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Novice Debate Teams Very Successful

Alma College's Novice Debate Squad was very successful in the first scheduled debate tourney conducted by the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League. The tourney was held at Albion College on November 19 and was participated in by 10 Michigan Colleges.

The year's question being debated throughout the nation is: "Resolved that the non-agricultural industries should guarantee their employees an annual wage."

Alma had two unbeaten teams. They were: Affirmative: Joan Moore from Lansing and Richard Heuschele from Alma; and Negative: Betsy McQueen from Birmingham and Bob Beltz from Grosse Pointe. The affirmative team won over Wayne, U. of D. and Hope; the negative won over Wayne, U. of D. and Western Michigan.

The team of Isabel Coubrough from Detroit and Jean Molyneux from Alma won over Western Michigan and lost to Albion and Wayne.

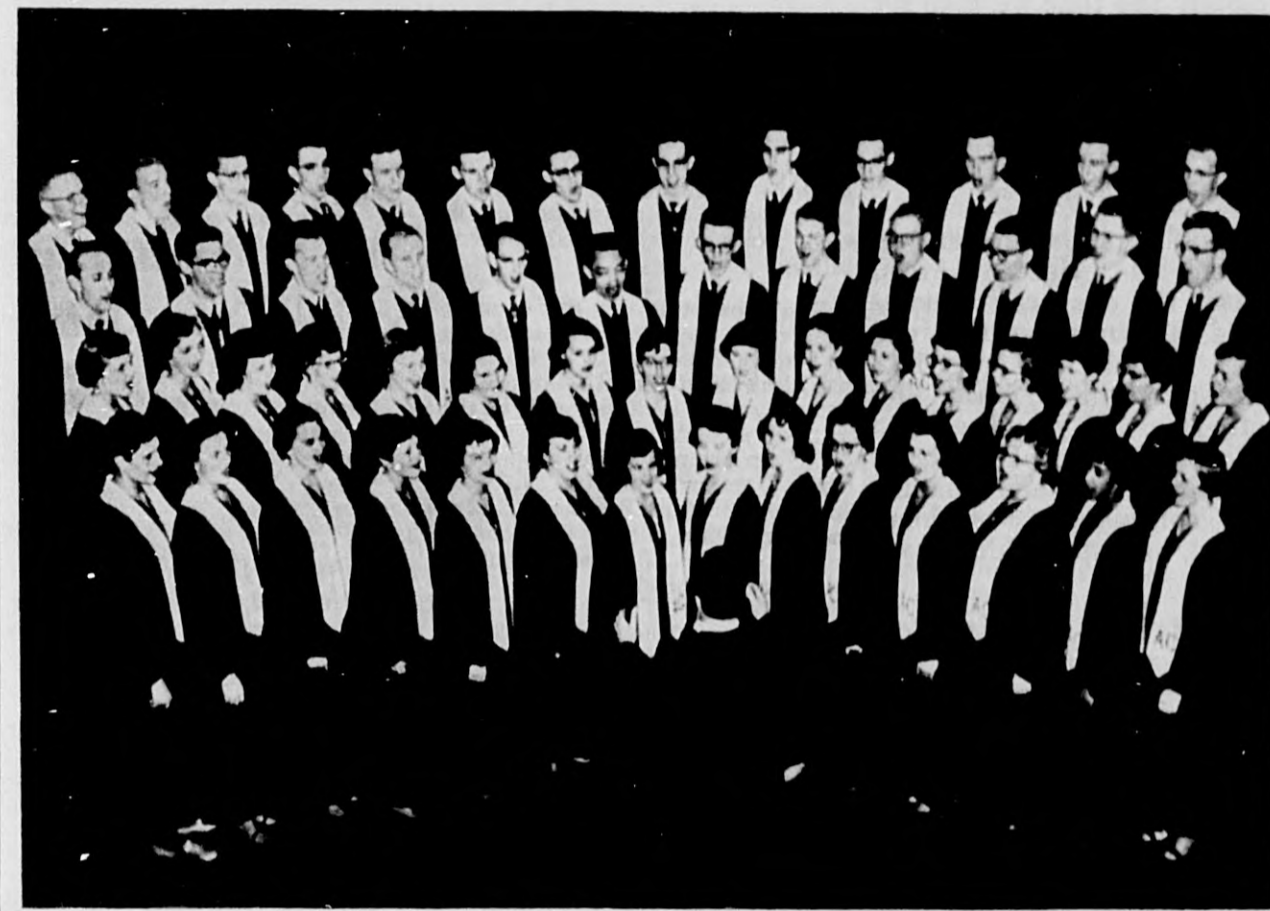
Student judges for the tourney were Mary Lou Heberlein and Bob White.

On Friday, November 18, Robert White participated in annual Albion Debate Conference on this year's question and did a very fine job in presenting the affirmative side of the question.

Indian Lore, Assembly Topic

Eagle Plume, America's foremost interpreter of Indian lore and life and culture, will appear here at an assembly program December 14.

Hailing from the Indian country of the West and having descended from a pioneer family that boasts of a strain of Indian blood, Eagle Plume naturally became a student of Indian history. As an army scout in World War II he had an unusual opportunity to study the primitive peoples of the Solomons



and other Pacific Islands. These rich experiences, coupled with his study of anthropology, have made him a leading authority of the stonage age of man.

Eagle Plume is convinced that a great threat to the peace of the world today is modern man's lack of understanding of the part of each race in the development of civilization. For that reason, Eagle Plume, when he graduated from the University of Colorado, decided to dedicate his life to the cause of creating better racial relationships by telling the story of the ancestor of all men, primitive man.

Most of his lectures are given in Indian garb and he uses the name his grandmother gave him. Actually, he does not pose as an Indian for he feels that the Indian blood circulating in his veins is too slight. He uses the Indian peoples as a medium for telling the story because the Indian was one of the last of the stone age men to survive the modern times.

Masquers Play Called Success

by Jodie Lilley

A web of suspicion completely encircled the audience of "An Inspector Calls" the nights of November 17 and 18 as seven people held each of us spellbound for two hours of pure drama.

All but two of the actors were inexperienced on Alma's stage, and all of them gave fresh, live performances. There was some hesitancy on the part of the di-hard, but when the final curtain closed, the reluctance melted and, as one junior remarked, "I don't care what anyone says—I liked it!" Amen. The show was indeed a success for Prof. Miner, who is now encouraged to tackle even better plays in the future.

To choose outstanding players is perhaps unfair to the rest of the cast who undoubtedly worked just as diligently on their characterizations, but I was so completely captured by some of them, that some specific mention must be made.

First of all is the young lady who kept the show together as a character and as an actress—Phyllis Dresbach, affectionately known to us now as Sheila. Here was a sophomore with very little experience behind her ("The Crucible" and a one-act) who floated across the stage in ethereal grandeur and innocence. Naturalness is her asset.

Right next to Sheila was definitely her brother, Eric, Stan

Schnepf. Although somewhat inebriated throughout, he maintained a down-to-earth attitude toward the whole "sordid" situation in which he found himself. Nothing was out of place in his character. Phyllis and Stan WERE brother and sister, and there was no separating them. Stan has made a place for himself permanently behind the Alma proscenium.

A proof of any characterization is to believe that Phyllis Dresbach or Stan Schnepf or Joe The pian IS Sheila, Eric, or Napoleon II. I believed every moment that Phyllis or Stan or the others I will commend hereafter were!

Gerald Croft, the only one who gave "Eva Smith" happiness, is in reality Terry Hunt, an appealing fellow with sincerity, warmth and decisiveness. Could it be that his role was real to him? If so, let him go further into his experience, for he will shine in future theatrical endeavors also.

Mary Lou Heberlein said very little on stage those nights, but what she did say and do will mark

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Safe Driving Day Was Thursday

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Facing a new upward trend in fatal accidents, the President's Committee for Traffic Safety has joined again with national organizations in sponsoring a nationwide Safe Driving Day: "S-D Day". The date was December 1, 1955.

This campaign has the endorsement of President Eisenhower, all 48 governor and mayors of cities throughout the nation. Nearly 200 organizations are participating.

The purpose of this campaign is two-fold:

1. Not a single traffic accident during the 24 hours of December 1, in daylight or darkness.
2. Year-round public support for year-round traffic programs of proven effectiveness.

Rear Admiral H. B. Miller (U.S.-N., retired), said:

"Safety on the streets and highways of every community depends upon two factors: first, a comprehensive official program, efficiently administered by the appropriate authorities—the year around; and, second, organized public support of this program — the year around.

"Last year, there were 10,000,000 traffic accidents in the United States. They killed 36,000 people—one every 15 minutes; injured 1 1/4 million others—one every 25 seconds; and cost an estimated 4.4 billion dollars in medical bills, property loss and other expense, including loss in earnings.

"The basic goal of S-D Day is to demonstrate that those accidents can be greatly reduced when all motorists and pedestrians fulfill their personal responsibility for safety."

Scorekeeping of fatalities began November 21—S-D minus 10—and will continued through S-D Day plus 10.

The first S-D Day, last December, produced a reduction in the national toll of deaths and injuries and in the number of accidents, as against the comparable day in 1953. For the second S-D Day, everyone in every state and community was asked to join in bringing about a much bigger reduction.

S-D Day 1954 demonstrated that the place to attack the traffic safety problem is in the community, and that the responsibility rests upon each individual.

S-D Day 1955 will further im-

Anthology Material Encouraged

It's still not too late to turn in your original writing or art work for the Pine River Anthology, according to the editor, Gene Pattison. Although plans for publishing the magazine are still tentative, the selections are being chosen to be included in the magazine.

Choir Tour Schedule Plans Complete

The Alma College A Cappella Choir takes its traditional annual Christmas tour from December 3 through December 7, and will travel throughout the southwestern part of Michigan. The itinerary this year includes the following performances:

Saturday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. First

Presbyterian Church, Allegan.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship service, First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, LaPorte, Indiana.

Monday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. Allegan High School.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Ionia.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 9:15 a. m. and 10:25 a.m. Handy High School Bay City.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw

Professor Ernest G. Sullivan, head of the Music department of Alma College and conductor of the A Cappella Choir, has been with the college three years. Mr. Sullivan has seen ever wider recognition come to the 25 year old choir. Professor Sullivan brings to his position a rich background of academic and professional experience.

The A Capella Choir, organized in 1930 with thirty singers, now has a membership of 57 selected students. The development of the choir has been an interesting and inspirational process of growth—both in personnel and in purely artistic achievements. During its 25 year history the choir has sung under four directors.

The concert selections are as follows:

- I
- O Sing Unto the Lord..... Hans Leo Hassler
 - Glory to God in the Highest..... G. B. Pergolesi
 - Mary Lynn Black, Soprano
 - Janet McLeod, Mezzo Soprano
 - Charles Hornbrook, Bass
 - Charles Walker, Tenor
 - Nan Stromberg, Accompanist
 - Rosa Mystica..... B. J. Cole
 - Alan Watterworth, Tenor
 - Beside Thy Cradle..... J. S. Bach
 - In Dulci Jubilo..... Arr. Christiansen
 - Born Today..... J. P. Sweelinck

- II
- What Child Is This (Greenleaves)..... Arr. Parker & Shaw
 - Young Kim, Tenor
 - Raymond Goodin, Baritone
 - Ding Dong, Merrily on High..... Arr. Charles Wood
 - This Endris Night..... John Lea—Morgan
 - Kay McKenna, Soprano
 - Donald Jackson, Tenor
 - A Child This Day is Born..... Harriet L. Ilse

- III
- The Christmas Song..... Arr. Ringwald
 - Fum, Fum, Fum..... Arr. Shaw & Parker
 - This Little Babe..... Benjamin Britten
 - The Alma Singers
 - Nan Stromberg, Accompanist
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Saturday Recreation Program to Begin

For the third year the Alma Christian Association is sponsoring the Saturday morning recreation program for boys and girls of the Alma area. There will be about 60 ten to fifteen year-olds participating. Director of the program is Robert Benjamin, with Bob Evina acting as assistant director and Jackie LaDree in charge of the girl's recreation. Dr. Ross Miller is faculty sponsor and Dr. Burt the physician.

Basketball is the sport currently on the agenda, with 18 home and away games scheduled. Some of the teams they will be playing are St. Johns Junior High, Maple Rapids Junior High, Shepherd Junior High, the St. Louis Boy's Club, and various others. At the end of the season a tournament will be held, with the winners gaining possession of a trophy to be kept for one year. Donors of the trophy are City Drug and the Alma Dairy.

Director Benjamin said that another All-Star Little League boxing tournament is being planned for this year. Last year Chuck Davey helped with the tournament, and probably another well-known boxer will be contacted for this year.

In the spring a baseball clinic will be conducted. Other activities the group will participate in are the Mexican Christmas and Easter parties.

More help is needed for the program, especially girls. If you are interested in helping, you can report to the college gym any Saturday morning.

print in the minds of all motorists and pedestrians the realization that, if they can greatly reduce accidents on one day, they can do so every day of the year. It will call attention dramatically to the importance of year-round support by every individual for existing safety programs of proven worth.

SAFE DRIVING TIPS

- Be sportsmanlike on every drive. Obey all traffic regulations.
- Keep speed reasonable. Start earlier and drive slower.
- Don't drive when you drink.
- Remember, danger increases with darkness; at sundown, reduce speed so you're within the range of your headlights.
- Stay in line — don't weave.
- Don't pass unless there's plenty of room—and never on hills or curves.
- Allow sufficient stopping distance between you and the car ahead.
- Be extra alert at intersections.
- Always signal your intention to turn or stop.
- If the weather is bad, don't drive unless you must. If you drive, double your care.
- Check your brakes, lights, windshield wipers, tires, and steering.

SAFE WALKING TIPS

- Cross streets only at crosswalks. Before crossing, look both ways. Cross only on proper signal.
- Watch for turning cars.
- Never go into the roadway between parked cars.
- If there is no sidewalk, and you must walk in the roadway, walk on the left, facing traffic.
- When walking at night, wear or carry something white to help drivers see you.

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SATURDAY NIGHT
HIGH SCHOOL GYM

EDITORIAL:

The second Safe Driving Day campaign will be completely ineffective if its purpose is not brought home to individuals in every community.

A well-worn phrase, now just words joined together, will point out the reason quite clearly. "The life you save may be your own."

The grim reaper finds able and willing assistants among drivers who are careless and discourteous. Here at Alma, the problem of student cars increases the dangers to pedestrians and other drivers.

Each one of us can help reduce the total of deaths lost in traffic accidents each year. With increased courtesy and care, our driving injuries and fatalities could be gradually cut to a minimum.

Careful drivers and pedestrians are their own best reward. They live longer and are more respected by those who share the highways with them.

All students who wish to make use of the Letters to the Editor column are cordially invited to do so.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



Music Dept. News

The Messiah will be presented by the Choral Union on Sunday, December 11, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The chorus will be accompanied by full orchestration, and they will be assisted by outstanding guest soloists.

Lois Laverty, Soprano, is on the faculty of Michigan State University. Dan Karney is well known in Lansing and throughout the state.

Don't forget to see the opening concert of the Alma Music Series on Friday, December 2, at 8 p.m. in the Alma High School Auditorium.

The program will include: Sonata in D minor, Opus 108, No. 3 by Johannes Brahms, Partita in E Major (for violin alone) by Johann Sebastian Bach, Premiere Sonata-Fantasia by Heitor Ville-Lobos Two Caprices, 17 and 24 by Niccolò Paganini, Two Caprices, 3 and 4 by Ruben Varga, Legenda by Henri Wieniawski and Carmen Fantasia by Georges Bizet, arranged by Waxman.

The Christmas Concert by the Cappella Choir will be given on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Chapel. This will be the only time that the choir will give its Christmas Concert on campus, and this concert will be the climax of the choir tour.

Student Council News

The Council hopes that everyone who attended the dance last night enjoyed themselves very much.

The problem in the "chow hall" has improved considerably. It is hoped that all students will continue their support in the elimination of this problem.

The Council also would like to ask your help in keeping the Tyler Center the beautiful place that it deserves to be.

The Council has been granted permission to open the Tyler Auditorium right after dinner for any who wish to dance. Each week the schedule will be posted as to the days the Auditorium is open. Records will be furnished.

December 7, 1955

by Jody Lilley

Put down that gun, my wee placid lad.

It's the beginning of Peace We'll prove War is bad - Then speak in peaceful ways. Fear is our weapon In our lives and . . . We're counting the days 'Til Fear is dead and Life can live. So, put down that gun, my wee placid lad. It was FEAR, yes, FEAR That killed your dad.

Something for Everyone

by Jim Stringham

It has come to my attention that the cultural needs of many types of people are being neglected by this college. As a remedy, I would suggest the organization of clubs such as:

THE PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE CLUB, an organization which will meet weekly to study the more interesting works of such great authors as Chaucer, Boccaccio, and Spillane;

THE LITTLE SOVIETS, which will be our own official Communist front organization;

THE CHEMISTRY CAN BE FUN CLUB, which will conduct chemical experiments, study the scientific method, but mainly make moonshine;

and THE "DOWN WITH EVERYTHING" CLUB, which will work towards the violent overthrow of the administration of this college. Their slogan will be: "We are revolting."

I will welcome any suggestions for additions to this list.

The World on Parade

by Jack Homer

Washington — Despite a warning sent to the Soviet several weeks ago, Communist nations are reported moving rapidly to deliver some 80 millions of dollars worth of weapons to Egypt. This puts increased pressure on the United States to meet Israel's urgent request for military aid.

Washington — A group of business, labor, farm and professional leaders last week sent a letter to the government saying that the cold war was in one of its most perilous stages and urged that, besides keeping its military strength up, we should embark on a courageous and imaginative program to stem the tide of Communism.

India — Some doubt has been cast over just what Communist Party Boss Khrushchev said in

his description of Russia's hydrogen bomb. The disagreement concerns whether he said the bomb exceeded the force of a million tons of TNT, or whether he said 'millions' of tons. Thus, the comparative nuclear might of Russia and the United States hinged on the interpretation of a phrase—not to mention a few million tons of TNT.

Gettysburg — President Eisenhower eased back into the political spotlight last week as Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall went to visit him. Many problems were to be discussed, but the really important one will be—"Will the President try for re-election next year." Whether Mr. Eisenhower has made up his mind, or whether he will make any disclosures in the forthcoming talks is not known.

Social Calendar

December 2, Friday: Chapel.

December 3, Saturday: Education Conference; Basketball: Olivet, here; W.A.A. Dime Dance after game.

December 4, Sunday: Choir Tour begins; Parnassians, 8:00 p.m.

December 5, Monday: Chapel; Choir Tour; Inter-Fraternity Council, 9:00 p.m.; Inter-Sorority Council, 10:00 p.m.

December 6, Tuesday: Choir Tour; Student Council, 7:00 p.m.; German Club, 7:00 p.m.; Los Companeros, 7:00 p.m.; Choral Union, 7:30 p.m.

December 7, Wednesday: Choir Tour; College Division Recital, 4:00 p.m.; Vet's Club, 6:15 p.m.; A.C.A., 7:00 p.m.; Basketball: Albion, there.

December 8, Thursday: F.T.A., 7:00 p.m.

December 9, Friday: Chapel; Band Social.

December 10, Saturday: Delt Holly House; Basketball: Ferris, here.

December 11, Sunday: Handel's "Messiah" by Choral Union; Phi Phi Alpha Closed Party.

December 12, Monday: Chapel.

December 13, Tuesday: Student Council, 7:00 p.m.; French Club, 7:00 p.m.; El Circulo Espanol, 7:00 p.m.; Chemistry Club, 7:00 p.m.; Basketball: Calvin, there.

December 14, Wednesday: Assembly; Vet's Club, 6:15 p.m.; Home Economics Tea for Faculty: A.C.A., 7:00 p.m.; DeMolay, 8:00 p.m.

December 15, Thursday: Drama Club, 7:00 p.m.; Home Economics Club, 7:00 p.m.; Biology Club, 7:00 p.m.; Economics Forum, 8:15 p.m.; Delt Closed Party, 7:00 p.m.; W.S.-G.A. Christmas Party.

December 16, Friday: Chapel; Basketball: Michigan Tech, there.

December 17, Saturday: Basketball: Northern Michigan, there. CHRISTMAS VACATION, 12:00 p.m.

Dear Hildegarde,

Dear Hildegarde, My boy friend doesn't get off work until 10:00 at night, and I just can't sleep unless I see him in the evening. How can I persuade the housemother to let him visit me at 10:05?

Sleepless

Dear Sleepless,

I suggest that you talk this over with your housemother, although you should realize that it is expecting a lot from her to grant this favor every night.

You should consider that this may not be the "real McCoy" but only an infatuation. Try to go without seeing him evenings for several days. If you're sure then that he's "The One," your future relations will be much steadier.

Hildegarde

All students and faculty are invited to submit original work for the almanian.

Political Forum to Prepare Charter

An organizational meeting of the Bi-Partisan Political Forum of Alma College will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 1955, in room 100, Old Main, for the purposes of electing permanent officers and instituting a formal charter.

We were pleased to have Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R) as our speaker, Wednesday, November 30. His topic included both the European situation and the national situation. Questions were answered by the representative following his talk.

Speakers for this year have been U. S. Senator Charles E. Potter and State Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Cavanaugh, in addition to Rep. Bentley.

Plans are being made to secure U. S. Senator McNamara and state officials: Governor Williams, Republican Chairman John Feikens, Lt. Gov. Phillip Hart and State Rep. Ford in the future.

Temporary officers of the Bi-Partisan Political Forum are Richard Johnson and Charles Parrott, co-chairmen, and Phil Chisholm and Calvin Leavy, publicity and secretary, respectively.

Play

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her as a trooper hereafter. She was Edna, the maid, who ushered problems in and out of the Birling home as properly as the Duchess of Windsor and made herself just as important whenever she was on stage. More power to her.

Now, I do want to mention the rest of the cast, for I believe anyone who has a desire to improve can learn from experience (where have I heard that before?). Dick Knowles walked into the role of Inspector Goole, recently "vacated" by Thomas Mitchell on Broadway. A large shoe to fill, but Dick was a long way toward success and much improved over his performances of the last two years in "The Crucible" and two one-acts. He had a lot to say, prompted by condemnation of and sympathy for the tragedy of a suicide that was to occur AFTER his visit to the Birlings. Best of luck to Dick in coming productions.

Betsy McQueen, Mrs. Birling, seemed quite comfortable in her role, but she also tended to "read" her lines. There were moments when I felt her emotions and caught her naturalness for the part, but she needed a bit more understanding of the time—1912—in which she was, so that she could live in that period.

And last, Bob Beltz, as stuffy, business-like Mr. Birling, played a stereotype quite well, but I saw more of a wooden soldier doing his duty than I saw of true acting. Bob can develop into a fine actor with more practice at being the character rather than a suggestion of one.

The set has long since been struck for "An Inspector Calls," but the picture of it is still bright so that when the next production is staged, we'll be acquainted with the players who "strut and fret" on Alma's and life's stage.

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh—at yourself. Ethel Barrymore

It is better to go down on the great seas which human hearts were made to sail than to rot at the wharves in ignoble anchorage. Hamilton Wright Mabie

With the Greeks

ALPHA THETA

The Alpha Theta Sorority congratulates Paula Bare and Edna Williams on their election to Who's Who.

An invitation to the sorority from the patronesses has been received and accepted. They have invited the Thetas to join them in a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Jim McHugh on December 12. Gifts will be exchanged and a holiday theme will be carried out.

It was decided at the last meeting to continue the acquaintance with the folks at the County Farm by sending them cards at Christmas time. Also, something will be sent to a needy family here in Alma.

We were sorry to hear that Leona Lanshaw must become inactive, but we congratulate her on the ring she now wears on the third finger of her left hand. The lucky fellow is Elysworth Earegood of St. Louis.

DELTA GAMMA TAU

Are your week end dull? If you are looking for something new and different in the way of entertain-

ment, your problems are solved. Next week end, Dec. 10, is the date of the annual Holly House. The Holly House, sponsored by the Deltas and Sig Phis, will be an epic in entertainment. Our fortunate guests will have the opportunity of raising their voices in song as we all sing Christmas carols. Our happy guests will enjoy recordings of the world's greatest music and also some to which they can dance. For our good little guests, there will be a visit from St. Nick himself. Our hungry guests will receive something new and different in the way of refreshments. If you don't fit into any of the above categories, come and be classified. The party lasts from 8 to 11:30, so come and bring a friend.

DELTA SIGMA PHI

After many anxious weeks of curiosity, our new furniture has arrived. To the happiness of all it was delivered at a very opportune time, and safe and sound.

Many of the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi started the ball rolling by taking advantage of the privilege of inviting female guests to

the house on Tuesday evening. We also invite them in on Friday, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

On Monday, fourteen brothers will go to Jackson to attend the Delt Sig State Conclave.

Next week is also being looked forward to, rather anxiously, by the pledges.

On the intramural scene the "Chargers" are in the running in the volleyball league while the "Spikers" are moaning about "not enough moon-hangers."

Remember any freshmen and independent men are always welcome to drop around the house and enjoy themselves.

KAPPA IOTA

The K. I. Volleyball team finished the season third in the WAA league. Gail Sutherland was the team captain.

After the meeting Monday night the sorority surprised Marge Lyda and Sally Souders with a shower. Sally will be married to Lee Posey on December 17, and Marge and Fred Wood will be married December 22.

Congratulations go to Dorothea Houston and Carson Hollingsworth who are engaged.

PHI PHI ALPHA

We are glad to say that the Phi On the Town dance was a great success. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you.

We would like to congratulate brothers Eugene Pattison and James Wagar for appearing in "Who's Who." Also congratulations are in order for Mary Raab who was married to Joan McIntyre on Thanksgiving day.

SIGMA PHI

Beth Proctor, Karen Erdman, and Jan Zeilinger have been busy making posters for the Sigma Phi and Delta Gamma Tau Holly House, Saturday, December 10.

Marie Boyce and Gwenn Cross are planning the refreshments, such as Christmas cookies (and you come to find out what else we will have.) Also the girls are participating with the Deltas in the floor show.

ED. NOTE:

Once again we have managed to mix up portions of the Delta Gamma Tau and Delta Sigma Phi write-ups. Again we extend our humble apologies and hope that it will not happen again.

Choir Tour

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IV
The Sleep of the Child Jesus . . . F. Gevaert
Masters in This Hall . . . (Traditional French)
 . . . Arr. Shaw & Parker
The Virgin's Slumber Song . . . Max Reger
The Holly and the Ivy . . . Alfred Whitehead
 . . . Mary Lou Hartwick, Soprano
 . . . Charles Walker, Tenor
Glory to that New-Born King . . . Arr. John Work
The Shepherd's Story . . . C. Dickinson
The Alma Singers include:
Mary Lynn Black, Soprano; Carol Blanck, Soprano; Joan Donnelly, Alto; William Fuerstenau, Tenor; Eleanor Gieser, Soprano; Joseph Glendenning, Bass; Charles Hornbrook, Bass; Kay McKenna, Alto; Janet McLeod, Alto; and Alan Watterworth, Tenor.

The choir members will be staying in the homes of members of the congregation in each of the churches.

The soundness of Professor Sullivan's own musical background and the high standards he sets for his choirs insure a mechanically fine and musically sensitive performance of this varied Christmas program. Today the choir is recognized as one of the finest college choral groups in the mid-west.

The selections are of such variety as to insure a pleasurable hearing from all audiences. Bon Voyage to you all.

Dream girl: one with money to burn and looking for a match.

Meyer Appointed to Certification Committee

Dr. Lewis R. Toll, president of the National Association of Business Teacher-Training Institutions, a division of the United Business Education Association, National Education Association, announces the appointment of Dr. Stephen Meyer, Jr., professor of Business Administration at Alma College as chairman of the standing Committee on Business Teacher Certification.

The Association, through the Committee on Business Teacher Certification, is attempting to assist the State Departments of Education in proposals for the standardization of business teacher certification, to the extent that there may be a certain degree of reciprocity in the employment of business teachers who have received a teaching certificate in a state other than the one in which employment is sought. It is also attempting to restrict the certification of business teachers to those individuals who have what would be considered the necessary professional background and experience, resulting in the recruitment of teachers able to achieve a high level of competency in the students enrolled in commercial work.

With the current rise of school enrollments and the continued lack of an adequate supply of business teachers, the problem of providing a properly certificated business teacher takes on added significance and is, of course, of especial concern to the Association. It is endeavoring to make the heads of the State Departments of Education increasingly aware of the necessity of maintaining an adequate certification procedure. This has as its direct result the assurance of providing the student with an instructor who is eminently qualified to transmit to him current practices, procedures and standards used in today's business world. The service thus rendered revolves not only on the student, but industry and society as well.

At the N.A.B.T.T.I. convention, to be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on February 24-26, 1956, Dr. Meyer will report for the committee on its activities during the past year. Dr. Meyer will represent Alma College as a member institution at the convention, and will participate in a panel discussion on the educational and business experience background needed by the commercial teacher.

Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down.
Wm. M. Einans

Junior Class 3-D Campaign a Success

On Monday, November 21st, the Junior Class publicized that a dollar bill would be given to each Junior who attended the class meeting that night. This was the beginning of a fund raising campaign to help the class put on a bigger and better J-Hop on April 14th. Of course, there was a good turnout at the meeting, since most of the class wanted to see what "the catch was".

The class was presented with and accepted the following idea: that each member take his dollar home over the vacation and double it in any way. Some of the methods used were: baby sitting, car washing, taxi service, pizza sales, snow shoveling, and numerous odd jobs around the house and neighborhood of each student.

On Monday, the 28th, the money was doubled and turned in once more to the class fund. This was "3-D". (Dollar Doubler Day). None of the returns were tabulated, however, until that same night, when the class gathered in room 100 of the Old Main for several hours of dancing, games, refreshments and comparing of money-making methods. Then the news was let out by the class treasurer and her tabulating committee; the class treasury now amounted to close to \$241.00 with at least \$48.00 still promised! The experiment had been a success. This was evident not only in the financial end of it, but, in the fact that it brought the class together once more to work as a group and prove that class activities did not consist of only Freshman Hazing and Senior Graduation.

The Junior Class will meet again soon to decide whether or not to repeat the '3-D Campaign' over the next vacation.

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Second in a series of articles by Jodie Lilley

The second column of the windows on the south side of Van Dusen Commons represents Scotland's part in the Reformation of the Presbyterian Church.

The burning bush in the upper section is emblematic of the Church of Scotland which passed through the fires of persecution and yet was not destroyed. The dove with the olive branch is the seal of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland and the other countries in the British Isles.

The word **CULDEES** refers to the primitive Christians of Scotland. There is a strong tradition that the British Isles were Christianized in part before they were occupied by the Roman Church.

Beneath this name is a tablet to John Knox, with his motto: "The truth I speak, impugn it who list." These words were spoken at his trial for treason before Mary, Queen of Scots.

The tablet beneath this is to Regent Murray, followed by a panel to the Covenanters.

The dates on the next panel, "A. D. 1581, 1638" mark the time when Charles the First of England attempted to force his liturgy upon Scotland, and the people rose in rebellion.

In "A. D. 1643" the Cameronian Covenanters were established, just preceding the revolution of 1688 when William and Mary came to the throne. The large tablet beneath this lists the names of the Scottish commissioners to the Westminster General Assembly, which prepared the confession of faith still used in our Presbyterian Church today.

Here then is a brief pictorial history of the long struggle of Scottish Presbyterians to establish themselves against England's stronghold in the British Isles.

Spanish Club Holds Christmas Party

Los Companeros met at the home of Alice Stehlik on Tuesday, Nov. 29, for a Christmas Party. The group was well represented by twenty members who joined in the fun and festivities. The dinner, consisting of fritos, was prepared and served by several of the girls. After dinner, the group played a game, drawing a portrait of one of their neighbors. The results were hilarious.

Dorothy Salow, a guest of the club, was given the honor of breaking the pinata. Showers of condiments and gifts fell on the floor and everyone scrambled to get his share. The club compliments Don Alsworth for his fine job on the pinata. It was easy to conjure a sleeping Mexican under the huge sombrero shaped pinata he made. Compliments also go to Fran Davey for making the festive horn of plenty center piece. The party ended by singing Christmas carols. Each person contributed to make the party a success.

Who's Who Sketches

by Jodie Lilley

Mr. President, David Stockham, heads our scrapbook of important people and also the senior class. A member of Delta Gamma Tau and an economics major, he can frequently be seen maneuvering his green bomb, jr., around campus or trotting on foot from Student Council to classes to dish-washing in Van Dusen, to just being an all-around student in three giant steps. In the past, Big Dave could also be seen participating in intramurals and especially as a high-jumping center on our varsity basketball team.

Dave has whizzed through his three years at Alma in a quiet, unassuming manner, with quick wit and pleasure to all who come in contact with him. To Dave Stockham of Who's Who we raise our golden ruler on high and cheer loudly.

Pictured next to David is the pride of Elk Rapids, Edna Williams, who should really be addressed as MISS Williams, for that is what her students call her at Alma high. She can be found any afternoon at 12:45 diagramming sentences or reading poetry to 10th graders. Edna's renown began early in her college career when her high-stepping landed a fellow student in the hospital.

Let us not linger on a tarnished memory, but rather follow through the three years of Edna's steps on the Alma stage in unforgettable roles in "The Crucible", "See How They Run", and "Heaven Can Wait", in her Student Council contributions, now as secretary, and in her position as president of Alpha Theta. Then there's the matter of Edna's being literately inclined, for she's the secretary-treasurer of Lambda Iota Tau, a member of Alpha Psi Omega drama fraternity, and A.C.A. The A Cappella choir had her services for three years, as did Almanian, and the Judicial Council has been graced by her talents. Edna's oration on Americanism was among the top three in the college contest two years ago. A future of as much laughter and happiness as she has brought us is wished for Edna Williams.

Oh, yes, and here's George Spriggs in the scrapbook with eyes shining and eloquent speaking and writing ablaze. A pre-ministerial senior from Detroit, George has done his share in the A.C.A., the choir, oration contests (having gone to the regional Hearst Oratorical contest last spring), Die Lustige Gessellschaft, Student Council, intramurals, and Parnassians. Delta Gamma Tau claims him this year as president.

At a glance you can see that Dave, Edna and George are inseparable, even in Who's Who in celebrities. Birds of a feather, you know. George, too, is not without his humor and amiable spirit. But when he puts his serious attitude out front, George always does the best. In his freshman year, I worked in a one-act play with him in which he played, with much conviction, an old fisherman with hallucinations. And no one can forget him in "The Crucible", for he always has the perseverance needed. George will go far.

Seen at a piano frequently is Roema Lee Rohlfs of Akron, a music and math major, a possessor of a Phi Sigma Pi key, a K. I., and a French minor. Roema is a minor literally, for she came to Alma before completing her senior high school year on an experimental basis and has remained here ever since as an asset to the college.

Roema, too, is quiet, but her talent runs deep. She is a member of the Duo Piano group, and plans to teach upon graduation.

Two important events colored Roema's first year at Alma. First, her mother ushered a little brother into the world for Roema, and then Roema graduated from her high school. A diamond studded scepter for a senior class princess is in order. Roema, we're glad you stayed!

Here we close the scrapbook for this week, but we'll turn to page two in the near future.

Students Urged to Participate

Syracuse, N. Y.—(I. P.)—A program of restriction of extracurricular activities is not the best means of raising academic standards, the Student Welfare Panel of Women's Student Government at Syracuse University concluded in a report sent to Dean Edwin Smith, chairman of the faculty activities committee in the University Senate.

The panel committee found that some limitations are already placed on activities. The University requires a 1.0 cumulative average for participation in campus organizations. Many groups set up a certain academic average for its members. Training programs, quota systems and other types of limitations also raise the quality of an organization.

The report continued that there was no apparent correlation between low grades and over-participation in activities. To attribute low academic standing to activities alone is an oversimplification of the problem it was felt. The report pointed out that social activities and weaknesses in the advisory system were in part responsible.

Several solutions to the problem were proposed. It was suggested that the faculty and administration in each college treat overloading in activities as an individual problem through the college adviser or counselor.

Practical application of classroom education through activities, the report stated, is of the utmost importance. A re-evaluation of activities information sent out to the freshmen and a more thorough explanation of activities by guides and "big chums" may help the newcomer to determine activities which could benefit him most.

Further suggestions included... a special commission in Civil Service could be set up to answer information about campus organizations and a re-emphasis on certain competitions would help; restriction of all activities' sign-ups to a particular date; a discussion of activities during orientation; and a qualified representative of the activity present at the sign-ups.

Today's Students More Serious

Kent, Ohio—(I. P.)—Students no longer enter college with the "cut-up" attitude of their pre-war predecessors; rather, they are becoming more of a genuine student. That is the opinion of Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, Kent State University's dean of men. "These young students in colleges today are the finest and most responsible college generation I ever have observed," Dr. Nygreen said.

"As compared with pre-war student bodies, one noticeable difference is that present-day students show a remarkable ability to handle what I call the certainty of uncertainty. Pre-war students spoke and wrote in terms of a possible requirement that they enter military service. Today's students know they face the certainty that at least two years of their



Edna Williams



Dave Stockham



Roema Lee Rohlfs



George Spriggs

lives must be given over to such required service.

"They have made this a part of their thinking since high school and no longer show any mass disconcertment at the prospect. It is an example of the healthy ability of individuals to adjust to the requirements of a society when those requirements have been arrived at democratically."

Contemporary students appear to be putting more emphasis on academic achievement rather than answering promptly to "calls to leadership," Dr. Nygreen says. He feels early attention is being given to scholarship and less tendency is directed toward student activities. Dr. Nygreen also believes students are more aware of their responsibilities and obligations toward their schools and toward the state's part in providing facilities for continuing education.

He points out that students are more realistic in their thinking about involvement in international affairs, but are determined in their belief that only through intelligent, democratic participation can real progress in international relations be achieved.

God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw in into the nest. J. G. Holland

Better Education to Eliminate Illiteracy

by Dick Schluckbier

Since learning and teaching are the chief concerns of Alma College students and faculty, it is interesting to know what part education plays in world affairs. The comparison between our school system and those in other lands helps us to realize the ways in which we can improve, and the methods by which we can help others to improve. The most outstanding crusade for better education on a world basis is the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which contributes to peace and security by promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture.

UNESCO helps the world's nations to combat ignorance, poverty, and disease. As more than half of the people on earth can neither read nor write, UNESCO is tackling the job of eliminating such illiteracy. Various countries under UNESCO operate their programs in an interesting contrast to America. Japanese schools require social studies, mathematics, their native language and physical education

as we do. The only foreign language offered is English; in comparison, here in America we study Latin, French, German, Greek, and Spanish in addition to the required English.

Time to come to school varies in different countries. Here in America it's usually from 8:00 to 4:00; German students begin class at 7:40 and are excused at 10:30 because they have no cafeterias. In Japan, hours are from 8:30 to 4:30 except in extremely cold weather when they begin later, and then students wear overcoats in classes, due to the lack of steam heating in schools.

English students go to school for five years; the last two terms offer specialized study. In France schools are not co-educational until the university level. The word college in French is equivalent to our high school here in America.

Compare these types of education with that of Polish schools under Soviet authority. At the beginning of the school year Witold Jaroski, Minister of Education, announced that Polish children will be brought up according to atheistic principles, and they would be prepared to fight class war against superstition, religious beliefs and faiths.

International seminars for educators help the nations exchange ideas to teaching methods and aid in close understanding and co-operation of schools. Teachers, chosen by their governments, describe the schools of their countries and state opinions as to how they think UNESCO can help achieve peace and security.

Recently charges have been made that UNESCO is trying to undermine education with biased opinions. Looking at the principles and purposes of this organization and its record of service, any clear thinking person can see that UNESCO is for the good of all people.

Sixteen Hours

Western Herald—(To be mournfully moaned to the accompaniment of chalk-squeaks, pencil-scratches, and the dull thud of big books on little heads.)

"Some people say a man's made outa mud:

A college man's made with coffee for blood;

Coffee for blood and a fact-fuzzed head,

Sleepless eyes and the sitter's spread.

(Chorus:) Ya carry sixteen hours,

An what the heck for?

A hound dog's smarter and a plumber makes more

Saint Peter, I'm sorry but I can't come 'til

I've dragged my soul through the sheepskin mill.

Had a hole in my head since I was a pup:

Gotta get a diploma to stuff it up;

Every sixteen hours that I get through,

The ad-ministration says "Bully for you."

(Chorus:) When ya see me comin', well have no fears:

All the muscle I got is between my ears;

A few more hours an' I'll have my fill . . .

If the Devil don't get me than the Draft Board will!



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Europe, 1955

by Rod McIntosh

I had the opportunity to spend this summer in Europe attending the Y.M.C.A. Centennial Conference at Paris. Over three hundred young people went to the Centennial from the states. You can imagine the fun we had on the way over on the **S. S. Waterman**. After a few days out, I began to feel very strange. Sea-sickness is such a miserable thing to have; I felt like getting off the boat right there. We had a rough voyage and it was common to see people lined up along the railing looking very ill. We were furnished with sea-sick bags which came in very handy.

If you have ever been on a long ocean voyage you know how good land looks after ten days of seeing nothing but water. On the evening before we landed in Rotterdam, we went through the English Channel. It was a beautiful sight. On one side of us were the lights of England and on the other side were the lights of France. This sight and the realization that our trip across the ocean was almost at an end made the evening something to remember.

We had a wonderful time traveling through Europe before the convention. There were twenty of us from Michigan, eighteen boys and two girls. The most inconvenient thing about traveling was the luggage. We shoved our bags through train windows, in the back of buses, and worst of all, we carried them for miles. Each night we stayed at Y.M.C.A. Hostels, provided for young men who are traveling.

There are some here in the States, but not nearly as many as there are in Europe. Hostels are a good place to get food and lodging for the night at the cost of about fifteen cents a night. We slept on straw mattresses and lived on potatoes, but these hostels serve their purpose very well and provide a room and companionship for young men away from home.

We all were impressed with Germany. It amazes me that just ten years ago, Germany was a wreck, years ago Germany was a wreck, entirely rebuilt. We were treated very hospitably by the Germans. It seems that the war has been quite forgotten. You haven't heard anything until you've heard "Polly Wolly Doodle" in German. Even if you're like me, and the only thing you can say in German is "where's the men's restroom" you can still become great friends.

Our route soon brought us into Italy. We were in the Northern part which is very hilly and beautiful. Since we were Americans, we couldn't eat Italian food. At the Pre-Conference Camp, everyone got sick but the Italians.

Everyone liked Switzerland. The people seemed so simple and home-spun; we felt at home right away. One day, several of us rented bikes and I was taking a spin around the block when, all of a sudden, I came to what the Swiss call a hill but what I'd call a mountain. The mountain went down and so did I. Before I knew what was happening, I had swooped down the mountain and smashed up on a pole of a bridge below. The whole thing wouldn't have been so bad if it weren't for a group of Swiss standing on the bridge and really enjoying the show I was putting on. One of them shouted something, but I didn't answer him because I didn't think "where is the men's restroom?" would quite fit the situation.

We stayed at the new "Y" in Geneva. This is a big, new, ultramodern building which is really comfortable. They operate a large boys' camp on one of the lakes of Switzerland.

We took the night train from Geneva to Paris and arrived in the city at about 7:00 a.m. We were driven to the City Universitaire (University City) where we had our living quarters and where the Older Boys' Conference was being held. There were several Y.M.C.A. Conferences held in different parts of the city of Paris, determined by age groups. People from all over the world were coming to the City at about the same time so the Y.M.C.A. officials were having a busy time running back and forth, trying to find quarters for everyone and carrying on conversation in English, German and French at the same time. The people from various countries were split up so that everyone got to room in the same building with people from several countries.

Our program at the conference consisted of discussion groups, sight-seeing, rallies and sports. It was my job to act as interpreter

To Appear in Messiah



Russell Skitch
Bass-Baritone



Dan Karney
Tenor



Vera Conklin
Contralto



Lois Laverty
Soprano

in a French-English discussion group. I soon found this to be quite a job.

The theme of the conference was "Living together" and the motto was taken from John, "That they might all be one." We based our discussion on the topics: Living together in the family, in the community, in the nation and in the world of nations.

In our discussion groups most of us were surprised by the amount that the "Y" is doing to help people in the world today. German "Y" operates a camp at Kastroph-Ruxel for boys who have lost their parents in the last war. Several of the "Y's" in Africa, where Christians are in the minority, carry on programs of evangelization.

We frequently went sight-seeing in buses. It took quite a few buses to accommodate a thousand people. One night, we were having an especially riotous time, when the buses stopped at the Cathedral of Notre Dame and some of the Americans made a circle around the Cathedral and did the "bunny hop". The police came and the students were nearly sent to jail.

This is the kind of thing that makes Europeans think that Americans are rather strange people.

The finale of our stay in Paris was the program in the huge Palais des Sports Auditorium, when everyone at the conference, representing 45 nations, sang hymns, each one in his own language. We all wore earphones because the speakers talked in several different languages and translations were given in English, German and French. National pastimes were represented by the various groups. The United States was represented by a short square dance and a team from Sweden did some gymnastics.

After the conference, we were the guests of Belgian, Dutch and English Y.M.C.A.'s.

We crossed the English Channel four times in our travels. I'll never forget the time we came to London. We came in on the train at about nine o'clock p.m. All of a sudden I was alone. I'd lost the group and it took me nearly three hours to find them... what a relief to see familiar faces.

The local Y.M.C.A.'s welcomed us heartily in each of the countries

we visited. We were given a young guide to help us around and show us what we should see in each of the countries. We were pretty interested to notice that the Y's in Europe put more emphasis on Bible study than we do. They are still very active in restoring land and buildings that were destroyed in the last war. They are nearly all Protestant, so they are quite restricted in the Catholic countries.

One of the things that convinced me that the Y.M.C.A. is doing everything possible to promote world peace and international understanding is that the German "Y", which doesn't have much money to spare, cut their delegation's stay short in Paris to give their money to the Israeli "Y" so that they might be represented at the conference. This is the kind of unselfish thing that the "Y" is doing all over the world today.

The reason that I got so much out of the trip was that we all went there with a purpose which we accomplished. We found that all Christian people can live together unitedly and peacefully.

Students Receive Advanced Status

Cambridge, Mass.—(I.P.) — A two-way program in Harvard College for meeting the special needs of outstanding students in the nation's high schools and independent schools, was announced here by Dean McGeorge Bundy. This Advanced Placement, designed to meet different needs in a variety of secondary schools, is a part of Harvard's Program of Advanced Standing.

It will allow unusually able students to enter college as soon as they are ready, or encourage them to move directly into advanced courses when they have completed college-calibre work in secondary school or on their own. Where the secondary school offers advanced work of college calibre, a student may apply for admission in the fall directly to the Sophomore Class at Harvard. To qualify, he will have had to complete three college-calibre courses before his admission to Harvard.

Harlan P. Hanson, Director of the Program of Advanced Standing, gives this description of the plan: Some freshmen are able to undertake second-year college work in one or more subjects on the strength of advanced courses in secondary school or private research of their own. Harvard does not grant course credit for this anticipatory work. Such student may, however, receive advance placement in the fields concerned, whether they pursue the subject matter further or not.

If a student presents college work in three or more subjects, he may apply for admission to the Sophomore Class. A successful candidate will require only twelve courses for the degree instead of the usual sixteen and one-half. He may, however, spend four years in residence if he so desires.

Some students are ready for anticipatory studies in the senior year of school, but find none available. Harvard is therefore prepared to admit properly qualified eleventh-graders directly to the Freshman Class.

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Basketball Prospects Good

by John Noud

A winning season for the first time in four years is the plan of Coach Stauffer and the Alma basketballers.

Prospects indicate that they might make it. Stauffer, in his second year at the helm, is blessed with the return of veterans: Ron Lude, Bud Miller and Howard Anderson at forward; Jim Ford, Bill McIntosh and George Arrick at center; and George Carter and Dick Ayling at guard.

Competition is keen at several positions. With such freshmen as Terry Knowles, Bob Postma and Stan Stolz standing a good chance of breaking into the line-up.

Depth, which has been sadly lacking in recent years, may very

well be the strong point of this year's squad. Dick Williams, Ralph Springfield and Howard Wiley have also played varsity ball at Alma and are given a good chance of seeing further action.

The team doesn't lack for height either. The starting line-up may average 6'2". A general lack of team speed and outcourt shooting seem to be their main weaknesses.

They open against a recognized superior Central Michigan Thursday and their debut on the home court will be against Olivet this Saturday.

Even though it is a veteran team, it is still a young one. Miller and McIntosh are the only seniors who are expected to see much action.

It looks like the basketball picture is in the act of brightening up Three months from now, we will be able to tell just how bright.

All MIAA Announced

The all MIAA football team has been released. It includes the following players:

Addison Brink	Albion	Sr.	E
Phill Perry	Kazoo	So.	T
John Sweet	Kazoo	Jr.	G
Roger Davis	Hillsdale	Sr.	C
Dave Trippett	Hillsdale	So.	G
Warren Temple	Hillsdale	Jr.	T
Andy Kincannon	Hillsdale	Jr.	E
Marv Raab	Alma	Sr.	B
Nate Clark	Hillsdale	Sr.	B
Jim Hurd	Albion	Fr.	B
Bob Urachalitz	Kazoo	Fr.	B
John Adams	Hope	Sr.	B

This is the third straight year that Davis and Adams have been so honored. The presence of five Hillsdale and three Kazoo players illustrate why they finished in first and second places in the league. It is interesting to note that there are but four players on the team.

Alma's Jack Kring and Dick Ayling were named to the second team and Frank Lawrence and George Arrick received honorable mention.

Self Improvement

(ACP) — The Baylor University Lariat did this editorial on one of the school's little-known, but very important courses:

What is perhaps the best course offered at Baylor is one not to be found listed in the bulletin. Were it listed, however, it might be called Self-Improvement 1-1. It's a four-year course that meets every day of the year.

All of this figurative language really boils down to say that college days present a special time when one may set himself to the purpose of discovering his potential as an individual.

Taking an elective in a relatively unfamiliar field may result in the realization of innate abilities. Hidden talents in the lines of music, art, drama, or other creative fields may be discovered during college days.

Personality development can result from taking part in extracurricular activities. The competition of keen minds reveals creative genius and sometimes unsuspected leadership abilities.

One cannot discover his potential if he does not dare to be an individual. The pressures of society would want us to be stereotype, using the same slang, wearing what the magazines suggest, and doing just what Betty and Joe College do.

Conformity, to a degree, is a must; we wouldn't try to disprove that. But great are the rewards of that one who dares to be different and in doing so discovers an unused talent.

It's All a Matter of Definition

NORMAN, OKLAHOMA. — (ACP)—A recent issue of the Oklahoma Daily listed these collegiate definitions:

COLLEGE: A mental institution.

DIPLOMA: A sheepskin that a graduate uses to pull the wool over some employer's eye.

SORORITY: A male student's idea of heaven.

UPPERCLASSMEN: Students who are a shining example for freshmen... shining because they are all either bright, lit up or polishing the apple.

To Award 38 Football Letters

Alma College Athletic Director Lloyd Eaton has announced that 38 football letters have been awarded to members of this year's Scots squad which compiled a record of 5 and 4 finished in a three-way tie for third place in the M.I.A.A.

Of the 38, only three are seniors: Don Godfrey, Jack Kring, and Marv Raab. Kring and Raab were elected co-captains of the 1955 team. Raab was voted the team's most valuable player and was selected on the All-M.I.A.A. first team, while Kring and quarterback Dick Ayling made the All-M.I.A.A. second team.

The list of the letter winners follows: Bob Hill, Bob Atkins, Don Godfrey, Bob Godfrey, Marv Raab, Frank Powell, Frank Rosengren, Ernie Mousseau, Dick Ayling, Tom Johnson, Jack Kring, Gary Roth, Bill Bell, Lowell Shrum, Earl Kitchen, Bill Kube, Chuck Morrison, Damon Colbert, Frank Pierson, Ken Gibbard, Carl Rubel, Jack Greenlee, Warren Gleason, Rex Terwilliger, Ken Meggert, Bob Romback, Eric Sundeck, Dale Lake, Joe Emery, George Arrick, Jack DeCou, Melvin Push, Harry Andreasen, Ed DeCausin, Dick Williams, Gene Strobehn, Gene Simcox, Frank Lawrence.

Department Structure Evaluated

Middleton, Conn.—(I.P.)—The Educational Policy Committee at Wesleyan University has released its long-awaited report to the faculty. The survey, an over-all evaluation to facilitate departmental self-appraisals, concerns five major areas of campus life: admissions, orientation and counseling, curriculum, faculty problems, and fraternities. For the purpose of sub-committee work, "admissions" and "fraternities" were grouped under the "Student Values" committee.

The Student Values Subcommittee is of the opinion that the fraternity system, "the most important single non-curricular force on campus in the formation of student values," has ceased to fulfill its potential function as a "major focus of the intellectual life of the community," and has become primarily social in nature.

The position of the fraternity was seen as anti-democratic, anti-intellectual, conformist, and inclined toward mediocrity. In their behalf, however, it can be said that they develop loyalty and cooperation, form a convenient division of students for administrative purposes, provide a training ground for self-government, and a system whereby the older students give to freshmen the benefit of their years of experience.

Recommendations for betterment of the fraternity system include: delayed rushing to the sophomore year, discouragement of national affiliations, elimination of discriminatory clauses, and one-hundred-percent rushing.

The Subcommittee on Admissions was concerned primarily with the problem of attracting and selecting students of a more highly motivated character and greater intellectual capacity. It expressed the conviction that intellectual capacity was the most important criterion of admission, with character and attitude a very important consideration, and specialized talents such as sports relegated to a secondary position.

The Educational Structure Subcommittee found the most dangerous pressures to be those which tend away from the liberal arts idea of small enrollment, intensive training, importance of the undergraduate student body, and assimilation of the individual and the institution into an integrated society.

The graduate program was seen as generally beneficial in its present form; it presents to the graduate an opportunity for advanced learning on a higher plane, and to the undergraduate the stimulus of a highly-trained mind with whom to compete in advanced courses.

The Subcommittee on Orientation and Counseling investigated ways in which a more positive and self-reliant student attitude can be coupled with a more effective student-advisor relationship to ease real problems of social integration at college.

Finding the problem largely due

Alma Basketball Record Good

by John Noud

Present Alma students will no doubt be surprised to learn that Alma College basketball teams have fared very well against most of their foes. Here are the records of Alma's original competition against some of our present foes.

	Alma Won	Alma Lost
Albion	38	30
Adrian	30	9
Hillsdale	57	19
Hope	25	30
Kalamazoo	35	54
Central Michigan	57	57
Ferris Institute	14	4
Calvin	3	8

Alma hasn't won a MIAA championship in basketball since the 1941-42 season. It was during that season and the one previous that Alma had what are considered to be its finest teams. These were the teams that had Keith Carey, brother of the Careys of Michigan State fame, and Bud and Jake Howe. For three straight years they received mention in the all-MIAA team.

They compiled records of 22-4 and 19-3 over that two-year span. Included in their opposition were such teams as Wayne, Central Michigan, Michigan Normal, Western, the Oklahoma Aggies and Murray State of Kentucky.

Basketball may have been down for the last several years but it is comforting to know that it hasn't always been so.

to erroneous preconceptions about college life, received before—and just after—entering the university, the committee recommended several changes in the Freshman Integration program, in order to emphasize the role of the student as a man in a man's world. From the time the student reaches Wesleyan, he should be made aware of the opportunity to talk over his problems with his counsellor on a man-to-man basis.

Troublesome Mascot

Wheaton, Ill. (ACP) — Every newspaper office is supposed to have a mascot, but the staff of the Wheaton College Record is saddled with one that's proving to be quite a nuisance.

The mascot is a white mouse named Minnie who took up residence in the Record office some time ago. That in itself wasn't so bad, but Minnie chose as her abode one of the staff's best Royal typewriters, which meant that the Record was out one machine, temporarily at least.

They got the machine back when Minnie temporarily abandoned it in preference for the inner workings of an office radio. That was almost as bad, since the staff could not use the radio for fear of electrocuting Minnie.

That was solved when Minnie moved for a second time. But the mouse went right back to the typewriter and, so far, has resisted all efforts to evict her. In fact, she was even mean enough to nip one staffer who tried to feed her. As a result, the Record is still out a typewriter. At the moment, they're looking for some boy mouse who might be able to lure Minnie from her ink-and-metal abode.

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Thetas Win Volleyball Trophy

Volleyball season came to a close last Tuesday night. Alpha Theta Sorority won the championship by beating the E-Z 8's in the final game of the season.

Basketball starts in just one week. It is hoped there will be many teams. Freshman are invited to sign up for a team. All who are interested in playing basketball please sign up in the gym, there is a list on the bulletin board outside Miss Dillinger's office. Team lists can be turned in to Alma Woods, who is in charge of basketball.

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