

January 10 Scheduled For Graduate Record Tests

Dean Announces General Coverage

Dr. Boyd, Dean of the College, today announced that Graduate Record Examinations will be held on the Alma College campus on Saturday, January 10, 1959.

The tests, which will take approximately 4½ hours, are required of all graduating seniors. They involve three fields of study: natural science, social science, and the humanities, and are designed to determine the extent to which the broad aims of a liberal arts curriculum have been achieved.

"I would like to emphasize that there is no such thing as passing or failing this test," said Dean Boyd. "All seniors will be required to take the tests, but they will not be required to make any particular mark." He also stated that the examinations are being used less to test the individual than to test the college itself. The results will permit us to compare the educational attainment of our students with the senior classes of leading col-

leges and universities across the nation."

The area tests given at Alma this year are only one of the three parts of the Graduate Record Examinations the student will take. The other parts are the advanced tests in the specific areas in which one is majoring and aptitude tests which are frequently used by the graduate schools to determine the student's ability to do more advanced work.

Some of Alma College's departments are planning to give the advanced tests to their majors.

Students who plan to go on to a graduate school which requires the examinations for entrance should apply to: The Graduate Record Examinations, Educational Testing Service, 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey, for testing. Students will need all three of the exams, whereas only one or two will be given here at Alma.

Dean Boyd stressed the fact that the tests given here are not the kind which can be specifically studied for. They are the results of 3½ years of college work, so last minute preparations are futile.

Delt Sig Problems Not Yet Solved

NOTICE

Barnette Shepherd's column, "Junior Year Abroad," will be continued in the January 9 issue of the almanian, rather than in this issue, as was stated last week.

—the editors

Leonard, Harper Present Case At Kansas National Meeting

Last January it came to the attention of the college that the national headquarters of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity interpreted a ritual clause in a discriminatory manner. At that time the local chapter expressed concern and said that they had queried the national officers concerning the discriminatory policy but had, as then, received no answer, and so released no further statement to the almanian.

Since then representatives of the college and the fraternity were visited by the president of the national executive committee, Sam Smith. The whole matter was discussed and it appeared the best action for the local fraternity would be to request "local option". It is understood, according to Dr. Harold VandenBosch, vice-president of college, that this would permit the local chapter to pledge students and accept them into full membership without concern for race, creed or national origin.

Local chapter representatives of the fraternity, Mike Leonard, president, and Ken Harper, vice-president, pursued this at the national meeting the fraternity held in Kansas last August. Dr. Swanson received a letter from Smith indicating that Leonard and Harper had done a fine job in presenting the issue at the national meeting. As a result of their efforts it is understood that the whole



group sponsored by Dr. Kaiser of the Spanish department. Carolers included: Barbara Stewart, A. Alan Botto, Judy Eldred, Norma Johnson, Mary Jane Cross, Mark Ryan, Bill Anderson, Judy Thacker, Mildred Hume, Janice Redmond, Tom Sanders and Dick Jessop. The party, as usual was an enjoyable success, complete even to the heart's desire of a ninita's teddy bear.

issue would be placed on the agenda for the consideration of the national executive committee meeting of the board of governors which met last month. From there the discussion was presented at the inter-fraternity meeting held recently.

Dr. VandenBosch said, "It appears the local fraternity has been very effective in provoking a careful scrutiny of the whole issue of discriminatory clauses and practices among fraternities. In this respect, there is reason to believe that representatives of the local chapter have responded to a problem in which discriminatory practices are present, in a statesmanlike manner which compliments the fraternity as well as the college.

"Issues pertaining to the local chapter have not yet been settled, but the college appreciates that there has been consistent progress in the matter and the local chapter is pursuing the question in a very good fashion. It appears a definite decision can be anticipated in the near future."

Vets Adopt Constitution

The Veterans Club has recently organized officially and proposed and accepted its constitution, according to Robert Sievewright, Royal Oak junior and president of the organization.

Open to veterans who have spent at least 90 days in any branch of the armed services, the organization has 20 members and is involved in a drive to include more students.

The purpose of the club is to promote the general welfare of the veterans at Alma College, to assist new veterans on campus in becoming oriented in their new environment and

Virgil Thompson At Tyler Friday

Virgil Thompson, critic, composer, musician and concert artist, will be present in Tyler Center on Friday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m., according to information released this week by Paul Storey, chairman of the assembly committee.

A noted man in many fields of art, Thompson is the writer of the famous "Four Saints in Three Acts", and "The Mother of Us All" as well as other works which have won acclaim on Broadway—and a Pulitzer Prize.

A picture, and more facts of interest in the life of Virgil Thompson will appear in the Jan. 9 edition of the almanian.



Nancy Hopson is shown above, active at the annual ACA Christmas party for area Mexican children. Other activities kept the kids (all of them) busy with the traditional pinata to explore, carol singing, and, of course a visit by jolly ole Saint Nick himself to complete the day. Sponsored each year, the Christmas Party adds the endeavors of new and different groups from time to time. This year the Spanish carollers were present, a new

Tri Beta Sends 2 Students & Prof. To D.C. Convention

Visit Hospital Technical Labs

The members of Tri Beta awarded Ken Hutchins and Jim Kolberh an all-expense paid trip to the American Association for the Advancement of Science convention between December 27 and 30 in Washington, D. C. this week. William Betts, Librarian of the

club, stated that part of the financial backing for this trip has come from industry within the state. Mr. Arlan Edgar, a member of the Biology faculty will accompany Jim and Ken.

"This award trip is to be an annual one," Betts reported. "Each year the A.A.A.S. convention will be held in a different city somewhere in the United States".

On December 11 the members of Tri Beta and other interested students were taken on a tour of the Gratiot Community Hospital's laboratory facilities by William Waggoner, senior and a lab. technician at the hospital, and other technicians on the regular staff. The tour was made possible by the resident pathologist, Dr. McCoy. Some of the technicians

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Edgar, Beltz Win Speech Honors

Alma College won a second and a third at the State Extemp contest held at Wayne University Saturday December 6. Bob Beltz brought back a second place award, and Sue Edgar, a third place award in the finals. Mr. Mikle, head of the Speech Department, sponsored the two students to the contest.

MUY IMPORTANTE!

To all almanian staff members:

The staff meeting in the almanian office scheduled for Monday, January 9, at 5 p.m. is mandatory for all members, including circulation and business departments.

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NEW MAIL BOX

Delt Sigs Have Variety of Yule Activities

The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity held their annual Christmas Party with the Alpha Theta Sorority Saturday night, December 13. The party, held at the fraternity house, had a very good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Godfrey and Mrs. Marion MacLean, the Delt Sig housemother, were guests at the party.

The Playboy Rabbit of "Playboy Magazine" was the theme. Miss Carlene Fernstrum, Menominee Sophomore, was chosen as the Delt Sig Playmate. She was presented with many

gifts and crowned by President Mike Leonard.

The fraternity now has a new mail-box.

Brothers Bob Beltz, Mike Leonard, Bob Ludike and Dick Heuschele were nominated to "Who's Who." This is the second year that Dick Heuschele has received this honor.

Brother Fraser Dean was elected to the captaincy of the 1959 Alma Football Squad. He was also chosen for the All-Conference second team this fall.



Brothers Gary Clark and "Skeets" Miller entertained the children of the St. Louis Baptist Children's Home last Monday at the second annual Christmas Party held by the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity and its sister sorority Sigma Phi.

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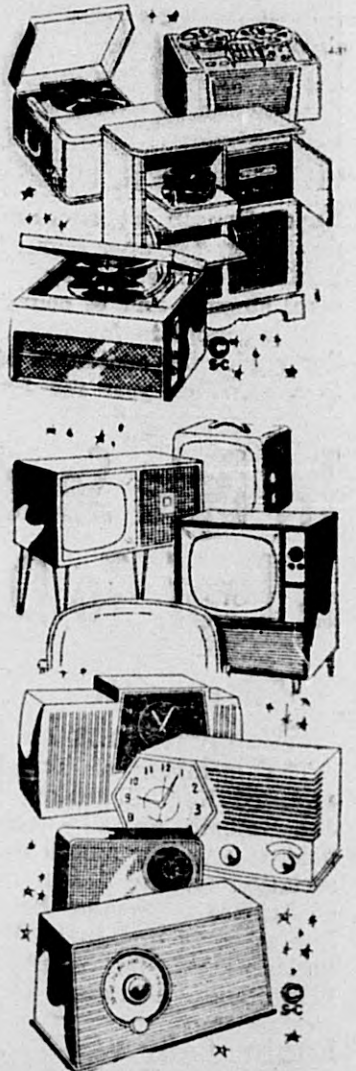
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Club, fraternity and sorority news, events of Monday, Tuesday noon.

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All photographs to be used in the paper must be in by Monday noon of the week of publication desired.

Space will not be saved or guaranteed for late items unless prior arrangements have been made with the Editor-in-Chief.

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Circulation: *Unsung* Heroes

Naturally, we enjoy this newspaper work or we wouldn't be in it.

Just the same, tho, ask anyone who really WORKS on the almanian and you will quickly find out, that all is not a bed of roses (in fact, seldom). Hard work is time-consuming—and late hours seem to be our forte.

Most readers think only of the writers when they think of a newspaper. There are others, tho, who deserve as much, if not more of the credit for a good edition of campus journalism.

Last week's paper would never have arrived for you had it not been for a circulation department willing to work after supper, after hours, and "generally above and beyond the call of duty."

It has been called to our attention that most of the circulators are members of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, and once in a while some misguided person aims a snide remark in that direction in reference to "activity credits."

So what? Delta Sigma Phi is entitled to activity credits as well as anyone else!

However, we do not believe the holy activity credit (which is to be no more) is the total motivation involved. Our circulation manager, Bob Wineberger is a Delt Sig and we are thankful that he does have friends.

One of our aims, since establishing the "new almanian" two years ago, has been to bring each edition to the college ON THE DAY IT IS EXPECTED. We try to stick to a time, also, but this is not always possible.

The almanian has not missed a publication day last year or so far this one. This is solely to the credit of the circulation department.

The job of "paper-boy" is not filled with laurels, and the reader tends to overlook this most important function of the almanian.

Remember, next time you pull your copy out of the mailbox on Friday, that the editorial and business staff can do all sorts of things with pencils and papers—but credit for the transition of a college paper into reality in the hands of its readers belongs to "circulation."

Letters to the Editor

NOTE: It is the policy of the almanian to print letters to the editor pseudonymously, if so requested. State law, however, makes it mandatory for the editor to know the name of every contributor, so please sign your name and add your request to remain anonymous in print, if you so desire. The names of writers of pseudonymous letters will not be revealed. We have never violated this confidence in 50 years.—the editors.

Dear Student:

I was greatly surprised that several students at Alma do not know what dress pants or sport coats are. I would hate to think that any student graduating from Alma would not know how to dress properly. I certainly hope those that expressed their ignorance on this subject in last weeks Almanian are honestly in possession of such facts.

As a member of the Student Council I wish to express to you my views on the current conflict between the Student Council and the student body and the future of the Council. I was pleased to read the fine editorial, "How to be Judicial", in last weeks Almanian and that at least one student has read the 1958 Alma College Bulletin.

Now that our first rebellious thoughts have subsided I hope we can face the problem of "dress requirements" with an open mind. First I feel that the action of the Council was necessary and proper. However a more important part of the action on "dress requirements" was our failure to handle the presentation properly. I believe that because of our haste to switch from a social body to a judicial body, we made tactical errors, but were right in our purpose. It is through these failures and accomplishments that we hope to build a strong constitution and a better Student Council. It is only through the co-operation of the student body that these goals may be realized.

The college policy on dress is stated in the last sentence on page 36 of the 1958 Alma College Bulletin. It reads, "The customary attire for the served meals is coats and ties for men, and dresses, heels, and hose for women!" This rule was set down by the board of trustees and was agreed to by every applicant to Alma College. The action of the council was to enforce it. On the matter of sweaters I feel it is a choice for the individual. I also advocate the idea of dresses for the women. The problems of sweaters and dresses are up to YOU. If you wish to repeal or change the requirements set forth by the Student Council it is your duty to attend Council meetings or see your representatives.

It must be pointed out that it was through the recommendations of the Council that the days for required dress were cut to three instead of the six required by the preceding policy. The sponsorship of the Leadership Conference two weeks ago by the Council was another way in which we hope to help our fellow students. In my particular group on "Teaching Methods and Assignments" I tried to convey "I tried to convey to the teachers their weak points as we, the students, saw them and hoped to help our fellow students. In my particular group on "Teaching Methods and Assignments" I tried to convey

to the teachers their weak points as we, the students, saw them and hoped they would also see them and possibly change their methods. In answer to question in last weeks Almanian:

I only own two dress shirts and I am still living. I wish you the same luck. (There is no extra expense in cleaning wash and wear white shirts.) I am in favor of girls wearing formals, except I would have a hard time choosing the appropriate tuxedo. I would like to know what evening trousers are and when God said that we will wear white shirts and ties.

I hope that all students that have a genuine interest in their college will co-operate and work with the council as they struggle to build a new constitution and make a Council and college that we can all be proud of. The success depends on every individual. If you have an honest grip come forth and express yourself where it will be heard or continue your nonconformity and make a fool of yourself. I would appreciate student support and would like to hear YOUR ideas or try and answer your questions. Council meetings are every Tuesday at 7:00 and open to everyone.

Chip McLellan
 Freshman representative
 Student Council
 Thank you Chip, for an excellent and constructive letter. It is indeed a pleasure to have our hopes justified—in finding representatives on our council who make themselves sincerely aware of student opinion. There are others, we're sure.

Tri Beta

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graciously returned to the campus during the evening to explain their duties and answer questions.

The group visited the radiology lab., saw the electrocardiograph, pathology lab., morgue and autopsy lab., x-ray lab., and the library and blood bank.

The Gratiot Community Hospital neither pays for donated blood nor charges for it when hospital patients need a transfusion. "The blood bank technician lectured on the system of storage and tested for blood type all those who desired it, including Mr. Kapp", Beta historian said. Soon Alma College will be co-operating with the hospital in a combined program of three years of pre-medical technology and liberal arts course work at the college and a one year training period at the hospital.

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Alma Drops To Adrian 65-55

by Bob Sievwright

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At the outset of the game Alma had trouble getting started but finally found the range and led at halftime 34-29. They connected on 43% of their field goal attempts.

In the second half, Alma looked like another team most of the way, especially in the waning moments of the game. They had trouble finding the range again and connected on 6 out of 25 shots from the floor, a dismal 24%.

The free throw percentage was especially low for a college team. The Scots could muster only 59% of their attempts, the worst percentage of the year.

Three key players fouled out before the game ended. Center Duane Hussey, "Butch" Cantrell, who was the high scorer for the Scots with twenty points, and Bill Klenk were all charged with 4 fouls before the first half ended.

Jim Northrup had his worst night of the season as he made only 4 of 17 field goal tries. He

had been averaging over 20 points per game prior to this game.

Ferris Saxton collected only 7 points for the evening.

Don Mohn was the high point man for Adrian scoring 16 for his team.

Vince Giles controlled the boards for Adrian until he fouled out mid-way in the fourth period. He picked off most of Adrian's rebounds.

Bruce Stephens of Adrian suffered cuts and bad bruises when sandwiched between a couple of Alma huskies. He was going up for a shot when Hussey and Cantrell both leaped to block the shot. Stephens landed on the ramp leading into the gym. His mates carried him to the locker room for first aid.

	FG	FT	TP
Cantrell	6	8	20
Saxton	3	3	9
Hussey	3	5	11
Klenk	1	3	5
Northrup	4	0	8
York	0	0	0
Peters	1	0	2
Knowles	0	0	0
Totals	18	19	55

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Alma Win Over Albion, 74-58

After a discouraging game against Adrian last week, the Scots bounced back to winning ways by drubbing Albion 74-58. This was the second win as against three defeats for Coach Wayne Hintz' cagers.

From the beginning Alma showed they were not to be denied. Although they trailed by four points going into the second quarter, their strong defense was to prove too much for the Britons, although the shooting percentage in the first half was a fair 39%.

The Scots strong defense held Albion at bay requiring them to shoot from back of the key most of the game. Their sharp shoot-

ing was the only thing that kept the score even in the first half.

Freshman Duane Hussey playing another outstanding game, was strong on the boards, along with Bill Klenk and "Butch" Cantrell. Sophomore Star Jim Northrup, who was equally strong on the boards, contributed 25 points which was high for the evening.

Right behind Northrup were Klenk and Saxton with 18 and 14 points respectively.

At the half, Alma led by only one point, 32-31, but after the start of the third quarter were never really challenged.

Northrup led the scoring in this half with his jump shots from the side of the key.

The Britons seemed to lose what pep they had as the Scots vaulted to a ten point lead midway through the third period. The shooting percentage was much improved for the Scots compared to the first half as they connected on 57% of their field goal attempts.

The Scots will be participating in two Christmas tournaments, the first being at Northern Michigan College at Marquette and the second at the Soo.

For every U. S. woman who has a maid, a dozen others want and could afford one. There just aren't enough available.



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy holy presence. —(Psalm 51:10-11.)

It is only when we have gained, through devout prayer, our Father's everlasting mercy, that we can gain also a clean heart and a right spirit. Then we will know His presence, enveloping and filling us, and find therein a strength superhuman, a peace beyond description.

The Golden Girl Stir

(ACP) — Ohio State LANTERN bemoans the fact that Buckeyes "won't get to see what the commotion's about... specifically, the wiggles of pretty, blonde Adelaide Darling," Purdue majorette.

The performing of Miss Darling, who was dubbed "Golden Girl" after "a wow of a dance between halves of the Purdue Notre Dame football game at South Bend," brought a letter to the Purdue EXPONENT from two coeds. They complained the girl "wiggles excessively." Their words began a stir which reached even the pages of LIFE magazine.

Miss Darling continues to perform with the Purdue band, but the band was to make no more away-game appearances. Notre Dame met Purdue's sensation, but Ohio State didn't.

Vets Adopt

Continued from page 1 to maintain active participation in campus activities.

Faculty advisers to the group are Robert Rufener, department of Music, and Dr. Stephen Meyer, Business Manager of Alma College, both of whom are veterans.

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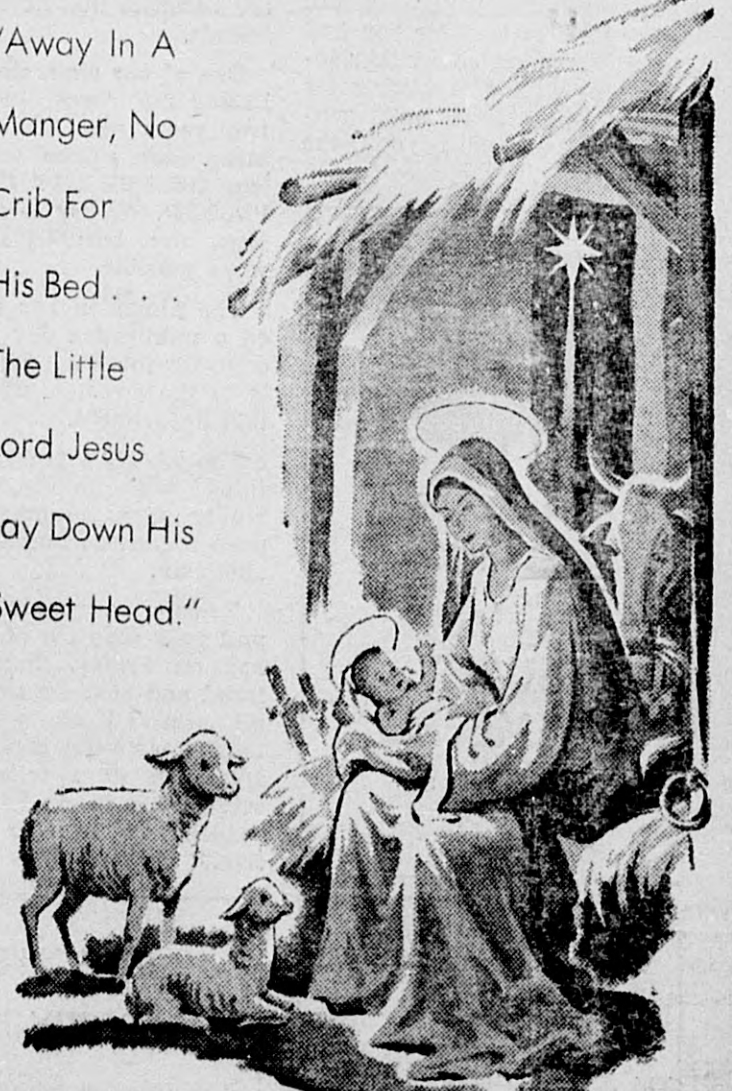
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