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Student Biologists Read Papers at Seminars

The students of the biology seminar course will present papers on several biological topics during the spring season. The biology department extends an invitation to students and faculty to attend the meetings, which are held in the biology building on Wednesday evenings at 8:00.

The topics scheduled to be given are: "Rh Factors," on April 7, by Peggy Pielou; "Hypnosis," on April 16, by John Fields; "Cortisone in Mice," on April 22, by Elizabeth Smith; "Bird Migration," by Jim Rickard on April 29; "Plant Hormones," by Bob Cobb on April 29; "Recent Advances in Eye Surgery," by Dennis Metcalfe and "The Effect of Temperature on the Growth of Fruit Flies," by Peggy Pielou on May 6; "Cancer," by Cyrus Azito and "Recent Advances in Medical Mycology," by Elizabeth Smith on May 13.

Ass't. Math Professor Sought for Next Fall

President Harker has announced that in contracting next year's faculty there will be no cuts or major changes, but rather that one new member will be added.

Prospects are being interviewed for the position of full time assistant professor in mathematics. Dr. Clack will remain as head of the department.

"Change about Charm" Presented Three Times

Three performances of "The Change About Charm" were held yesterday in Tyler auditorium for the public school children of Alma. The children's play was written and directed by Professor W. A. Gregory.

Assistant director was Stu Friesema; stage manager was Bob Fritch. Lighting was done by Bob Kelly. Sherra Nugent was in charge of costumes. Heading the set and property committee were Bob Fritch and Bob Piper. Make-up was done by Jan Armitage and Nancy Leece. Others working on the play were Sherry Macey, Jerry Duncanson, and Peggy Lomas. Barbara Bauer was pianist.

Cast members were Bud Davies, Alice Welsh, Bob Fritch, Don Drew, Jim Lester, Ron Black, Bill Farris, George Spriggs, Doug Gillesby, Marilyn Gordon, and Peggy Thibedeau.



Sally Rodriguez, six year old guest at A.C.A. Easter egg hunt this afternoon in the basement of the college chapel.

Over 100 Are Guests at ACA Easter Party

Over one hundred Mexican children, the sons and daughters of migrant workers, were expected to attend the annual Alma Christian Association Easter party this afternoon in the chapel basement. The party, under the direction of Jane French, will feature an egg hunt, pinata, and other games and refreshments.

In charge of transportation is Jim Hill. Allene Stolt is in charge of getting the eggs for the hunt, Nancy Leece is chairman of the refreshments committee, and Jo Yoder is chairman of the game committee.

Students and faculty have been invited to attend. The party begins at 3:30 today.

Vespers Now Held Each Sunday Evening

Starting two weeks ago, vesper services are now being held regularly each Sunday evening at the chapel, under the auspices of the religion department. With pre-service men taking charge of the meditations, and other students participating in the leadership, the devotional services will continue for the remainder of the school year.

Stuart Friesema led the worship last week, and Don Gordon gave the meditation on Sunday, March 29.

Require .7 for Extracurriculars

Faculty Rule Applies to Four Fields of Activity

The faculty has ruled that a .7 academic average will be a requirement for participation in four fields of extracurricular activity: band, forensics, choir, and drama. The rule will take effect with the fall semester.

The faculty ruling was revealed in a letter to the student council from Dr. Harker, read at its meeting on March 24. The idea for the rule was first submitted to the cooperative council of student and faculty, where it was discussed thoroughly in two meetings, and, according to the minutes of that body, a resolution to recommend the action to the faculty was defeated by a vote of 9-8. It transpired later that Professor Rowland actually held the power of three votes, and therefore the resolution could be passed.

The student council has arranged for a half hour jazz concert for the April 22 assembly, to be held in Tyler auditorium.

The council discussed the possibility of changing the Campus Day program, to eliminate the pageant and substitute something else. The idea of a real coronation ceremony for the queen was discussed, and Mrs. Vreeland will be invited to attend a future meeting to share her ideas for the day's festivities.

Meetings of the student council are held each Tuesday at 5:30 in the south lounge of Tyler. They are open to the public.

Tryouts Held for 3-Act

Try-outs for the Drama clubs production of "Family Portrait" were held last week. The cast will be posted on the bulletin board in the administration building this afternoon. Rehearsals will begin Saturday afternoon, April 11, in Tyler auditorium. The play will be presented in Midland on May 5, and here on the 6th and 7th.

SENIORS TAKE TEACHING POSITIONS

Three seniors have accepted teaching positions for next fall. Kathleen Russell, Saginaw, will teach the elementary grades in Lansing, as will Eleanor Patz of Palms.

Kathleen Shaw, Detroit, has accepted a position in the Spring Lake high school, where she will replace Mrs. Irwin, who graduated from Alma last year.

EDITORIAL

Text: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

One of the purposes that underlies the device of student newspapers is, I believe, the encouragement of achievement by public recognition: the appeal to someone's pride that he may labor in the vineyards of social status. (That is usually done, in the case of scholars, by printing their point averages in small type, and in the case of athletes by printing pictures of them in various heroic poses.) Beyond this basic principle, however, is a wide variance of opinion concerning the mission and destiny of the *Almanian*.

Our vocation this year, in making some changes, has been to publish a *NEWS*paper instead of a *news-PAPER*. While not opposed to publishing a well-written, clever, freshly idiomatic gossip column, I am unequivocally and unrepentantly at odds with deliberate tripe. On the other hand, the staff has continually attempted to give fair news representation to all organizations that will cooperate. (And society news can include bits of personal and human interest news, too.)

To some extent, we have succeeded in being literate. Our columns of opinion have not on the whole been the pollyanna type, nor, I suspect, been widely read. But in our news coverage, while leaning perhaps a bit toward the things which are of interest to the staff members, we have tried to be representative and well-balanced in each issue. For above all, our hope throughout the year has been simply that:

**"When we are gone
May it of us be said
Our sins were scarlet
But our papers . . . read."**

And now we hear to our consternation that the plans for improving the *Almanian* are in danger of serious crimping from the administration itself. For the faculty are considering the action of dropping the course in journalism altogether, and removing it from the catalog. (How infinitely sad! What material for tragedy!) What an obvious advantage it would be to this sheet if some of the staff members were trained in the rudiments of newswriting, makeup, proof-reading, and editing. Therefore I seize this opportunity, in behalf of all stouthearts, to register strong and lusty protest against that considered action, and to beseech you, sirs, in the name of the ghost of Joseph Pulitzer to reconsider this ponderous *coup d'etat*.

G.M.G.

THE EDITOR'S LETTERBOX

The following letters were written in reply to a letter of Lois Howell, senior, which appeared in the issue of March 20. They are unsolicited letters, and are printed in keeping with our policy of publishing all signed opinion that is in good taste

I would like to make reply to the letter to the editor in the recent issue of the *Almanian*. It seems to me that there is entirely too much complaining on the Alma college campus. One senior seems to be able to elevate herself to the position where she is able to criticize others. It is to her that I would like to address my remarks.

When one reaches that exalted position of being a senior, one's attitude then should be one of understanding, not one of sarcasm. You seem to have the idea that after four years of struggle and toil you are now an intellect, and capable of telling the underclassmen to correct the very same mistakes you once made.

Perhaps you think that by having the first few rows in chapel you will make others revere you and look up to you? Well, you are sadly mistaken. Your very attitude will force others to look down on you.

Looking a bit further into your letter, I see that you disapprove of having the freshmen in your senior classes. Well perhaps you should consider also the many seniors that are found in the freshmen classes. It is just as hard for them to put up with you as it is for you to put up with them.

You also say that the freshmen have not proved their merit. I wonder if the seniors have proved their merit? I suppose that the very lack of respect shown to the seniors proves that the seniors have not proven their merit. When the underclassmen begin to look up to the seniors, then the seniors know they have proven their merit.

In the future, let's remember that we were freshmen, too, and try to remember that we too did a lot of foolish things. Now let's try to understand the freshmen, and practice the Alma motto, "where friendliness links learning to living," and put the emphasis on friendliness.

David MacKenzie, Clawson
(first semester junior)

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Dear Miss Howell:

Speaking as a not-so-weary senior, I wish to state that your article which appeared in the last edition of the *Almanian* would have been much more apropos if you had used the term "I" instead of "we."

I regret to state that my personal feelings do not coincide with yours on this issue.

Perhaps it would be possible to permit us "real upper classmen" to have the first three pews in chapel; yet, does your church

at home rope off a certain section of the pews for the select of the congregation? I'm sure mine doesn't! However, as I see it, no real problem exists. From the choir loft I have observed that seniors largely occupy the front section of the chapel during most chapel periods.

As for our tenure here at Alma, is it due solely to the fact that in three short years we have proven our worth? or is it due to the intestinal fortitude which we may or may not have shown? or is it due to a combination of both? I would prefer the last answer.

You say that most of us are older in years, which is undoubtedly true. However, as to whether or not we are ready to "take our places in the outside world," that is another question, and one which we can only answer as individuals. Again I would say, speak for yourself, for many of our plans are still definitely incomplete.

Finally, I would like to comment on your statement: "We have learned enough to doubt that we know enough." In most cases, I would very heartily agree with you. However, if this is true, then let us, as seniors, stop acting as if we "knew it all," as if we ruled the campus as "little tin gods." Let's treat the frosh, sophs, juniors, and our own buddies as if they were our equals instead of our inferiors! Very few of the seniors, including myself, have taken this attitude.

Someone once said, "Know thyself." Perhaps I am being a poor philosopher, but if we at least attempt to view ourselves as others see us, instead of as we see ourselves, certainly many of our fallacies could be corrected. Moreover, one thing is definite: our egos would be deflated.

—Larry Waggoner, Boyne City
(Senior)

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(The Editor's position on all three of the letters is as usual, "There is merit in what you say.")

But may I defend Miss Howell in the words of Oscar Wilde, who said: "When people agree with me, I always feel that I must be wrong."

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Sororities Name Pledges

Thetas Breakfast, KI's Dine

Alpha Theta sorority roused itself early last Tuesday morning to breakfast at the sorority room in honor of nine new pledges: Betty Anderson, Schoolcraft; Jacalyn McAllister, Royal Oak; Kay House, Alma; Helen Joynt, Alma; Mary Sova, Alma; Peggy Thibedeau, Newberry; Peggy Tinney, Detroit; Margaret Walker, Alma; and Edna Williams. Elk Rapids.

The Thetas will hold their formal dinner and dance on Saturday, May 2, at the Bancroft hotel, in Saginaw. Miss Thomas and Miss Parrish, faculty, will chaperone at the sorority weekend.

Barbara Wisniewski, Detroit sophomore, was pinned to Eugene Huget, Fenton sophomore, member of Zeta Sigma fraternity.

Peggy Thibedeau, Newberry freshman, was pinned to Dexter Fossitt, Newberry junior, also a member of Zeta Sigma.

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Kappa Iota sorority will hold its formal dinner this evening at the Chieftain hotel in Mt. Pleasant, immediately following its formal initiation in the sorority room at Wright hall. The eleven pledges, who have been wearing sailor hats with purple and yellow K. I. emblems, are Janet Anderson, St. Louis; Judy Blandford, Fremont; Marilyn Castile, Detroit; Sue Hopson, Harbor Beach; Dorothea Houston, Detroit; Sue Miller, Holt; Marilyn Persinger, Pontiac; Roema Lee Rohlf, Akron; Sally Souders, Alma; Judy Volk, Clawson; and Isabelle Worth, St. Ignace.

Jean MacKellar, Breckenridge sophomore, has become engaged to Joe Richert, Phi Phi Alpha sophomore of Hemlock.

Marcia Risser, junior of Ionia, has become engaged to Ray Bolo, Grosse Pointe, sophomore.

Patronesses welcomed to the meeting last Monday evening were: Mrs. DuBois, Mrs. McClure, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Fowler, and Miss Vanderhart.

After a tough season Kapa Iota managed to stay at the top and win the volleyball tournament.

The Phi Phi Alpha house now has its own post office, with a mail box for each member.

Members Denny Stolz and Jim Johnson have enrolled in the beginners' piano class in St. Louis.

Members Jack Bennett, Maurice Arnold, Ian Frost and John Neuman have rented a house at New Smyrna beach in Florida and are planning to enjoy the sunshine state.

Winners of the fraternity's doubles ping pong contest are Walt Roman and Doyle McIntosh.

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Famed Philosopher Remembers Alma

Dr. Flewelling Tells Task of Small College

When in Los Angeles in January, President Harker met Dr. Ralph Tyler Flewelling, a graduate of the class of '95 and one of Alma's most famous alumni. He is the author of various works in the field of philosophy, and the founder of the School of Philosophy of the University of Southern California. Dr. Flewelling wrote this article as guest writer for the president's page of the ALMA COLLEGE BULLETIN. We take pleasure in reprinting it here for the student body.

—The Editor.

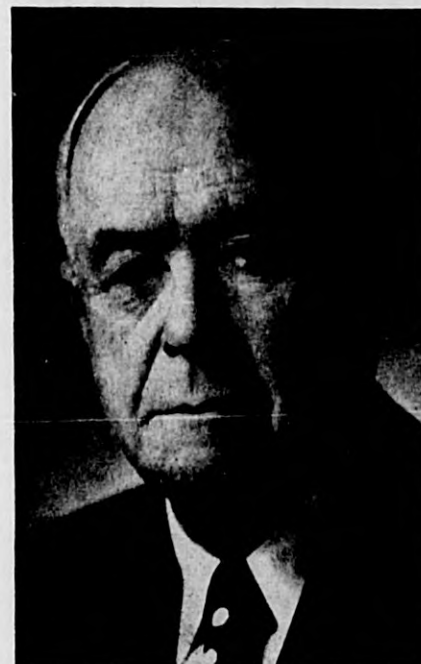
... A glance over the fifty-seven years of educational life since my graduation from Alma has deepened by appreciation of the importance of the little college, and that, after thirty-five years of connection with a large institution. My own education began with the University of Michigan, and then by change of fortune its early completion lay through transfer to Alma. It was not easy to surrender the prestige of the large institution for that of the little one, but with all the benefits of the great university there were compensatory advantages in the small school.

Values at Alma

At my stage of social and intellectual development I should have begun at Alma. Here came familiar acquaintance with instructors, a personal supervision that could not be the lot of an undistinguished student of sensitive and retiring disposition in a larger institution. I had listened to the brilliant Martin L. D'Ooge and passed with fear and trembling through his examinations, but it remained for John T. Ewing to give me the only Greek course that, up to that time, I had enjoyed. At the University much of the lower division class-work was then in the hands of tutors studying for the Doctorate and "eking out on six hundred a year." Where, as an undistinguished student I had been last in the crowd as only he can be who is so lost, I now had mature professors and became a member of a distinguished community. Impressions there made deepened after acquaintance with other institutions, but the confidence gained at Alma went with me as one of my richest assets.

Revolutionary Changes

Since those days revolutionary changes have taken place in American education, increasing the weaknesses as well as the strengths of the mass institution. Where not only students but faculties are numbered in the thousands, education is too often an intellectual smorgasbord at which the sharpest elbows reap the richest viands, and the accompanying dyspepsia. There can be no close supervision of either students or faculty. Too many of the latter feel it a duty to divest impressionable youths of religious faith by display of in-



Dr. Ralph Tyler Flewelling

tellectual pride of doubt, prejudice palmed off as learning. The institution provides increasing facilities for graduate study and specialization, specialization too often begun in high school, and which while technical, lacks the fundamentals that give breadth and balance to life, rather than mere skill for a career. The craze for specialization has not only created student-bodies of shallow knowledge, but faculty members also, run into the narrow molds of professional technique and filled with disrespect for the humanities.

The Task of Living

For this tendency, the little college of familiar friendships, of moral and spiritual oversight, is the outstanding cure if bolstered with the funds respectably necessary. For the task of living one needs much more than professional technique. Under the present world stresses, the future of America rests not with the shallow specialist, but with minds filled and commanded by the spiritual issues which alone can make America great. The future American must be alert to the humanities, and here is the special opportunity in which the little college, if adequately supported, can excel. If we are to salvage a Christian civilization, we must as Thoreau wrote: "Read not the times, but the eternities."

—Ralph Tyler Flewelling.

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News in Brief

A Cappella Choir Busy with Spring Concert Series

On Tuesday evening, March 10, the college A Cappella choir presented a concert in the Westminster Presbyterian church of Detroit. The two final numbers were sung by the combined choirs of Westminster church and Alma college. Two of the choir's members, Don Goodearl and Douglas Gillesby, were previous members of the Westminster choir.

On Wednesday, March 11, the choir presented an assembly program at the Grand Blanc high school.

Two concerts were presented on Sunday, March 22, by the A Cappella choir. An afternoon performance was given at the Church of Christ in Eureka and an evening performance at the Presbyterian church in Mason. Mason is the home church of choir member Mary Minowski.

The annual spring tour of the choir is scheduled for the latter part of April, and will extend for one week.

Deanery Is Vacant as Alma Is Represented in Chicago

Dr. W. McKeefery represented Dr. Harker at a conference of college presidents in Chicago last week. He left Alma on Tuesday, March 24, and returned to the campus on Saturday.

Mrs. E. Vreeland is in Chicago attending the meeting of the National Association of the Deans of Women, which is being held at the Conrad Hilton hotel from March 29 until April 1. Mrs. Vreeland will read a paper on "Marriage Counseling" at one conference, and will also participate in a panel discussion on the topic of marriage.

Mr. W. Stielstra accompanied Mrs. Vreeland to Chicago to attend the meeting of the American Personnel and Guidance Association. This also is being held in the Conrad Hilton hotel from March 29 until April 1.

Air Force Team to Visit Campus

Representatives of the Flying Training air force will visit the Alma college campus on Monday, April 13. Major Allison and members of his Aviation Cadet Selection team will be located in Tyler from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They will be here to inform students about the Flying Training program.

Features of this program include a two year enlistment, deferment, a commission as second lieutenant in the U. S. air force with rating as pilot or observer, and an annual salary of over \$5,300.

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WITH THE ARMED FORCES

Bill Castile, '52, was shipped overseas in early January. He had the interesting experience of attending a five week supply school on the island of Eta Jima, near Hiroshima, in southern Japan. The buildings, occupied by our 2,300 boys in training there, formerly belonged to the Japanese Annapolis and resemble a college campus. In a land where the density of the population necessitates using every square foot of land, Bill missed the "wide open spaces." He reports that Tom Case, '52, and Mike Portlance, '52 are both in northern Japan. Bill's latest assignment is in central Korea.

Russ Durler ex '54, is in armored division in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He recently was an honor graduate of the Fort Leonard Wood heavy carpentry course, with an average for the six weeks' course of 92.6. He is now teaching construction and blueprint reading. He writes of recently encountering Delbert Hahn, ex '54.

Ken Taylor, ex '54, recently completed a period of training in Parks air force base, in California. There, after a "rugged" course and highly selective elimination, Ken was sent to Oklahoma for further training toward becoming a jet pilot.

Future Teachers Organize

The newest organization on campus, the Future Teachers of America, met on Thursday, March 19, to consider and formulate plans for the growth and promotion of the organization. The FTA is under the supervision of Mr. Harlan McCall and Miss Enna Pigg, of the education department.

The Alma college branch of the FTA is the second in the state to be organized on a college level. Future teachers of both secondary and elementary grades are represented in the group. All those who plan to enter the field of teaching are urged to join the organization.

The next meeting will be held shortly after spring vacation; a definite date will be set later.

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School Representatives Interview Alma Seniors

During the past week school representatives have been interviewing seniors for teaching positions which will be open next fall. Those schools already represented were Gaylord, Sebawaing, Berkely, Garden City, Stanton, New Haven, Monroe, Atherton and Wayne.

Today representatives are on campus from Flint, Lake City, Mt. Morris, Owendale and Montague. Tomorrow Kearsley school in Flint will be represented.

Seniors wishing interviews should see Mr. McCall.

Industry, Business, Gov't. Seek Seniors for Positions

Representatives in the fields of industry, business, and government visited the college campus last week to interview students interested in entering those fields upon graduation. Dow Chemical, Montgomery Ward, and the Michigan State Civil Service commission were the concerns represented.

Tomorrow, a representative of the Good-year Aircraft corporation will be on the campus. Those interested in having an interview should make appointments with Mr. McCall in the placement office.

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Who's Who

IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

by Gene Pattison



Larry Waggoner

On January 4, 1931, another member of the Alma college Who's Who was born. The **Boyne Citizen** presented in its columns for the first time the name of Larry Dick Waggoner.

Asked about his childhood, Larry replied that there were no interesting events, at least none of which he would be ashamed.

After an active high school career, he graduated from Boyne city high school as valedictorian of his class in 1949. The next fall Alma college found that Larry was among the members of the freshman class. However he was not counted among the numbers for long, since he began to find himself in many activities. Speech led the list, with participation in Peace oratory, debate, and discussion groups. Larry is a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, the national honorary speech fraternity.

Phi Phi Alpha fraternity finds an active supporter in this young man. He is at present vice-president of that body, and his great interest in the intramural sports program has gained for him the position of Phi representative to the Alma college intramural sports board.

"Political" activities also play an im-

portant part in Larry's life here at Alma. He is vice-president of the student council, and a member of the cooperative council, which consists of student and faculty representatives.

Among his other talents, Larry is a singer. He is a member of the Alma College Singers and the Alma Choral Union. As a member of the A Capella Choir, he had a solo part on their Christmas tour.

Religious activities have also found a place in Larry's scheme. He is at present treasurer of the Alma Christian association.

Academically, his major is mathematics, and he has minors in speech, German and education. He is a member of Alma's honor society, Phi Sigma Pi. A secondary teaching certificate is also part of Larry's educational plans. At present he is practice teaching at Alma high school, and says that he enjoys his classes very much.

The past four summers Larry has worked as a bellhop at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Larry's future plans are still indefinite, but they include studies in seminary aimed at future work as a minister, or further work in mathematics.

An interesting and versatile young man of many talents is Larry Dick Waggoner. A rare combination of humility and ambition coupled with a quiet sense of humor explain why he is a member of Who's Who.

Greek Garble

EDITOR'S NOTE

As what we hope is an epitaph to a department whose death is long overdue, we print here the report of one of the sororities. Its author is unknown, for the handwritten manuscript was found unsigned under an ashtray in the editorial office. It is presented completely without editing or correction, in deference to the charm of its primitive style. The proof-reader was asked to carefully preserve every mistake that appeared in the original.

Hello-you all-I'm new at this job and awfully stupid, therefore you haven't heard from us in quite a while. I guess it's only fittin and proper that you hear from us now, cause after all what news could be more important that the new Sigma Phi pledges. Rumor has it that they are very good workers, they like to count, and clean, all sorts of little goodies. Seriously though we are real proud of our new sisters, (Jan Zeilinger, Pat Anderson, Connie Koch, Marilyn Ross, Sandy Marshall, Irene Emerson, Gwen Gross, and Sherra-Lee Nugent.)

With rushing and exams all over we have to get down to the more serious business of spring, parties, love-you-know-Speaking of love-Ricky is flying high on pink clouds now-a-days- —ah beautiful spring-I guess it is taking its toll to our other members too- —Jeannie, Tricia, and Sue—Well gotta run—things to do—Spring has sprung—you all.

WFYC Schedule

Alma College on the Air

The program for the rest of the semester includes the following broadcasts. (This is not a complete listing.)

Tuesday, March 31—3:00-3:30 p.m., Radio club broadcast, "The Terrible Meek," radio play adaption by Bob Fritch.

Thursday April 23—3:00-3:30 p.m., Music department broadcast, Marjory Fuller, pianist, and instrumental ensemble. Mrs. Glen Stewart, director.

Thursday, May 14—3:00-3:30 p.m. Music department broadcast, A Cappella choir, Mr. Grove, director.

Thursday May 28—3:00-3:30 p.m., Music department broadcast, piano ensemble. Miss Hughes, director.

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Prof Profile Prof. Wilson Daugherty in Unbearded Profile



The home of Professor Daugherty on West Center is the gathering place of the Philosophes, who meet informally every two weeks to hear the recording of a play or discuss a controversial topic.



L. to R., Mary Jo Frye, Grant Gallup, Professor Daugherty, May Butrick, Roger Vance, Pat Anderson, Jane French, Sandy Marshall.

At the left is an old picture of Mr. D. minus his beard.

by Roger Vance

We were not in the oriental sitting room which his friends and favorite students know so well, but rather up in the more private library. We had sequestered ourselves there against the noisy pre-bedtime effervescence of his two daughters, Norah, six, and Lynn, four.

After the manner of all live-wire interviewers I instituted a probe as to why he taught. The good professor turned slowly from a perusal of his shelves; his demeanor indicated that what he was about to say came from the heart.

"I believe, along with Shelley, in the perfectability of man. As a parallel to it I also believe that education is the root of all virtue. Apart from this, I like to watch young minds mature. For these reasons I choose to teach."

A moment and his cigarette glowed red in the gloom; by its light I saw his grin, ever the signal of a return to the ridiculous.

"Now back to the nub," said he. "Have you everything you need?"

Well, I hadn't. Had all the mundane facts, to be sure, written in my special scribble. But it was just facts: born in Detroit, 3-3-20; in '31 moved to South Lyon; in '37 went to college in Ypsilanti,

graduated in '42 with B.A. Then to the steel mills for 1½ years as assistant personnel manager. Then an inspector at King-Seely. Back to grad' school in '46 at Ann Arbor. Thence to Alma in September of '47. I had the facts, but that was all.

"Yes, I have the facts, but they're pretty dry. I need something colorful about you, like sports, for instance."

"Like Oscar Wilde, I hate all violent forms of exercise. However, I did some track work in high school, and some tennis in college. And the hilt of a ping pong paddle is not foreign to my hand."

"Humm. Well, how about music?" said I.

"Music is one of my hobbies. I collect records, and in my 'salad days' I used to play a bit. Flute, piccolo, sax, clarinet and fife, that is.

I sniffed. Was there nothing interesting about him?

"Anything special about the way you met your wife?" I ventured.

"She, Jean Cowin, was the daughter of the pastor of the church I attended. Her father was one of the finest scholars and gentlemen I ever knew."

"Were there other men whom you think have influenced your life?"

"When I was on the assembly line at King-Seely I worked with one Robert Meyer, who had a Ph.D. in comparative linguistics. He's at Harvard now. And at Ypsilanti I studied under C. F. Harrold, whose text on Victorian literature is still standard at Michigan. In the poetry department, I have had an acquaintance with W. H. Auden. They were all important to me."

"Well, if you don't know anyone, do you have any other hobbies?" said I blandly.

"Oh, I collect rare books and records,

dabble in photography, painting, and poetry. And during the season I generally cannot be found because I am out in the trout streams."

I saw that I had about all the info there was and so I was not dismayed when his wife came in with her coat on and said, "It is about time to go to the Chipper's, Wilson." And so we all left together. At the door we bade each other good night. I thanked Professor Daugherty for the interview, and he said I must come again soon. I went into the night saying I would. And I will.

Hollywood Emotes Pagliacci-Wise

Review of "The Clown."

"The Clown," a reworking of an old Jackie Cooper picture which loses, we are told, some of the old dramatic force, was shown here last month in a sneak preview, and will be shown again in a few weeks to the general public.

The new "Clown" version stars Red Skelton as Dodo, the divorced, down-and-out entertainer, a one-time Ziegfeld star, who now has nothing to cling to but the love of his young son Dink. The boy's pathetic efforts to eke out a living for them and to encourage his father to find a job brings the mother back into the story. They meet her at a night club where Dodo is employed. Dink has never seen his mother and believes that she kicked the bucket before he was born. But now she has remarried into wealth, and wants a chance to bring up the boy in a new environment. Dodo, in self-mortification, forces Dink to leave him and live with his mother. Dink Dodo, in self-mortification, forces Dink to naturally runs away from her and, returning to Dodo, helps him to stage a brilliant comeback (polished up for this version with a television show).

Dodo, though badly weakened with an alcoholic's heart, goes through with a scheduled performance ("I must laugh, though my heart is breaking!") but dies soon after in a tear-jerking blaze of glory.

What happens to Dink will surprise no one.

Red Skelton, though he upset me too much with the unhumorous scenes, gave a really quite delightful burlesque of a ballerina in one of the flashbacks. Ed.

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INTRAMURAL SPOTLIGHT

Zeta Chargers Get Basketball Trophy, Too

Hail the victors! The Zeta Chargers came through with their second consecutive intramural trophy last Friday night by winning the basketball championship for this year. The Zetas previously won the bowling championship.

The Zetas played exceptionally well in their last two games. They had to, to set back the previously unbeaten Phi Pheiffers 55-52, and gain the right to represent the Cream league in the play-off with the Maroon league winner, Delt Dodgers.

The final game was a real thriller and the decision could have gone either way right up until the horn sounded and a new champion was announced. The lead changed hands on several occasions, but the Zetas barely squeezed by the Delts with a score of 44-43. The leading scorers for the night were E. Luckritz with 12 for the victors, and Larry Parkracking up a total of 18 for his night's work.

Skinner Hurt Again in Baseball Practice

"Hard luck" Charley Skinner has done it again. For the second consecutive year Chas. has been injured in early season practice in the gym. Mr. Skinner, catching one of Alma's speedy deliverers, Gordie Rutherford, opened a cut in his thumb requiring four stitches. Charley was hit on the leg last year with a line drive blast from one of the veteran's bats and had to walk on crutches for some time. However, this year the injury is only slight, and Chas. is still active. Mr. Skinner will be remembered for his valuable part in assisting Alma to win the MIAA championship last year through his constant drive and ability to instill this hustle and determination in the ball club. Chas. has been assisting Coach Lawrence with the coaching duties.

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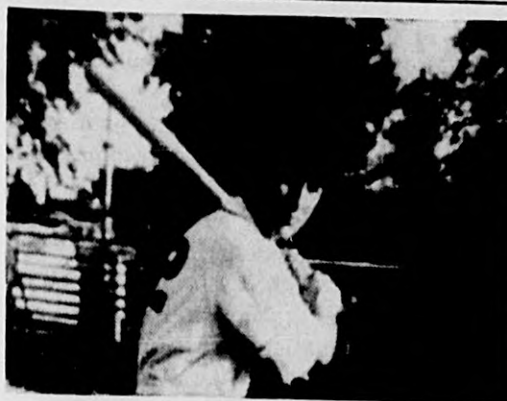
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VARSITY SHOP

Almanian Sports Page

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Lefty Gadzinski, Scot Captain

Lefty Gadzinski, captain of the Alma varsity baseball team this season, has a background in baseball which explains his outstanding ability on the diamond.

Gadzinski started his baseball career seven years ago in the Detroit baseball federation and continued playing there for two more years while attending Detroit Catholic Central. He transferred from there to Hazel Park high. In his last two years Gadzinski played outstanding ball for championship teams. Lefty paced Hazel Park to the championship of the Eastern Michigan league in 1949, hitting a healthy .324 and blasting a home run in the final contest enabling his team to eke out a 4-3 win, and the championship.

The five-foot, ten-inch, one hundred and fifty pounder came to Alma in 1950. He made the starting line-up, only to break his leg on a treacherous slide into second base in a Kazoo contest, after playing the first seven games. The following two years Lefty played on MIAA championship squads hitting over .300 both years with a lusty .370 the last year. Lefty will have lettered four years in baseball at Alma college at the conclusion of his senior year. During the 1951 and 1952 seasons he was selected as the first baseman on his all-MIAA league team, an honor which can be attributed only to his finesse around the first sack and his wielding of a mighty potent bat at the plate.

Should Uncle Sam allow it, Len has plans of playing a bit of pro-ball following graduation, before settling down to a coaching career.

Alma Working into Shape for First Game

The Alma College baseball squad has been diligently working out for the past few weeks under the direction of Coach Lawrence and the leadership of Captain Len Gadzinski. So far the weather has permitted only two days of outdoor practice, and the pitchers have received most of the attention of the coaches. It has been impossible to decide who will gain advantage for any positions. Weather permitting, this week and following spring vacation, the team will have a few inter-squad games. It is during these games that the men will be selected from among the remainder of new prospects. The squad is hunting for outfielders, and especially for pitchers who will be able to stand the rugged twenty-two game schedule which the Scots face. Without the addition of a couple of capable hurlers, the many double-headers which face Alma will prove extremely rough on the under-manned staff which the Scots now have.

The Scots' first game will be with Central Michigan on April 16, when they will face an experienced outfit led also by a first-baseman captain, Harry Kerns, who blasted the apple well over .400 last year. This contest renews a rivalry discontinued last year after the Scots trounced Central three times in 1951. These contests always prove to be "quite interesting", which is a mild way of expressing these hotly contested battles. This game will be at either Elwell or St. Louis because of the new Commons being built on Davis field.

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LOOK FOR THE STREET CLOCK

Home Missions Council Employ Student Workers

For many years the Home Missions Council, now the Division of Home Missions under the National Council of Churches, has employed students and teachers in its summer program of ministry to the migrant people. This work offers the students and teachers a chance for concrete field experience in social work, group work, Christian education, public education, human relations, recreational leadership, and a chance to serve their fellow man in an immediate and real way. There is also an excellent opportunity for Spanish-speaking work, as the majority of the migrants in our region are Spanish-speaking.

Appointments are made April first, and the period of service begins with a five-day training conference in the middle of June at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Work lasts for six to ten weeks, depending on field location. Expenses at the training conference are paid; and salaries, ranging from \$150 to \$250 per month, begin with arrival on the field. The workers are responsible for room, board, living expenses on the field, transportation to the training conference, and transportation from field to home at the conclusion of the service. Workers who operate their own cars on the field are paid six cents per mile.

Any students interested in this program should contact Dr. Ross Miller for application blanks and further information.

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

April 16, CMC here; April 18, *Hope, there; April 20, U. of D., there; April 23, Calvin, there; April 25, Ferris, here; April 27, Flint, there; April 29, Calvin, here; May 2, *Olivet, here; May 5, Ferris there; May 9, *Hillsdale, there; May 12, CMC, there; May 15, U. of D., here; May 16, *Albion, here; April 28, Hope, there; April 30, CMC

* Denotes Doubleheaders.

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Golf

April 17, CMC, there; April 24, Adrian, here;; April 28, Hope, there; April 30, CMC here; May 5, Olivet here; May 9, Kazoo, there; May 12, Hillsdale here; May 18, Ferris, there.

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Tennis

April 17, CMC, there; April 21, Albion, here; April 24, CMC, here; April 25, Ferris, here; April 27, Calvin there; April 29, Adrian, there; May 2, Hope, here; May 7, Olivet, there; May 12, Kazoo, here; May 14, CMC-Frosh; May 15, Hillsdale, there.

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Track

April 21, Triangular meet; April 22, Calvin-Hope; April 30, Relays; May 2, GRJC; May 5, Triangular meet; May 7, Adrian-Jackson.

May 20, Campus Day.

May 21, MIAA Field Day (Two Days).

College Library Catalogs New Books

The college library has catalogued several new books which are now available to the students. Included in these is the fifty-four volume set of the **Great Books of the Western World** and **A Bibliography of North American Folklore and Folksong**.

Three new volumes on music have been added to the shelves, one of which is **A Social History of Musical Taste**.

Eight new books on philosophy and religion; seven on economics, sociology, and political science; thirteen on education; and five on technology and applied science are also available now.

Among the thirteen new books on language and literature and the twenty-five on the fine arts are the following: **Greek Sculpture** by Jean Charbonneaux; **Egyptian Sculpture** by Jacques Tandier; **Poetry and Humanism** by M. M. Mahood; **Early Moon** by Carl Sandburg; and Louis Untermeyer's **Rainbow in the Sky**.

Twelve new volumes on science have been added, including works by Joos, Herzberg, Baker, and Payne.

In addition, books on shipbuilding, naval architects and marine engineers, tumbling, and a history of civilization have been catalogued.

Christian University Chartered in Japan

A new international and interdenominational university near Tokyo, to be known as the International Christian university in Japan, has just been granted a charter by the Japanese government, according to a cable received recently by the Rev. Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Executive Secretary of the Foundation, located in New York, which is responsible for the establishment of the graduate institution.

ICU is sponsored and partially supported by funds from fourteen major Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada.

The opening of the university in April will culminate a dream that began more than fifty years ago by Japanese and Christian educators. Its actual building started in 1948 when the Japanese people raised the remarkable sum of more than 160 million yen (about \$450,000) for the establishment of ICU. A 365-acre campus at Mitaka, located seventeen miles northwest of downtown Tokyo, was purchased by these funds.

Dr. Stuber pointed out that the broad purpose of ICU is to establish a university of the highest rank, based on the common and complementary values of the Christian religion and democratic philosophy. Specifically the purpose of the university is to prepare new leaders for the new Japan.

A POEM BY BBB

(Barbara Bernard Bauer)

EASTER SPECTRUM

*Purple is an Easter color,
Why? I do not know.
Color of the early dawning
And of crocus after snow.
Violets springing in the garden,
Easter bonnets row on row,
Purple is the veil of mourning
As the Christ to grave doth go.*

*Green too is an Easter color,
Why? I do not know.
Pale of new born tender grasses
As they raise their heads and grow.
Green of lilac buds still closed
Rushing freshets at the ford,
Young as sorrow at remembrance
Of the pure life of Our Lord.*

*Yellow is an Easter color,
Why? I do not know.
Yellow very pale and sunwashed,
Lilies saffron centers blow,
Little chickens found in baskets
Childhood's joy as rabbits clown,
Yellow is the blazing sunlight
On the risen Savior's crown.*

Looking Backward in the ALMANIAN

Alma is exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the lecture courses given by Prof. J. G. Troop of the Chicago University. The course consists of six lectures, to be on the comedies and tragedies of Shakespeare... for upperclassmen in the college and the various literary clubs of the city the addresses are of special interest. Besides the regular lecture Mr. Troop conducts a study class, which is held in the afternoon before each lecture.

This course meets the demand which is expressed by many who think something more instructive than the regular lyceum course should be presented in a college town.

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Campus Notes

Mrs. Ray Holt, of the maintenance department, better known as "Goldie," is very grateful for the sincere and concerted efforts of many friendly students to have her with them in Tyler as she was in the chapel. She has asked the editor to extend her thanks to everyone.

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