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## Fraternity Smokers in Next Week's Wind

The three Alma college fraternities will hold their annual Smokers on February 9, 11 and 12. The Smokers are receptions which are held for the benefit of independent men and freshmen who want to know more about the individual fraternities and get better acquainted with the membership of each one. The first Smoker will be held at the Phi house on February 9, the second at the Delta house on February 11, and the last one at the Zeta house on February 12. The fraternities usually provide cigarettes, cigars, refreshments, and entertainment. Tickets may be bought from any fraternity member.

## Cast Announced for Production "Macbeth"

Rehearsals for the drama club production of *Macbeth* were held last Monday and Tuesday nights. Professor William Gregory, director, has announced the cast. Rehearsals began Wednesday night in room 100 of the administration building.

Alice Welsh, Marilyn Gordon, and Frieda Beyer will play the witches. Stu Friesema will be Macbeth; Bud Davies, Banquo; Phil Long, Malcolm; George Miller, Macduff; and Allene Stolt, Lady Macbeth.

The part of Duncan will be taken by Jim Mills. Doug Gillesby will play Ross; Frank Williams, Donalbain, Jack Homer, Lennox; and George Lawrence, the Porter.

In the role of Fleance will be Bob Fritch; as the Soldier, Earl Hayward; Ron Black as the Doctor; Ron Baney as the First Murderer; and Roger Vance as the Second Murderer.

Don Gordon will take the part of the Messenger; Bill Taylor will be the Servant; Nancy Leese will be the Gentlewoman; and as the Lady-in-Waiting, Mary Ellen Splitstone. Narrator for the play will be Homer Smith.

Professor Gregory appointed Max Erickson assistant director and Donald Lamb prompter.

The building of the set has been in charge of by Bob Fritch, and handling the lighting is Bob Kelley.

The production of *Macbeth* will be held in the Little Theater, room 100 of the administration building, in early March. Tickets will be available later this month, and will be sold by drama club members.

## Dr. Frederick Wyngarden Will Lead Religion in Life Week, Feb. 16-20



Dr. Frederick Wyngarden, pastor of Westminster Church, Grand Rapids.

Dr. Frederick Wyngarden, pastor of the Westminster church of Grand Rapids, will be the guest leader of the annual observance of Religion in Life Week at Alma College from Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20.

Dr. Wyngarden will address five student-faculty chapels during the week. Centering his talks around the general theme of "Living the Best of Your Life," he will speak on "Where Do You Live?", "Keeping Life's Rewards," "How to Live Worthy Living," "For How Long Do You Live?" and "Life Endless and Abundant."

In addition to his formal addresses, Dr. Wyngarden will hold conferences with students and faculty. Throughout the week students will have the opportunity to discuss both personal and vocational matters with him. The program also will include a daily Inquirers' Hour and bedside chats with fraternities, sororities, independent women's organizations, trade union residents, and Pioneer Hall men.

Dr. Wyngarden is a native of Zeeland, Michigan, and is a graduate of Hope College. While at Hope he played right tackle, put the shot on the track team, and was active in the forensics club. He attended New Brunswick Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J., and Western Seminary in Holland. Dr. Wyngarden held his first pastorate in New Jersey in the Reformed Church of America.

In 1945, Dr. Wyngarden was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Dubuque, Iowa. He has been pastor of Westminster Church since 1946. In that period almost 500 new members have been added to the church, and the budget has increased from \$41,000 to \$72,000. Dr. Wyngarden's son, Fred, is a freshman at Alma College.

The program is being planned under the direction of Dr. Ross Miller, dean of religion, and an enlarged Religious Life Committee composed of both faculty and students. Barbara Hoeflin, Detroit, will be student chairman of the week.

Alma College, along with more than 40 other Presbyterian schools, sets aside this special week for intensified religious emphasis in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

## Gordon, Gillesby Will Read for the Literate

The Literary club will meet on Sunday, February 8, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of professor Wilson Daugherty, 405 W. Center.

Don Gordon will read some of his poetry and Doug Gillesby will review James Thurber's book, *The Thirteen Clocks*.

Dr. Henry Klomp and professor Daugherty, advisors, and Lois Howell, Earl Hayward, and Douglas Gillesby, executive committee, have set up this rule for interested students: Apply for membership by submitting a piece of original writing to one of the members of the English department or one of the senior members of the club.

Other members of the club are Stu Anderson, Ann Davison, Don Gordon, Mary Ellen Splitstone, Kathleen Russell, Barbara Bator, and Bill Farris.

At the club's last meeting, Dr. Klomp reviewed a novel written by a former fellow student of his, an Alvin. Professor Daugherty read some of his modernistic poetry.

Future plans of the Literary club include a number of guest speakers and the formation of a literary magazine next fall.

## Thank You, Mr. Van Dyke

Mr. Joe VanDyke, the journalism teacher at Alma high school, attended a recent meeting of the *Almanian* staff at the invitation of the editor and talked informally with the group about improving the newswriting of the paper, and about the aims and purposes of the paper as a mirror of campus activity and opinion. Mr. VanDyke has been the teacher and friend of some of the staff members, and his interest in their work and in the *Almanian* is responsible for a number of ~~changes and improvements~~ which have taken place in the pages of the paper. The staff is grateful to him for his help.

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The editor has been asked by a student if he thinks the whole paper should be a Greek Gab column. (The student was referring to the presence in the last issue of some news items about the various fraternities and sororities, and the fact that they were run as straight news items and not as a part of the few inches allotted to each organization for its peculiar gossip.)

No, the editor does not believe that at all. Nevertheless, in an effort to make the *Almanian* a newspaper in fact as well as appearance, that policy will be followed closely. In this way, some activity of an organization which may be of general interest to the college community will not be embalmed in the body of the Gab columns.

Other organizations on campus besides the Greeks are also entitled to space in the paper, and should appoint a reporter who will be acceptable to the news editor, and who will regularly contribute a report on the activities of the group he represents. Activity credit will be awarded at the end of the present semester for any work done during the year.

G. M. G.

## Woodwind Recital Scheduled for Next Assembly

A graduate student from Michigan State College at East Lansing, Mr. Charles Osborne will be at Alma College on February 11 for a woodwind recital at a regular assembly. His accompanist is Edward Thaden, also a graduate student at East Lansing.

Mr. Osborne graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit, and went to Michigan State College where he had a band scholarship for four years. During that time he played in the orchestra, on the radio, in recitals, and in the Lansing Symphony. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Mu fraternities.

The major instrument for the recital is flute, and the minor instruments are oboe, clarinet and bassoon.

## 'The Fault, Dear Brutus'

Exams fade wearily into the past and the old semester with them. The cup did not pass from us with its bitter dregs of disappointment. Abjectly we now turn from the golden calf of illusion and acknowledge our fault as our own.

Realizing it is always easier to give advice than to follow it, I offer my views. To the overly ambitious, if such there be, don't expect too much of yourself. It is better to excel in a few things, than to fail in many. To the idealist geared to a star, you may come closer, but you'll never reach it. You may have successes but you will never achieve "success." Moons are made of green cheese; individual tastes differ. Beware the beck of the moon maidens.

As regards the hovering angels and other universal powers, don't expect anything and you won't be disappointed. You shall achieve by your own efforts, and this truth can set you free. The world is not a fierce monster waiting to grasp you in its fell clutch. The gods do not oppose you, they just haven't noticed you.

I can offer little consolation to the stupid. Only be patient; all things pass away. may b

## Looking Backward in the ALMANIAN

A Freshman's View of College Life

by Bob Bennett

I'm all perplexed, I'm losing faith,  
I'm even losing hope;  
The magnitude of college life  
Is way beyond my scope.

On tests I flop, my marks all drop,  
I don't possess the spark;  
The upperclassmen see the light,  
I'm always in the dark.

The Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors,  
Get C's and B's and A's;  
What's left for me? a D or E?  
It keeps me in a daze.

I've tried in vain, then tried again,  
To rate above a C;  
The Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors,  
It's all too deep for me.

The professors think I'm stupid,  
Believe me, please, I'm not!  
They just don't ask the questions  
For the answers that I've got.

Though all that's true, I'm still not  
through,  
I wish to make this clear;  
I'm brilliant 'cause I've found a way  
For bringing up the rear.

—From the *Almanian* of December 11,  
1945.

## THE EDITOR'S LETTERBOX

Upon Having Achieved Recognition  
by Dave Helser

It is not my primary intent in this writing to ridicule or detract from the ability of G.M.G., nor is it my intention to make light of his excellent publication. Those of you who read further please bear this in mind. Thank you.

For a number of years I have considered (nay, dreamed of) embracing the field of writing. Take a moment, if you will, so that you may fully grasp the meaning of my words. Imagine, if you can, the quiet, reticent, Bohemian life of the writer. Does this not appeal to the inner being? So it is with me.

Now to dream is one thing: to actually try is quite another. If one is content to dream, then one need never suffer defeat. It is then, far easier to go on being a successful dreamer than to risk the pangs of disillusionment. Perhaps this explains the number of moral cowards in this world.

At any rate, I resolved to try my hand at expressing myself via the written word. In this venture which I have undertaken, I have been quite fortunate in receiving encouragement, even to the request for more material. This type of praise is of course what I hunger for; it is what I seek: it is my whole purpose in writing. Moreover, G. M. G. has seen fit to publish my material. Truly then my ambition is fulfilled; I am a success.

To have realized one's life ambition at such an early age should surely bring nothing but joy. To have culminated one's dream is in itself worthy of great rejoicing. Should I not be wafted along on ecstasy's wings? Should I not abide with the gods on Mount Olympus? Why am I not exceedingly glad and bubbling over with good cheer?

Frankly, I don't feel a lot different than I felt before I achieved recognition.

Nothing is such a bore as the obligation to be amusing.

— J. Petit-Senn.

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# News in Brief



Some of the new students enrolled for the second semester gathered last Sunday at the home of President Harker for a light supper and an orientation period with Deans Miller, McKeefery, Stielstra and Vreeland. Names of the students are given below.

## DEAN ASKS OBSERVANCE OF PARKING REGULATION

The dean of men, William Stielstra, has announced that some students have persisted in parking in unauthorized places on the campus. It is again requested that there be no student parking at any time or anywhere in the traffic circle east of Wright Hall. Nor should students park their cars in the parking lot by the maintenance shop.

## Draft Boards Must Be Regularly Informed of Status

Male students who desire to be draft deferred because they want to continue their college education should make sure that their draft boards are officially informed of their student status, dean Stielstra said Wednesday. This can only be done by having the college send this information to the draft board. If any boy wants to be deferred as a student, he should make a request of the registrar that she send the form. This procedure must be repeated each and every semester while the student is in school. Having the form sent but once is not sufficient if you want to stay in college.

## SEVEN COMPLETE WORK FOR GRADUATION

Seven seniors completed their requirements for graduation with the end of semester 133. Their diplomas will be granted at the regular commencement in June. The students are Verlan Dewey, Alma; Alton Kaufman, Alma; Mark Morman, Detroit; Clifton Pitts, Royal Oak; Alice Raleigh, New Lathrop; Richard Roth, Breckenridge; and Leontine Wallace, Alma.

## FLU INOCULATIONS STILL AVAILABLE

Inoculations against influenza are still available to students or faculty members who want them. It is advised, however, that the inoculations be taken immediately. The local doctors will be available between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. The cost is \$2.50.

Mrs. Pielou, the college nurse, has announced that her office hours will remain the same this semester as they have been. She will be in her office at Wright Hall from 8 until 9 in the morning and from 4 until 5 in the afternoon.

## Enrollment Increased by 23 Students

Twenty three new students have enrolled at Alma for the second semester. They are William Clark of Alma; William Eiseler, of Allen Park; George Fall, Birmingham; James Gordon, Milford; Robert Guzik, Detroit; Jack Hart, Reed City; Joseph Hill, Melvindale; William Hopkinson, Ithaca; Charles Kelly, Detroit; Dick Koehn, Bay City; Leona Lanshaw, Alma; Richard Low, Detroit; Ralph Lowden, Gaastra; James Mason, Alma; Richard Mitchell, Detroit; Dominic Pattera, Melvindale; Karan Pregitzer, Detroit; Richard Samson, Bay City; Joseph Share, Flint; George Smith, Lincoln Park; Forrest Stark, Bay City; Gerald Strickler, Melvindale; and Edward White, Pontiac.

Former Almanians returning for this semester are Joan Kittrick, Thomas Alexander, Richard Stuckey and Sylvia Nelson.

## ZETA SIGMA NAMES NEW SEMESTER'S OFFICERS

New president of Zeta Sigma fraternity is Aubry Clapp and vice-president is Spence Butters. At a recent meeting of the fraternity the following members were also named to offices: Doug Davy, secretary; Jim Wallace, corresponding secretary; Bud Martin, house manager; Bill Felmlee, social secretary; Ron Nicoson, keeper of the archives; Bob Naru, sergeant at arms; Max Haase, first critic; Dexter Fossitt, second critic.

## Canterbury Club Meets at St. John's Rectory

The Canterbury club, a national organization, is being reactivated by Episcopalian students on campus. Discussions, study groups, dinners, and other social activities will be included in their programs.

Last evening a dinner, sponsored by the diocese of Michigan, was held by Father and Mrs. McPheeters. The aim of the club is to promote a more personal relationship within the parish, between its new minister and its college members. Meetings of the group are held at the rectory of St. John's Episcopal church of Alma.

Branches of the Canterbury club are found in most college communities. The local club has been active during some previous years. Participation in the activity of the club is not limited to Episcopal students, and everyone interested is encouraged to attend the meetings.

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# February 26 Dance Will Be Semi-Formal

The student council has announced that the dance which will open the Jerry Tyler Student Center will be semi-formal, and that corsages have been banned. Tickets have been placed on sale, and will be available until Saturday, February 21. They will not be sold at the door. The tickets are priced at \$2.40 per person, \$4.30 per couple, and are available from any member of the council. Dean of Women Esther Vreeland has granted two o'clock permission for the dance, which will begin at nine o'clock and close at one.

The orchestra of Buddy Morrow, with Frankie Lester as soloist, will be featured at the grand opening dance on February 26. This band has set up a code of clean, listenable, danceable rhythms which is proving very popular with the customers and critics alike. Over 2000 disc jockeys voted Buddy Morrow's the No. 1 most promising band in the country in the 1951 Annual Billboard Magazine disc jockey poll. Buddy drew such a big vote that no other band was near his.

## Thos. Manion Is New Dining Hall Supervisor

Mr. Thomas Manion, who comes to Alma from Kalamazoo, is the new supervisor of the dining hall. Mr. Manion, in addition to experience at Kalamazoo college, has worked at Notre Dame and has managed several restaurants and clubs. The supervisor says that he will be very glad to take any suggestions and criticisms that the students have to offer, in order that the service may be satisfactory to all.

The organization which is sponsoring the new supervision is the Saga food service. The firm consists of three men who have worked together since their college days; they are Mr. W. Laughlin, Mr. W. Scandling and Mr. H. Anderson. They began their management of dining halls in their senior year at college, and have since worked their way up to an organized business.

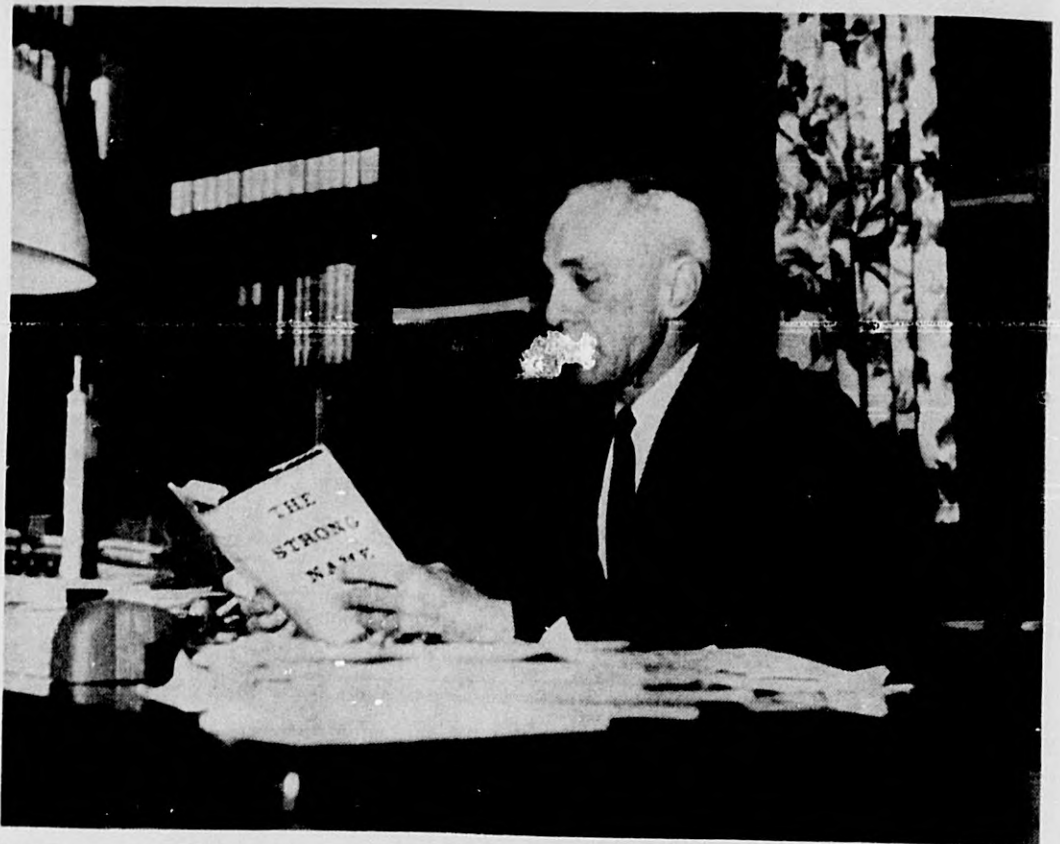
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## Prof Profile . . . . .

**DR. ROSS MILLER**  
**COLLEGE PASTOR**



Though he may feel more comfortable in a bathing suit, or with a fish pole, or sleeping under a tree Tom Sawyer style, Dr. Miller also feels at home with good books in a quiet study.

by Don Gordon

A busy man indeed, is Dr. Ross Miller, dean of the chapel and professor of religion at Alma College. In addition to his college activities, which occupy the major part of his time, Dr. Miller is pastor of the Emerson Presbyterian church in Breckenridge. He is also president of the newly organized Alma Kiwanis club.

Dr. Miller was graduated from Wittenberg college, a Lutheran school in Springfield, Ohio, and later received his divinity degree from Hamma Theological Seminary on the same campus. He must have done good work, for he was later offered the chair in systematic theology at this school in Ohio. After Wittenberg, he went to Harvard University on scholarship, where he won his M.A. in the field of psychology. He has another M.A. from Wittenberg, in the field of English. After Harvard days, Dr. Miller went on to the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland, where he wrote a doctoral thesis in the study of conscience. It was called "A Critical and Experimental Study in the Development of Religious and Moral Ideas."

In 1918 and 1919 Dr. Miller served with the A. E. F. in France as a chaplain. In 1927 he was minister of the Scottish Presbyterian church in Paris, and from 1937 to 1947 he was pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian church in Springfield, Ohio. During the time that Dr. Miller served the Springfield church, its membership increased by one thousand.

Before coming to Alma, Dr. Miller was professor of bible and college pastor at

Jamestown college, Jamestown, North Dakota. He was dean of men at Wittenberg college for four years, and assistant professor of German and Latin at Oklahoma Agricultural college, Stillwater, for two years.

Dr. Miller has two sons, both of whom are serving in the navy at present.

For the past twenty years Dr. Miller has spent his summer vacations in Maine, where he is the director of a boys' camp. In his spare time, he is cooperating with Dr. Dicks of the psychology and philosophy departments in the writing of a text in the psychology of religion.

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# Who's Who

IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Bob Willits

by Pat Shaw

At sometime almost every day for the past three and one-half years Bob Willits has been seen on campus engaged in earnest conversation with members of the faculty or his fellow students. In almost every case Bob had an idea as to how student life on our campus could be benefited.

During his enrollment here at Alma, Bob has been very active in various phases of student government and this year is serving as student council president, an office he fills very capably. Of course this is not a new experience for Bob, for last year he served as vice-president of the junior class and also as president of Zeta Sigma fraternity. At present he is also vice-chairman of the cooperative council.

As is frequently the case with any "politician," he is endowed with that virtue which is commonly referred to as a gift of gab. He has used it to the utmost advantage, bringing honors both to himself and Alma College. He placed first in the Bradley oratorical contest two years in a row. In competition with orators from throughout the state, he placed third in his junior year.

Bob is majoring in chemistry and is completing pre-med studies in preparation for entering Western Reserve Medical School next fall. If his record here at Alma is any indication, I am sure that he will be a credit to the profession which he has chosen. Caro can indeed be proud of this native son.

The author of "The Passing of the Birch

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Rod" is writing an expansive new work entitled "A Fable for Freshmen." Students who attended the square dance early in the week heard part of it chanted by the poet himself. We have permission to reprint a pertinent selection from it here.

Now first there is Willits, whose talents and grace  
Have won him at Alma a prominent place.  
As orator, scholar, ex temporizer,  
He has shown that but few are maturer or wiser;  
And if his acquaintance you happen to make,  
Some part of his counsel you safely may take;  
But yet your discretion will not be at fault  
If you take what he says with a few grains of salt;  
For his tongue is as glib as his soul is profound—  
He can lead men astray into doctrines unsound;  
And if you should foolishly trust every word,  
He'll have you believing some things most absurd.  
In moments of ardor he might even hint  
That Caro, his home town, is bigger than Flint.

## Campus Wives Elect Mrs. Bacon President

An election of officers was held by the Campus Wives on January 28 in the home economics room. Mrs. Robert Bacon was elected president; Mrs. Douglas Davey was elected vice-president; Mrs. Robert Kersten, secretary; Mrs. William Moore, treasurer; and Mrs. Clifford Cummings, social chairman.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Samuel Stafford and Mrs. William Moore.

The proceeds from the bake sale, which the Campus Wives held on January 20, were donated to the Jerry Tyler Building Dance Fund.

On February 11, the Campus Wives will hold a Valentine dinner.

## Faculty Let Hair Down for Wild Floor Show

A faculty floor show, including poetical readings and a skit, was featured at the recent square dance and student-faculty get-together. Dr. Henry Klomp read two of his poems, one composed especially for the occasion. The poems were a parody on "The Night before Christmas" and "A Fable for Freshmen."

The entertainment included a presentation of a skit entitled "Faculty Farce, or Death of a Freshman." College faculty members in the skit were professors Charles Skinner, Margaret Foley, Henry Howe, Nathan Nichols, William Pielou, Julia Roecker, Winnetta Thomas, Lloyd Eaton and Marjory Allen. Mrs. Pielou and Arthur Turner also had parts. Music was supplied by Harold Thompson and professor William Stielstra was narrator.

Preceding the floor show Miss Margaret VanderHart directed square dancing for the students and faculty members. The evening concluded with refreshments.

## YMCA Representative Will Visit Campus Feb. 20

Clifford Drury of the Detroit YMCA will be on campus on Friday, February 20, to interview any interested seniors who may want permanent jobs with YMCA, or underclassmen who want to talk with him about summer jobs. Anyone wishing to arrange for an interview should see professor Harlan McCall of the education department.

Mr. McCall reminds seniors that notices of placement are kept posted on the bulletin board in front of the president's office on the second floor of the administration building.

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## The Unorthodox Textbook

by Bill Farris

Volumes have been written on English and American literature. Many are excellent; some are worth while; others are terrible. The best, however, has only appeared recently.

The new textbook is Robert Manson Myers' **From Beowulf to Virginia Woolf**, "An Astounding and Wholly Unauthorized History of English Literature."

Mr. Myers, one of the great authorities of literature, has worked with an unsurpassed intensity, for this book "appears now only after years of expensive revision and diligent research at the Harvard Theological Cemetery and the British Mausoleum."

One of the pleasant characteristics of this textbook is the total absence of footnotes. All footnotes have been microfilmed, and if the reader should so request, they are available under separate cover. This is a great step forward in the literary field.

The book opens in chapter one, which is unusual because with most books it is necessary to penetrate the fog of an introduction first.

Chapter one, "The Wolf at the Door," commences the history of English Literature by mentioning Beowulf, the great Dane, also known as "The Noble Savage." Mr. Myers does not dwell extensively on

Beowulf, for he informs us that the details of the great Dane's life "are fully recorded in Beowulf's autobiographical beast epic, first published in 1066 as **The Domsday Book**." This excellent work, destroyed by fire in 1731, was later purchased from the Beowulf family descendants by Andrew Carnegie.

Continuing with the history, we are casually informed that in 1066 William the Conqueror was "according to his usual custom, killed in battle." Later he did a fine job of ruling England.

Speeding interestingly forward, Mr. Myers writes that throughout the Dark Ages England was known as the Dark Continent. The popular ballad is the most familiar type of this period's literature. One of the brilliant pieces produced was Thomas Rhymer's "'Owl and Florence Nightingale,' a satire on crows, pigeons, and other eavesdroppers."

Milton is discussed thoroughly, with several lines devoted to "his most imperishable creation, **Paradox Lost**, which, although not a sonnet, is an admirable piece of verse and one of the best-punctuated poems in English."

In 1702, we learn, Anne Boleyn came to the throne, and she "officially inaugurated the Age of Popes and Swifts, and peace and prosperity raged throughout the island for more than a decade."

The remainder of the textbook—a huge volume of seventy-five pages—deals with such literary items as Edward Young, who attended the Graveyard School in the City of Dreadful Night. While there, he wrote the wonderful thousand and one **Night Thoughts**, "most famous of which are 'The Twelfth Night' and 'The Night before Christmas.'"

Moving to the close of the book, a study of "Daddy Wordsworth" is made. This man "frequently wrote poems and prefaces, and sometimes he wrote literature."

Williams Jennings Byron, author of "Thanatopsis"; Shelley, author of "Ade-noids"; and Keats, author of "Ode on a Greasy Urn" are all fully discussed in this compact illiterate volume.

The end of this new and brilliant textbook comes in the last chapter, oddly enough, which is titled "Cry Woolf!" Here we come across such inspiring writers as Shaw, Wilde, O'Casey, O'Neill, and O'Henry. During this time, Ibsen's **Ugly Duckling** was published, as also was Whitman's **Blades of Grass**.

Last of the great English wolves is Virginia Woolf, who wrote for prosperity **Mrs. Dashaway** and **Rum of One's Own**. She distinctly preferred, however, novels to fiction.

This great new textbook by Mr. Myers has rocked the literary world with its unique and mischievous approach to the subject. It has been reported that before long all English literature mis-classes will be using this new volume as their text. Yes, there are happy days ahead.

## GREEK GAB

PHI-LIP

We are very happy to announce the engagement of Art Brown and Tricia Hewitt. Art says, "She's a wonderful girl," and to that we all agree. Congratulations, Tricia and Art, and we wish you both the best of happiness.

Well, at last Earl Hayward is at the magic age of twenty-one, and he is very happy about the whole thing. We can't figure out whether he enjoyed the gift from Carol Cummings more than he enjoyed our best wishes.

We are sorry to announce that Craig Wilson has been very sick, but we are glad to hear that he has just returned home from the hospital, and we are looking forward to seeing him back at Alma.

Zeta Sigma

From appearances and comments heard and printable, the marks for the semester just past turned out very favorably. One way or another, it's over, but let us not forget—for experience is the best teacher.

Like salmon returning to their birthplace to spawn, the fellows are slowly floating themselves into the house. From the bull sessions, one gets the idea that they had themselves quite a time.

Huget and Luckritz got right to work on the drums and piano as soon as they hit the house. They're quite the musicians, believe me. Then there's Long. He lets out a bellow quite often and calls it music. Fossit gets on the piano once in awhile and stumbles all over the place till he's got everyone swearing off music, or just swearing.

Goodbye now, before the editor starts swearing.

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# ALMA'S 1952-53 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



LEFT TO RIGHT - BACK ROW: Howard Wiley, Guard, Hazel Park, Mich.; Francis Cook, Guard, Allegan, Mich.; William Crayk, Guard, Detroit, Mich.; David Stockham, Center and Forward Fenton, Mich.; Gordon Crimmins, Forward, Howard City, Mich.; Raymond "Red" Miller, Forward, Holt, Mich.; Coach Fred Lawrence.  
 MIDDLE ROW: Hugh Bryan, Guard, Holt, Mich.; Robert Saxton, Forward, East Jordan, Mich.; George Fox, Guard, Fowler, Mich.; "Bud" Beaman, Center, G.U., Mich.; Vern Hansen, Center, Stanton, Mich.  
 FRONT ROW: Tom Sawyer, Forward, Hazel Park, Mich.; Richard "Rich" Garrett, Guard, Clawson, Mich.; Gordon MacDonald, Guard, Woods Cross, Mich.; John "Mike" Bramble, Guard, Dimondale, Mich.; Richard "Dick" Williams, Forward, Alma, Mich.

## SCOT STATISTICS

The Scots have now played and completed for the last of the year's basketball season and have compiled a total of 590 points and 611 for their opponents. Alma has a 1-10 record in MIAA competition. The quintet has trimmed only Hillsdale and Olivet while losing to Hope, Adrian, Albion and Kalamazoo, and in non-league tilts has whipped Ferris and was timed by Central Michigan twice. With ten games remaining on the schedule, the Scots have an opportunity to pull this mediocre record up to a respectable position. They have been improving as the season has been progressing and are gaining poise with every contest. However, it seems improbable that they will be able to pull the team average up to a .500 percentage. The Scots have scored 590 points this year as against 611 for their opponents. The highest amount of points in one game so far this season has been the 82 scored against Olivet, and the

least has been the 50 scored in the second Central game. Central scored a huge 85 to tally the most against them. The individual player statistics are listed below

	GF	FTA	FT	TP
Fox	45	67	48	138
Sawyer	38	34	20	96
Miller	26	36	24	58
Macdonald	31	10	7	69
Buermann	27	22	35	65
Stockham	12	10	9	45
Garrett	7	25	19	27
Brambles	9	6	6	34
Hansen	7	1	1	28
Williams	5	11	6	16
Crimmins	6	7	1	15
Saxton	3	6	1	12

## SPORTS RABBLE

by Walt Raman

Always interesting to many basketball fans is news of the graduated Scot stars. Two members from last year's Alma quintet have formed an independent team and

are taking on all comers. Kirk Hamilton and Bob Mohre form the nucleus of this independent team which played a game with an all-star college team composed of former Michigan State football players. Bob Carey, all-American football star and a former member of State's basketball team; Frank Kush, all-American lineman, and Don McCullough, last year's football captain, were among the athletes.

Look for next year's Alma football squad to paint a pretty picture on the football field. The Scot football team has new warm-up jackets with the name "Scots" emblazoned across the back and a number on the front. To contrast with these jackets, new Notre Dame style football helmets have been acquired. This is an improvement sorely needed and will definitely improve the appearance of the squad. These new uniforms bring to mind the idea of new sweat suits for the basketball team. Although, it is not possible in the near future, it is a proper way of showing our attention.