

Honor Dr. Clack at '53 Homecoming

Pep Rally, Dance Friday



STANDING, Left to right, June Hurt, Queen Alice Welsh, Edna LaFleur; Seated, Allene Stolt, Sally Souders.

A larger parade, a letterman's coffee hour, a program of massed bands, and a coke party are additions to this year's program for the Alma college Homecoming which will honor Dr. Robert W. Clack.

Activities of Friday evening will include the traditional snake dance, kangaroo court and pep rally.

Homecoming day officially begins at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, with the registration of alumni in the lounge of Tyler center. Registration will continue until 5:00 p.m.

Bands Mass for Parade

At 10:00 a.m. the Homecoming parade will form on West Superior street and march downtown. Included in the parade will be the Queen's float, floats entered by various organizations on campus, Doctor Clack's car, the Alma Kiltie band, and the high school bands of Alma, Saint Louis, and Ithaca. The visiting bands will be guests of the college for the entire day and the members will eat lunch in the Commons. Between one and two o'clock the three bands will parade on the football field, and just before the game will mass with the Kiltie band to play the national anthem.

Letterman, Alumni to Dine

A lettermen's coffee hour at Van Dusen commons is a new event this year. Any person who has ever received a letter in athletics is invited to attend this coffee hour. Alma students will eat lunch at 11 o'clock in the Commons, after which an alumni luncheon will be held there. About 300 people are expected to attend the luncheon.

Scots Face MIAA Champion

The football game, one of the big events of the day, will be between the Alma Scots and the Albion team, last year's MIAA champion. During the half-time there will be the honoring of Dr. Robert W. Clack; a talk by Jim Johnson, president of the student council; the crowning of the Scots' Queen, Alice Welsh; and a parade of the prize-winning floats. The Kiltie band will perform on the field.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served to alumni immediately after the game on the lawn in front of the chapel. In case of inclement weather, coffee will be served in the gymnasium. At the same time a Coke party will be held in Tyler center for all high school students interested in attending Alma College. It is expected that about 300 young people from all over the state will attend.

Fraternities Honor Alumni

Fraternities and sororities will honor their alumni with banquets held at various places during the dinner hour. Some charter members of these organizations are expected to attend. Tyler Auditorium will house the Homecoming dance at 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening. The Earl Henry orchestra from Lansing has been engaged for this event.

The Alma alumni will be particularly interested in two new buildings on campus this year. Last year Tyler center was under construction, but far from completion, and ground for the Van Dusen commons had not yet been broken. The majority of the alumni has not yet seen either of these two beautiful new buildings.

Recognize Class of '03, '28

People will be returning from all over the United States to visit their alma mater. Class reunions will be held throughout the day. It is expected that several people from the graduating class of 1903 will be here to celebrate their fifty-first anniversary. See—**HOME-COMING**—Page 3

Plan Scientific Films for A.C.A. Meetings

"God of Creation," the first of a series of four movies on the relation of science and religion was shown at the meeting of the Alma Christian association on Wednesday, October 14. The other films are "Dust or Destiny" scheduled for November 11, "Voice of the Deep" on December 9 and "Hidden Treasures" on January 13.

The next meeting of the A.C.A., on October 21, will consist of the faculty auction for WSSF. The evening of October 28 has been reserved for the annual A.C.A. Halloween party.

Students Direct Civic Activities

Forty children of the city of Alma, between the ages of five and fifteen, have registered to participate in the recreational program being sponsored by the A.C.A. The activities will consist of sports and other games held at the college, high school, and local centers to encourage among the children co-operative spirit and enjoyment in working and playing together. The programs will be held Saturday afternoons between one and three o'clock and will be supervised by students of Alma college. Robert Benjamin and Jane French are largely responsible for organizing and directing the activities.

KILTS SWIRL

The Kiltie Lassies, accompanied by Carol Cummings and John Kinner on the bagpipes, will present the Highland fling during the half-time of the Homecoming game. At earlier games this season the Lassies have done tumbling and acrobatic stunts, but this will be their first performance of the traditional dance.

The six Kiltie Lassies, all sophomores, are: Margaret Lyda, Sue Hawthorne, Janet Anderson, Susan Hopson, Alyse Moody, and Marilyn Robertson.

CONVERT WRIGHT WING

One need only be in Wright hall for a moment to know that something is obviously happening on the construction of the new eleven-room addition. The workmen have been wielding their hammers for three weeks and have now succeeded in stripping the old dining hall of everything but its walls and putting up additional wall divisions for the new rooms.

Now for an imaginary look behind the doors that once opened to hungry Almanians. When the wing is completed there will be newly furnished rooms for 22 girls. Those girls who now occupy the bandroom in the basement will move into the remodeled wing.

The faculty dining room will be converted into one room; the old hallway will echo the pounding of typewriters; and a hallway will divide the rooms on the side with the windows from the rooms created from the serving room. The girls will have a room for storage space and a shower room. The wing will have its own hot water system.

One of the special features of the wing will be an experimental room furnished in the manner planned for the new girls' dorm.

Bid on Faculty

A variety of objects and services donated by Alma faculty members will be auctioned off to the student body to begin the local drive for the World Student Service Fund. Auctioneer for the evening, Wednesday, October 21, will be Jerry Psotka. The WSSF drive on the Alma

Alice Welsh Reigns Over Scot Activities

Queen Alice Welsh and her court of Allene Stolt, Edna LaFleur, Sally Souders and June Hurt will begin their reign over the Alma college Scots tomorrow. They will appear on a float in the morning parade, at the Homecoming dance in the Tyler auditorium, and Queen Alice will be crowned by President John Stanley Harker during half-time at the football game.

Alice Welsh, a senior from Armada, is planning to become a teacher and is majoring in music education. She has a point average of 2.495, and has been very active on campus. Some of her activities are: Alpha Theta sorority, Highland Masquers, Alpha Psi Omega, student council, co-op council, vice president of the Future Teachers association, A Cappella choir, Alma Christian association and the Par-nassians. She is a graduate of Armada Rural Agricultural high school and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Welsh of 71421 North road, Armada.

Allene Stolt, also a senior, comes to Alma college from Harbor Springs. She is a member of the Highland Masquers, Alma Chris-

tian association, corresponding secretary of the Alpha Theta sorority and belongs to the A Cappella choir. She plans, upon completion of her four years here, center around becoming an elementary teacher. She is a graduate of the Harbor Springs high school. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Fisher of Harbor Springs.

The junior representative on the court is Edna LaFleur. Edna hails from Detroit, Michigan, where she was graduated from Denby high school. She is an English major and plans to teach after she graduates from college. She is a member of the Highland Masquers, A Cappella choir and Alma Choral union. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. George LaFleur of 12055 Nashville, Detroit.

Sally Souders, the sophomore representative, is a graduate of Alma high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Souders of Alma. She is a sociology major. Following her graduation she may teach or become a social worker. Some of her college activities are: Kappa Iota sorority, Alma Christian association and the Choral union.

June Hurt, a freshman from Hazel Park, and a graduate of that high school, is planning to major in sociology. She plans to become a social worker after she is graduated. June is a member of the cheer-leading squad. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Hurt of 305 West Hayes, Hazel Park, are her parents.

The representatives from each class were elected by the student body two weeks ago. All the pretty lassies, with the exception of June Hurt, who is a first semester freshman, have been on the honor roll since they enrolled in college.

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Don't Grumble - Write!

The editor wishes to thank the student body at large for expressing its wishes regarding preferred news coverage of social organizations. In answer to what has been labelled a "provocative" editorial, the staff has received from a campus boasting "500 plus" students, two constructive letters, representing one sorority and one individual.

This response might be interpreted in a number of ways. Firstly, it might mean that the editorial in question was not sufficiently succinct or controversial. If this should be the root of the problem, the fault lies with the editor and she shall attempt in the future to amend the situation.

Possibly it indicates that no one reads the *almanian*, no one reads the editorials, or no one reads the Greek columns. It may even suggest that the student body has no opinions; i. e., on this subject.

If both awareness and interest are present then the only other explanation is inability in making them coherent. If words express the man, God help nigh feeble minds. Many are prone to convey their sentiments by crude jests, puerile threats and vague abdominal rumblings. These may be vivid tongues but remain utterly fruitless when not rendered intelligible.

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Advance Social Calendar Campus Programs

OCTOBER—

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| 18 | Parnassians, men's lounge, Tyler | 7:30 p.m., Sunday |
| 19 | Chapel, Reverend McPheeters | 11:00 a.m., Monday |
| 21 | College Division Recital | 4:00 p.m., Wednesday |
| | College Extempore Contest | Wednesday |
| | Faculty auction, WSSF drive | Wednesday |
| 23 | Chapel | |
| | Rev. Dr. Henry Kuizenga | 11:00 a.m., Friday |
| | Delt Open House | 8:00 p.m., Friday |
| 24 | Football, Kalamazoo, there | Saturday |
| | Cross Country, Kalamazoo, there | Saturday |
| | Zeta "Sweetheart Ball" | Saturday |
| 26 | Chapel | 11:00 a.m., Monday |
| 28 | Assembly, Dr. S. E. Priestley | 11:00 a.m., Wednesday |
| | High School Division Recital | 4:30 p.m., Wednesday |
| | A. C. A. | 7:00 p.m., Wednesday |
| 29 | Drama Club,
make-up work meeting | 7:00 p.m., Thursday |
| 30 | Chapel, Rev. Kenneth Neigh | 11:00 a.m., Friday |
| | K. I. Sock Hop | Friday |

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Events of Homecoming Day

FRIDAY, OCT. 16—

- 11:00 p.m. Pep rally on Davis field followed by Snake dance.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17—

- 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration of alumni in lounge of Tyler center.
10:00 a.m. Homecoming parade.
10:30 a.m. Letterman's coffee hour in Van Dusen commons.
11:00 a.m. Track meet with Albion college.
11:30 a.m. Alumni luncheon in the Van Dusen commons.
1:00 p.m. Parade of high school bands on Bahlke field.
2:00 p.m. Football game with Albion college. The crowning of the Homecoming Queen will be held at half time.
4:30 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served immediately after the game on the lawn in front of the chapel.
4:30 p.m. Coke party in Tyler for all high school students interested in attending Alma college.
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sorority and fraternity banquets.
9:00 p.m. Homecoming dance in Tyler auditorium.

From the Letterbox

The two letters printed below were received in reply to an editorial published in the *almanian* of October 2, 1953. The article reflected the editor's opinion and requested statements as to the "wishes of the student body regarding the coverage of fraternity and sorority news."

I am quite sure I would rather read a society news article that contains nicknames and phrases of familiarity than the type of Greek article to which we were subjected near the latter part of last year (due to the close scrutiny of last year's editor). It has been said that this type of column is not journalistic nor literary. I venture to say that one would find quite a similar column in every newspaper across the nation. And as far as nicknames are concerned, I don't believe anyone really objects to "Soapy" Williams.

I quite agree that good sense and judgment must be used in writing an article. Perhaps it would be wise to have a meeting of the Greek reporters and the editing staff to discuss aims and styles. Herein, we might reach a happy medium. The reporters would know what is expected of them and the editing staff would know the desires of the organizations.

With interest in a better *almanian*, I submit this letter.

Carol Cummings

We think that the articles should be written in a free, easy style. Generally, the straight news article is not interesting to most of the students. A little personal touch added to the news makes it more readable for the student body. Most of the regular day papers carry in them society news which is written in a personal style, containing not just news but something added to give them an appeal to the readers. Spice and seasoning are needed in writing just as in food. Therefore, we believe that the sorority and fraternity news should be written in a style which has a personal touch so that the student body will enjoy reading them.

Kappa Iota sorority,
Roema Lee Rohlfs



DR. JOHN S. HARKER

PRESIDENT EVOKES IMAGES

"Memory holds a cherished picture," and the "cherished picture" of Alma college will bring back hundreds of graduates and former students to our campus for Homecoming.

For the student body, Homecoming means many things. To the freshmen it means the end of initiation and the final day of wearing huge identification signs. For upper classmen there will be the added excitement of seeing returning members of the classes of '51, '52, and '53. For all, there will be floats to build, a football game to win, and a Homecoming dance to plan and enjoy. There will be the pleasure, too, of showing old grads the additions to our campus.



QUEEN ALICE WELSH

Council Oversees Freshman Workers

Plans for the Homecoming weekend were arranged by the student council at its meetings of October 6 and 13. Lynn Crawford will emcee the pep rally. With the

Alumni will be here from classes as far back as '93, and from states as far away as Florida. A considerable number of the class of '03, the fifty-year class, will hold a breakfast on Saturday morning. Hundreds of the alumni who have attended Alma college during the sixty-six years of her history will find immeasurable joy in meeting old friends at the registration table, at the alumni luncheon, at the football game and the coffee hour to follow, at fraternity and sorority banquets, and at the Homecoming dance.

For all of us, alumni, students, and faculty, there will be the joy of using the two beautiful buildings which have been completed since our last homecoming. Tyler center, the gift of a former Alma teacher and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Tyler, will be the scene of alumni registration, of the students' noon lunch, of a "coke party" for visiting high school students after the game, and, finally, of the annual Homecoming dance. Van Dusen commons, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Van Dusen, will house, in its lounge, a morning coffee hour for Alma grads who are athletic coaches in this area. At noon, all the alumni will gather in the main dining room of Van Dusen for their first Homecoming luncheon in this new building. Words fail us, when we try to express our appreciation of these two great additions to Alma's campus.

Perhaps it is at Homecoming, better than at any other time, that we sense the real spirit of Alma. Here will be gathered hundreds of *Almanians*, widely separated in age and geographical location, but bound together by our love for Alma college. We hope to win a football game, but beyond that, we hope and strive for something much more important—our dream of a greater Alma.

John Stanley Harker

aid of the council's social chairman, Lee Posey, the freshman class will handle the rally.

The torch light parade will follow the pep rally with the traditional freshman snake dance leading it through the streets. The parade will start at 11:00 p.m. and girls will be given 12:00 o'clock permission.

The freshman class, under the council's supervision, has built the float for the Queen and her court. Freshmen are responsible for getting the Tyler auditorium ready for the annual Homecoming dance with Cathy Campbell and Karen Erdman as co-chairmen.

Judges of the floats in the parade Homecoming day will be: Miss Dillinger, Mrs. Roecker, Mr. Underwood, and Mayor Thompson.

Music for the dance in the evening will be by the Earl Henry's orchestra of Lansing.

Frosh Affirm Friendliness

by May Butrick

The freshman class, whether through the contagion of suggestion or actual personal experience, have confirmed the "Where Friendliness Links" of our adage. In a freshman questionnaire designed to test the effectiveness of Alma's orientation program, 120 out of 137 students said the friendliness of the faculty and administration was excellent. The other 17 freshmen voted it adequate, while none considered it inadequate.

The tabulated results indicate that the incoming class feels that the orientation program should be spread out over a greater length of time. Another common suggestion was that the entire program, including testing, should be explained at the beginning.

The variety of social activities was received as adequate to excellent, but more mixers and opportunities to become acquainted with classmates were desired.

The picnic and formal faculty reception were the most popular of the events and, as might be expected, the preliminary tests and examinations were least favored.

The ever-laborious task of registration received surprisingly little criticism. The instruction and consultation for registration was rated excellent by 71 students, adequate by 55, and inadequate by 10. Two freshmen, true individualists, state that they enjoyed the registration and the registration lecture more than any other event of orientation. Three others considered the lecture the least enjoyable part of the program.

Under general suggestions, four freshmen asked for more hymn sings and eight considered it the finest part of the program. Other ideas advocated were making vocational talks optional, planning more activities for the picnic, enforcing quiet hours at the dorm and shortening the length of the orientation program.



LAURELS FOR DR. CLACK, PROF, POET, MATHEMATICIAN

by Jean Richert

Garlands of honors are being heaped on Dr. Robert Wood Clack, beloved head of the Alma college mathematics department, and his wife, during this year's Homecoming.

Dr. Clack is rounding out thirty years at Alma college, of which he was registrar for fifteen years. During this time Dr. Clack has taught mathematics, mechanics, navigation, meteorology, astronomy, and the history of East Asia. Dr. Clack also was faculty representative on the M.I.A.A. for many years.

Before coming to Alma Dr. Clack spent thirteen years in China. First he taught in a government school at Pootingfu for three years and, during this time, built up Bible classes which were the nucleus for a Y.M.C.A. Dr. Clack continued working as general secretary in this organization for eleven years during which time it rose to a membership of 1200. Pootingfu is the West Point of China and by the time Dr. Clack left the "Y" had raised funds for a new building.

While in China Dr. Clack met a charming young missionary, Miss Edith Gordon, and in March 1911, they were married there. Their four older children were born in China and the two younger ones in the United States. Mrs. Clack was given a great deal of prestige among the Chinese because of her large family and the fact that five of her six children were sons.

All but one of the Clacks' children have attended Alma college and three of their daughters-in-law have also studied here. Lee is with the export branch of the Dow Chemical company in South America. Gordon is heading the personnel department of the Dow Chemical company in Midland. Both Lee and Gordon were originally with the research department. Douglas is employed as a statistician in Tucson, Arizona, and Wynne is an employee of the Dodge Truck company in Detroit. Roderick, who attended Pasadena junior college and California Technical institute, passed away a year ago last May. Their girl, Constance or "Con" as her parents call her, is now Mrs. Constance Fisher of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Fisher's husband is a member of the State department.

The Clacks also have five grandsons and five granddaughters. Dr. Clack believes that to be a good mathematician a man must also be something of a poet. He has translated over 1500 poems, published a book in collaboration with the Emory University Press, *From Bamboo Glade and Lotus Pool* and written a historical anthology of Chinese classical poetry. The volume, entitled *Milleniums of Moonbeams*, is prefaced with a poem of his own genius. It covers a period of 4,000 years and reviews 1,000 poems written by some 400 Chinese poets.

Poetry is Dr. Clack's main interest but he also enjoys a number of sports, including golf. He actively participated in football, basketball, track, tennis, and even played professional baseball summers. Until a few years ago he officiated at sports events.

Mrs. Clack herself is an interesting and active person. She has a beautiful collection of Chinese bronzes, including incense burners and dragon vases from old Chinese temples. Her collection of jewelry is fascinating. She wears a coin bracelet and on five of these coins are the Chinese characters representing the five blessings, among which are good health and a good salary. Her ring is a Chinese puzzle ring which is formed of four links. When this ring is taken apart it takes the mathematical mind of Dr. Clack to put it together again. She also has another consisting of nine links.

The Clacks' china cabinet in their friendly home is filled with memoirs of their stay in China—porcelain rice cups, tiny teacups of jade, teapots of glazed bronze, priceless vases, beyond description here. There is even a piece of a temple dragon from the Forbidden City. Many of these treasures were presented to the Clacks by the Governor upon their departure from China.

While in China Dr. Clack spent a great deal of time as president of the relief committee which fed many families during the great famine. Among his memories of this period, Dr. Clack tells of one of the committee men who was going up into the famine area by train. This gentleman called Dr.

Clack and told him he needed 2,000 silver dollars within fifteen minutes, at which time his train was due to leave. The station was two miles away, so Dr. Clack packed up the 65 pounds of silver dollars in a knapsack, threw it over his shoulder, jumped on his bicycle and made it to the station before the train pulled out.

Dr. and Mrs. Clack have had a full and happy 42 years together and are looking forward to many more even happier ones.

It is with great happiness indeed that we pay tribute to Dr. Robert Wood Clack and to his gracious wife, for the help and understanding that they have so generously given and for the contributions they have made toward a better world.

Plan Streamlines Academic Divisions

Hempstead, N. Y. (I. P.)—The twenty-two departments of Hofstra college have been organized into five academic divisions. These divisions, under which the various departments will be listed, will be known as the divisions of special science, natural science, education business administration and humanities.

The organization will serve the important purpose of streamlining the efficiency of academic departmental operation, and this, in turn, will affect the student body in that individual planning and major requirement problem execution will be greatly accelerated. Wendall Kellogg, assistant to the president, has also made it known that "establishment of the division plan may enable a division major to be set up."

It is predicted that a number of academic values will arise from the plan. First, it will invigorate the entire academic process. Second, it will better define the aims and methods of individual departments toward developing the complete student. Third, it should lessen barriers between departments and divisions. It should bring about the elimination of needless duplication of courses and services. Lastly, various points that need strengthening will be brought into focus.

Under the new plan no departments will be dropped, and division chairmen, besides teaching, will be charged with the coordination of all the departments in the particular division.

Homecoming

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tenth anniversary. A large twenty-fifth anniversary for the class of 1928 is also planned.

The arrangements for Homecoming are under the direction of Mr. Arthur Turner, director of admissions. Faculty members assisting are: Mrs. Vreeland, Mr. Stielstra, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Rufener, Mr. Skinner, Mr. Eaton, and Miss Dillinger. Credit is due to the freshman class who have worked diligently under the direction of their president, Walter Morton. The president and social chairman of the student council, James Johnson and Lee Posey, respectively, have contributed tremendously to planning the week end.

Schedule Recitals

An all college music recital will be held in Tyler center auditorium at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21. Professor Ernest G. Sullivan announces that college division recitals will be held the first and third Wednesday of every month, at 4:00 p.m. He states that: "The music department is planning to include vocal and instrumental ensembles, including two piano, operatic quartets, and string and woodwind ensembles."

According to Professor Sullivan, the use of ensemble numbers, which is comparatively new in the campus recitals, will be practiced generally through the year.

On October 7, the music department presented their first recital of the year. The program commenced with the Starlight Waltz by Brainard, played by Cyrus Azimi, pianist.

Following this, was Gail Donaldson, soprano, who sang: The Lily and the Rose, by Hillyer; The Fragrance of a Song, by Cowles; and the Little Pigs, by Proloffief.

PHI STATE CAMPUS ROLE

Phi Phi Alpha has taken an active role in both the academic and social activities on the Alma college campus for some fifty-four years. The present day Phi Phi Alpha fraternity was founded back in 1898 as a literary society whose purpose was "the development of a correct literary taste and of the power of precise and ready expression." The organization acquired fraternity status in 1926. Fraternity activities were suspended during the war years of World War II, but were once again resumed in January of 1946, after the end of the war. Following their reorganization, the brothers of Phi Phi Alpha continued their conscientious endeavors not only within their own group but by representation in many of the other organizations and athletic teams on campus.

Since its initiation the fraternity has lived in three homes. After the great fire of 1932 the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity moved into the well known Wright house on State street. Two years later the fraternity moved from this location to 230 Superior street. The present abode of the fraternity was purchased in 1939. Due to the suspension of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity during the war the house was occupied by the dean of women.

A final point of interest, by way of information, is the name of the fraternity itself. Phi Phi Alpha are the initial letters of a Greek phrase which translated freely reads "affectionate brothers of learning."

HOME COMING DANCE SAT.

Rise Stevens Sings at Saginaw

Vibrant loveliness is merely suggestive of the voice and person of Rise Stevens, star of opera, concert, television, radio, motion pictures and recordings. Miss Stevens appeared at the Saginaw auditorium last Friday evening in the first of the Community concert series.

Every year Miss Stevens fulfills her winter engagements at the Metropolitan Opera where she is accredited with being one of the biggest box office attractions. She has the distinction of being the top-selling recording artist in the classical field. She has regular television and radio broadcasts and has gained international reputation for her starring roles in such movies as "Going My Way," "The Chocolate Soldier," and "Carnegie Hall."

She is acclaimed in Europe and South America as well as in her native United States. When she appeared at the Paris Grand Opera in the title role of "Der Rosenkavalier," the *New York Times* carried a news release of the reception by the Parisian press: "Rise Stevens wins ovation from gala audience while critics hail her voice as one of the most brilliant heard in Paris in many

years and one of the finest actresses in opera."

Her program in Saginaw on October 9, began with "He Shall Feed His Flock," from *The Messiah* and "Il est doux, il est bon," from *Herodiade* by Massenet. There followed three Negro spirituals: "Oh, What a Beautiful City," "Were You There," and "My Good Lord Done Been Here."

Selections from Schubert, Strauss, Brahms and Wolf were presented. Mr. James Shomate, who throughout the program accompanied Miss Stevens on the piano, played Capriccio in D-minor, "Clair de Lune," "Prelude in A-minor," and was summoned back by applause for an encore.

Miss Stevens sang a number of folksongs: "Loveliest of Trees," "A Ballynure Ballad," "The Lonesome Grove" and "The Indian," "Habanea," "Sequidilla," and the "Gypsy Song," excerpts from *Carmen*, were introduced into the program. Miss Stevens is well-known for her dazzling *Carmen* in Metropolitan's beautiful new production of the opera.

Fifty college students attended the program in Saginaw, a bus having been chartered for transportation.

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Crews Busy On 'Shrew'

Professor William A. Gregory has named Miss Leone Riggle assistant director of the forthcoming Drama club production, *The Taming of the Shrew*. Robert Woods has been selected as stage manager.

Now in its second week of rehearsal, the play has been completely blocked and work on interpretation is now in process. It will be presented here November 12 and 13.

Stage committees for this production are: set furnishings-P. Thibedeau, B. Bauer, M. Castile, J. McAllister, D. Keyes, and Marcia Jones; set construction-S. L. Nugent, B. Stebbins, B. Ewing, A. Bowman, B. Wheeler, N. Rearick and J. Rench; cleanup-J. Volk and J. Kehoe; and lighting-B. Kelly, D. Drew and J. Duncanson.

Other committees appointed are: costumes-M. Butrick, P. Anderson, P. Lomas, A. Moody, J. Wallace, T. Wood and J. Bush; makeup-E. LaFleur, C. Cummings, and K. Manthos; sound-R. Baney and K. Hoerauf; and prompting-C. Bryce.

The Drama club has adopted a new name and now is called the "Highland Masquers."

EDITOR APPOINTS SCOTSMAN STAFF

Barbara Bernard Bauer, editor-in-chief, has announced the editorial staff for the 1954 *Scotsman*. Joyce Squire has been appointed assistant editor.

The other members of the staff are: Gene Schelz, business manager; Alan Bowman, art editor; June Barr, lay-out editor; Elizabeth Smith, sports editor; and Wayne Martin and Robert Stebbins, photographers.

Copywriters for the *Scotsman* are: Raymond Mayer, Phyllis Travillian, Margaret Roose, Connie Koch, Paula Bare, Douglas Campbell, Patricia Cameron, Winona Griswold, Jeanne Lyons, Mary Margaret Johnson, Clara Bryce, Marilyn Ross, Robert Shepherd, and Nancy Stockham.

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Freshman Views 'Hell Night'

Wednesday night was the big night that the freshmen had been dreading and the sophomores anticipated, for that was "Hell Night." Traditionally the girls of Wright hall have conducted an initiation week for freshmen, and the week preceding Homecoming is used to complete freshmen "hazing."

During initiation week freshmen girls have been seen carrying a pair of shoes, wastebaskets with Coca Cola bottles and caps inside, and teddy bears. Of course it is all in fun—freshmen grin as if to say "whose fun?"

The organized initiation was held Wednesday night, but let a freshman report.

At 2:30 p. m. the sophomores came into the freshman rooms. The freshmen were blindfolded and led into the hall. After going up a flight of stairs and walking on something like crushed crackers, they crawled through cardboard. They walked again on more crushed crackers, screaming "I'm a filthy frosh" as loud as possible. One girl called: "I'm a filthy frosh; I'm a filthy frosh!" Then, "I'm, I am, I am"; when asked by a sophomore what she was, she replied: "I'm a filthy frosh but I'd rather be a filthy frosh than a stinking sophomore."

The impressionable initiates were then led down to the basement to the washroom. The "lowest of the low" were told to put their hands in something sticky and then in feathers, goey. They rolled up their pajama pants to the knees getting them all sticky and loaded with feathers. The "parasites" went down the halls walking over something soft like worms. They had green F's put on their foreheads and powder in their hair. They were led over to a sophomore who showed them what happened to a naughty freshman. The lowest of the low

held out their hands and felt in separate parts, her liver, brains and backbone. They were led up to a lounge, where the "filthy frosh" had to imitate a "dog". Then the parasites were allowed to sit down.

When all the "filthy frosh" were assembled in the lounge, the blindfolds came off and the sophomores sang: "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." They then served the "lowly ones" doughnuts and cider.

A program followed with Clara Johnson singing and dancing. Al-frieda Beyer played "Honey and the Horn" on the accordion, Edna Williams read a poem and Betty Anderson did the Hula. Everyone sang, ending with the Alma Mater. Of course, everyone had a good time.

Repair Radio Room

The radio room equipment has been completely repaired and is ready for use. Plans are being made for three one-half hours of radio time per week. A schedule of programs will be announced later.

Twenty-nine students have enrolled in debate and forensics. The first debate tournament will be the State Novice Tournament in November. The state extempore contest will be held here at Alma in December.

Through the Speakers' Bureau, plans are being made for various speakers at civic group activities. This organization offers practical experience for speech students as well as being a service to the community.

Case Workers Hear Dubois

Dr. Charles F. DuBois discussed social problems, with emphasis on a practical, positive approach, before the case work class held Wednesday evening, October 14, at Miss Steward's home.

The aim of the discussion was to point up what can be done in the light of what needs to be done from the standpoint of the class. Dr. DuBois stressed that the people's needs are not always physical or medical. Emphasis was given to the importance of unity in the family and the mental attitude on the part of the family towards their home.

Dr. DuBois is City Health Officer for Alma, president of the Gratiot - Isabella - Clare County Medical board, and Chief of Staff at Smith Memorial hospital. He has also served as vice-president of Michigan's State Medical society.

His Bachelor's degree is from the University of North Dakota. His graduate work was at Rush Medical school at the University of Chicago and his internship at Detroit.

Study Major Issues Before Congress

The Alma Chamber of Commerce has received an up-to-date study guide on the eleven major issues before Congress in 1954. The material will be assigned to sub-committee task forces for study, discussion and action.

The background material, not available through other sources, is to be reviewed by the general membership so all members may be prepared to express their views on the matter to Congress.

The eleven major issues are: taxes, spending, agriculture, Taft-Hartley act, social security, highways, postal rates, government functions, treaty law, foreign trade and housing.

Many Committees on National Affairs are meeting with their senators and congressmen in order to obtain the views of their representatives on these important issues.

The material is available at the Alma college Publicity office for distribution to the various study groups.



SWIGARTS DONATE PROJECTOR, PIANO

A movie projector has been given to the college by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Swigart in memory of their son David. David's death came unexpectedly on the morning of February 23, 1949. He had served some time as a Marine on Iwo Jima and at the time of his death was a junior at Alma college.

The memorial to David, printed in the 1949 Scotsman, read "Dur-his life at Alma, Dave Swigart was the type of person who is known and loved by everyone. Few will fail to remember this quiet young man who always had a friendly greeting for everyone, and who could always find the time to stop and visit with a sick friend."

Mr. Raymond Swigart taught mathematics at Alma college for four years during the war and last year taught a course in mechanical drawing. Previously he had taught for 23½ years in the Alma high school. His Bachelor and Master of Science degrees were taken at Alma and his Master of Arts at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Swigart, his wife, taught mathematics and Latin in the Alma high school for four years. Before she was married, Mrs. Swigart taught in New York state. Her Bachelor's and Master's degrees are from the University of Rochester.

Mr. Swigart and his sister, both graduates of Alma, have generously contributed the piano which is now in use in the main lounge of the Jerry Tyler student center.

With the Greeks

SIGMA PHIS PLAN BANQUET

The Sigma Phi sorority is very happy to announce three new sisters: Alice Erb of Brooklyn, Ann Humphreys of Grand Rapids, and Lovlynne Runkle of Royal Oak.

The banquet for Sigma Phi will be held at the Alma Methodist church at 6:00 p. m. Homecoming day. Among the guests will be Mrs. Monthiel, a charter member.

THETAS CONGRATULATE QUEEN & CHEERLEADERS

Jackie Elliott and Cleo Johnson are welcomed as pledges into the Alpha Theta sorority.

The appearance of the float and the return of many familiar faces at the sorority banquet will be highlights of the Homecoming.

Congratulations are due in two realms to members and pledges of the sorority: to Alice Welsh, Homecoming Queen, and Allene Stolt, a member of the court, and to four girls who made the cheer-leading squad: Betty Anderson, Jackie Elliott, Cleo Johnson, and Barbara Jones.

The sorority is pleased that Jeannine Moran is recovering rapidly from an appendectomy.

Alpha Theta is planning to send representatives from Alma to a Panhellenic meeting which will be held in Mt. Pleasant on November 20 and 21.

VISIT PATRONESSES

The Kappa Iota sorority will hold its banquet in the Presbyterian church parlors at 6:30 p. m.

The sorority is proud of its pledges and feels that they will be a great asset to the organization. They are: Beverle Laird, Jan Chadwick, Billie Beattie and Marge Lyda.

The meeting of October 12 was held at the home of Mrs. Hender-shot. After the meeting the members enjoyed visiting with their patronesses and sharing delicious refreshments.

KIS PLAN SOCK HOP

Kappa Iota sisters are now planning the Sock Hop which will be held on Friday, October 30.

PHIS CLOSE HELL WEEK WITH HAYRIDE, ROAST

Phi Phi Alpha culminated the activities of Hell Week with a hayride on Friday evening, October 9. Recently acquired pledges were to be found nestling contentedly in obscure corners, glad to be over the worry and strain of Hell Week.

Thanks should be given to Bill Stuckey for the donation of his tractor and wagon.

The fun began with this social function, shortly after the initiation of the new members into the fraternity. Refreshments were later served at Conservation park.

The fourteen pledges of Phi Phi Alpha are: Dick Humphreys, Fred Wynnarden, John Salow, Carl Rohloff, Bob Spenser, Jack Carleton, Marv Raab, Bob Hoag, Bill Varney, Joe Hill, Bob Wagner, Homer Smith, Jim Gordon and Ed White.

DELTS PLAN OPEN HOUSE

During the past week the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity has acquired five new pledges and put them through their paces. The new members are: Dick Ruddick, Clifford Starks, Gordon Visser, Alberto Amaya, and Bob Smith. The Deltas are happy to welcome them as new brothers.

This is Homecoming weekend, and the Deltas have been busy working on the float and lawn decorations. The float committee consists of Bob Carney as chairman, John Marble, Gordon Converse, George Spriggs and Don Drew. The lawn decoration committee is headed by George Paxton and is composed of the members who live in the house. All the other Deltas cleaned the house Wednesday and Thursday, and helped on the float and lawn decoration.

To top off the Homecoming festivities, there will be the annual banquet at the Park hotel in St. Louis, for the Delt members, alumni, and new members. The Delta Gamma Tau brothers welcome back all of their alumni and hope all who can will come to the banquet and will visit the fraternity house.

The student body is reminded of the Open House next Friday, October 23 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Refreshments, dancing, and entertainment will be provided, so bring your girl or come stag if you have nothing else to do.



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ALBION'S FRIBERG STAR QUARTERBACK

The Scots renew their 54 year old gridiron rivalry with Albion in the big Homecoming clash Saturday. Coach Del Anderson's Albion club will be a heavy favorite to win their second straight over the Scots in as many years. Last fall, the Britons broke a twelve year jinx that the Scots held over them by defeating Alma, 14 to 0. Albion's previous victory came way back in 1940. During the intervening years, Alma rolled up ten straight victories including a 40 to 0 lacing handed Albion in 1951. That victory gave the Scots a M.I.A.A. championship that was not to be repeated.

52 to 0. The score undoubtedly would have been much higher had not Anderson pulled out his first two strings early in the game. The last M.I.A.A. defeat suffered by the Britons was in November of 1951 at the hands of Alma in that previously mentioned 40 to 0 lacing.

Alma's grid mentor, Lloyd Eaton, who has a five year record at the Pine River school of 25 victories and only 11 defeats, including two ties, has different plans for the Britons Saturday. The underdog Scots will definitely be

flow their supremacy. Eaton has the great Marv Raab, who has piled up 270 yards in three games this year and maintained a 7.9 rushing average. Last Saturday, his 70 yard run was the feature attraction of the game. The week before he scored three touchdowns against Bluffton college of Ohio. At quarterback Eaton expects to use the trio of Denny Stolz, George Fox and Archie Michie. With such depth at this position, Eaton can afford to substitute freely. Hard running Bobby Hamilton will start at Right Half and Captain Bruce DePue will return to the lineup at fullback after a two-week layoff because of a sprained ankle. Eaton has veteran end Doyle McIntosh at right end and the freshman sensation Joe Halcomb at the left flank. The tackles will be "Big John" Laskarides and Jim Hahn. The guards will be Jack Kring and the "big chief," Fred Wood. Wood batted down a pair of passes at Hillsdale last week end and ruined Bluffton by blocking a punt that end Tom Blue recovered in the end zone for an Alma touchdown. In the center of the Scot line is the rough 200 pound Jack Carleton, a junior from Saginaw. In addition to this lineup, Eaton has plenty of capable reserves. Tackle Bill Voska can fill in at any place in the line. Center Jim Rickly can do likewise. Halfbacks Fred Spain and Thayer Talcott are speedy seatbacks that can really carry the mail. Gene Simcox, although a freshman, gained over 117 yards while filling in for DePue at fullback in the last two games. All in all, Eaton has a team that, with the right spirit, can dish out quite a licking to anybody's ballclub. Two years ago, Albion came to Alma a 12-point favorite. The final score of that game was: Alma, 40; Albion, a goose egg.

Hillsdale Defeats Alma 20-7 in M.I.A.A. Opener

Hillsdale college pulled one out of the fire Saturday in the final quarter and put the brakes on the previously undefeated Alma college Scots. The final score was 20 to 7 in favor of the Dales, but this gives no indication of how close the game actually was. Coach Lloyd W. Eaton sent the Scots into the game with a marvelous undefeated record behind them. The Hillsdale club entered the tilt with a two and one record. Alma previously had squashed Anderson college of Indiana, 26 to 0, and Bluffton college of Ohio 25 to 6. This game was the first real test for both teams in addition to being the M.I.A.A. opener for both squads.

Charley Bachman's outfit scored first when halfback Don Tallman took a 15-yard pass for a touchdown. Ron Perrian converted for the Dales and they led, 7 to 0. About four minutes later, early in the second period, Alma's star halfback and leading collegiate scorer in the state of Michigan, Marv Raab, drove over right tackle and zigzagged his way 70 yards for an Alma touchdown. Guards

Fred Wood, from Newberry, and Jack Kring, Petoskey, issued the key blocks to set Raab loose. Quarterback George Fox, Fowler then kicked the vital extra point and the Scots had tied it up, 7 to 7.

For over 30 minutes of playing time and deep into the fourth quarter the score remained tied. Then, with less than 10 minutes left in the game, a Hillsdale freshman broke up the game when he intercepted a pass by Raab and scooted 56 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. The freshman was Nate Clark, who broke up what looked like an Alma touchdown drive and beautifully followed some terrific blocking to give the Dales the ball game. A few minutes later, Perrian lunged into the end zone for pay dirt to insure the Hillsdale lead. His touchdown was set up on a 15 yard penalty against Alma. John Moffatt converted and the final score read: Hillsdale 20, Alma 7.

Sophs Sponsor Frosh Dance

Low in attendance but high in joviality, was the Frosh dance held at Tyler center last Saturday, October 10. The dance was sponsored by the sophomore class.

The extremely low attendance was attributed to the fact that many people had either journeyed to Hillsdale for the football game or had gone home for the weekend.

Wearing their traditional green hair ribbons and name tags, the freshmen girls were well represented. The couples danced to recorded music in Tyler auditorium.

MIAA ROUNDUP

By Walter Lovell

When Hillsdale upset the Scots last Saturday, the M. I. A. A. gridiron race was turned into a topsy-turvy affair. The other main title contenders, Albion and Hope, both came through with victories, leaving them undefeated in-league play. Albion trounced Kalamazoo, 39 to 12 while the Hope Dutchmen "raised Cain" at Adrian, beating the Bulldogs 20 to 7. At the present, the conference race is still wide open Albion, Hope, Hillsdale, and Alma pitted as top contender. The fate of the Scots will be decided this week end against Albion. The Britons will be heavy favorites, but Coach Lloyd Eaton is running his team through a spelling contest with the main topic of U-P-S-E-T. Coach Charlie Bachman's Hillsdale club meets Hope at Holland Saturday. The Dutchmen have won three straight victories over Carroll, Olivet, and Adrian. This game, however, will be their first big test. The Dales, by knocking off the Scots last week, have established themselves as a tough contender despite the fact that Bachman has nearly a complete freshman squad. At Adrian Saturday will be Homecoming for the Bulldogs. Kalamazoo will be the opponent and although neither team will figure in the league race, both are very capable of upsetting any of the top contenders. Olivet college the newest member to the



Lloyd W. Eaton GEARED FOR UPSET

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic association, will have little glory this fall. They started out by edging Adrian in a close 7-6 battle, but have shown little since then. Nevertheless, when the points are counted Saturday after the Alma-Albion and Hope-Hillsdale tilts, there will be some surprised faces and possibly two top flight contenders will break out from the present muddle.

M.I.A.A. Standings

M.I.A.A. Games	W	L	Pct.	pf	pa
Albion	2	0	1.000	91	12
Hope	2	0	1.000	45	7
Hillsdale	1	0	1.000	20	7
Olivet	0	1	.333	7	83
ALMA	0	1	.000	7	20
Kalamazoo	0	1	.000	12	39
Adrian	0	2	.000	13	27

All Games	W	L	Pct.	pf	pa
Albion	2	2	.667	109	39
Hope	3	1	.750	72	42
Hillsdale	3	1	.750	79	42
Olivet	1	3	.250	20	103
ALMA	2	1	.667	58	26
Kalamazoo	1	2	.333	46	78
Adrian	1	3	.250	39	46

Saturday's Results (Oct. 10, 1953)

Albion 39, Kalamazoo 12
Hillsdale 20, ALMA 7
Hope 20, Adrian 7



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Alma Runs against Albion

Alma college Cross-country Coach Charles Skinner is making preparations for Friday when the Scot runners play host to the Albion M.I.A.A. championship cross country team. Last Saturday the Scots dropped their second meet of the season to Hillsdale; the previous defeat a 15 to 50 loss at the hands of Central Michigan college. Alma's top runner this year is the veteran Phil Smith, a native of Alma and captain of the 1953 squad. Phil placed fifth against Hillsdale and finished first for the Scots. The week before the Hillsdale meet the Scots trampled Olivet college by a 24-33 margin. Hard running Ernie MacDonald finished first for the Scots, followed by Smith who placed second. Joe Hill came in

Bob Carney was eighth. Against Hillsdale, MacDonald placed sixth behind Phil Smith with Rasmussen coming in ninth.

Against Albion Friday Coach Skinner plans to start Smith, MacDonald, Rasmussen Hill, Carney and Drew. As defending M.I.A.A. champions in cross country, the Britons will be the favorite. The Scots' next match will be at Kalamazoo on October 24.

Foundation Award

The Freedoms Foundation, realizing that America's future leadership will come from the colleges of the nation, is seeking to recognize and award campus programs, through meetings, publications, and seminars. The aim of the Foundation is to alert the youth of America to their responsibilities and their duty in maintaining democratic principles.

The Foundation has made comprehensive mailings to colleges all over United States. However, in order that all activities may be considered for nomination for an award, the *almanian* requests nominations from the entire student body.

The closing date for nominations is November 11, 1953. The recipients of the 1953 awards will be chosen by Rev. Theodore M. Heshburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame.

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Human Affairs Assembly Topic

The assembly speaker for October 28 will be the noted British author and authority on international and human relations, Dr. S. E. Priestley. He is now touring the campuses of the United States presenting his information gathered through personal experience. Educated both in England and the United States, he holds four advanced degrees in history, political science, economics and theology. He has served on the faculty of New York university and as a visiting lecturer in Argentina, Peru and Chile.

His interest in international and human relations has taken him to more than 37 countries on four continents. Recently he returned from a tour of the Near East and Europe, studying the problems of the underprivileged and underdeveloped regions.

Dr. Priestley is especially interested in the fight against illiteracy, disease, hunger and poverty throughout the world. He wrote his doctoral dissertation on "The Agrarian Problem in Mexico" and he has also written on other social and economic subjects.

From 1948 to 1953 he was vice-chairman of the Speakers' Research committee for the United Nations and is at present serving as consultant and lecturer for the Michigan Council for UNESCO. He is an active layman in the world wide work of the YMCA and a member of the program committee of the Armed Services department, National board, YMCA. He is heard frequently over the radio and has spoken before organizations in 46 states. He is a brilliant and objective speaker who is able to draw upon his comprehensive training and wealth of human experience in many parts of the world.

Students who would be interested in speaking with Dr. Priestley before he leaves for Illinois that same day should make appointments by contacting Professor Howe.

SURVEY BACKGROUNDS

Chicago, Ill.—A new curriculum has been established at the Chicago Teachers college whereby the system of "minors" is abolished and students may take electives of their choice, without need of conforming to any particular sequence.

The number of kinds of curricula has been reduced. Under the new system there will be only one standard curriculum with adaptations for physical education and home mechanics students only.

Progress has been made in the elimination of "methods" courses and in the improvement of the placement of courses. All methods courses will be completed before the student teaching semester, and not concurrently or afterwards as has been allowed previously.

Dean Raymond Cook, who outlined the outstanding characteristics of the curriculum, said the curriculum is designed to meet both state and city requirements. He disclosed that students can now work for a Master's degree in shop or business education. The curriculum leading to these degrees is designed to prepare the student for a number of related fields.

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Ask Nominations

Durham, N. H. (I. P.)—Secondary school standing is still the most accurate single predictor of academic success in college, according to Director of Admissions at the University of New Hampshire, Donald H. Richards and Assistant Harry Carroll. The two conducted a comparative survey

of academic success in high schools or preparatory schools in relation to the various standard test scores of incoming students.

Their conclusion was that in terms of university standards, students ranking in the upper 40 per cent of their high school classes seem to be generally well prepared and appear to have the ability and motivation necessary for success at the college level.

Although admitting that it is apparent that several factors influence an individual's success in college, students from the fifth quintile, upper 20 per cent of their high school class, were 85 per

cent successful in college. From the fourth quintile, slightly over 70 per cent did successful college work. Students admitted on the basis of examinations who fell within the third quintile were only 57 per cent successful, and below that class standing, were less than 50 per cent successful.

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