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Announce Three Faculty Changes

His Duties Halved



William Stielstra

Gregory Granted Leave of Absence Stielstra Replaced as Dean; to Continue Teaching

Prof. William Gregory has been granted a two year leave of absence to do graduate study, and Prof. William Stielstra has been given a half-time leave of absence for the same reason, it was announced this morning by President Harker. Also, Dr. Harker announced that an appointment in the field of psychology will soon be made.

Prof. Stielstra's duties as dean of men will be assumed by Prof. Robert Rufener for 1955-56. Prof. Stielstra will continue to live in Alma and will teach classes.

Except for the retirement of Prof. Julia Roecker, all other faculty members have signed their contracts for next year, Dr. Harker stated.

Roecker Retires Story page 4

Announce Program for Mich. Christian Meet Here, April 30

The Michigan Student Christian Convocation will meet here Saturday, April 30, and the theme will be "Theology and Social Action." Speakers are Dean William N. Hawley of the Divinity School, University of Chicago, and Dr. Robert J. Lamont, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

The program will begin at 9:00 with registration in the chapel. A worship service will be held there at 9:45, after which Dean Hawley will speak at 10:15.

Discussion groups assigned at registration, will convene at 11:15 and continue until 12:15. The luncheon will be held at 12:45 in Van Dusen Commons.

At 2:00, Dr. Robert J. Lamont will speak. The discussion groups will again convene at 3:00 and proceed until 4:15.

A panel forum will be held from 4:30 to 6:00 and dinner will be at 6:30. The Convocation will close with Evening Worship at 7:45.

To Sell Spring Anthology; Supply Limited—Scholl

The colossal spring edition of the Pine River Anthology will go to press soon and will be out the first week in May, according to Tom Scholl, editor and president of Parnassians.

The Anthology, in addition to selections of prose and poetry, will contain art work by Dick Beardsley and Nancy Rearick, and a musical composition by John Ludy.

A limited publication of fifty copies will be made, and sale will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Senator Styles Bridges to Be June Speaker

Senator Styles Bridges, senior senator from New Hampshire, will be the speaker at the sixtieth annual commencement exercises this June, it was announced recently. Senator Bridges is a close friend of Mrs. Franklin Knox, who will be present at commencement and at the dedication of the Reid-Knox Administration Building.

Mrs. Knox requested that he be invited, both as commencement and dedicatory speaker. Senator Bridges was named as the memorial speaker at the time of Frank Knox' death. He will repeat part of that memorial address.

Leaving



William A. Gregory

Sophomores High In Science Field

Are Below Average In English, Culture

Alma sophomore students placed very high in the science division of the sophomore tests, it was announced this week by Dr. William J. McKeefery, dean.

In addition students placed above average in the Contemporary Affairs test and slightly below average in the General Culture and English tests.

The tests are given each year, in conjunction with other colleges, for the purpose of revising the program of study and reviewing the graduation requirements in order to give an adequate educational experience at Alma College.

Future teachers are to be helped especially by the results of this battery of tests. Mr. McCall and Miss Pigg will use the results to help prospective teachers plan their course of study in an efficient manner.

An overwhelming percentage of sophomores took the tests, with only two refusing.

Profile sheets, showing the results of an all-school average, along with his outcome, as compared to the average, was sent to each student, his advisor and the personnel office for future reference.

Similar tests are given in other colleges throughout the nation, with the results being shared for the mutual benefit of each institution.

Business Dep't Makes Awards

Recently, two of Dr. Meyer's shorthand classes participated in several Gregg sponsored international contests.

As a result of one of these tests, the following received The Order of Gregg Artists' gold pin and Certificate of Superior Merit: Louise Roths, Julie Kehoe, Rosemary VanMeer, Catherine Tilson, and Rochelle Seaman.

The test was judged on (1) smooth, fluent, and light lines, obtained by writing with a free, easy movement, (2) correct formation of curves, (3) correct joinings, (4) uniform size and slant, (5) proper proportion in lengths of strokes and sizes of circles.

As a result of attaining 100 w.p.m. on the O.G.A. speed test, Louise Roths also received a Certificate of Attainment.

A display of these certificates may be seen on the Business Bulletin board, third floor.

Five Play Production Students to Direct Last Bill of One-Acts, May 4 and 5

The play production class, under the direction of Prof. Gregory will present two bills of one-act plays on consecutive nights, Wednesday and Thursday, May fourth and fifth. Five plays will be presented—one directed by each member of the class.

The plays which will be presented on these nights will be entirely student-directed. The names of the plays and their directors are as follows: **Our Betters**, directed by Marilyn Mott, **The Exchange**, directed by Karan Pregitzer, the first act of **All My Sons** directed by Jim Mills, **Suppressed Desire**, directed by Douglas Neitzke and the first act of **Arms and the Man**, directed by Bob Woods.

Those people appearing in Marilyn Mott's play are: Roberta McCallister, Gay Brunelle, Pinky

Persinger, Jean Irving, Ed Pitts, Peter Hanson, Dave McDowell, Sue Metzger and Charles Zampich.

Karan Pregitzer's cast line-up is as follows: Connie McCall, Bob White, Phyllis Dresbach, Ron Baney and Gilbert Taylor.

The people who will be seen in Jim Mills' play are: Carl Rohloff, Nancy Webb, Janet Rench, Jean Wallace, Thel Woods, Ed Rawn, Edna Parkes and Lee Armstrong.

Douglas Neitzke will have the following students in his cast: Dale Parkinson, Nancy Jane Littlefield and Barbara Wisniewski.

Bob Woods' play will feature in the cast: Tanya Wells, Bob Fritz, Sherra Lee Nugent, Mary Ann Swartz and Tom Elliott.

The purpose of the play production class is to give potential teachers an opportunity to gain a knowledge of play direction and to give them experience in putting the accepted principles of play production into use.

It is hoped that as many students and townspeople will attend the plays as possible. It should be a worthwhile experience to all who attend them.

Duo Piano Recital Scheduled May 10

On Tuesday evening, May 10th, the Jerry Tyler Auditorium will really be "rocking" from the popular rhythms of the Two Piano Class' efforts to give the Alma College hep cats the kind of music for which they have been asking.

Also included in the program will be a "real gone" clarinet quartet. Other plans for popular instrumentals are being formulated at this time.

The evening's numbers will include such all time favorites as "Body and Soul," "Jealousy," "Sabre Dance," and "The Jamaican Rumba." Many other toe-tapping, well known "pop" numbers are to be featured in the program.

Miss Frances Hughes, director of the Two Piano Class, promises a truly entertaining evening for all attending the long awaited "Pops Concert."

High School Average Best Predictor of Success—Clack

Dr. Robert Ciack, retired former head of the Alma College mathematics department, has just completed a study of correlations of freshman test results and first semester grades. Some conclusions drawn from this comparative study are: the high school average still seems to be the most reliable predictor of college performance, the freshman English test—particularly the reading part, is the best criterion for predicting collegiate success, and the high school grade average for the class is 1.64 (high school average for women—1.93; high school average for men—1.38).

This comparative study was based on 190 students of the class of 1958. This type of information is particularly valuable to the administration and faculty in evaluating the academic program at Alma College.

Denison Univ. Philosopher Speaks Here

Dr. Harold H. Titus, senior professor of philosophy at Denison University, Granville, Ohio where he has been on the faculty since 1928, addressed the Alma College student body Friday, April 22, 1955, on the topic "Academic Freedom."

Friday evening Dr. Titus will be a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Harker at a potluck dinner where he will lead an informal discussion after giving a brief talk before the faculty. His informal talk to the faculty is entitled "Perils and Responsibilities of the Campus Community."

Dr. Titus is currently on leave from his teaching duties to serve as faculty consultant in colleges and universities in the Midwest area, including Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. His visit to the neighboring campuses is sponsored jointly by the Faculty Christian Fellowship of the Department of Campus Christian Life of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and by the Division of Higher Education of the American Baptist Convention. Dr. Titus is author of two widely used textbooks in the college teaching field. They are "Ethics for Today," which first appeared in 1936 and was revised both in 1947 and in 1954, and "Living Issues in Philosophy," in its second edition in 1953. His volume, "What Is a Mature Morality?" appeared in 1943.

Student Council to Supervise Class Elections, May 4

Lights for the tennis courts, plans for the scholarship, and class elections occupied the student council at their regular meeting last Tuesday night.

A project committee composed of Jack Carleton, Betty Burns and Bill McIntosh is investigating the possibility that the council may purchase lights for the tennis courts, or some other campus improvement.

Monday Deadline for Scholarship Applicants

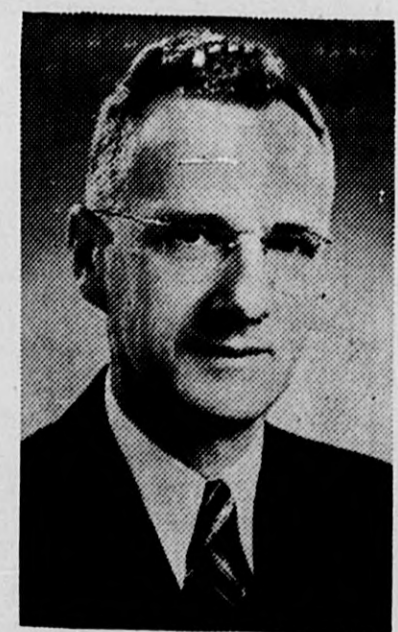
All students who meet the requirements for the Student Council Scholarship have been asked to have the scholarship form, which may be obtained in the Personnel Office, filled out and returned to the Personnel Office by next Monday, April 25.

Lay Out Class Election Rules

Concerning the election of class officers, the council passed the following:

1. Petitions may be obtained at the Business Office, Monday, April 25 and are returned by Monday, May 2.
2. Each petition must have at least 25 names on it.
3. There will be five representatives elected from the senior class, four from the junior class, four from the sophomore class and three from the freshman class.
4. The presidents of each class shall be ex officio members of the council.

Election for the Campus Day queen and her court will be held on the same day as class elections which will be Wednesday, May 4.



HAROLD H. TITUS

In 1949 Dr. Titus was an associate member of the East-West Philosophers' Conference at the University of Hawaii.

His alma mater, Arcadia University, conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of letters in 1951. He holds two earned degrees from Colgate - Rochester Divinity School, bachelor of divinity and master of theology; and from the University of Chicago doctor of philosophy.

"Frosh Frolic" Is Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night from 8:30 to 11:30 is the annual freshman dance, "The Frosh Frolic." Wonderful dancing and refreshments are on the program for the evening.

The committee for the dance is headed by Dorothy Harker, decorations; Gaylord Brunelle, refreshments; Bern Brisbois, tickets, and Ken Hanson, publicity. They, and all their committee members have worked hard to give you an enjoyable evening. Tickets are \$1.50 per couple. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, fellas, get them at the door.

See you at the "Frosh Frolic" tomorrow night!

Announce Program for Stone Laying

Tentative plans for the program of the laying of the cornerstone of the Reid-Knox Building, April 27, at 11:00 a.m., have been made, according to an announcement by Dr. Harker.

While the crowd gathers, the Alma College Kiltie Band under the direction of Prof. Robert Rufener will play several numbers.

Dr. Miller will open the program with the invocation. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees will be Dr. Stephen Nisbet, of Fremont. Dr. Wm. J. McKeefery will speak on behalf of the faculty, and student council president, Robert G. Kenrick, will express the feelings of the student body.

Leslie A. Kefgen, '11, will give the main address, dealing with his friendship with Frank Knox. Following the laying of the cornerstone, the Kiltie Band will accompany the group in singing of the Alma Mater.

Included in the cornerstone will be the New Testament which Knox carried during World War I, a locket which belonged to him, his biography, photographs and mementoes. These will be on display in the old Ad building lobby. Several items from present day college life will also be included.

Women Entertain

The three women's residences on campus will hold their Spring Open House on Sunday, April 24, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Though Bruske House and Cole Cottage will be welcoming guests, refreshments will be served in Wright Hall only.

The girls will be putting much work into this open house and hope their guest list will be long. Fellows, this is your chance to see the interior of Wright Hall!

"Liberal" Letters to Editor Suggests the Reds

by Doug Nietzsche

This has been "Liberal Week", as far as the Feature Editor is concerned. Perhaps "liberal" is too mild.

First of all, we received two papers explaining a Youth Festival which is to be held in Warsaw, Poland. On the surface it is quite interesting and harmless—on the surface. They do admit, however, that the festival was banned in one South American country as "subversive", but what can possibly be subversive about students from various countries getting together? they ask.

And why was Professor Du Bois of Harvard denied a passport to be on the planning committee of the festival? Never mind, says Du Bois, I'll be there in spirit. Why the fuss about students getting together and exchanging liberal ideas? (One of our staff members was at first eager to attend.)

Well, the fact that it is held in Communist dominated Warsaw should give you some indication. If that doesn't satisfy you, some of the "liberal" ideas which will be exchanged will be those of empassioned Japanese students who urge their nation to sever relations with the U.S. because of the atomic explosions during the war.

And why should a small Christian college in the Midwest

such as Alma receive such a paper? Christian fellowship! The Youth Festival newspaper shouted the resurgence of Christian revival.

Perhaps you will recall reading in the Saturday Review some months ago that the editor of the Arizona Daily Star took a trip to some European countries, including Poland. He agreed that the government is restoring all churches and that there are more churchgoers than ever. One of his group, advised to go over on a Saturday, found one church so busy that five priests were receiving confession.

"Yet the cardinal is now being held incommunicado." Yes, it is quite interesting, liberal, and harmless—on the surface.

We received the next day a little gem called "Campus Sense". The lead story exclaimed "Russian Editors' Trip Seen Aiding Peace." The whole second page was devoted to the question "Is McCarthyism a Dead Duck?" with the conclusion that it wasn't and that it of course should be because he brands debate of Marxism as subversive.

Here is one line from their editorial: "Campus Sense believes that students have a right to learn about a philosophy that looks to a socialist future—healthy, progressive and free from war." Interesting, yes. Liberal, yes. Harmless... well, you decide.

The following day we received

Expose, a newspaper which is determined to do away with any sort of newspaper censorship. It seems they're stirring up all kinds of trouble—exposing things which no one else has the guts to print.

For example, a story written in Expose about The American Mercury caused that magazine's "entire editorial staff to resign." Another seeks to explain the type of men "who had bought the Republican nomination for Eisenhower."

The editors further invited us to send them the background of any item we decided it was "safer" not to print, or any item appearing in our paper which stirred controversy in our college or community. The implication was that they'd be darn glad to print it, 'cause you can't hardly get that kind no more.

You see that an editor must carefully sift his sources of information. Of the papers I have mentioned, Campus Sense is openly Marxist, the festival paper certainly is suspicious because of its source, and Expose appears actually to be seeking the truth to enhance freedom and honesty.

College papers and college students appear to be prime targets for many movements. In these times we must be careful to distinguish between organizations which endeavor to make reforms by peaceful methods, or by openly, or secretly, trying to overthrow the government by force.

It's Picnic Time Again!



But, the axe that cuts that Saturday Class is a double-bitted One.

Bermuda Wearer Ridiculed; Others Wish Courage; Knees Worth Showing

(Ed. Note: We congratulate the daring band of men who appeared on campus last Saturday togged in Bermudas. Lee Posey presents here a position with which we heartily agree.)

by Lee Posey

The American male has long suffered the oppression of having to wear miserably styled summer clothing. While women are cool and beautiful in crisp cottons, men endure the agony of the business suit which could be more properly called a sweat suit.

Women have gone to great extremes in summer wear while men have been bound by the shackles of society. At last these chains have been broken and long pants thrown off!

Males clad in knee length socks have created an uproar of riotous laughter at Alma College in the past two weeks. As some men frowned in disgust and girls giggled at the appearance of nude knees, the braver men of Alma College displayed their imports from the Isle of Bermuda.

It is only natural that this first reaction to the unclad male knees

would be one of laughter, but on serious consideration more men have joined the revolution to make slacks an obsolete garment in the summer months. The British Army has had the good sense to wear similarly styled apparel for almost a century.

Many of course, will continue to scorn the practicality and comfort of Bermudas, but secretly they will wish for both the courage to wear them and the legs to exhibit.

College men, unite! Follow in a revolution to obtain humane clothing for American men!

BROADSIDES

Having returned from spring vacation, and settled down to the task of propping our feet on the desk, an eyeshade comfortably perched on forehead, we gaze out of the windows of the sandstone tower in search of an issue upon which to comment. Many items might be worthy of a sentence, hence, the saying nothing above ends here and we let go with a number of broadsides:

Coverage: That the columns of the almanian might seem to be dominated by faculty news is obvious this week. However, there is the assumption that on a campus where exchange of ideas is the goal, there should be some student interest in those who motivate that exchange.

Spring Sports—For Spectators: Baseball games draw a number of spectators, and team spirit is certainly encouraged by student attendance. May we suggest that the same is true of the other sports—golf, track, and tennis. A crowd lends its enthusiasm to those who lob balls of any size or description.

Congrats to Dodd: The staff extends itself verbal orchids in congratulations to Tom Dodd, who is responsible for the editorial cartoon appearing above. Though it will appear that we are kill-joys, education is what we're here for—proponents of the other extreme be d---d!

News Values: Spring is wonderful, but Sara Teasdale presents a point of view with which we agree:

"Nothing is new, I have seen the spring too often!"

With that thought, we settle back into the peaceful oblivion (drowsiness, for the uninitiate) in expectation of sunnier days to come.

Release Activity Fund Figures

At the request of several students, the almanian is making public some figures concerning the Alma College activity fund:

Each student pays an activity fee of \$16.00 per semester. The College underwrites the activity program in the amount of \$15.00 per student. This makes a total of \$47 in the fund per student, and a total of \$23,951.50 is included in the activity budget for 1954-55.

The following percentages of the activity fund are given to each of the organizations listed:

Athletics (Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Golf, and Tennis)	45.88
Scotsman (one for each student)	12.2
almanian (budget printed here also)	6.1
Band	4.7
Oratory and debate	4.7
Assemblies	4.2
Student Council Dance	4.2
Drama Club	4.0
Religious life (A.C.A. etc.) ..	4.0
Choir	3.8
Student Council	3.5
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W.A.A.88
Class Funds	1.09

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September 21, 1954	
Semesters 137-138	
Income	
Activity Fund	\$1,470.00
Advertising	\$ 900.00
Total	\$2,370.00
Expenditures	
Printing	\$1,500.00
Pictures and Cuts	\$ 300.00
Travel	\$ 20.00
Miscellaneous (Postage, Bound Books, Cartoon Mats, Etc.)	\$ 100.00
Editor	\$ 250.00
Business Manager	\$ 200.00
Total	\$2,370.00
Less Advertising	\$ 900.00
Total	\$1,470.00

Adopted by the Cooperative Council.

Bermudas Taboo For Dates

DALLAS TEX.—(ACP) — Bermuda shorts are considered "decent wearing apparel" at Southern Methodist University, according to school officials, but the dean of women turned thumbs down on the attire when it comes to dates.

The college paper, SMU Campus, quoted the dean as saying Bermuda shorts are just another fad, and that if girls were not allowed to come into the dormitory living rooms in shorts, the rule should also apply to men.

athletes can't smoke — why should I be permitted to blaspheme? —Spriggs

Chaplin Would Stick to Education

Burlington, Vt. — (I.P.) — "I would abolish all fraternities, sororities, spectator sports, and most student extra-curricular activities, in a Utopian college," Professor James P. Chaplin told the Hillel Foundation at a recently held gathering on the University of Vermont campus.

Professor Chaplin, chairman of the Department of Psychology here, spoke on "The Values in Education." He says that most present-day college graduates are essentially failures because they are ignorant in many areas, have poor attitudes, and will not follow up their studies after graduation.

Professor Chaplin wished to abolish the institutions mentioned above because they helped those who didn't need help and neglected those who did. As an example he said that fraternities take those who are well mannered, in

the social graces, while rejecting those who need some guidance.

Our schools give too much attention to the average and poor student, and not enough to the above average, said Chaplin. Other complaints are that there are many people in college who should not be there, and these drag the real students down.

The semi-intellectual attitude so prevalent, and an anti-idealism which asserts itself in planning the curriculum are also reason for the failure of many college graduates to be educated.

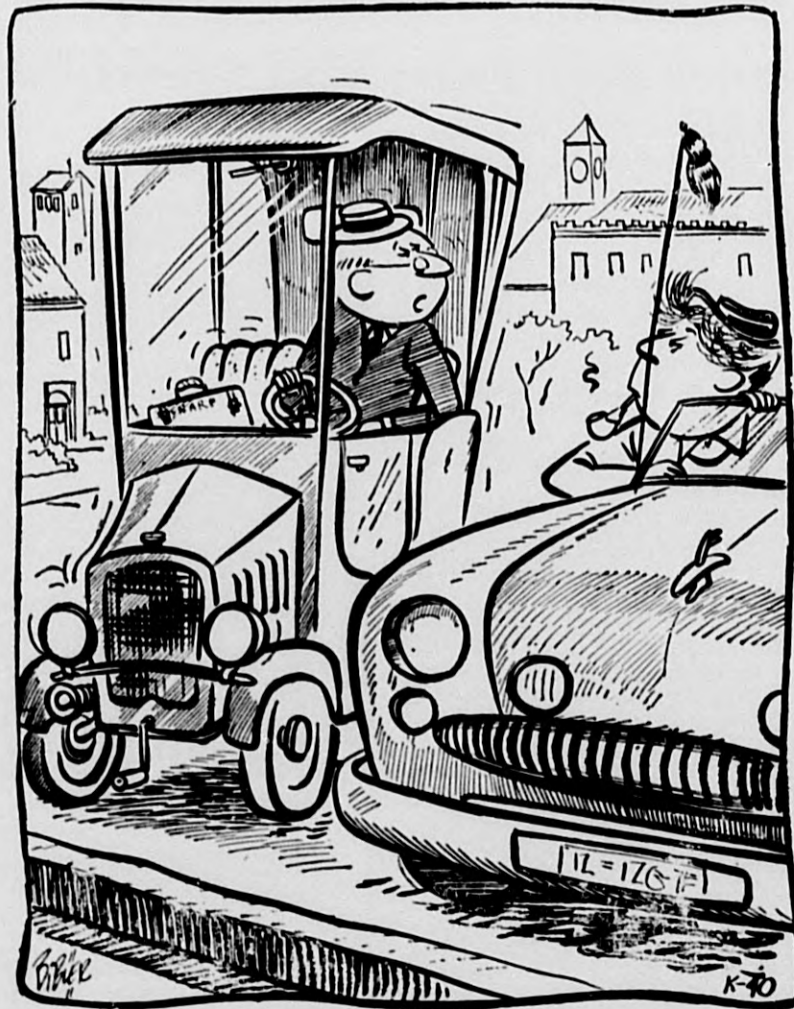
An ideal educational program, according to Professor Chaplin, would start with the first grades. Every child there would be given a series of intelligence and special aptitude tests, and psychiatric interviews. On the basis of these findings, and scholastic achievement, there would be a sharp dividing in the 8th grade between going and those not going to college.

Those going to college would be able to have an accelerated course due to the absence of the slow pupils. The last two years of high school would be equivalent to the present first two years in college. Junior colleges would be developed for those who wished to get a B.A. degree, and those who were to go into professions would have a four-year liberal arts education.

Professor Chaplin emphasized that there would be no specialization in this under-graduate work. Professors would be paid a high enough salary to attract the top men into this group, each class would be limited to 35 to establish effective faculty-student contact, and admissions would be solely on the basis of merit.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"My advice would be not to drop school to go into your father's business—you need a college education these days to find success and financial security."

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Persons and People

Speech Students Attend TKA Meet

The national conference of Tau Kappa Alpha was held at Ohio University, April 7-9. Those students from Alma College who participated were Tom Scholl, Bob White and Jim Mills. Profs. Mikle accompanied the group on this trip and served as critics in discussion and as judges in public speaking.

Entries were in the fields of discussion and public speaking. Bob White and Jim Mills entered discussion. Tom Scholl entered public speaking. The discussion question was "How can the American Educational System best meet the needs of our society?"

Mr. Scholl's topic for entry in public speaking was on the idea that we as Americans think of world leadership in terms of the amount of physical strength a nation may have rather than in terms of that particular nation's moral sense of responsibility. In a like manner we judge our own strength on the basis of physical weapons rather than on the foundations on which our nation was built.

Tau Kappa Alpha, as most Alma students know, is a national speech fraternity in which Alma is an active member. Each year a national conference is held at some member college or university. Last year's conference was held at Western Michigan College of Education in Kalamazoo. Next year the conference will be held in Florida. Member colleges and universities are in practically every area of the United States.

Eyein' Hot

OGDEN, UTAH—(ACP)—From the Weber College Signpost comes this classic definition: A wolf is a guy who strikes when the eyein' is hot.

Who's Who Among Students

Betty Anderson Proves Brains, Beauty Do Mix

by Eugene Pattison

There's an old saw that beauty and brains don't mix. Well, 'tain't so; at least, Betty Anderson is an example of one in whom these two qualities do meet. She has weighted down a top position on the honor roll ever since her arrival in Alma in the fall of '52, and, to show the other side of the scale, she has been in evidence as Queen of two events, Campus day in 1953 and Homecoming '54.

Pretty Betty was born in Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 21, 1934. While in grade school she was May Day queen, and took part in a quiz program. Her grade school classmates looked twice before crossing the street, as Captain Betty of the Safety Patrol kept them in line.

In junior high, Betty was on the city Red Cross Council in Atlanta, taking part in Junior Red Cross activities. She studied hard and took part in the city essay contest sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Then in 1949 the Anderson family moved north to Schoolcraft, Michigan. Betty rated high school as great fun, and it must have been for a girl who was so active. She was mayor (!) of student council, cheerleader, and played on a girls' basketball team in a league consisting of various schools in the Schoolcraft area. She was a member of Future Teachers of America and business manager of the school newspaper and school annual.

Church activities kept her busy while she was in high school, as she taught Sunday School, was a member of choir, and president of her youth group.

Betty made her real debut as a festival queen when she was queen



Betty Anderson, junior from Kalamazoo, has taken part in many activities since her arrival on campus in the fall of 1952. She poses, left, in her cheerleading uniform. When the Highland Masquers played "Macbeth" in the spring of 1953, Betty did a modern dance as one of the three witches (right). The insert below shows Betty as queen of Campus Day, 1953.



Alpha Theta sorority finds a loyal supporter in this young lady. She also finds time to take part in Student Council, of which she is secretary; Inter-Sorority Council, Parnassians and Lambda Iota Tau, literary organizations; the Alma Christian Association, Highland Masquers, Judicial Council, Choir, and Choral Union. She is also a Junior Counselor and Cheerleader.

Betty can be seen pounding a typewriter in the Personnel Office almost any afternoon. She is an English major and plans to teach high school upon graduation.

Outside of campus activities, Betty says that visiting the Masonic Home on Sunday afternoons is her most important activity.

Those who have known this vivacious and intelligent young woman know that she will be a success, and, as we say of others, she is truly deserving of representing Alma College in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Betty has the distinction of being one of two juniors to be listed, a distinction which occurs only once about every eight years at Alma, so she has another chance to be listed next year. Good luck, Betty!

Local LIT Chapter Sponsors Two More

Mu Chapter of Lambda Iota Tau, local chapter of this literature honorary, has sponsored two organizations and will initiate new members soon.

Dr. Henry Klomp, advisor, and Margaret Walker, president of Mu chapter, signed the charters for organizations at West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., and at Polytechnic Institute of Puerto Rico, a Presbyterian institution at San German, Puerto Rico.

Membership in the honorary is open to any upperclassman who has an overall 1.5 average, a 2.00 average in language and literature, and who present a 1500 word research or critical paper, which has been certified by a professor in language or literature as worthy of B grade or better.

President Margaret Walker has invited persons who can fulfill membership requirements to apply for membership as soon as possible.

Poetess Speaks to Parnassians

Mrs. Genevieve Stevens, Alma poetess, spoke to Parnassians at last Sunday's meeting. Mrs. Stevens has been editor of several poetry magazines, including two small magazines, La Petite and Country Creek, which featured white ink on black paper.

Mrs. Stevens also showed the group her method of cataloguing poems she has sent to various magazines. In one year, after the war, Mrs. Stevens had 89 poems accepted and published. She stated that there were, for her, three exciting moments: that of creating a poem, of having it accepted, and of seeing it published. After she has written a poem, she said, she still takes an active interest in it, often revising it years later.

The next meeting of Parnassians will be held on the Tyler terrace, Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Sorors Initiated; Greek Formals Loom Near

Delt Sig Pledges

Purchase Neon Sign

Members of Delta Sigma Phi would like everyone to notice the new neon sign in front of their house. They are proud to say that the pledges purchased the sign for the fraternity.

Informal initiation for the Delt Sigs will be held Friday night (tonight). Sunday, the formal initiation will be held in the basement of the chapel. This will be followed by a banquet, thus concluding the ceremonies for this semester.

They are happy to report that this college year has been a productive one for Delta Sigma Phi. They have had their difficulties, as everyone does, but the members have responded to the cause to make this year one of their very best.

Congratulations are extended to Brother Merritt and his wife on their fine new baby which just arrived. Cigars will be in order at the next meeting.

Brother Mills reports that he has a teaching job in Ionia for next year, as speech director. Good luck is wished Jim on his new job.

Theta Pledges Prepare For Party; Initiation

The sixteen Theta pledges attended the usual Monday night meeting of the sorority wherein they were required to recite the Theta poem and song and the Greek alphabet. I heard they did nice work—for pledges.

Arrangements were made at this meeting for their formal initiation which will be held Monday April 25, at 4:45. Afterward, the members will enjoy chicken and duck dinner at the Park Hotel in St. Louis.

The pledges informed the members that they will be entertained and served refreshments at the traditional pledge party which will be held some time in the near future.

Pledge Rochelle Seaman was elected captain of the Theta softball team. Practices to get in shape (figuratively speaking, of course) will begin this week. President "Whiskey" and Treasurer Mott are busy working on

one-act plays which will be presented the first week in May.

The Delt Sigs have invited the Thetas to have dinner with them at the Van Dusen Commons Sunday, April 24, following the Delta Sigma Phi formal initiation ceremony. We are all looking forward to having dinner with our brothers.

Kis Initiate

The fourteen pledges of Kappa Iota became members at a ceremony held Monday evening in the sorority room. Following the initiation was a chicken dinner at the Marl View Restaurant. Mrs. DuBois, Mrs. Mikle, and Mrs. Stauffer accompanied the girls. Later in the evening the new members gave the traditional party, but it was much better than the usual tradition. The girls entertained with their pledge papers and a skit which kept everyone in stitches. In case the girls don't know it, we are very proud of them.

We would like to thank our brothers, the Phis, for the serenade, which meant more because of the bad weather which nearly drowned them. Thanks a lot, fellows, and we hope you didn't all catch pneumonia.

Four of our sisters, Jane Hunt, Jan Armstrong, Betty Burns, and Carole Cummings, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, introduced Sarasota to Michigan gals during the Easter vacation. We are still hearing about the good times and I truly believe they had a good time. Their tans prove the weather beats Michigan's.

The girls are eagerly looking forward to entertaining their mothers at the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet in early May.

Reverie

by George Spriggs

sleep well fat pig
dream your dreams
of mud and filth
and corn pone
content and satisfied
i know of better things
and i have nightmares

Sigma Pledges Present Program for Members

Thursday, the 14th of April, the pledges put a program on for the members. With fools as the theme, the four gals kept us laughing the whole evening. Each girl broke the records by presenting their big sister with a finished paddle. They also presented the sorority a plaque with our crest.

After last Monday when our pledges turned into full-fledged members, we wish to congratulate them for their work done during pledging (making drapes for the Delta Gamma Tau's game room) and the plaque. Our initiation dinner was at Van Dusen Commons.

Friday, May 6th, most of the Sig Phi's and their dates will be going to the Bancroft Hotel in Saginaw for the annual spring formal dinner-dance. Bob Westwood's band will play from 9 to 12.

Also in May is the patronesses' tea for which we are now in the planning stage.

Congratulations to Pat Anderson, who was pinned by Art Dawson quite a while ago. They work so much, we never see them stepping out every five or ten minutes together. Best of luck to both of you.

The Sig Phi's have been practicing for softball season. Jay Gebhart, captain, has been calling the practices as well as the balls. The team looks good with Connie Koch pitching, Karen Erdman catching, and Betty Joyce Catlin as shortstop.

Phis Make Plans for Dance and Father-Son Banquet

Under a new slate of officers Phi Phi Alpha began the spring term by making arrangements for the Father and Son Banquet, Phi Formal and Phi Phi Alpha booth at the Michigan State Fair.

The Father and Son Banquet, an annual affair of the fraternity, will be held in Van Dusen Commons, Sunday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements for the Phi Formal have been nearly completed, with the dance to be held on May 13, at the Wenonah Hotel in Bay City.

Tom Dodd and Bill Luger are

to have charge of the Phi booth at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit in early September.

Phi Phi Alpha is the recipient of a reed organ. This addition demonstrates the deep spirit for the finer arts and the aesthetic qualities of the Phi members. Besides this, we got it for nothing!

The Phis have three teams entered in the contention for the intramural softball crown.

Delts Congratulate Converse, Hint about Various Affairs

Spring has sprung
Without a flaw
Hail to President Converse
From Delta Gamma Tau.

Well, it looks as if Gord has really committed himself this time. He's engaged to Joann Kola, and the date is set for sometime next summer.

Howard Riley has that faraway look in his eye again, is it possible that?

Those wishing to acquire vast holdings in the Golden Brick Certificates can do business with Lee Posey. The Delt Building Committee continues to move forward with plans for a new house.

Prizes for the best pledge paddles were given to Snyder, Pitts, Thomas, and Cordes. Professors Howe and Rufener assisted in the selection.

Tim Harrison's Detroit expeditions continue. That's a lot of miles past to see Ma and Pa. Could there be other reasons, Tim?

Thanks to Palmyra's Flash, Frank Lawrence, for his donation of the poker chips of which he is so proud. No playing for "keeps" is allowed, of course.

Then there's the one about the South Seas cannibal who worked for a missionary—he brought the boss home for dinner.

"Gentlemen prefer ladies."—Grace Kelly.

Usually the first screw that gets loose in a person's head is the one that controls the tongue.

More cigarette lighters would work if they took their feet off the desk.

Spriggs, Fritz First in Hearst Contest

The Hearst Oratorical Contest was held on Thursday, April 21. The winners were George Spriggs in the Junior-Senior Division and Bob Fritz in the Freshman-Sophomore Division. Both of these men will participate in the state contest which will be held in Detroit on May 3.

The winners in the two divisions at Alma received fifty dollar savings bonds. They will compete in Detroit with other students from Michigan colleges and universities.

The subject for this year's contest was Robert E. Lee. This contest is an annual affair which is sponsored by the Detroit News. Alma College is participating this year for the second time. The winners of last year's contest were Joyce Lilley and Tom Scholl.

Ask Applicants for Editorships

Applications for the positions of editor and business manager of the almanian and Scotsman for 1955-56 are now being solicited, according to information released recently by the publications office.

Persons who will fill these four positions are nominated by the Publications committee from applications which they receive, and are elected by the Cooperative Council. Members of the Publications committee are Prof. Sam J. Underwood, director of publicity; Dr. Henry Klomp, English department; Prof. Margaret Foley; and David MacDowell and Karen Abbott, student representatives.

Students who are interested in these positions have been urged to submit their applications to Prof. Underwood as soon as possible. The selections will be made in late May.

"When three women are talking it's conversation. When one of them leaves, it's gossip."—Coffeyville (Kan.) Journal.

Band Activities Continue; Pop Concert Planned



Members of the Alma College Kiltie Band receive a blanket for four years of service with the band. Shown receiving their blankets from Prof. Robert Rufener, band director, are Carole Cummings and Jim Hill

By Carole Cummings

When classes resumed after Easter vacation, the Alma College Concert Band travelled to Holland to participate in a band concert by the combined bands of Alma College, Calvin College, and Hope College. The concert was the first of its type, and was received enthusiastically.

Rehearsals began after their arrival at Holland, and the concert was held at the Hope Memorial Chapel. The Alma band members felt that the experience

was well worth the time spent in preparation.

To Play at Ceremonies April 27
The band activities for the year are far from over. The first forthcoming event on the agenda is the band's participation in the laying of the cornerstone of the Reid-Knox Building, April 27.

The next important band activity is the Band party, a combination picnic-hayride-dance. This affair will take place April 29.

To Present Lawn Concert
It is their desire to present a Pop Concert within the next few

weeks. If the weather permits, it will be a lawn concert, taking place shortly after the supper hour.

Award Blankets
Under the Kiltie Band's new constitution, band blankets are awarded to members after completion of seven full semesters of band membership. Two seniors, Carole Cummings and Jim Hill, received their band blankets at the Winter Concert, February 20. You needn't ask twice to see these blankets, since Carole and Jim will be very happy to show them to you.

Geology Class to Travel, Study Rocks on April 30

Next Saturday morning, April 30, at 7:00 a.m., the historical geology class of Alma College, under Dr. Eyer, will leave from Wright Hall to make a field trip to the Alpena and Onaway regions to study rock outcrops and glacial features of Upper Michigan.

The group of 38, including Dr. Eyer and Mr. Edgar, will travel by a chartered Mercury Lines bus, making frequent stops to study superficial phenomena.

"The field trip," states Dr. Lester Eyer, "has a two-fold purpose: the main objective is to study Devonian rocks near Alpena; the secondary objective is to study the glacial features of Upper Michigan."

The group will study glacial lake shorelines between here and Saginaw, and inspect an esker and drumlins (other glacial features).

Also the class is to study the various rock outcrops of limestones, shale and gypsum in the Alabaster, Alpena, Onaway and Ocqueoc River regions. A limestone sinkhole will be examined by the neophyte geologists.

The group, according to Dr. Eyer, will return late Sunday afternoon.

German Club Holds Two Meetings

Die Lustige Gesellschaft has had two interesting meetings in recent weeks. Just before vacation, the group had a movie showing scenes in Rome, and played Scrabble using German words.

Last Tuesday night the group gathered at the home of Prof. Margaret Foley for a program of German songs and cards. Refreshments were served to the group by Prof. Foley.

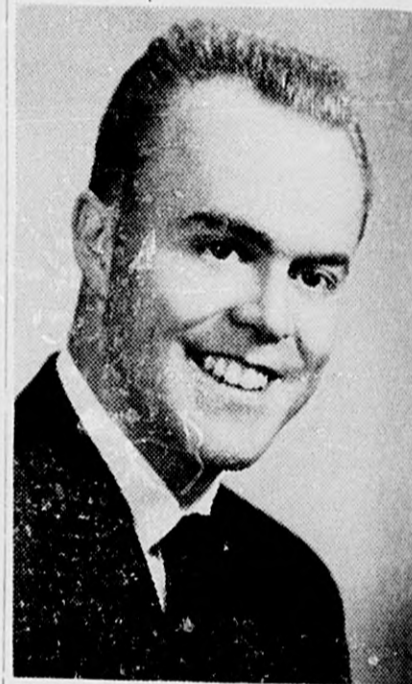
The next meeting of Die Lustige Gesellschaft is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., in the Women's Lounge of Tyler.

Share, Proctor Give Biology Club Talks

Joe Share and Beth Proctor were slated to present their talks at the Biology Club meeting this Thursday. They have proven to be quite successful in stimulating the individual interest in the club.

One more field trip to Saginaw General Hospital may be taken. This would involve observing a post mortem. Dr. Rucklin, who recently gave a talk to the club, will perform it.

To Attend Penn State Frat Meet



Robert Kenrick

Bob Kenrick, president of the student body and president of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity at Alma, will take part in the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity at Penn State, April 30. Some 78 national chapters of the fraternity are sending delegates to the national conclave. Thus, Bob will be the first delegate to be invited to attend a national celebration, since the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity is the only national one on the campus. Bob will be a guest of the Penn State chapter while attending the celebration.

"Guinea Pig" Has Delightful Job

Troy, N. Y.—(ACP)—Larry Edwards, a junior here at Rensselaer Polytechnic, probably wound up the other day as the gayest, if not the most scientific "guinea pig" on the school's campus.

As part of the Interfraternity Council-sponsored Safety Week, Edwards volunteered to drink a can of beer every 20 minutes from 1 to 5 p.m., in the student lounge.

Purpose of the experiment was to study "reaction time, depth perception, peripheral and night vision and steadiness under the increasing effect of alcohol." Data was recorded throughout the test, designed to show by actual demonstration the detrimental effect of alcohol on the sensory perception of drivers.

Wolf Wants Companion

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—(ACP)—Nary an eyebrow was lifted on the campus of City College recently when a Wolf advertised for a female traveling companion (destination Hawaii) in the school paper.

The "wolf," explained The Reporter, was Miss Wilma Wolf, a gal with a traveling yen who wants a partner to help cut down the budget.

"People who live it up usually discover that they have to live it down."—Nell Clarke.

On Campus Brotherhood

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I Corinthians 1:11-13

One Way to Avoid Final Exams!

NEW YORK — (ACP)—Destruction of biology final examination papers was given as a motive for a \$2000 loss due to fire at New York University. In addition to the examination papers, almost all of the professor's research and graduate notes were completely burned. These notes, including his lecture notes, represented an accumulation of many years' work, the Heights Daily News reported.

The plant department superintendent said that while the arsonists have not been found, it is generally believed that they were students. "This view is further substantiated," the Daily News says, "by the fact that nothing was stolen since a typewriter and other items of value remained unburnt after the fire."

The professor said that most of the students in his Comparative Anatomy course will receive a grade of "P" certifying simply that they have passed. However, he added that a few students will receive a grade of "F".

Where Do You Fit?

(APC) — A-letter-to-the-editor writer in a Western University weekly classified college students into five categories: "The proletarian radicals, chip-on-shoulder, who would be more at home in a linseed oil factory than in a classroom; (2) the bourgeoisie socialists; (3) the nouveau riche pseudo intellectuals; (4) the lip curling aristocrats; and (5) the esoterics, listening to the depraved mouthings of others in detached silence."

More Bibles were published in the last 10 years than in the preceding 40 years.

Social Calendar

- APRIL
- 23 "Frosh Frolic", 8:30 p.m., Saturday
- Baseball, Kalamazoo, there, 2:00 p.m., Saturday
- 24 Choir Concert, Midland, Sunday
- Don Dwyer Duo Piano Recital, Sunday
- Wright Hall, Cole Cottage, Bruske House Open Houses, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday
- 25 Baseball, C.M.C.E., there, 1:00 p.m., Monday
- Chapel, 11:00 a.m., Monday
- 26 Student Council, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays
- Home Ec Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- French Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- Chemistry Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- Freshman Spanish Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- 27 Cornerstone Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Wednesday
- Baseball, Olivet, there, 3:00 p.m., Wednesday
- Faculty Study Group I, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
- A.C.A., 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
- Ad Council, 3:00 p.m., Wednesday
- 28 Faculty Study Group III, 5:30 p.m., Thursday
- Pioneer Hall Open House, 8:00 p.m., Thursday
- Parnassians, 7:00 p.m., Thursday
- Student Council Assembly, 11:00 a.m., Friday
- Band Dance, Friday
- Vets Club, 5:00 p.m., Friday
- 30 Baseball, Calvin, here, Saturday
- M.S.C.C. Conference, here, Saturday
- MAY
- 1 K.I. Mother-Daughter Banquet Sunday
- Phi Phi Alpha Father-Son Banquet, Sunday
- 2 Interfraternity Council, 9:00 p.m., Monday
- 3 Student Council, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday
- F.T.A., 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- German Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- Spanish Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- Biology Club, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
- 4 A.C.A., 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
- W.A.A. Meeting, 10:00 p.m., Wednesday
- 4 College Division Recital, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday
- 5 Parnassians, 7:00 p.m., Thursday
- Faculty Study Group II, 5:00 p.m., Thursday
- 6 Chapel, 11:00 a.m., Friday
- Vets Club, 5:00 p.m., Friday
- Sorority Formals, Friday

"Frosh Frolic" Tomorrow

Mrs. Julia Roecker, Art Professor, to Retire



Mrs. Julia Roecker (left) head of the art department, has announced her resignation at the close of the current school year. It was disclosed by President Harker recently. Mrs. Roecker has taught classes in studio art (right) which were depicted in the almanian in 1952.



Dr. Harker expresses his regret that Mrs. Julia Roecker, head of the fine arts department, has announced that she will resign with the close of this semester since it is necessary that she be in Saginaw next year.

Mrs. Roecker came to Alma twelve and a half years ago from the Arsenal Technical School in

Indianapolis, where she was a member of the school's art staff. At Alma she teaches studio art, ceramics and jewelry making, commercial art, interior decoration, history of art, art appreciation, and elementary and secondary art methods.

A graduate of Chicago Art Institute, Mrs. Roecker has spent

many of her summers studying landscape painting at Chicago, Provincetown, Mass., Saugatuck, and New York University. In addition she has received private instruction and spent a summer at a noted crafts camp in the Carolina Mountains.

She has no definite plans after next year.

Diamond Season Off to Successful Start

Sports

Linksmen Take CMC; Ferris

Alma's golf squad won two decisive victories as they beat Central Michigan College last Friday and on Monday. April 18, they set down Ferris Institute.

At Central Michigan the linksmen scored 14 points out of a possible 27. The match was decided by the best number of holes and it was match play. Captain Bob Rudesill was low man for the Scots and also shared the medalist honors with Stuart and Gibson of Central. Rudesill shot a 74 and was followed closely by Dick Ayling, who shot an 80.

In the match at Ferris, out of a possible 18 points, Alma scored 13½. Rudesill again was low man and won the medalist honors. Ayling followed Rudesill with an 80 and Doyle McIntosh was third man with an 82. Coach Klomp's starting team consisted of Rudesill, Ayling, McIntosh, Tomlin and Howarth. Rogers and Rudduck were also carried on the squad. The next match is April 22 when the Scots take on Calvin at the Alma golf course.

Netmen Drop Practice

In a practice game at Central Michigan College, Alma's tennis team lost to the Chaps 6-1.

Bob Freedman, a freshman, was the only Scot player to win a match. Coach Myhrum's squad consisted of Freedman, Jim Ford, Harry Andreasen, Dick Wallace and Jerry Schubel.



"Did I do it right that time, Mr. McGuire?"

Intramurals Go

At press time the men's and women's intramural softball league will be underway. George Carter, men's intramural director, announces that competition will be started by Wednesday with four games scheduled. In the men's softball five teams have been entered with the three fraternities represented and two independents.

In the girls league, director Fran Booth announced that five teams have been entered. The schedule has been made and play will start at the end of the week. The softball league will be the deciding factor in the race of the Individual Sports trophy that the college sponsors.

Pilfered Piggies Pose Puzzle

STOCKTON, CAL.—(ACP) —

One little piggy went to market, one little piggy stayed home, but the question around Stockton College campus is: where did the print shop "piggies" roam?

Seems that someone walked off with 1,500 pounds of lead "pigs" from the school's print shop. Instructor Clifford Geddes said the total value of the lead, which is used, after melting, in the shop's linotype or casting machines, was nearly \$400.

"The best thing some selfmade man can do is deny it."—Tony Pettigo.

Scots Knock Out Adrian 5-4 in Practice Round; Shutout U.D. 1-0 on Their Ground

Alma was outthit but certainly not outscored as they shut out the University of Detroit 1-0 last Monday on the Titans home diamond. The Scots scored their lone run in the second inning when Dave Zittel rapped out a timely single and the Titans made two costly errors with Bob Hill scoring the winning run.

Jim Barson started on the mound for the Scots and had little trouble in setting down the Detroiters. He was followed to the mound by Loren Cook and the big right hander allowed only two base knocks. Gordon Rutherford relieved Cook and it looked as though he was going to do as capable a job as Barson and Cook did.

But in the ninth inning Rutherford loaded the bases on walks and with two out he seemed to be in trouble, but he settled down and got the last batter to ground out, ending the ball game. The Scot pitchers scattered six Detroit hits, with the Scots only banging out four base knocks themselves. In the second inning Bob Hill,

Scot third baseman, advanced to second when U. of D.'s right fielder, Bob Zeff, dropped a fly ball. Captain Don Godfrey then pushed Hill to third with a sacrifice and Zittel drove him home with his single. Zittel also rapped out another hit in the ninth. Denny Stolz and John Noud got the other two Alma safeties. Jim Barson got credit for the win; Detroit's Hackstadt was the loser.

Under Pressure At Adrian

Alma's baseball squad was put under game pressure last Saturday when the Scots met Adrian in a practice game at Adrian. The Scots proved to Coach Charles Skinner that they are a strong contender for the M.I.A.A. title as they banged out seven runs on five hits off the offerings of Adrian's pitchers.

Dave Zittel wielded the big stick at the plate as he rapped out three hits. Denny Stolz got two safeties and Marv Raab and Elton Luckritz each got one hit. Coach Skinner assigned the mound duties to Bill Boles, Ron Stolz and Ralph Springfield. Stolz was very impressive in allowing only one hit and striking out six batsmen.

The Scots got four runs in the fourth inning when Denny Stolz singled, Raab singled, driving in Stolz, and Luckritz flied out, driving in Raab. They picked up another run in the fifth on a single and an error with Godfrey scoring, and also scored a run in the sixth inning on a double by Luckritz and an error. The Scots' last run was scored in the seventh on a single by Zittel, a double by Denny Stolz and a walk, with Godfrey scoring.

Adrian picked up their four runs in the third and ninth innings. Two runs were scored in the third on a single and a triple. Their other two markers came about in the ninth on a single and two walks. The Alma pitchers scattered seven hits, with Hobbart getting two of them. Boles was the winning pitcher and Armstrong the loser.

"Understand Communism," Says Wright

Northampton Mass.—(I.P.) — It usually goes without saying at the present time that no college curriculum is really complete without provision for the study of communism, declares President Benjamin F. Wright of Smith College. Some people, he adds, have reached entirely erroneous conclusions about courses dealing with this subject, perhaps they are frequently spoken of as courses which "teach communism."

"They do not teach communism in the sense of indoctrinating people with communist ideals or convictions, but rather attempt to help citizens to understand what we face in the world in which we live. We do need, and need very badly, to understand why communism is so powerful, why it has a great appeal in many parts of the world, as well to understand the defects in the communist philosophy and the nature of communist procedures.

It would, of course, be fantastic to make such subjects the core of a curriculum in a liberal college such as Smith, but that has not even been proposed, and could not be taken seriously if it were.

"A few educators have argued that courses dealing with the Far East should be required parts of the curriculum in all colleges. On that subject I should want to reserve judgment until we know a good deal more about the appropriate content of such courses, as well as attain a great deal more experience in instruction in that kind of subject matter.

Even after we know much more than we do now about such courses, and have a large number of experienced teachers on whom to draw we may believe that courses on such subjects should be optional rather than required. But I can see no possible reason for excluding them from the curriculum, provided that persons capable of giving instruction in them are available."

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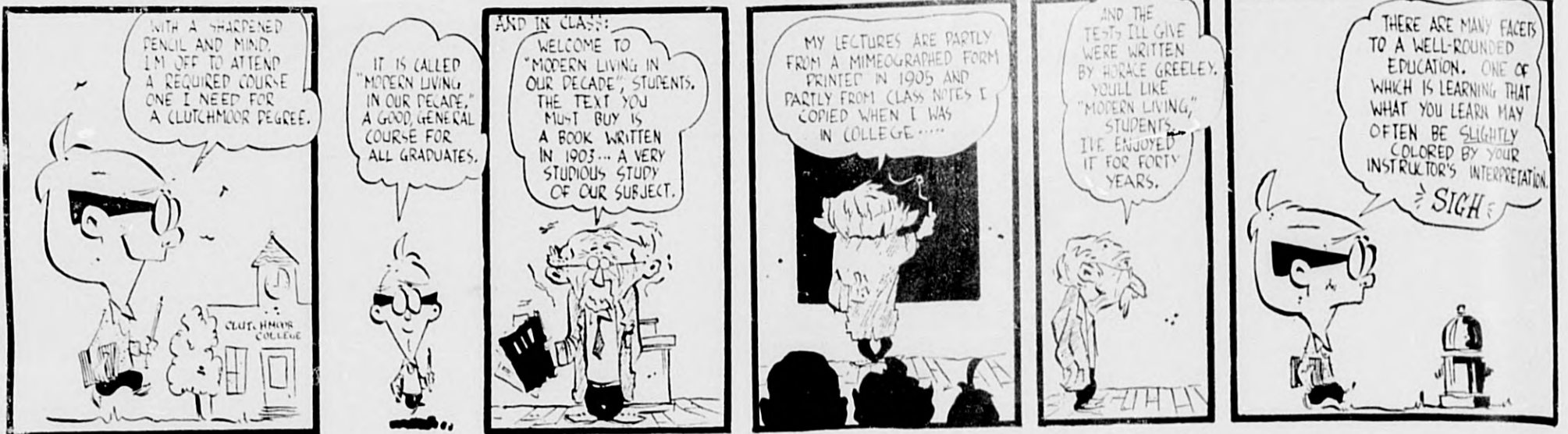
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Placement Office Reveals Benefits

by Barbara Driscoll

This report is being submitted in hopes that the information contained will be helpful in carrying out the guidance and counseling program at Alma College.

Through services provided by the Placement Office, many more graduates may leave Alma with a feeling that the institution is not only providing their training but that the institution is doing its best to help them get started in a field of work for which they have been trained.

Part I. Teacher Placement Activities.

During the past year the number of calls for teachers received has increased.

The greatest demand for teachers is in the early elementary field. In the special certificate subject fields the greatest demands were found for music and men's physical education instructors. At

the high school level, the greatest demands were for English, mathematics, home economics, general and physical sciences and commercial teachers.

Of the 46 teachers trained in 1954, 38 signed contracts to teach. As of January 1, 1955, 1 was continuing his formal education, 5 were in military service and 2 were fulfilling their duties as housewives. Sixteen are in elementary training, 3 in special certificates as music and 19 in secondary certificates.

The supply for 1955, listed by majors only, is 29.

Beginning teachers placed by the office received a slightly higher amount in wages as compared to 1953. The paying conditions vary according to certain communities.

The mean salary of experienced teachers is slightly higher than

the salary of beginning teachers. The average number of years of experience from Alma was 2.4 years. This was due to release from military service or other occupations.

It is interesting to note that while beginning elementary teachers have on the average, received slightly higher wages than beginning secondary teachers, experienced secondary teachers with a little less experience than the elementary teachers receive approximately \$200 more per year.

Part II. General Placement Activities.

This office handles only full-time placement for graduates and makes no attempt to keep track of the many summer jobs which are referred to the Personnel office. The dean of men and dean of women handle the summer and part time employment.

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Bikes Pile Up At Mich. State

East Lansing, Mich. (ACP)—In the wee hours of the morning, someone has been taking parked bicycles at a Michigan State College dormitory and piling them atop one another into jumbled mounds of handlebars.

The prankster's first pile was only a small one about 10 feet high, the Michigan State News estimated, and contained about 20 bicycles. He got braver on his second and made a pile a little higher, with a few more bikes added.

The third time he really reached new heights. Students awoke to find their bicycles piled in a heap that reached the windows of the first floor of the dormitory.

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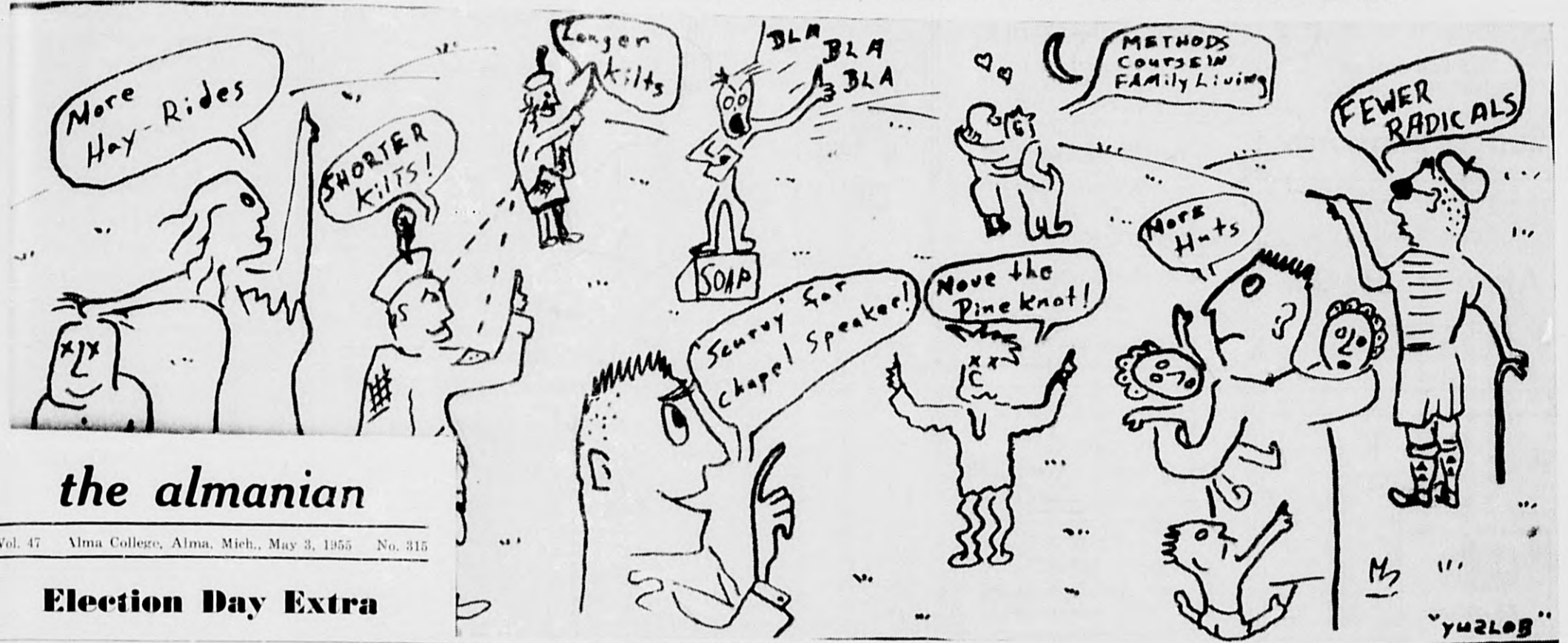
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WHAT DOES THE STUDENT BODY EXPECT FROM THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS?



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Election Day Extra

Candidates Speak, Balloting Is Tomorrow

Twenty-nine students are seeking election in the balloting for class and student council offices which will take place tomorrow. Balloting will take place in Tyler Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In response to the request of the

almanian for campaign statements, the following were submitted. They are listed in the order in which petitions were turned in. Other candidates are also listed in that order.

Candidates are listed as of 3:00 yesterday afternoon.

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Dave Stockham: The class as an organization has been rather insignificant during our first three years due to the lack of activities and not the failure of previous officers to do their job, however, in the Senior year the class gains significance. If elected I would do my best to carry out these functions with the greatest expediency.

Marv Raab: I hope, if elected, to follow in the footsteps of the present officers, and, if possible, to improve on their efforts.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Bud Miller: If elected, I will assume the duties of vice-president of the senior class and will carry out the respective jobs that the president feels necessary in order to make our class rate among the best at Alma.

Jim Wagar: If I am elected, I promise to perform, to the best of my ability, the duties and responsibilities that I would be expected to do and proud to carry out.

SENIOR SECRETARY-TREAS.

Janet Anderson, Candidate.
SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL
George Spriggs: The Student Council needs sincere, willing, working representatives. I shall try to represent the class of '56 in this manner, elected or not.

Bill McIntosh: To be a member of the student council is an important position. If I am elected I hope to represent, to the best of my ability, not only the senior class, but the entire student body.

Eugene Pattison: I believe in as broad an interpretation of student council powers as possible.

Edna Williams: My reasons for seeking election are: (1) reduce monotony of social life through informal all-college events, (2) as an opportunity to represent my class and better my school. (3) I consider it a worth-while experience.

Betty Anderson: If elected to the position of student council representative, I will do my best to represent our class and work for the good of the student body.

Bob Brown, Candidate.

JUNIOR CLASS

Tom Dodd, Hugh Laird, Mary Margaret Johnson, pres., vice-pres., sec.:

...I suppose the best way to tell what I plan to do is by what I have done, and all that I have done has been through the cooperation of the whole class. In other words, next year's outcome is in your hands as well as mine. Together, we can do a good job of it!

'M.-M.,' Pinky and I are running for re-election. We've got a lot of big ideas, (J-Hop, money, etc.) and I repeat: together, we can do a good job of it.

JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Bill Boles, Candidate

JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Bob Shepherd: Next year we will all be considered as upper classmen, therefore we will want a strong voice in the student government. With your support I

think I will be able to give you this.

Dick Schluckbier: To me, the Student Council represents the voice of the student body of Alma College. If I am chosen one of the representatives of the Student Council, I pledge myself to do the very best of my ability and faithfully bring about cooperation between the student body and administration, and to unify and promote all activities of Alma College.

Dave McDowell: I feel that the student council member plays an important part in the government of the class. The members should be used as transmitting stations between the class and the council. If it is possible, I hope again to work for and see the many projects that have been discussed and are now in the planning stages become realities.

Carl Greene, Candidate.

SOPHOMORE PRESIDENT

Jim Hempstead, incumbent: If I am re-elected, I will do my best to make our sophomore year a highly successful one. There are activities planned which we, as a class, have charge of, and which I know we can make a success. I thank you all for your past cooperation and here promise to do my very best if elected again.

Bob Hill: I am very much interested in the progress of our class. I would appreciate the chance and opportunity to serve you as class president. I will perform my duties and make my decision with utmost consideration of the class.

Wally Vance, Candidate.

Sophomore Vice-President

Lyleen Schnackenberg: If given the honor of being the Vice-President of the class of '58, I will do my utmost to carry out my duties for the best interest of the class.

Gay Brunelle: If I am elected to the office of Vice-President of the Sophomore class I will, in conjunction with the other officers, work to make all our class activities successful.

Ken Hanson: If I am elected to serve as vice-president, I will certainly do all that is in my power to make '56 a good year for the class of '58. Thanks to the fine leadership of this year's officers, we've had a truly memorable year. But no matter who wins out in the final ballot, I'm sure ole' Alma will remember the class of '58 as the finest she's ever had!

Sophomore Secretary-Treas.

Joy Phillips: My platform is not very extensive. I simply would like very much to be your secretary-treasurer, and I promise to attend all class meetings, class functions and to carry out each and every duty of the secretary-treasurer.

SOPHOMORE COUNCIL REP.

Bob Freedman: The best medium by which a class may express its opinions to the student council is through its representatives. If I am elected I will keep the welfare and the rights of our class uppermost in my mind at all times.

Wendy Smith: A class the size of our freshman class has to have representatives to voice their opinions. It would be impossible for all of us to give our views on each subject as it arises. I will learn the

Council Strong If Supported!

Few people take into account the functions of the student council in guiding the activities of the student body and in voicing the opinions of the student body in the college community. Many have complained about the lack of power with which the student council is stigmatized.

What we as students do not realize is that the council is our voice, only as effective as we make it. If we are willing to give way to mass propaganda techniques and subtle mechanisms for swaying the opinions of the masses, then the lack of power on the part of the student council is our own fault. Line-cutting was a case in point; many complained about the problem; few were willing to cooperate in solving it — it was always someone else who violated our own sense of justice.

It seems one of the basic implications of any form of government, and a principle formulated by early proponents of the social contract theory, that whenever governments are instituted among men, each individual sacrifices certain rights in order to further the freedom of the greatest number.

The Student Council of Alma College is no puppet organization, chosen to do the bidding of the administration or to further its own whims. Nor is it, as some of our educators think, merely a preparation of later participation in government. Our student council is democracy in action — insofar as we, the students, seek to participate in it.

What, then, are the duties of the council; the functions which it performs; the rights which it so jealously guards? The functions are many: they include several mentioned in the column at the right. The rights safeguarded are those in which any student or student group is concerned or which are encroached upon in any way. At least, this should be the duty of the student council.

In any case, the obligations rest upon the students who are elected to serve as student council officers next year. These include, in addition to the four class presidents, five representatives from the senior class, four from the junior class, four from the sophomore class, and three from the freshman class. This makes a total of twenty members — a workable number able to represent most of the opinions of the student body.

It is not the purpose of the **almanian** to present the opinions of any one person seeking election tomorrow; rather, we ask that you seriously vote for whomever you consider will make the strongest supporter of student rights in all affairs; support those who are elected; and seek to broaden the powers of the student council to cover all situations where student affairs are concerned.

views of our class and we will work together with the rest of the student body, and let them know next year's sophomore class is really on the ball.

Dorothy Harker: Student Council is the instrument whereby students exercise authority. If elected

Alma Council Is In State Group

The Alma College Student Council is a member of the Michigan Association of College Student Governments. This body was organized at a meeting at Hope College, which followed the first council workshop here last fall.

Some of the activities which the MACSG carries on are discussion of common problems of the member councils, such as student discipline, programs and activities, inter-fraternity councils, and other problems which confront the councils of the member colleges.

as council representative, I'll make every effort to pass measures beneficial to the majority, and continue the good work done by the council in the past.

Final deadline for submitting copy for Friday's edition of the **almanian** is tomorrow night (Wednesday) at 7:00 p. m. Please see that all news copy is in the **almanian** box in the library by that time.

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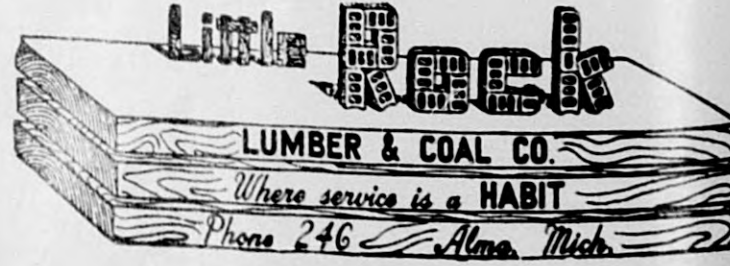
TOP FIVE HITS

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2. Ballad of Davy Crockett
3. Boom, Boom, Boomeriang
4. Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White
5. Play Me Hearts and Flowers

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