize. It would be interesting, nevertheless, to have the Honor Council declare itself on this point.

—Valparaiso Torch

The Humor Man Again . . .

The Tyler bulletin board displayed some more "humor" this week. Again we must take exception, but this time, on the other tack. We thought it was funny.

So often, we find that those who object to campus "humor" are quick to justify their objections on the basis of that vague and often ambiguous word "taste". The incongruous treated factually, the commonplace treated satirically, are humorous as a rule, regardless of their content. Because the accepted customs and mores are ridiculed, yes, and even slaughtered at times, does not deny the humor of a "new point of view," if the writer is talented in that way. In fact, campus humor has the dubious privilege of making evident quickly the prudes it offends.

We noted particularly in the "movie announcement" at Tyler what should be accepted as a maturity not commonly found in campus humor-GOOD campus humor, that is. Having been privileged to peruse the coveted pages of "Scottie," we must admit that we found some hints of that maturity there,

This does not, however, constitute a wholesale endorsement of "Scottie" per se. This much must be recognized when one thinks about the chances of survival of such an undertaking:

Humor has a tendency to become mill-wrought. To produce regular issues of humor which come to the public fresh instead of rehashed; to publish satire instead of sadism; to lampoon distortions of high ethical values without harpooning them altogether; are, at their easiest, difficult.

Humor demands lightness, yet the urge to fulfill the need for expression can result in that which is burdensome.

"Scottie" has hit our campus with one issue. Now its staff desires to come under the auspices of the Publications Committee. No, "Scottie" is NOT in trouble-this is said to dispel the opinion some hold that to be taken under the administration's "wing" means one has overstepped one's bounds. On the basis of one issue, this will indeed be a difficult decision for the committee to make.

Looking at the matter positively, we cannot deny the opportunity for expression to be found in such a media. Nor can we deny the fact that our campus is imbued with men and women who definitely have the talent called for to produce an acceptable humor magazine.

Also to the credit of Scottie belongs its editor, Jim Stringham. Jim has shown his knack for a mature satire in previous volumes of the Almanian. Those who are acquainted with his work know that he can, and usually does turn out GOOD stuff.

So when the chips are down, the question in our minds is not a straight yes or no as to whether Scottie shall stay or go. It is rather an anticipatory sense, a question without phrasing.

As far as Alma is concerned, Scottie is an experiment. Certainly in this day of "long-range planning" and "academic improvements" experiments are in order.

To say that "Scottie has HAD its chance" is not fair either. Perhaps it is better to feel that Scottie HAS its chance. Academic freedom demands our respect if it is to be achieved.

It behooves us then, to reserve judgment on Scottie. It has good possibilities. Let's hope it uses them correctly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wanted: Profs.

We haven't heard from you, the faculty, all semester. This paper (the almanian) is yours as much as it is ours (the students). If you have something to say let us hear from you. Don't make your cracks to 15 or 30 in class but place it in the almanian so all can hear your reaction to the editorials, feature articles, etc. Let's hear from you for a change, that is, in the paper! !

Signed: A student who believes in open discussion.

Dear Writer:

We are behind your sentiments 100%. We must also say that we favor the same openness of discussion on the part of students, althe the evidence tends to support the view that the students are more willing to "air" their views than are the professors.

THE 13th FILE

Among the inevitables to be heard is a statement by Dr. Miller. During the course of at least a few of his lectures he will say "Now, this is Ross Miller speak-

AN ALMANIAN MEETING brought forth this comment. "That bulge in Doc Jellema's coat pocket is not a bottle. It is his Bible!"

Here is a great letter from a great nephew and a great fellow. We made a great effort to withhold this from our great managing editor. "Sir-

Re your brief article in the Almanian last week (3/14/58) Non es quite Verdad.

He was a great uncle-Not just uncle-"great" in this instance implying relationship; not ap-



Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. —(Psalm 141, 3.)

How much suffering and sorrow we would spare ourselves and others, how much love and kindness we could give, if we asked God's guidance, ever and always, in all that we do and say, think and desire - and how blessed and strong and happy we would proval-after all, the sap lost all

the money he stole. Please request your spy to get the facts straight, man. Selah!" David E. Huyler

Iffn' y'all heer anythin' funny in yore classes....send em in. Will print. Be sur fust thet ye git yor grate facts strat.

A man is always allowed at least one mistake. The editor of the Almanian is fully aware of this. Each week at the staff meeting the ear drum shall record "Well, that was our first mistake."

ond.)

REB's yell-

SPEAKING OF discrimination, et al, Pete Weatherby contributed this little gem of philosophical poetry which we pass on to you with pleasure:

Prejudiced? Not us, we say

Not us, not in this modern day, Not us, (our inner feelings hide.) Yet let us look deep down inside. Let's look into our Christian minds

Let's look and see what we shall find.

Let's see what God must daily see. Let's look inside of you and me. We persecute a race, a creed,

We're prejudiced, they're not our breed,

We accept them not, as Christians

should We see their bad, but not their

We see their skin, but not their soul

We credit not, or try to see The kind of person they might be, The kind of life they too might live

If just a chance to them we'd give

Accepting them, as Christians should.

See not the bad, without the good. If this we'd do, I'm sure we'd fr

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The prejudice gone from you and me

A CLIPPING came to us recently announcing the Synod Council of Presbyterian Men's establishment of a scholarship for the Alma A Cappella Choir. Quoting from the release: "The Choir scholarship program will provide financial awards to the key members and thus enable Dr. Sullivan to recruit additional superior voices and help to build an even finer choral group as well as justify the contribution which these students make to their college program." One sometimes wonders if discrimination isn't a rather subtle thing after all. Somehow, we don't find this news well-stated at all. To be perfectly honest, we cannot see too much connection with this type of scholarship and liberal education. Isn't it much the same as football scholarships, etc., which seek to raise the prestige of the alma mater by, in effect, "hiring" star performers? That Alma is here primarily to EDUCATE people rather than EXALT them is sometimes lost in the roar of the current crowd "and their voices prevailed."-Luke 23:23.

TUITION TIME—among the (Editor's note: This is our sec- chuckles of a nurse-to pay \$4 for her own health service!



POLLY

QUIPS

(Political Quips)

by RALPH BURNEY

Some would like to see St. Louis Attorney Al Fortino run for governor against Soapy. I thought they stopped throwing the Christians to the lions.

Just came upon a brilliant idea for a man to run for President-King Saud of Saudi Arabia-provided we can revise the Constitution. Instead of the "a chicken in every pot" slogan, he could advocate "a harem in every house". Yeah!

In Dean Acheson's new book, "Power and Diplomacy", Acheson advocates keeping our B bombs poised for an attack. Instead of "poof, there goes perspiration", the new thought will be "poof, there goes civilization".

This week Walter Reuther will put on his two hundred dollar suit, leave his mansion, get into his Cadillac, and meet G.M. President Harlow Curtice to discuss ways of helping the "little man".

