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All College Dinner Opens Van Dusen



U.L. Dining hall of Van Dusen commons, opening dinner; U.R. Speakers' table, Dr. John Stanley Harker standing; L.L. Barbershoppies; L.R. Former dining room of Wright hall, last meal served there.

Harker Tells Commons' Tale

"You don't have to handle that check carefully; it won't bounce," said Mr. Van Dusen as the members gingerly passed along the table the crisp little piece of paper representing a quarter of a million dollars for Alma college. The check was presented to Dr. John Stanley Harker at the winter meeting of the board of trustees held in Westminster church in Detroit. The president of Alma college termed it "quite a thrill." Although he has never seen the Alma campus, this was not Mr. Van Dusen's first gift to the college; previously he contributed new uniforms for the entire Scots' kiltie band.

At the student-faculty opening of the Van Dusen commons President Harker gave the background story of the building. He emphasized the contribution which it will make to campus fellowship, stating that it would "mean a great deal in the life of the college."

The opening dinner was held September 28 at 6 o'clock. Gordon Crimmins acted as toastmaster. To open the program John Ward sang two solos, "Thank God for a Garden" and "Sylvia." Jim Johnson, president of the student council, gave a short talk on the theme "We Almansians Look at Van Dusen." Mr. William Laughlin addressed a few comments on behalf of the Saga Dining Halls, Inc. He said that the organization now has available the best quality foods; good cooks, all necessary equipment and a pleasant atmosphere. He asked the cooperation and interest of the students in making the dining hall and its food service a complete success.

Several numbers were rendered by the Barbershoppies, a male quartet composed of Dale Hansen, Joe Glendenning, Kenneth Smith and John Metheeny, all former graduates of Alma high school.

As this was the opening dinner served at Van Dusen commons, it was planned as a joint student-faculty affair. Guests for the occasion consisted of the faculty and the faculty wives, as well as the local members of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Reid Brazell and Mrs. Henry H. Soule, and Dr. and Mrs. DuBois.

Background music for the entire banquet was provided by Al Smiley, Edna Williams, Roema Lee Rohlf and Lefty Gadzinski. Professor Ernest G. Sullivan led the group in community singing before the conclusion of the program.

Study Area, Aid Families

At least 150 families, of Mexican or Puerto Rican extraction, living in Gratiot county, will be served throughout the winter months by the fourteen members of the social case work class, plus a number of volunteer helpers. During the fall and spring the number of families often doubles because of the greater influx of migrant workers.

The student case workers regularly visit both migrant and resident families to help cope with any problems which arise, such as, employment, illness, housing and educational difficulties. Reports and surveys conducted by the class are made available to the state Commission on Migrant Problems in Lansing.

A ten page pamphlet, written entirely in Spanish, has been compiled and distributed to approximately 200 families in this area. This paper consists of information considered helpful in adjusting to the local situation and in taking advantage of services offered, such as educational, health, economic, social and financial facilities and organizations.

The case workers urge Mexican parents to speak English at home in order that their children have less difficulty adjusting to the English-speaking school systems. School attendance has been noticeably improved by encouraging Mexican children to take part in organized community activities.

Students Dress for Thursday Dinner in New Commons

'SHREW' CAST

The cast of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, first production of the Alma college Drama club this year, was announced at their meeting last night, October 1.

The following parts were assigned: Lucentio, Richard Schluckbier; Tranio, Douglas Campbell; Baptista, James Mills; Gremio, James Lester; Kate, Alice Welsh; Hortensio, Allan Watterworth; Bianca, Allene Stolt; Biandello, Roger Vance; Petruchio, Bud Davies; Grumio, James Coombs; Curtis, Robert Woods; Tailorress Donelda Hamp; Old Man, Robert Shepherd; Widow, Marcia Bolo; Servants, Homer Smith and Thomas Wood.

Discuss Scenery Construction

Mr. E. J. Dennis, graduate student of Michigan State college talked to the club about scenery construction. Mr. Dennis has served as technical director under Professor W. A. Gregory at the Lake Michigan Playhouse. He has taken graduate study at Ohio State as well as Michigan State college.

A make up demonstration by Professor Gregory and his wife is scheduled for the next meeting of the Drama club on October 15. Straight make up and character make up will be explained and demonstrated. Proper use of various make up materials will be shown.

The first meeting of the club, held September 24, was swollen to unprecedented size by the attendance of many "non members" who wished to join the theatre group. They have now started their apprenticeship, which will last until the end of the run of "The Shrew." At the first meeting thereafter, having proved their mettle, they are to be accepted into the club. The roll call, including these thirty-ap- (continued on page 3)

Alma Tops 500 Mark

Final figures on fall enrollment, announced by Miss Molly Parrish, total 505 students enrolled at Alma.

The senior class has a total of 79 students, of which 48 are men and 31 women. There are 58 men and 26 women in the junior class, making a total of 84 juniors. Alma's sophomore class is composed of 79 men and 54 women, making a total for the sophomore class of 133. There are 122 freshmen and 73 freshmen women, totaling at 195 enrollments in the freshman class.

In this year's class there are fifteen veterans of the Korean and World War II. Also registered for this year's work are eight part-time students and four post graduate students.

BARN DANCE TONIGHT FOR CHEM STUDENTS

A real old fashioned barn dance will be held tonight in Doctor Potter's barn in Ithaca. The evening of square dancing and modern dance, with refreshments of cider and doughnuts, is open to chemistry students, all of whom are invited by Doctor Potter and Professor Skinner.

This event gives a "new slant" on the chemistry department and serves as an incentive to students to sign up for further courses.

Women chemistry students have been given permission by Dean Vreeland to attend the dance. The entertainment begins at 7:30 p. m. this evening, October 2.

Directory for 1953 Will Be Put On Sale in Publicity Office October 9, at 15 Cents Each. Six Addresses Still Missing; Copy Goes to Press Monday.

PARNASSIANS WILL PUBLISH PINE RIVER ANTHOLOGY BY NOV.24

A fall issue of the campus literary magazine, *Pine River Anthology*, is being planned, and is tentatively scheduled to appear before Thanksgiving holiday. The Parnassians, literary society which sponsored the first issue last Spring, decided at their first meeting of the semester to open the pages of the magazine to contributions from the entire campus community, both faculty members and students. Successful contributors will automatically be offered membership in the Parnassians. All students and faculty are invited to submit for consideration their poems, stories, essays, plays, autobiographies, or other original writings.

The group named Grant Gallup, senior, of Gaastra, to the post of president and editor. Barbara Bauer and Roger Vance

were appointed to the executive committee.

Dr. Robert Clack, honorary poet laureate, presented the society with gift subscriptions to two publications of poetry, the *Florida Magazine of Verse* and the *Westminster Magazine*. Professor Sam J. Underwood presented a copy of *Nouveau Petit Larousse*, an exhaustive French dictionary, for the use of members interested in translations.

The society also admitted three new members: John Murphy, freshman, of Hazel Park; Tom Scholl, freshman, of Allen Park; and Jacqueline Elliott, sophomore, of Three Rivers. They were admitted on the basis of original writing submitted and approved.

Plan Lounge

Final plans for the Van Dusen commons include a large lounge along the east side, done in oak panelling, with a large fireplace at one end.

The kitchen of the commons, as it now stands, is the ultimate in modern design with two walk-in coolers, latest in pressure cookers and other cooking or warming equipment and is so designed that in the future the students will be served in cafeteria style.

The dining hall itself is finished in oak panels for trim, has soft white ceiling paint, a pastel yellow along the end walls and a beautifully designed tile floor. Entrance is allowed through a hall along the east center of the building while the kitchen and a small dining alcove which can be partitioned from the main section into one or two dining rooms, are located in the west section of the building.

Why Ban Scholastic Leisure!

A little bit of heaven, Scottish brand if you insist, was quickly pounced upon and the living spirit squeezed from its delicate frame. The mystical aura of scholastic solemnity, sedateness and leisurely calm, in an embryonic stage at Alma but an integral part of more noted institutions of learning the world over, was quelled by mass bans and censure. Reference is made to the closing of Tyler to class sessions because, I am told, of complaints of the students.

Since the small lounges of Tyler are seldom restricted to the use and parties for which they are arbitrarily designated, I have always felt the practices actually in existence should be legalized so as to eliminate the tempting flavor of the risqué.

The present use and misuse of the lounges render ridiculous the regulation prohibiting class sessions. Under the current setup the small lounges are frequently used as extensions of the larger lounge, with the added advantage of privacy and greater intimacy. In my opinion, if this were openly acknowledged and frankly accepted in one of the smaller rooms, it might release the other little haven for such non-social relaxations as reading, writing letters and dozing. This pre-supposes that differences in personality and temperaments are more basic, more significant, than the differentiation of sexes.

Short of this revolutionary ideal, class sessions should not seriously disrupt the cultural pursuits of the student body. may b

Advance Social Calendar

OCTOBER—

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| 2 | Chemistry club barn dance | 7:30 p.m., Friday |
| 3 | Alma vs. Bluffton | 2:00 p.m., Saturday |
| | K. I. dance | 8:00 p.m., Saturday |
| 5 | Chapel | 11:00 a.m., Monday |
| 7 | College division recital | 4:00 p.m., Wednesday |
| | Cross Country, Olivet, there | 4:00 p.m., Wednesday |
| | A. C. A. | 7:00 p.m., Wednesday |
| 9 | Chapel | 11:00 p.m., Friday |
| | Phi Phi Alpha hayride | Friday |
| 10 | Alma vs. Hillsdale, there | Saturday |
| | Cross Country, Hillsdale, there | Saturday |
| | Frosh dance | Saturday |
| 12 | Chapel | 11:00 a.m., Monday |
| 14 | Junior division recital | 4:30 p.m., Wednesday |
| | A. C. A. | 7:00 p.m., Wednesday |
| 15 | Drama club, make up demonstration | 7:00 p.m., Thursday |

Not Meant to Criticize

This is not a critique of society news writing; I am painfully unqualified for such a task. Nor is this intended as a malicious assault of the Greek societies. Though I willingly remain "on the outside" of the Greek sphere, I try to stand aloof from counter prejudices. I feel no antagonism toward these groups, as a whole, nor toward any campus organization; if there be sin, it is that of utter indifference.

I wish to specifically call your attention, again, to the Greek columns of this issue. There are represented there three styles or developments. Two of the three evidence a common aim: imparting information in an interesting manner. The third article, whose author is veiled through ignorance rather than discretion, may have had a similar object, but it is not obvious under scrutiny. This manner of article ordinarily would be, and assuredly will in the future be, discarded in passing through the editing staff. It is here published, without notable revision, for the sake of comparison and contrast.

Two styles remain for possible consideration. That of the Delt article is not "literary," is probably not "polished," and may not even be "journalistic." Yet the writer shows promise of developing a clear, direct style which preserves a personal tone and individual touch. Perhaps this, at the highest artistic plane, is the ideal toward which we should aim. If this highly personalized feature coverage is preferred, qualified writers must come from the ranks of each organization to work in cooperation with the staff of this publication.

The alternative treatment is a news column, written on a slightly informal level, which is devoid of non-factual material, opinionativeness, and other superfluities.

The editorial staff of the *almanian* is interested in the wishes of the student body regarding the coverage of fraternity and sorority news. A written statement of your personal opinion will be appreciated.

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Not Found in Library

For the benefit of freshmen, new students and faculty the *almanian* would like to recommend the following list to fulfill course requirements for outside reading and book reports:

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| "Lost Week End" | by Iamb Freely |
| "The Engagement" | by Iona Ring |
| "The Trains Went By" | by Lefty Tracks |
| "Through Open Windows" | by Peiping Tom |
| "The Stubbard Mule" | by Don Wanda Move |
| "The Empty Chair" | by Scratch E. Seat |
| "Drinking Wine" | by Todd N. Home |
| "The Loose Board" | by Neeta Nell |
| "The Great Yawn" | by Ina Sleepy |
| "The Big Steal" | by Izra Thief |

WITH THE GREEKS

DANCE, TEA OCCUPY KI's

An "after the game" dime dance tomorrow will start off the social year for the **Kappa Iota** sorority. It will be held in Tyler auditorium, Saturday, October 3, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 4, the KI's will entertain their patronesses at a tea in the sorority room from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

PHI CONTINUE HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

A complete renovation of the fraternity house is first consideration of the **Phi Phi Alpha** brothers this fall.

A very fine cedar panelled study room in the basement of the house has been completed, and the card-room is completely redecorated with knotty pine paneling and tile floor. New desks have been built for many of the rooms by some of the more dexterous brothers. Other improvements include the addition of a new ping pong table and fluorescent lighting in the basement.

A new pool table, completely equipped, is being presented to the fraternity by Philip Chisholm in memory of his father who passed away this summer.

The **Phi Phi Alpha** brothers extend an invitation to all men on campus to come and see the latest improvements on the house.

FAIR BOOTH SUCCESSFUL

During the Michigan State Fair Week **Phi Phi Alpha** brothers in the Detroit area donated their efforts to the successful operation of a concessions booth called The College Stop Refreshments Stand. The booth was erected by Phi's Maurice Arnold and Walt Roman who spent many happy but tiring hours in the work.

ZETA, THETA DANCE HELD

About 150 students attended the Zeta-Theta Free for All, an annual dance sponsored by the **Zeta Sigma** fraternity and **Alpha Theta** sorority.

The floor show, with Walt Lovell as master of ceremonies, was the chief entertainment at the dance. Elton "Luke" Luckritz, Francis Booth, and Margaret Walker gave a pantomime of "Little Red Riding Hood" for the first act. Edna Williams sang "Put 'em in a box, tie 'em with a ribbon, throw 'em in the deep blue sea." For the third act, Ron Nicolson presented a skit depicting typical Washington red tape. The show closed with the freshman impersonation skit, given annually by the Thetas.

The dance was held September 26 in Tyler auditorium with Delt Love and his band furnishing the music. Official chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCall and Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Edgar. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mikle and Mrs. Vreeland.

THETAS ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers have been elected by the **Alpha Theta** sorority for this semester: president, Rosemary Berger, Three Rivers; vice president, Barbara Wisniewski, Detroit; recording secretary, Sandy Smith, Detroit; corresponding secretary, Allene Stolt, Harbor Springs; and treasurer, Peggy Thibedeau, Newberry.

Carol Steven and Peggy Thibedeau are "sporting sparklers." Congratulations to Gordie and Dex from the Theta sisters.

No Table Service at Thursday Dinner Until Notification by Saga Corporation

Sez Sig?

After working at restaurants, hospitals, offices, and apparel shops, **Sigma Phi** members don't get back to the grind with books but with the homecoming float and dinner, dances, teas, and parliamentary procedure.

As our textbooks change, so do the girls. There is a certain girl who has become so impressed by a University of Michigan man that she is wearing his fraternity pin. The saying "all's well" doesn't quite fit with **Sigma Phi**, for everything is better than that. All the girls came back from all points in Michigan and one in Texas.

Speech was given to man to conceal his thoughts.
Voltaire, *Le Chapon et la Poularde*.

Delt Data

by Robert Stebbins

Here we are again, back for more. Most of us have managed to survive the last school year. We lost several at graduation, transferring to other colleges, and also the service.

This year we have Ma Paxton doing the house managing for us. She, I mean he, is doing a good job.

Ray Banwell, now taking the reins as president, is also happily married, since July 18. We wish Ray the best of luck as president of the fraternity and to Ray and his wife Beverly. Another brother, Frank Williams, is nearly married; recently he gave Jan Armitage a diamond.

During the past week, we have seen several of our members and alumni who are off to other schools or working. Dick Wylie came up from McCormick seminary. Eldon Bailey was up from University of Michigan Dental school. Ron Black took time off work at Flint to see us. Wayne Johnson was here after teaching his high school math classes, and Tom Irvine was up from Michigan State.

We hope that while some of our members are away that their widows over in Wright hall are keeping their spirits high. We are not forgetting you.

Don Drew, the man with the uke has been finding more chords with the help of *George Springs* and Bud Miller, along with Gordon Crimmins and his two spoons, and Dede Stockham and his big feet. "Dig that crazy music."

Our intramural football teams have been practicing, too. This year it's the Delt Defenders and the Delt Dreamers under the watch of our two directors Bob Bruce and John Noud.

Time to sign off for now until the next *almanian*.

Submit Original Verse

Original verse may be submitted by college students to the National Poetry Association for consideration in its tenth annual competition. The closing date for the submission of manuscripts is November 5.

Works are not limited as to form or theme. Shorter works are preferred by the board of judges because of space limitations. Each poem must be typed or printed on a separate sheet and must bear the name and home address of the student, as well as the name of the college attended.

There are no fees or charges for either acceptance or submission of verse. All work will be judged on merit alone.

Manuscripts should be sent to the National Poetry Association, 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles 34, California.

Charter Bus to Concerts

A bus has been chartered for the convenience of Alma college students and faculty who wish to attend the Saginaw Community Concert series.

The concert series will begin October 9 with Rise Stevens, the celebrated soprano. This series will also feature Spivakovsky, violinist, November 11; the Ballet Theatre, January 8; the Minneapolis symphony, February 6; and Kapell, March 23.

These concerts, which will be held in the Saginaw auditorium, will start at 8:15 p.m.

The cost of the tickets is \$3.00 per person for the entire series and transportation on the bus will cost approximately \$2.50 each. The bus will be chartered only if enough sign up for transportation. Tickets are now on sale in the Business office.

Worn Out Spirit

"School spirit," it's an over-used and worn-out phrase. Editorials, themes, essays, and papers of all sorts have explained, upheld, defended, and pampered it until everyone including us students, is tired of it.

"I'm sick of hearing about school spirit!" I heard someone say the other day. "Heavens, it's as if we don't support the team, uphold the school, and all that rot!"

"All that rot," she said. Was that all she had gotten from the thing she was "sick of?" It must have been that she was so used to being "preached to" about school spirit that she now ignores anything and everything that even whispers the phrase.

Remember how Mom used to say, "Suzie, your coat's slung over the chair again," or when Pop, after his brief encounter with a not-too-tidy closet, reminded us that we should put things where they belong? Those were things our parents mentioned on an average of 365 days a year. We generally did what we were told to do, but the next day we had to be reminded again. It was an in-one-ear-and-out-the-other affair — merely a temporary reaction to a suggestion.

How to make permanent and active the would-be results from all the publicity on school spirit appears to be our problem. Since you already know what it is, there's no reason for defining the term. Since you also know when it should begin and where, why discuss that? You know, too, it should be taken care of.

Now, who is going to do it?

A Plea to the Draft

by James Mills

College students who are sincere about furthering their education ought to at least be given fair consideration of their particular situation before being drafted into military service.

Several of the fellows on the Alma campus last semester are not here at the present time because their draft boards decided to pull them out of school. Naturally, some of those fellows should not have been in school in the first place because they are not capable of doing college work and even if they were, they were too lazy to better themselves or Alma college by being here. But, on the other hand, there were some other fellows who obviously wanted to make something of themselves and had the potentialities to do so, but they were also compelled to leave their school work and take up residence with Uncle Sam. These fellows were taken out of school because they didn't quite pass the selective service examination or because their grades didn't rank them in the upper half of the class.

It seems to me that exceptions should be made in those cases where fellows are sincere about getting an education. Those people should be left just as long as the so-called excellent 'A' and 'B' students. After all, grades and tests results don't mean everything. Besides that, a 'C' in some cases is just as good in some cases as A's are in others. The tragic part about this whole situation is that those fellows who are not quite so outstanding scholastically are very apt to be above average socially.

What I would like to see is a little discretion shown on the part of the draftboards of the country when they are considering the deferments of college students. After all, no two people are alike and it is impossible to judge a person on the basis of one small test and a few statistics.

Human reason is like a drunk man on horseback; set it up on one side, and it tumbles over on the other.

—Luther.

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Offer Four New Courses

The English department has introduced three new courses into the curriculum this fall. A one semester course in Victorian poetry, covering the works of 14 major poets, is being offered in place of the courses formerly taught in Tennyson and Browning. These poets are still given emphasis along with the works of Matthew Arnold, Mrs. Browning, the Rossetts, Swinburne, Morris and others. Dr. Henry Klomp is teaching the class in Victorian poetry.

Two sections of Introduction to Literature, a sophomore course, are being taught by Dr. Klomp and Professor Underwood. The purpose of this course is to read and interpret and evaluate literature. The class work is organized on the basis of literary forms: fiction, poetry, biography, essay and drama. About six or seven weeks will be spent on poetry. Beginning with narrative and descriptive poetry, the elements of imagery, mechanics, poetic tone and poetic idea will be discussed and studied. The various literary forms are illustrated by means of American, British and some foreign literature in translation.

Journalism, dropped from the college catalog last year, has been restored and is being taught by Professor Sam J. Underwood. The course work will include all phases of journalistic writing and publication. Primary emphasis at the beginning of the year is the news article. Human interest, editorial, and similar feature writing will also be studied in some detail. The members of the class will have considerable laboratory work and will contribute articles for publication in the *almanian*.

The Spanish department is offering a new course in the Classical Literature of Spain. Emphasis will be placed on the picaresque novel, the writings of Cervantes and Lope de Vegas, and the background of the Golden Age of Spanish literature.

Frosh Elect Year's Officers

Officers elected by the freshman class are as follows: president, Walter Norton, vice president, Ralph Springfield, secretary, Mary de Vries; treasurer, Cathy Campbell; student council representative, Dave McDowell; and social chairman, Karen Erdman. The elections took place after chapel on Monday, September 28.

The following committee heads were also appointed to organize Homecoming plans: Hugh Laird, Homecoming float; Dave McDowell and Ralph Springfield, football field; Cathy Campbell and Karen Erdman, Homecoming dance; and Mary de Vries, campus decorations.

SHREW CAST

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prentices, now stands at ninety.

Officers of the Drama club this year are president, Roger Vance; vice president, Nancy Leece; secretary, Alice Welsh; and treasurer, Jo Pruyne. Chairman of standing committees are Bruce Reed, Publicity; Allene Stolt, Business; Robert Woods, Stage Manager and Nancy Leece, Programs.

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A. C. A. OPENING PICNIC VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Alma Christian association began its year successfully with a turnout of over 200 at its annual picnic at Conservation park.

After an ample meal, the group gathered around the bonfire to sing songs, which were directed by Dalton Love. President Harter and Dr. Ross Miller were introduced by A.C.A. President David McKenzie to give short addresses. Dr. Drew, president of the sophomore class, entertained the picnicers with his individualistic style of humor. The outing was brought to a close on the last notes of the "Alma Mater".

President David McKenzie wishes "a dozen roses to Betty Anderson, who, so wonderfully, pieced the whole evening into a great success."

Council Holds Queen's Election

Elections were held in chapel this morning, October 2, for the Homecoming Queen and her court. Four senior girls and three from each of the other classes were nominated. This week by the student body in elections conducted by the student council.

The student council meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p. m. in Van Dusen commons. At their meeting this week, September 29, four representatives were chosen to attend Hillsdale to judge their floats and attend their Homecoming dance. The representatives, Jim Johnson, Alice Welsh, Lee Posey and Gordon Converse, will be guests of the Hillsdale student federation.

At an earlier meeting the student council voted to contribute toward buying phonograph records for student reception. Miss Dillinger had brought to their attention the fact that there are no facilities for square dancing and ballroom dancing at the Tyler.

The council decided to bring only one big name band to the campus this year, to be scheduled during the first semester.

Cheer New Leaders

The following students have been chosen as the cheerleading varsity squad: Cleo Johnson, Jackie Elliott, June Hurt, Betty Burns, Betty Anderson, Barbara Jones and Hugh Laird.

The seven squad members were chosen from sixteen students who tried out. Judges, selected by the student council, were Miss Dillinger, Professor Skinner, Lee Posey, Carol Steven and Jeannine Moran. The squad practices every afternoon at 5 o'clock under the supervision of Miss Dillinger.

There is a pleasure,
In being mad which none but madmen know.

—Dryden,
The Spanish Friar

Are There No Flies on Alma?

Flies are social insects which insist on expressing their sociability in various sorts of ways. They have six legs, two wings, and excellent antennae to guide them on their missions. Some are sedate while others are jet-like; to learn something of this pestiferous vermin's habits is not difficult at this time of year.

"Baby, it's cold outside," one was heard to say the other morning; he invited his escort (female, no doubt) to join him in a rendezvous in the college administration building. Since the Ad building offices and classrooms offered undreamed of delicacies in the form of mucilage, coke bottles, and other paraphernalia, the critter buzzed his distant cousins on the outside and gave them the lay of the land, that is the roomy offices and classrooms. A mass hegira began! Classrooms, offices, and hallways offered a happy hunting ground for the vivacious creatures, and the battle was on.

Professors were seen to have flies circling their educated domes and students listened contentedly as buzzing aerialists lolled them into a state of insensibility. "Classify the fly into his particular sub phylum," the teacher suggested to one of his eager biology students. Joe Doe hesitated but finally squeaked: "genus homo pestiferous."

Man the swats, ye faithful; excuse the class while fly bombs are dropped and Susie fly is exterminated. Yes, there may be flies on Alma; afore long Jack Frost will bite and other animals will follow in succession.

scottie



MALNUTRITION WAS NO PROBLEM FOR THESE ALMA STUDENTS GATHERED FOR THE A. C. A. PICNIC IN CONSERVATION PARK.

Social Plans Directed by Miss Dillinger

Miss Kathleen Dillinger, Assistant Professor and Director of Social Activities at the Jerry Tyler center, has been busy organizing and supervising social events for school's opening. Miss Dillinger is one of the new faculty members, and she is the first director of social activities of the Jerry Tyler center, which opened formally last year as a student activity center.

Assisting Mrs. Vreeland in providing consultation services, chaperoning and organizing student entertainment of all types, Miss Dillinger plans and supervises all social functions which are held in the student center. In her capacity as Director of Women's Athletics, Miss Dillinger is making plans to develop folk dancing with her classes and in the social activity program.

To help freshmen to get acquainted and to feel at home in their new school environment during the orientation week, for example, Miss Dillinger assisted in planning entertainment for the freshmen class picnic which was held during the orientation week. Miss Dillinger assists Mrs. Frank Powell, House Mother of Wright hall.

Miss Kathleen Dillinger, a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan with her master's degree from Michigan State, replaces Mrs. Robert Rufener as director of women's physical education. Miss Dillinger comes to Alma college from Rio Grande college in Ohio where she has been serving as director of women's physical education. Her previous experience at the college level includes teaching at Monaca Community college in Hawaii.

In addition to her work in physical education, Miss Dillinger holds a diploma from the Charleston School of Commerce where she specialized in the secretarial and stenographic fields. Because of this training she worked with DuPont company, Belle, West Virginia during the war in the personnel department.

Prof. Dillinger is an active member in many professional and social groups.

Among the more widely known organization Miss Dillinger is active in the following groups: National Biology Teachers Association, Athletic Federation of Michigan Women; American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; National Camping Association; American Association of University Women; Midwest Association of College Teachers of Physical Education for Women; National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Michigan Education Association.

Name Chapter After Randall

The name George B. Randall was probably not familiar to the present student body until the recent organization of an Alma chapter of the Future Teachers of America. Mr. Randall was for many years a teacher at Alma and the originator of the education department here. Thus, in his memory, the local chapter was named.

Many future teachers were present at the opening F.T.A. meeting, in which projects for the year were discussed. By working in schools, with local youth organizations, and by planning and presenting radio programs, the members gain professional experience which will be of value when embarking on a teaching career.

Merit points will be given to deserving students, to be judged by the hours spent on these projects. A collection of 400 points entitles a member to a certificate from the National Education association.

REQUIRE 8 HOUR SCIENCE COURSE

A graduation requirement of four semesters of natural sciences has been substituted at the Pennsylvania College for Women by a requirement of a one year, eight hour integrated course in the natural sciences to include laboratory work.

Another curriculum change by the administration of the Pennsylvania college will require students to pass a reading examination in one modern foreign language. This reading examination is to be based on one year of college instruction but students may prepare for it in any way they see fit.

In order to assist those who feel they need a course, the objective of all of the introductory courses in modern foreign languages will be the development of a reading knowledge.

Scholarship Awarded in Case Work

As a result of extensive work in the field of social case studies, Nancy Stockham has been awarded a one year scholarship to the Graduate School in Social Science at the University of Chicago.

Working in Chicago this summer at Hull House, founded by Jane Addams, she was chosen to represent this settlement house on the Chicago Board of Settlements. There are 34 of these settlement houses located throughout the city, each of which send one student representative to the Board. From this group of student representatives on the Board, one student is made a permanent member of the Chicago Board and of the National Board of Settlements. The selection is made on the basis of experience and achievement in case work and involves a scholarship to the graduate school. This year this honor also was awarded to Nancy Stockham.

Through projects in the sociology department, Miss Stockham has conducted surveys and studies in the Alma area to alleviate existing conditions among migrants. She is a member of the Governor's Commission on Migrant Problems in Lansing and frequently speaks before that body.

Wallfisch Duo Prove Merit

The musical finesse of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Wallfisch on the viola and piano was vividly demonstrated in their appearance at Tyler for the September assembly program.

The opening selection was the first movement from a sonata by Karl Stamitz, a German composer, who was one of the first to encourage the use of the viola as a solo instrument.

Franz Schubert, who strove to interest people in a now obsolete instrument, a cross between a banjo and a cello, was represented by the first movement from a sonata written for that particular instrument.

"Elegy" by Vieuxtemps, a selection from the romantic era, was third on the program. This piece starts in a quiet mood, develops to an opera aria effect, and climbs to a high point of romance and grandeur.

Fourth on the program was a beautiful lilting selection by Debussy entitled "Little Maid with Flaxen Hair." Following this the concert piece by George Enesco was played. Their finale was from a Sonata by Johann Sebastian Bach.

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MIAA Roundup

Defending M.I.A.A. champions Albion college, got off to a slow start in the '53 season as they were toppled in their season's opener by Wabash college at Crawfordsville, Indiana. The final score in a tipsy-topsy game was 27 to 18 with Wabash on the top end. A year ago the Britons edged Wabash by a 13 to 12 score. Albion sets up shop to defend the M.I.A.A. title tomorrow in a league tilt against Olivet. The Britons are heavy favorites.

Runnerup to Albion last year, the Hope Dutchmen will be making another strong bid this year. They notched their first league triumph last weekend over Olivet by a 25 to 0 score. They weren't quite as successful in their season's opener the week before, however, and took a 21 to 6 licking. The Dutchmen meet Adrian October 10, a team they stopped by a 20 to 6 margin last fall. The Alma Scots are the last outfit scheduled for Hope this year. The two traditional rivals don't meet until November 14.

Coach Charlie Bachman's Hillsdale outfit could be a strong dark-horse in this fall's race for the M.I.A.A. crown. To offset losses by graduation last June, Bachman has lured in some fine freshman talent and will probably be a troublemaker all the way down the line. The Dales battled Michigan Normal to the hilt last Saturday. Their first M.I.A.A. test comes October 10 against Alma. That will be a real game to see in the 48-year-old grid rivalry between the two schools, Alma holds a 22 to 13 edge. However, don't let that judge the outcome of this year's game.

Marshall Dann, Detroit Free Press sports writer, rated the M.I.A.A. teams in this order for the coming season: Albion, Alma, Hope, Adrian, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, and Olivet. He warned, however, that the M.I.A.A. has about the best record of any collegiate conference in the United States in making sportswriters' predictions as up-side-down and ridiculous as a flying turtle on his back without wings.

MIAA STANDINGS

| | W | L | Pct. | Pf | Pa |
|-----------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Hope | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 25 | 0 |
| Olivet | 1 | 1 | .500 | 7 | 31 |
| Adrian | 0 | 1 | .000 | 6 | 7 |
| Alma | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Albion | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Kalamazoo | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Hillsdale | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

Sept. 19 Results: Olivet 7, Adrian 6.

Sept. 26 Results: Hope 25, Olivet 0

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Skinner Schedules Running Matches

Cross Country schedule for the remainder of 1953 has been announced by Coach Charles Skinner:

- October 2 Central Michigan, Home
- October 7 Olivet, There
- October 10 Hillsdale, Away
- October 16 Albion, Home
- October 24 Kalamazoo, Away
- November 7 Adrian, Home
- November 14, Hope, Home
- November 18 MIAA Run, Adrian

PRE-MEDS HEAR U OF M DEAN

Special interviews and conferences for pre-medical students were held in Mt. Pleasant yesterday, October 1.

According to a news release from the University of Michigan 50 per cent of the students who apply to medical schools for admission are accepted, not one out of ten as is supposed.

"Knowing the right person" will not help the applicant.

Doctors' sons are in the minority. Of the 139 seniors now in the Medical school at the University of Michigan, only 21 came from families whose fathers are doctors.

To reveal the true picture about medical education, and to advise counselors and teachers who are responsible for encouraging, or discouraging prospective medical students, Dr. Wayne L. Whitaker, assistant dean of the University of Michigan Medical school, will visit over fifteen Michigan towns during the first ten days of October.

He will address luncheon clubs, high schools, and junior colleges to discuss means of getting more doctors in small communities.

In that connection, Dr. Whitaker reports, "Since it has been shown by a recent national survey that doctors tend to practice in the community in which they grew up, or a similar one, one of the best ways communities would be for those to get more doctors for smaller communities to encourage their most suitable young men and women to study and practice medicine.

"As further encouragement, prospective medical students should know that the academic background of their families has little or nothing to do with success in medical school," Dr. Whitaker said he has found. Approximately fifty per cent of the fathers of medical students have not gone beyond high school themselves.

"The decision to enter medical school is perhaps one of the most important the young person will make, this decision should not be made on the basis of rumors, false hopes, or half truths. The decision not to enter medical school is equally important, and we don't like to lose sight of good prospects who might have been frightened into taking the wrong turn in the road."

Dr. Whitaker's information is based on a study made of entering medical students in September of last year. He has prepared a paper on the results of this study, entitled "Michigan Students of Medicine."

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Through the Uprights

Alma's first home game, tomorrow, against Bluffton college of Ohio, will be a tough one. Head Coach Lloyd Eaton remarked after the Alma J. V. defeat at the hands of the Central frosh last Monday night that the varsity forward wall will need to double its strength if they expect to make a showing against Bluffton. It seems that the Alma frosh have given the Scot varsity a tougher time than they gave Central Monday evening. Let's hope that they are in shape for the Bluffton Beavers.

In spite of the 19 to 6 defeat, there were a few bright spots in Monday night's game. Halfbacks Joe Coe, Fred Spain and Don Woiderski were certainly playing Coach Eaton's type of game. Coe gobbled up 70 yards in eight rushes for an 8.75 average. Woiderski ripped off 50 yards in nine carries for a 5.6 rushing average. Spain only carried the ball four times on offense and didn't get a good chance to show offensively, but his outstanding defensive work gives Eaton strong depth in that department.

Alma and Bluffton will have one common opponent this season in Olivet college. The Beavers defeated the Comets last year in a 40 to 0 route. The men to watch in Bluffton's lineup tomorrow are Joe Collingwood, fullback, 65; Dick Amstutz, quarterback, 55; and Jack Hill, halfback, 56.

JV's Drop One to Central, 19-6

The Alma junior varsity football team suffered a defeat in their first outing last Monday evening at the hands of the Central Michigan J.V. squad. The Scots lost the game in the second half after battling Central to a 6-6 tie at the half. Two of Central's three touchdowns were "gifts". They were acquired after Alma fumble inside the 11 yard line. The third score was obtained on a brilliant 49 yard run by Central halfback Frank Tarby.

Alma's lone touchdown was scored in the second quarter by halfback Joe Coe, a freshman from Laingsburg. Wearing jersey number 53, Coe was probably the outstanding runner on the field. He gained 70 yards rushing and was approached only by Central halfback Bob Church, who ground out a total of 64 yards in 12 carries. Tarby gained 53 yards in five attempts.

Alma's passing was handled, for the most part, by quarterback George Fox. Others also throwing were Ed Decaussin and Don Woiderski. Decaussin completed the lone Alma pass for a ten yard gain.

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| Central J. V. | 6 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 19 |
| Alma J.V. | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

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Trounce Ravens 3 Touchdowns

Coach Lloyd Eaton's gridiron Alma Scots returned victorious from Anderson college of Indiana where they soundly trounced the Ravens by a 26 to 0 score. The Scots mauled Anderson for three touchdowns in the opening quarter with halfback Marv Raab scoring the first on a neat 55-yard run. Captain Bruce DePue, a senior from Holt, place-kicked the first of his two conversions in the game. Alma's second score was netted by Bob Hamilton, a senior halfback from Marine city, when he raced nearly 40 yards from the line of scrimmage to put the Scots ahead, 13 to 0. Raab hit paydirt for the second time a few minutes later on an 11-yard run that climaxed a 60-yard touch-down drive. The Scots led at the half, 20 to 0.

Don Woiderski, a freshman from Cheybosan, closed out Alma's scoring for the afternoon in the fourth quarter as he plunged over the five-yard line. The Scots' line looked good throughout the game, especially on defense. Fred Wood, a tackle from Newberry, and Jack Kring, who hails from Petoskey, were the defensive spark-plugs while John Laskerides a Pennsylvania product, Jim Hahn, a graduate of Alma High in '51, and Bill Voska, Flint senior, all stood out well on offense. The Scots ran offensively for an aggregate 329 yards. In the air, quarterback Denny Stolz completed three out of five passes for a 24 yard total. Stolz is a junior from Mascn. Halfbacks Bobby Hamilton and George Fox also completed passes, each for another 40 yards. Alma rolled up 11 first downs as compared to only four for Anderson. The 393 total yards by-passes the Scots' highest last season.

Coach Eaton will show his ball club off to the home fans on October 3 when the Scots play host to Bluffton college of Ohio. Bluffton lost its season opener last Saturday to Hiedelburg college, also of Ohio, by a 6 to 0 score. The October 3 tilt will be an afternoon game starting at 2 p. m.

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| Alma | 20 | 0 | 0 | 6-26 |
| Anderson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |

CHESS FANS GATHER

Deep concentration and utter silence reign in the Tyler student center as the chess enthusiasts begin the first round of an elimination tournament.

The tournament is the result of the wide interest shown in the royal game of chess as this year began. About twenty-five people have entered the contest which includes both students and professors.

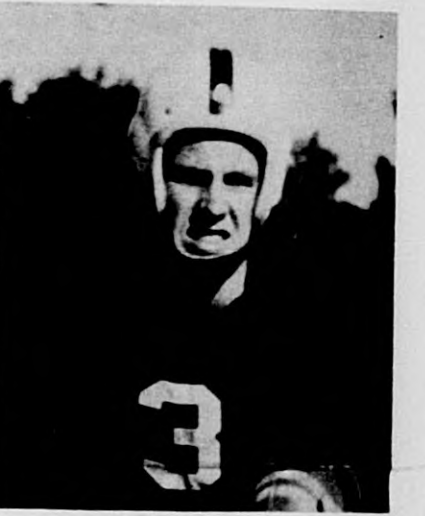
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New members elected to W.S.G.A., the Women's Self Government association, are: Betty Fowler for Sigma Phi; Susanne Miller for Kappa Iota; Jane French, senior class; Marilyn Harris, junior class; Wilma Beattie, sophomore class; Paula Bare, freshman class and Donna Hinderleider, representative of local women.

The officers, who were appointed last spring, are Jo Pruyne, president; Mary Jane Hart, vice president; Edna Williams, secretary; and Jan Chadwick, treasurer.

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