

# Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year



## Alma College Receives \$128,300 From Ford Foundation

Tuesday in New York City, the Ford Foundation showered half a billion dollars on the nation's privately supported colleges, universities and hospitals in history's greatest giveaway.

Alma received the largest single amount granted in this area, the amount being \$128,300.

The college grant is to help raise teacher's salaries. The amount given each college is about equal to the annual faculty salary cost. The grants must be added to endowment funds. As such they should yield about 4% interest according to a Foundation spokesman.

Dr. Harker said he does not yet know enough about the details of the grant, but he understands the money is to be used for salary increases.

The college grants were given in the form of ten year endowments, the interest in the period to be used solely for increasing teacher's salaries. After ten years, the college may use the money as it sees fit.

At any rate, the gift, which came at the appropriate time of Christmas, was well received with thanks, gratitude, and an assurance that it will be used efficiently.

Ford Foundation grants to Michigan Colleges were as follows:

Alma	\$128,300
Albion	\$288,600
Calvin	\$384,200
Marygrove	\$479,300
U of D.	\$724,300
Emmanuel	\$ 69,900
Hillsdale	\$125,800
Hope	\$221,500
Kalamazoo	\$151,700
Mercy	\$153,000
Nazareth	\$ 68,300

The total for the thirteen colleges was unofficially set at \$2,794,900.

### "Messiah" Hailed Choir Concert Success

The annual presentation of the Messiah, Sunday, December 11, received a full house, and the comments concerning the concert were very favorable. This year there were better soloists and the orchestra sounded much finer than in previous years.

The contralto, Vera Conklin, excelled vocally, for she possesses a true Handelian style. Miss Conklin was most expressive in "He Was Despised." The bass-baritone, Russell Skitch, was most outstanding in, "Why Do the Nations Rage?" Mr. Skitch has a full robust voice. These two artists both sing very authoritatively. Dan Karney, the tenor, has a beautiful voice, but he could have sung more expressively.

The chorus' excellence was shown particularly well in their delicacy of tone in "For unto Us a Child Is Born."

Thanks are wished to everyone who came to the Choir Concert on Wednesday evening. A new addition was displayed this year. The choir came up the aisle in a candle-light procession to the strains of "Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel." The concert set the atmosphere for the holiday season.

### Duo-Piano Class To Give Concert

The College Duo-Piano class, under the direction of Miss Frances Hughes, will present a concert of duo-piano music on Sunday afternoon, January 8th, at 3:00 o'clock in the college chapel.

Students participating are Carol Blanck, Elfrieda Beyer, Marjorie Fuller, Bill Fuerstenau, Douglas Johnson, Leona Lanshaw, Virginia Larke, Wayne McDowell, Janet McLeod, Roema Lee Rohlf, and Nancy Stromberg.

Compositions by Brahms, Babin, Arensky, Gerhwin, Gliere, Milhaud, Saint Saens and Ravel will offer a widely diversified and interesting program.

There will be no admission charge, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### Debate Teams Travel to Chicago

On Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, four debaters together with Professor Harold Mickle traveled to Chicago for a tournament for freshmen and sophomores sponsored by the University of Illinois in Chicago.

The team of Isabel Coubrough and Bob White won debates over Central Michigan, University of Illinois in Chicago, and Illinois State Normal, while losing to Augustana College. The team of Mary Lou Heberlein and Bob Beltz lost to Notre Dame, Ripon, Marquette, and Minnesota; so you can see there was a great deal of stiff competition. Other schools represented included the University of Wisconsin, Albion College, Purdue, University of Illinois, and North Dakota State. The total amounted to approximately sixty students from thirty colleges representing five states.

Mr. Mickle said that he was very pleased with the tournament, and the debaters all felt as if they had gained valuable experience from this debate.

### PRA on Sale

The winter edition of the *Pine River Anthology* will appear this Thursday, it was announced by Gene Pattison, editor. Copies of the PRA may be purchased in Tyler or from any member of Parnassians. The price is twenty cents.

The anthology contains poems by Richard McMullen, George Spriggs, Tom Scholl, Bob Warner, Bob Fritz, Bob Woods, Jodie Lilley, Gene Pattison, and professors Paul Storey and Robert Clack. There is an anonymous prose selection and one by Alyce Conti. Art works are by Dick Beardsley and Harry Atkinson.

Parnassians is the campus literary society, and its purpose is to stimulate efforts in creative endeavors.

### Choir Tour Ends

With the annual Christmas concert in the Chapel on Wednesday evening, December 14, the Alma College A Cappella Choir brought to a close a very successful choir tour. The choir was away from December 3-7 traveling through the southwestern part of Michigan with LaPorte, Indiana, also on its itinerary.

While on tour the choir members stayed at the various homes of members of the churches which they visited. The church members opened their homes and their hearts to them, and they left with a good feeling inside. Breakfasts were served in the homes of the church members, and lunches and dinners in the high schools and churches respectively.

The churches ranged in size and appearance from the large, aristocratic, Gothic architecture of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo to the simple, Colonial type church at LaPorte, Indiana. But large or small, choir members were given a wonderful reception and were welcomed everywhere.

Professor Ernest G. Sullivan, director of the choir, said that the tour was quite successful and he was very pleased with it.

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### Alma Places Second in Debate Conference

Officials of the fourth annual Wayne Forensic Conference, held at Wayne University on Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd, have announced that the Alma College debate squad won five out of their six debates.

The University of Illinois (Chicago Branch), Kent State University of Kent, Ohio, Colgate University of Hamilton, N. Y., and practically all colleges and universities in Michigan were represented by teams.

The Alma affirmative team of Karan Pregitzer, Onaway senior, and Bob White, Bath sophomore, won three decisions from Michigan Normal, Wayne University, and Kent State. The negative team of Bob Fritz, Cass City junior, and Tom Scholl, Allen Park junior, won two out of three, taking decisions over Albion and Colgate and losing to Wayne.

Among the 18 teams representing 14 colleges, Alma placed second, behind only the University of Illinois, which won all six of its contests.

### Assembly Features Indian Lore

On Wednesday, December 14, Alma College students were entertained at the regular student assembly by Charles Eagle Plume, a part Blackfoot Indian who was raised by a pioneer family. He is considered America's foremost interpreter of Indian lore, life, and culture. By explaining the life of the Indian people, he wants to make the American people realize how much of a debt they owe their Indian forefathers. Dressed in a magnificent and authentic costume, Eagle Plume greeted the audience with a program of humor and drama.

He told that feathers in front of the hat were merits when the owner killed another Indian. White men didn't count as they were too easy to kill. His feathers were from a one year old golden eagle. Across his chest he wore the shin bones of a deer for protection from arrows. His vest, blanket, bag, moccasins and apron were decorated with beads.

Next he demonstrated their basic dance step, and told of the Indians of the plains, their songs, religion and language. He showed many of the signs which the Indians use instead of words. He told that the Indians developed twenty-five of our nation's thirty-four vegetables, and that much of our constitution came from that of the Iroquois Federation. His finale was the last speech of the chief of his tribe before he died.

Throughout his performance he was trying to show the basic similarity of all races in their early history. He also made a strong plea for racial understanding, basing it on experiences in history.

### Thornhill Dance Called Success



More than 100 couples danced to the smooth music of Claude Thornhill and his orchestra Thursday, December 1, in Tyler Auditorium from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

This annual Stardust Ball, featuring a big-name band, is sponsored by the Student Council. Last year, Ralph Marterie

and his orchestra were featured. Thornhill and his orchestra were extremely well received and many students said after the dance: "His music is the most danceable I've ever heard."

Decorations were done by the Student Council and refreshments were prepared by Saga Food Service.

EDITORIAL:

The joyous season of Christmas time has rolled around once again. This is the time of giving and receiving gifts, of merry wishes and glad tidings, of resolutions and memories and to all of Christendom signifies a rebirth of all that is good and fine.

We often forget the true meaning of Christmas in the hustle and bustle of yuletide preparation. It is only with thoughtful remembrance of why we celebrate this day, that our anticipation, joy and thanksgiving can be fulfilled.

It seems rather strange that the birth of a son to a woman in a stable in Bethlehem should have begun the many and varied Christmas traditions. It seems strange that the birth of one boy should so completely affect the whole world. Because of this child's birth, we get vacations, go shopping, buy presents for those dear to us, live in a tingling atmosphere of suspense, resolve to be better for the next year, greet all we see with a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year", send cards to people we haven't seen for years, decorate trees, place wreaths on our doors, open our doors to all our friends and neighbors and forget our problems in the joy that reigns everywhere.

This is the time for good fun, the time when we are all happy with our friends and somehow, even the international situation seems less serious.—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son."

Let us not forget to put Christ in our yuletide celebration, for through Him, we can find the true peace and joy in the season. Without Him, it becomes a thing of meaningless bustle of preparation. With Him, we can sense a feeling of true fulfillment in this season. In the words of Dickens' Tiny Tim—"God Bless Us, Every One."

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Scotsman Version of the Night Before Christmas

by Dick Schluckbier

'Tis the night before Christmas, and all through the house Joe Scotsman is creeping not quite like a mouse. A stealthy creature creeps down the stairs Missing one, takes the rest by pairs. Then hurrying down the corridor, He pauses outside his parent's door.

"Hurray," says he, "they're asleep! I guess I'll go in and take a peek." There lying under the Christmas tree Is exactly what he wants to see. For Marilyn Mott there sits a floppie-eared puppy. For Jan Andrews, a glistening new formal makes her throat lumpy.

Across the way Jean Spencer smiles in surprise, Tennis shoes from her roommates light up her eyes. Margaret Hannah is all in a dither For Santa has brought her a blue cashmere sweater. Here is what Charlie Parrott would like to see under the tree: A brand new car, say 1903.

And Paula Bare does a double pause When she sees what she got from Santa Claus, For there under the tree so near, Is the staff's copy for the rest of the year. Ralph Springfield with his pals makes a bet That Santa will bring him a ping pong set.

"What's this," says George Dice in glee, "Some Samsonite luggage just for me." Then feeling a little guilty now Friend Joe Scotsman hurries back up the hall And crawling back into bed Joe hits the rail and bumps his head As he drifts off to sleep.

Then hears from the deep A jolly voice call, "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to All!"

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A Letter To Santa

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Dear Santa, As every year the children do, They are writing their letters, Santa, to you. I haven't written since I was ten, But I thought this year I'd write again. When I wrote last I wanted a bike But this year, there's something else I'd like. As joyous greetings you extend, Could you leave me a handsome boy friend? For every Christmas in the past, I've gotten all for which I've asked. On Xmas morning I'd look under the tree And find my requests there for me. This year when I run down each stair, To look under the tree—Will "he" be there? Tell me, Santa, if you know, What's the use of mistletoe If all you kiss is dad or brother, Or aunt or uncle or sister or mother? What fun is it to hunt and buy When on your list there is no guy? Shopping loses its glamour too When you can't fret about what he'll give you. Oh, Santa, dear, if you can find A boy who's sweet and nice and kind Give him, Santa, please to me Leave him neath my Christmas tree. If you bring him from near or far, He will be my Christmas star. If things don't work out, I'll still love you, But, Santa, PLEASE, see what you can do! Love, Available

Lindy and Amaya Speak at Chem Club

The Chemistry Club held its second meeting November 22nd. Al Amaya talked about Nylon—the process for its manufacture and some of its uses. Lowell Lindy discussed the method for extracting bromine from sea-water; the sea is the source of much of the bromine used by Dow and other chemical companies. Following these talks, the members took an interest test previously given to the natural science students. Theoretically, there should be quite a difference between the interests of a group of chemistry students and those of students who aren't especially interested in science. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts concluded the evening. There has been some discussion of forming a chapter of student affiliates of the American Chemical Society. This would enable us to take a more active part in the junior ACS activities. Several Chem Club members are applying to become student affiliates. If enough apply, an Alma chapter will be formed. Any students, especially those taking a chemistry course, are invited to attend the Chem Club meetings. Meetings are held twice a month on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. One-half activity credit per year may be earned in the club.

Student Council News

The Claude Thornhill Dance was very successful. More than a hundred couples attended and danced throughout the evening. The Council wishes to thank everyone who helped make this dance the great success it was. Shortly after we return we are planning a sleigh ride. Watch for more information at a later date. The conditions in the Union have improved some, but we hope you will continue to help us make Tyler the kind of place it was intended to be. May we add our greeting to all others in saying "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to you all.

The Snappy Comeback

ABILENE, TEXAS.—(ACP)—Columnist Billy D. Moore lists this one in his column in the Hardin-Simmons University Brand: Note in each pay envelope from a certain firm: Your pay is your personal business and should be disclosed to no one. Answer from new employee: Don't worry. I am just as ashamed of it as you are. The disease of democracy is laziness; the cancer of aristocracy is cruelty. That is why mobs tend to be cruel, and rich clubmen lazy.

The World on Parade

by Jack Homer

Washington—Last weekend former President Herbert Hoover called for the creation by Congress of a new office of Administrative Vice-President to help operate "the biggest business in the world." He said that such an official could take much "secondary work" off the President's shoulders. The new Administrative Vice-President would be appointed by the President and assigned such duties as he, the President wished. Paris—The forthcoming French elections will find the non-Communist forces split badly bringing an increasing chance of Communist gains in the new National Assembly. This became apparent last week when the lists of electoral allegiances were published. Analysis of these lists finds that the forces that joined in 1951 to make the alliance system detrimental to the Communists now are fighting each other under the banners of two rival radical leaders—Edgar Faure and Pierre Mendes-France. Unless a coalition is effected the Communists are expected to make a gain of at least 20 seats. Washington—Presidential conferences with Congressional leaders may go far in establishing the nature of relations between the administration and Democrats in control of Congress in a national

election year. The talks will cover the President's State of the Union message—but Democrats will be consulted only on foreign relations. Even in this area, though, their criticism has been extensive. Washington—A Congressional study predicted last week that many persons, with the advance of automation, would suffer hardships that "surpass the limits of modern imagination." It said, however, that broad socio-economic legislation was not needed now—but might be in the future. Detroit—The stereotyper's strike, which has prevented the publication of any Detroit newspaper for over a week, is still in progress—and, as of Monday, no settlement was near. Detroit—The Detroit Lions sewed up last place in the Western Conference of the National Football League by losing their ninth game against three victories to the New York Giants. The score was 24-19. Lansing—The State Highway Department has warned of the possibility of blizzard conditions which could be forthcoming within the next two weeks. They ask motorists to be especially careful, and, in particular, to cut their speed. Best wishes for a happy and safe Holiday Season to all.

Social Calendar

- December 16, Friday: Chapel; Basketball: Michigan Tech, there.
December 17, Saturday: Basketball: Northern Michigan, there; CHRISTMAS VACATION, 12:00 p.m.
January 3, Tuesday: Classes resume—8:00 a.m.; Student Council—7:00 p.m.; German Club—7:00 p.m.; Los Companeros—7:00 p.m.
January 4, Wednesday: College Division Recital—4:00 p.m.; Vet's Club—6:15 p.m.; A.C.A.—7:00 p.m.; Basketball: Hope, here.
January 5, Thursday: Biology Club—7:00 p.m.; Drama Club—7:00 p.m.; Home Economics Club—7:00 p.m.; Economics Forum 8:15 p.m.
January 6, Friday: Chapel; Delt Monte Carlo.
January 7, Saturday: Basketball: Soo Tech, here; Delt Sig Open House; Discussion: Michigan State Normal, there.
January 9, Monday: Chapel; Inter-Fraternity Council—9:00 p.m.; Inter-Sorority Council—10:00 p.m.; Basketball: Ferris, there.
January 10, Tuesday: Student Council—7:00 p.m.; French Club—7:00 p.m.; Chemistry Club—7:00 p.m. El Circulo Espanol—7:00 p.m.; W.S.G.A.—10:00 p.m.
January 11, Wednesday: Junior Division Recital—4:30 p.m.; Bradley Oratoricals; Vet's Club—6:15 p.m.; A.C.A.—7:00 p.m.; DeMolay—8:00 p.m.; Basketball: Hillsdale, there.
January 12, Thursday: F.T.A.—7:00 p.m.
January 13, Friday: Chapel; Student Council Sleigh Ride; Basketball: Kalamazoo, there.

Why the "X" in Xmas?

by Dick Schluckbier

---And it was always said of him, that he know how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, "God Bless Us, Every One!" Dicken's Christmas Carol Tiny Tim knew Christmas as it should be. He felt the feeling of gladness which filled him with the desire to do some kindness and see the joy it brings. As crippled and pathetic as Tiny Tim's body was, he possessed a heart big enough to see "love was the way to Bethlehem". Christ made Tim's Christmas happy. Years ago, Tim might have lived—a time without a stream of toys in every store, a time without the bright, distracting lights of advertising. Instead, Tim knew the coldness of poverty and other handicaps. Christmas has not become too commercialized—the joy of giving should be stressed, not smothered. But with the joy let the meaning go also. Xmas—let the unknown "X" be solved and Christ included in the true religious manner. And, go to church, the one of your choice, on Christmas.

Music Sets Mood for Christmas

"Christmas in the Air" is not only an excellent album by Walter Schumann, but also an actuality with only nine days until "the day". Mood music by the millions of copies and dollars is available. Albums of Christmas carols, hymns, novelties, and standards have been pressed by 77 artists on the major labels. For carols, Mario Lanza's "Christmas Songs" rates the best. The popular tenor waxed six sides: "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger," "Little Town of Bethlehem," "First Noel," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," and "Adeste Fideles." For top pop favorites, Gene Autry's album is best with "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," "Santa, Santa, Santa," and many others. Another fine album is the new one by the RCA Victor Family entitled "Merry Christmas," which has songs by all the top artists that record for that company. Another new album features Eddie Fisher and is simply out of this world. Traditional as a Christmas tree and Santa are "Winter Wonderland," and "White Christmas," backers on a Walter Schumann disc.

New sounds of Les Paul and Mary Ford have one "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells," for Capitol. Of late and great yuletide tunes are Rosemary Clooney couplings, "Suzy Snowflake," and "Little Red Riding Hood's Christmas," Como and Crosby cookies, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," The McGuires, "I'd Like to Trim a Tree with You," and "Blue Christmas," by Mr. B. Eckstine. And just for laughs, "Christmas Chopsticks" and "I Tan't Wait Til Quithmuth" sung (?) by Mel Blanc. Merry Christmas and enjoy a wonderful musical Christmas.

Econ Forum Sees Movies

Through the generosity of Leonard Refineries, Inc., the Economics Forum was able to see two excellent movies. One of them, "Crossroads, U.S.A.," stressed the fact that there are many opportunities available in this country and that all that is necessary is to take advantage of them. The other movie, "Government Is Your Business," gave a formula to combat the graft that is prevalent in politics. This can be done by being truthful, honest, and above all, by voting. To keep up with the spirit of the season, the Forum enjoyed coffee and cookies. For the next meeting in January, we will have Mr. Roob Allie of the Michigan Association of Railroads as our speaker. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! He who is self-centered will swell in a shrinking circle that at last will be a noose around his neck.

# With the Greeks

## ALPHA THETA

With the Christmas season in full swing, the Thetas find themselves in a whirl of activity.

On Monday, December 12, the patronesses joined the girls in a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Robert Baker. After singing carols, gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served from a handsomely decorated table.

Three days after this occasion, the Thetas caroled at the Masonic hospital and afterwards joined their brothers, the Delt Sigs, for more caroling. To complete the evening, the Delt Sigs invited the Thetas to their house and refreshments were served.

The Delt Sigs have planned another party with their sisters for January 9. It will be a closed party held at the fraternity house.

The Thetas are sorry to hear that three of their patronesses have decided to go inactive. The three are: Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Daily and Mrs. Berg.

Best wishes to Mrs. Ellsworth Earegood, the former Leona Lashaw, on her marriage. She is wished much happiness.

A family of three will receive a basket from the Thetas for Christmas. Chairman of this committee is Marge Hobeck.

## DELTA SIGMA PHI

The sorority also congratulates Jan Peppin on her recent engagement and forthcoming marriage to Dick Williams on December 30.

After what seemed an eternity but was only eight weeks the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi are happy to welcome new actives Ken Meggert, Jim Sheppard, Charles Nittis, Bob Lambert and Dr. Stephen Meyer. Congratulations, men.

On Thursday night, we joined the Thetas in caroling. Afterwards, refreshments were served at the fraternity house.

We are sorry to hear Brother Art Allaban, Chapter Supervisor, will be leaving soon. He proved a very able supervisor and we appreciated his assistance and supervision. Prof. Paul Storey is going to be the new supervisor.

Sixteen actives attended the "State Conclave" held in Jackson. Everyone had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's meeting.

On Sunday, several Delt Sigs went to Central to participate in Beta Omicron Chapter there. We came out on the short end of a 12-6 score but still had fun! Now we're looking forward to our basketball game with them.

The "Delt Sig Chargers" are tied for first place in the volleyball league.

The first Saturday after Christmas vacation we will be holding an all-college Open House. Everyone is invited to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and we'll see you next year.

## KAPPA IOTA

Monday night the K. I.'s held their annual Christmas party in the sorority room. Instead of exchanging gifts they brought money for something new for the room which will be bought after Christmas vacation.

1956 is leap year, and on January 14 the K. I.'s are giving the first girl-bid dance of the year, the annual Luxury Liner. Committees have begun working on decorations and entertainment, which promise to be something new and different.

Congratulations go to Lotus Witham and Jean Matz, who are engaged.

## SIGMA PHI

The Delt and Sig Phis welcomed in the Christmas season with their annual Holly House last Saturday. We would like to express our thanks to all those who helped make this event a success.

Man's superiority over beast was once again proved when Jim Ford and Ed Pitts barked out a Christmas song in true canine fashion. We are sorry but unfortunately they are not available for a repeat performance. When last seen they were chasing a cat down Superior street.

The brothers are now packing their bags sad (?) at the thought of leaving Alma for the Christmas holidays. They have however, promised to return in time to prepare something new and different for your entertainment. It will be the Delt Monte Carlo, January 6. Don't miss it.

## PHI PHI ALPHA

This week brings to a close the first term of the Phi year. Election of officers took place last Monday, and they will step into office immediately after Christmas vacation. The new officers are: President, Dick Wallace; Vice-President, Bill Varney; Recording Secretary, Wayne McDowell; Corresponding Secretaries, Jim Amell and George Huyskens; House Manager, Dick Humphreys; Social Chairmen Bob Freedman and Kenny Smith; Keepers of the Keys, Bill Boles and Chuck Zampich; Sergeants at Arms Gordon Rutherford and John Irwin; Parliamentarian, Dick Schluckbier; Keeper of the Archives, Alan Cordill; First Critic, retiring President, Jim Wagar; and Second Critic, John Hurst.

At long last, the remodeling job on the house at 313 Philadelphia is completed. This project was started shortly before Homecoming and has been underway ever since. Our living room, entrance hall, stairway, and both the upstairs and downstairs hall have been paneled and are finished with natural and walnut stain. We're pretty proud of our new trophy case and built-

in TV in the living room also. All our beauty, however, is not skin deep since our project included a complete re-wiring of the house. We'd like to welcome every male student on campus to come over and see us now that the mess is out of the way.

After last Monday's meeting all the brothers turned out to serenade Reema Lee Rohlfis who was pinned recently by brother Bob MacKenzie of the University of Michigan.

Last Sunday was the annual Christmas party for members and their dates. Christmas caroling and games were enjoyed by everyone and then to climax the evening, that fat guy with the red suit and white beard paid a visit with gifts for all present. Brother O'Leary was the only one to go home empty-handed, but he sure said a

mouthful when later he said: "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth."

The brothers of Phi Phi Alpha want to take this opportunity to wish all of you the very merriest Christmas ever.

## SIGMA PHI

We hope that everyone enjoyed Santa Claus' visit to the Holly House last Saturday. This week we gathered food for a basket to give to a needy Alma family.

Letters are being sent to our alumni members and patronesses informing them of our activities and wishing them a happy season.

Also we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (After finals it will be a happy year.)

## December 24, 1955

by Jodie Lilley

And the angel saith unto them "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy."

Fear not love

Nor to love—

Love for self, for beauty, for life.

You are not destroyed by love

But by fear, distrust, FEAR.

A certain man climbed down a steep hill

And near the bottom fell

down, down . . .

Near death, he struggled to regain

his place in life.

But in the struggle he lost his

values

He lost his faith.

He was afraid of life and love.

The Child brought love without

fear.

This is Truth—

You are FREE to love.

## Do You Know What You're Looking At?

Third in a series of articles by Jodie Lilley

Stopping before the third column of windows in Van Dusen we see mighty England's Reformation struggle in symbols. Looking at the first group of symbols—the seal of the Westminster General Assembly, the burning bush and circling dove—we discover the union of the Scotch Presbyterians, United Presbyterians, and English Presbyterians blending together to form the seal of the United Church.

The tablet inscribed with "2000 Non-conforming Presbyterian Divines, August 24, 1662" commemorates the ministers of the English Church who abandoned their churches, livings, and manes rather than conform to the liturgic requirements of King Charles II.

The date and information on the tablet beneath this signifies one of the most learned bodies of divines ever assembled, who prepared the documents of the Church known as the Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms. Following this is a tablet representing the Shorter Catechism. Beneath this is a tablet bearing the names and memorable sentences of distinguished members of the Westminster Assembly.

The bottom panel shows the place and date of the establishment of the first Presbytery held in England; the names are in memory of the early Christians in Wales.

This window records the hard struggle the Reformation fathers encountered in England leading to the time when the Churches of England, Scotland, and Ireland attained peace and unity with one another.

## Christmas Party Successful

The Mexican children of Alma, St. Louis, Elwell, Beebe, and Ithaca were invited to the annual Christmas party December 15 in the Alma College Chapel basement from 4:00-6:00 p.m., sponsored by the Alma Christian Association and the Sociology Department; Gwenn Cross was chairman.

Karen Erdman, Alice Immer, and Jean Molyneux were in charge of decorating the room with stars and toys that the children took for their own Christmas trees at home, and of course there was a large Christmas tree with all the trimmings at the party. Recreation was planned by Damon Colbert and Jackie LaDree; the children were shown movies, sang Christmas carols, played and were told a Christmas story by Isabell Coubrough. Refreshments were donated by Tom Manion of Saga Foods, and Jim Gordon was in charge of preparation.

Santa Claus arrived with red stockings filled with candy donated by the Chamber of Commerce, and toys were given by the Wilcox Circle at the Presbyterian Church. The Spanish Club tape recorded the children's voices as their contribution.

Between 130 and 140 children attended, plus about 25 mothers. Some college students with cars offered to go to the homes and pick them up. Both the Mexicans and college students shared the inspiring experience and the good fellowship of this party, and left with a feeling that their Christmas was complete.

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# Who's Who Sketches

by Jodie Lilley

Page two of our scrapbook of important people shows first Jim Wagar of Pontiac, president of the Phi Phi Alpha fraternity and Le Cercle Francais, an active member of the Student Council and vice-president of the Senior class. He has also been on the *almanian* staff, in Choral Union, intramurals, and on the cross-country team. This young man with much zest, conducts at Alma High School a shorthand class composed entirely of girls. His life is definitely surrounded by girls wherever he goes; he is accompanied by pert blonde Jan Anderson on campus, and was 9th in his graduating class, the top 8—girls! Teaching business courses in high school is Jim's immediate plan upon graduation in June.

Not too far from Jim, right in the same town, sits Gene Pattison, pipe in one hand, a white rat in the other. Because Gene's talents are many and varied, it is necessary to picture this gentleman thusly. An English and psychology major, preparing for teaching, psychology, and the ministry, he is president of Lambda Iota Tau and Parnassians, editor of *Pine River Anthology*, member of Phi Phi Alpha, past editor of the *almanian*, and winner in the Bradley Oratorical Contest.

The white rat has more to do with the psychology laboratory than it does with biology in Gene's case. He and Dr. Klugh have four white pets in the basement of the library for behavior studies.

This is Gene's second year in Who's Who; and a low bow and

high praise are in order for this versatile and valuable member of the senior class.

A member of three Homecoming and three Campus Day courts since her sophomore year, a member of A. C. A., Le Cercle Francais Choral Union and the Duo-Piano Ensemble, and a senior foreign languages major—introducing Sally Souders, for the last time. No, she is not leaving us, yet, but tomorrow she will become Mrs. Leroy Posey. May the *almanian* staff be among the many to congratulate both Sally and Lee and wish them happiness four-fold forever.

Because she is modest, it is difficult to get Sally to tell about herself or give any anecdotal information, so all we can say is that she is a staunch member of the Kappa Iota sorority and sometimes confuses her foreign languages in class, just like Miss Foley does!

The other half of the team of Sally and Lee is Mr. Posey, a member of Delta Gamma Tau, an English major preparing for the Presbyterian ministry, and an active participant in the A. C. A. Not too long ago Lee was a student speaker in Chapel when he introduced his energetic minister from Detroit.

Lee is another modest individual who submits dry humor to his admiring audience with the greatest of ease. "The Tender Trap" has been set for Sally and Lee, as intelligent and delightful a pair as you'd want to meet on Alma's campus.



Jim Wagar



Eugene Pattison



Sally Souders



Leroy Posey

## Christmas Spirit, Anyone?

by James Stringham

This week all of the happy Alma students are preparing to break out and go home for the Christmas vacation. Yet how many of you know the real story of the origin of Christmas as we know it today?

It started in Feugleheimer's, a Pinckney department store. The management met to draw up a plan for increasing sales during the midwinter slack. George Santi, assistant manager, inserted a clause that suggested that the store declare a holiday which would feature the exchange of gifts. His contribution, known as the Santi Claus, has become an important part of Christmas.

Feugleheimer's decided to use an obscure religious holiday occurring in late December. George Santi was ordered to sit in the store and talk to the children. He would promise the little fiends anything they asked for. No parent would dare to invoke the fury of the little monsters by not giving them the gift. This is considered to be one of the most diabolical plots ever conceived against parents.

Santi, a heavy, bearded man, fortified himself against his ordeal with large quantities of Haig and Haig, a well known patent medicine. As a result, he had a most impressive red nose. At first he decided to wear a palm beach suit. Later several children, after telling Santi what they wanted for Christmas, punched him in the afore-mentioned bright red nose. The resulting blood changed the suit from white to a beautiful red, a color much more popular with the kids. Thus, Santi took on the appearance of the Santa we know today.

At first, the holiday was celebrated only by Feugleheimer's. A year later, it was made official by the Pinckney Chamber of Commerce. It became popular and was celebrated in stores all over the country.



"Okay, everybody! The sodas are on me."

## Delt Monte Carlo January 6

Friends, is the insufferable monotony of those miserable classes getting you down? Do you long for adventure, for the romance of some exotic place? Would you dare to flirt with the Goddess of Chance? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then your destiny is just around the corner; the corner of Superior and Harvard streets as a matter of fact. It's the Delt Monte Carlo which will bring all these things and more to Tyler Center on January 6.

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your money and a date to the Delt Monte Carlo. We guarantee that you will still have your girl when you leave.

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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA—(ACP)—At Long Beach State College someone tacked an official looking notice up on the bulletin board. It said that all future notices must be neatly typed on cards measuring either 3 by 5 or 4 by 6 inches.

The size of the card announcing the new regulation: Three by six inches.

### Quickies

DALLAS, TEXAS—(ACP)—A couple of quickies now from the pages of the Southern Methodist University Campus:

And this one: "Some people are even tempered only because they are in a bad mood all the time."

If you are looking for a helping hand, you will find none better than the one at the end of your arm.

## The Bard on College Life

MANHATTAN, KAN.—(ACP)—Someone at Kansas State College did a little digging and came up with these Shakespearian comments on college life:

**Studying in the library:** "More light, you knaves; and turn the tables up and quench the fire, the room is grown too hot." Romeo and Juliet.

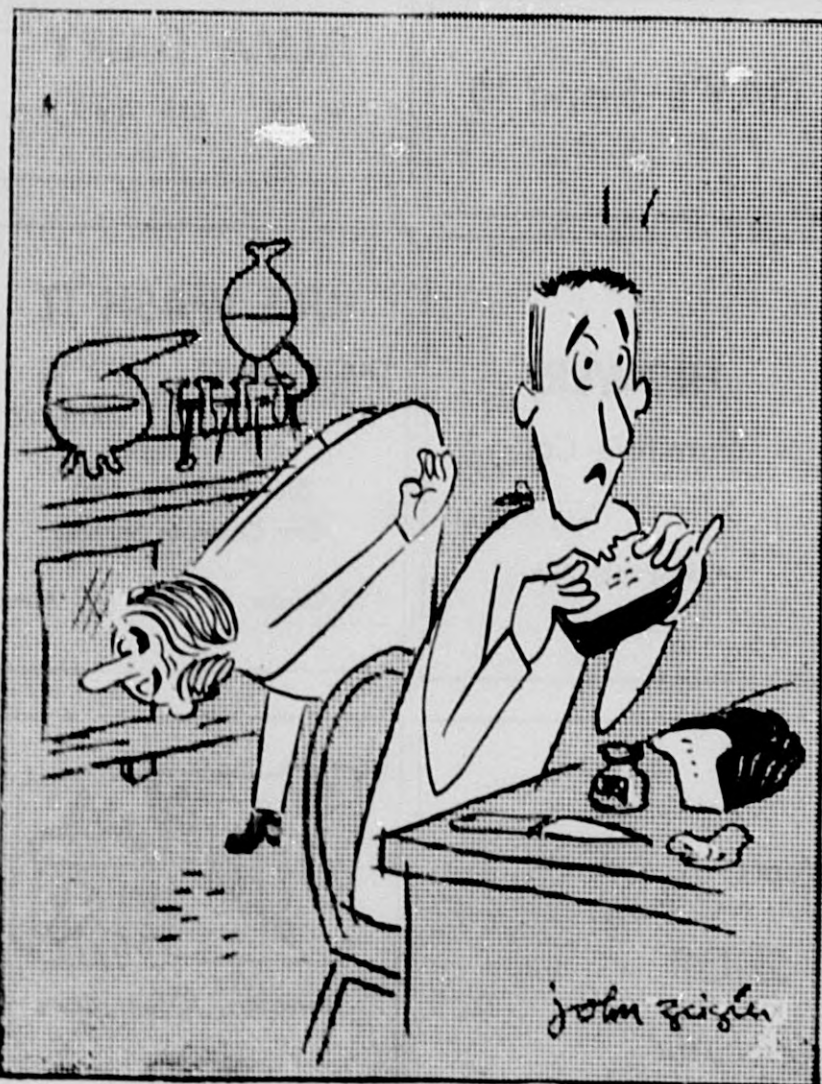
**Cramming at 3 a.m.:** "How weary, flat, stale and unprofitable seems to be all the uses of the world." Hamlet.

**Cramming at 7 a.m.:** "It is not for your health thus to commit your weak condition to the raw cold morning." Julius Caesar.

**Fountain Pen Leaks:** "Out, damned spot! Out, I say." Macbeth.

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## Festive Season Ushered In



Wright Hall residents help decorate the tree in preparation for the party Thursday night.



Santa Claus visited the Delt, Sig Phi Holly House last week and is shown here passing out his gifts to the good children.

This week before Christmas vacation is always busy, but somehow it has seemed even busier this year.

The activities began with the annual Delt, Sig Phi Holly House last Saturday. Don Drew emceed the program which featured the "Deltairs," composed of Don Drew, Don Jackson, Cuhck Hornbrook, and George Spriggs; a Christmas reading by Janet Zeilinger; the canine version of "Jingle Bells" by Jim Ford and Ed Pittis; and last, a visit from Santa Claus. Refreshments and dancing rounded out the evening.

The annual Christmas Choir Concert was held Wednesday night and Christmas caroling and

refreshments followed the concert. Refreshments were served at Dr. and Mrs. Harker's.

The week preceding Thursday, December 15, was Wright Hall Buddy Week in which each girl draws the name of another Wright Hall resident and either gives her a small gift each day or does some small favor for her each day. Buddy Week was climaxed by the Wright Hall Christmas Party at which small gifts and the names of buddies were exchanged.

These events plus the many private parties have kept all Alma students busy throughout the week.

## College Student: A Prof's View

MANHATTAN, KAN.—(ACP)—There are many quips credited to college profs and here's another of the better ones. It comes from the Kansas State Collegian which credits it to an anonymous member of the faculty.

A political science professor who has taught both high school as well as college courses summarized the difference between high school and college students. Here's what he said:

"When you walk into a high school class and say 'good morning,' the students reply 'good morning.' But when you walk into a college class and say 'good morning' the students write it down."

## Program for Big Ten News Set

East Lansing, Mich.—(I.P.)—A plan to provide Big Ten student governments with comprehensive information on their common problems and to generally coordinate Big Ten affairs has been begun through the progressive program to provide service to member schools. Headquarters have been

formed at Michigan State College. Student government presidents from each of the ten schools met last year at Northwestern University and decided to build their organization as a supplement to the National Student Association. Three Big Ten members, Purdue, Michigan State and Indiana are not affiliated with the National Student Association.

General plans suggest that the total organization be divided into two divisions, one for research and one for publications. The research bureau will be in charge of gathering information on such problems as discrimination, parking and driving, increasing student interest in student government, and housing. It will work through Bureau members located at each Big Ten school. The Office of Secretary-General, located at Central Headquarters here, will coordinate the work of field representatives.

Respect yourself, if you wish others to respect you. It is better to be a marble basin than a tin spittoon.

He who trusts nobody will be trusted by nobody; he who believes not will be believed by nobody.

Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world, because you can't stop and rest.

## Qualities of Liberal Education Enumerated

Berrien Springs, Mich.—(I.P.)—Seven things which liberal education is not, according to Dr. F. O. Rittenhouse, newly-elected president of Emmanuel Missionary College, are:

1. It is not a secondary education where one obtains the bare tools of thought, but an education where one obtains a cultivated mind from the use of those tools.

2. It is not an accumulation of facts as one would stack hay, becoming familiar with things like the snail *Bulinus contortus*, but the gaining of an individual personality.

3. It is not professional training. Liberal education provides a personal dignity apart from social utility.

4. It is not vocational training. One needs to be more than an expert watch repairer to be liberally educated.

5. It is not good manners. One may be all smiles, politeness and condescension, and yet not educated at all, for social graces, a species of commercial sophistry, can never replace intellectual discipline.

6. It is not social service. Higher education, being a quality of the mind rather than function of one's social instincts and interests, does not consist of spending all one's time visiting jail and hospitals and belonging to the finest social services in one's community.

7. It is not a life of grace. God's providence makes it possible for the man with little wisdom and reasoning power to see God. Yet the most educated man may rebel against Him. Hence the two are not interdependent.

Dr. Rittenhouse emphasized that while having these things is admirable and to one's advantage, they are not synonymous with liberal education. Briefly, he summarized his positive outline of a liberal education:

1. It is the core of the college curriculum. In reality, skill subjects and utilitarian offerings only supplement original components of language, literature, science, history and the humanities.

2. It gives perspective. This ac-

## Introducing Ron Stolz

by Jodie Lilley



Ron Stolz

At last report, according to the *almanian*, Ron Stolz was still at Ann Arbor Veteran's Hospital. This article appeared last May,

tivity helps one understand the flow of life through the ages, and teaches him his place in the vast drama of time.

3. Practical education helps us to make a living; liberal education helps us make a life.

4. It helps one to know that he knows; but more important, it helps him to know and respect what he doesn't know, something a liberally uneducated person rarely realizes.

5. It fits him to cope with everyday issues and problems.

In conclusion, Dr. Rittenhouse said, "A liberal education is a constant shield against the practical, the commercial, and the urgent. These sing continually the siren song which tempts us to lose sight of the eternal, intellectual and spiritual sources of life."

but it is obvious to those who know Ron, that he is back with us, on his feet and quite recovered from the complete paralysis of his left side. Hence, this follow-up story of an unusual incident and a remarkable recovery.

Ron, a veteran of four years in the Air Force, came to Alma in February, 1955, and was a pitcher on the varsity baseball squad. Two weeks before school was out, he was found unconscious and paralyzed on his room floor. He was immediately taken to Ann Arbor where he was on the critical list for two months. It was the first of July before he could move and then there were only barely perceptible movements in his hand and foot. Due to excellent medical attention and his persistence and will to get well, progress was rapid from then on. Six weeks of gait training were administered to restore thought patterns to enable Ron to walk again. A short time to learn what a child learns in over a year.

He was on his feet and walking with a cane as early as July 17, when he attended the wedding of Bob and Judy Hamilton. The end of August was Ron's triumph, for he left the hospital and prepared to return to Alma.

The theory of the doctors as to the cause of the paralysis is that emulisms and sediments collected in an artery in his throat, forming a blood clot which starved the brain tissue of blood; and motor cells on the right side of the brain were destroyed, paralyzing the left side. The emulisms and sediments emanated from wounds contracted in the Korean War, where Ron was with a combat Rescue Unit, with which he made 88 combat rescue missions.

Since Ron has been back at Alma, he has had two operations on his neck and hip, at Ann Arbor. The government gives him 100% disability for arterial weakness.

The aftermath of many months of fighting and heartache is Ron's decision to give baseball another try this coming spring. We're proud to have you back with us, Ron, and we're counting on you to make that comeback.



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# In the Spotlight



George Carter

George Carter, 6'0" sophomore from Three Rivers, filled the guard slot in 15 games last season. In these 15 games, George scored a total of 191 points for 12.7 per game. On defense Carter has a talent for ball stealing that confuses opponents and helps the Scots' defense considerably. So far this season George has lived up to his past record. At the present time he is in the starting line-up. In four games this season, Carter has 12.2 points per game, hitting 42.5% of his field goals and 60.0% of his free throws. A factor contributing to these statistics, is George's fine ball handling ability and cool-headedness.



Jim Ford

Center Jim Ford from Livonia, was last year's most valuable player. Big 6'4" Jim made 326 points in 23 games, giving him the season's high scoring honors with an average of 14.1 points per game. Jim scored most effectively with a jump shot from the foul line area. Ford also stood high in the ranks of the rebounders and this season he has held that standing by taking 8.0 rebounds per game. Although his point average has dropped to 6.5 per game this season, he is still in the top five for scoring honors. Big Jim is a smooth, easy-going consistent player.

## Chips Swamp Scots in Season Opener, 102-83

Central Michigan College, paced by guard Stan Gooch and forward Glen Stuart, who scored 21 and 20 points, respectively, won its first game of the season as the Scots dropped their first game.

Alma played a see-saw battle for the first quarter and a half, but with the Scots head 38-37 midway in the second quarter, the Chips got hot and scored 17 points to Alma's five, giving Central a comfortable 54-53 lead at the half.

In the second half, Central continued to turn on the power and won in a walk-away.

Bud Miller, Scot forward, was the high man for Alma with 20 points, and George Carter and Ron Lude each contributed 12 points.

It is interesting to note that Central hit on 44 of 52 foul shots, for a percentage of .846.

Alma's rebounding and lack of height proved to be a dominating factor in their loss.

## Alma Conquers Ferris, 96-84

Alma claimed Ferris Institute as its second straight home victory of the season by a 96-84 score. It was a nip and tuck game for three quarters and it provided the Alma fans with the kind of basketball that they like to see.

Ferris opened with a full court press and ran up an early 7-2 lead before Guard George Carter got Alma righted. Carter hit for 10 of the Scots' first 12 points in what looked like a vain effort to keep Alma close.

Ron Lude then single handedly kept the Scots in the ball game as he scored 13 out of the first 25 points. In spite of the efforts of Carter and Lude, Alma trailed 25-33 with seven minutes to go of the first half.

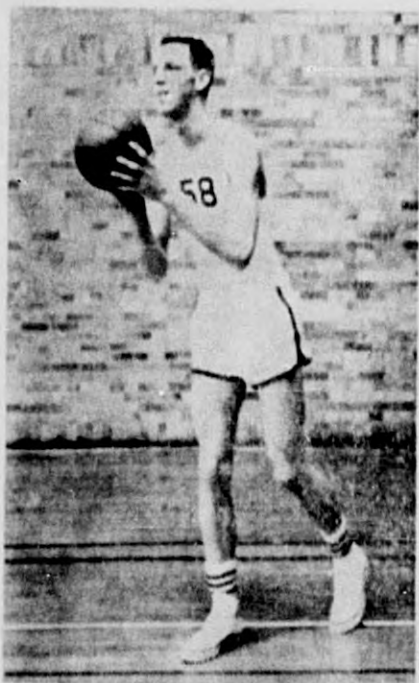
At this point, Coach Stauffer inserted the second five and with Knowles, Stolz and Anderson hitting, Alma pulled to a 47-48 half-time score.

The second half was all Alma after Lude's basket pulled them ahead 58-57 midway in the third period.

Miller, who had failed to score in the first half, sparked the second half drive by scoring 14 points and rebounding outstandingly.

Lude held scoring honors for Alma with 26 points while Carter and Miller added 14 points each. The attack was well balanced as all 10 Alma players that saw action scored.

Guard Dick Mosier of Ferris took individual honors with a total of 29 points.



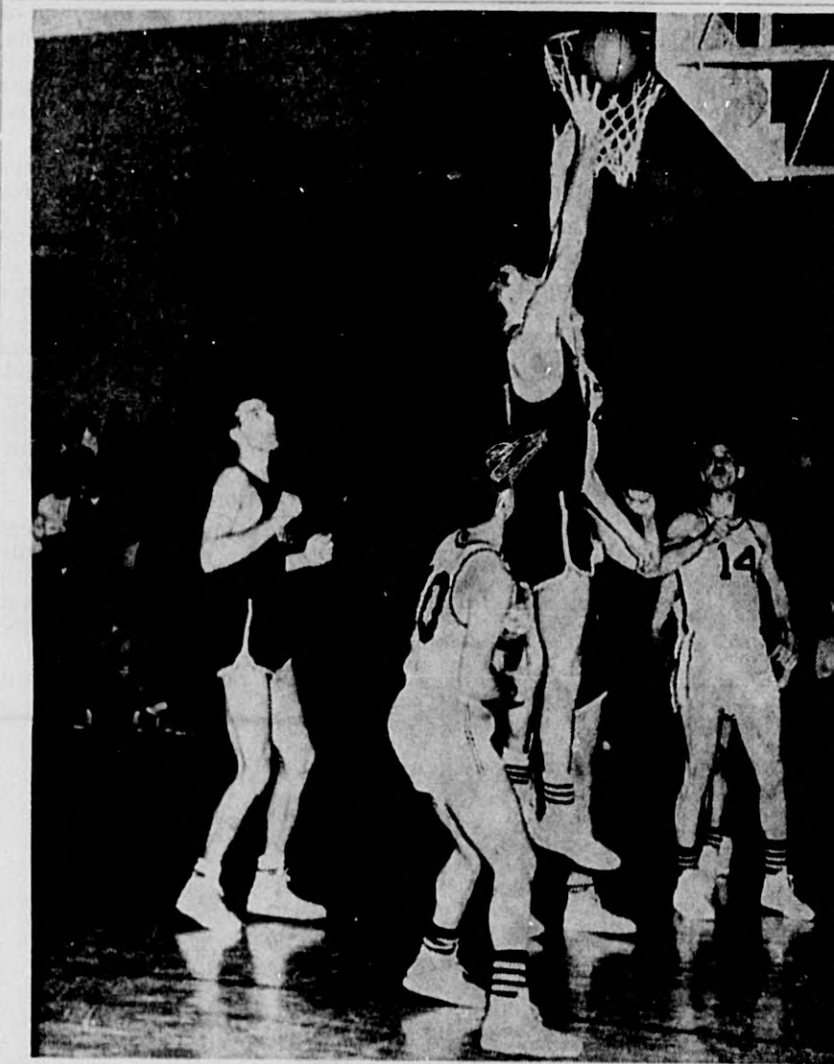
Ron Lude

Ron Lude, junior from Vicksburg, filled the forward position with 6'5" last year for 16 games. He was second highest scorer with 206 points for 12.8 average. Ron was very effective at rebounding, which he has shown again this season by taking 12 rebounds per game for the high in that field. Lude has increased his scoring average to 14.5 for the lead in scoring this season. Just for the record, Ron has hit 70.6% of his free throws, also a high mark. The thing possibly influencing these standings is the spirit and hustle that Ron possesses. Lude is one of Alma's best all-round players.



Bud Miller

Bud Miller, this year's captain, had a rough season last year due to illness. Although he played 19 games, his comeback was slow. The 6'1" forward from Holt scored 128 points for a 6.7 average. Rolling into this season, Bud, a senior, is holding his berth in the starting five. During the four opening games, Miller has upped his point average to 13 per game on a 52 point total. From his forward position he has taken 9.5 rebounds per game to hold second place among the team's big men. Bud's spirit and leadership are valuable assets to the Scots and account, in part, for his being captain.



George Carter, in the Ferris game, goes up to add another two points to the Alma score.

## Albion Downs Alma in MIAA Contes

The Albion College Britons started slow, but finished fast to down the hot and cold Scots, 73-57. With John Hannett, Albion forward, hitting from all angles, the game was never in doubt after the first half.

With three minutes left to go in the first half, Alma led 24-20, but the Britons scored 11 straight points to lead at the half, 31-24.

Alma's inability to rebound and scrap against the smaller Albion team proved to be their greatest downfall.

Hannett of Albion led all scorers with 29 points, and Albion center Bill Collison added another 13 points. In Hannett, Albion has one of the finest ball players in the MIAA.

Alma's scoring was divided quite evenly among Center Jim Ford, Guard George Carter, and Captain Bud Miller. Ford and Carter had 15 points each and Miller tossed in 11 points.

## Scots Win over Olivet, 70-56

Olivet, Alma's opening MIAA foe, yielded little resistance as the Scots claimed their first victory of the season 70-56.

The game was never close; Alma had leads of 12-2 and 29-7. Olivet hit for ten straight points against Alma's second five to close the half with a score of 29-17.

Alma outscored Olivet by only a 41-39 margin in the second half as they substituted freely.

Guard Bob Postma of Midland led the Scot attack with 18 points to his credit. Ron Lude added 14 points to the score. Center Bob Whitcomb of Olivet tied Postma for scoring honors.

Loyalty and courage are the complete virtues of a successful life, and self-respect is the reward of these virtues, which are but one virtue. Yet loyalty should be guided by wise choice, and courage led by prudence.



In the Olivet game Bob Postma goes up to tip one in and its good. Two more points for the Scots.

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## Scots to Play in Holiday Tourney

The Naperville Jaycee Invitational Basketball Tournament will provide the Scot basketballers with some holiday action.

Along with Indiana Central College of Indianapolis, Indiana, Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and North Central College of Naperville, Illinois, Alma will compete in games on December 29 and 30.

Winners of the first games will compete the second night for the championship and the losers will play a consolation game.

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