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## Tragedy Hits College Campus

It was a beautiful Indian Summer day, skies were blue, shadows deep and dark and all was serenely peaceful and beautiful. But, death came suddenly and viciously to the campus. While working to complete the drainage system for the new women's dormitory, the sandy sides of the ten-foot ditch collapsed and smothered a 63-year-old-worker. A second man escaped.

The victim was Albert Cline, 63, of St. Louis. Frantic efforts by fellow workers to clear dirt from around his head in time to save him failed.

Bruce Sersaw, 22, of Riverdale was rescued. He was at a slightly higher level in the ditch, and some feet away from Cline.

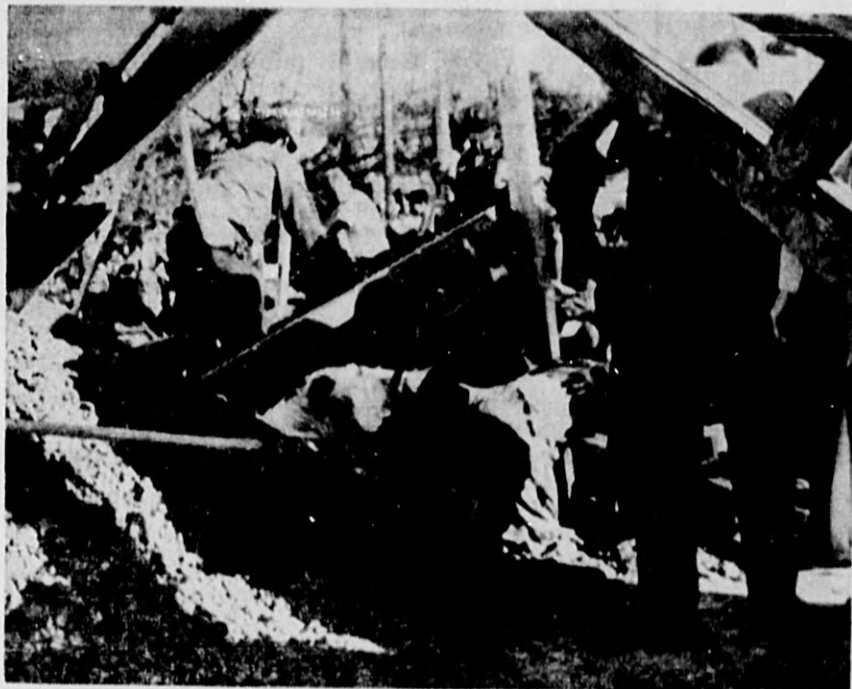
They had been laying tile in the ditch, a part of preliminary work for the construction of the new dormitory.

Another worker noticed the sides of the narrow trench appeared loose, and Cline and Sersaw were ordered out of the trench to permit a crew to put in shoring.

As they started to leave, the sides of the trench collapsed, Sersaw said dirt covered his legs up to his knees. He was released within four minutes of the accident.

Cline was pinned in a standing position by tons of earth.

A crew worked for almost two hours to recover his body. The men had to proceed slowly, shoring up the sides as they worked.



Friends worked for almost two hours to excavate the body of Albert Cline.

## Senator Appears Here

Michigan's U. S. Senator Charles E. Potter accepted an invitation to appear on the Alma College campus this week. He was present at an informal get-together Wednesday, November 2, at 4:30 p.m. to answer questions which were put to him. All students and faculty were invited to attend this meeting for information and to get acquainted with Senator Potter.

The Senator's visit was sponsored by the college Bi-Partisan Political Forum, a group organized to promote a better understanding of current national and world problems and the action being taken by our government to solve them. During the year other eminent politicians on the state and local scenes will visit the college for similar gatherings.

At 7:00 p.m. Senator Potter was the principal speaker at a dinner given by Kiwanis for its Charter Night in Alma.

## New Dorm to Be Complete, Sept. '56

Progress is moving along very rapidly in the construction of the new Women's Dormitory.

According to Mr. H. Thompson, Development Head, the contract calls for complete construction by September 1, 1956.

Because of this, the present problem is to complete the laying of the cement on the ground floor level before the frost sets in too heavily, making the task very hard, if not impossible. Once the floor on the ground level has been poured, the workmen can go ahead with the raising of steel girders which will support the roof and work will go much faster and easier. The next step then would be the laying of the cement block on the walls of the building and construction would continue in much the same manner as the Reid-Knox Administration Building was built last fall and winter.

The dormitory will be a magnificent U-shaped brick and steel structure with three wings, two of which have two stories and the third having three. It will house 207 women in pleasant, home-like rooms, contain sorority rooms,

guest rooms that can also be used as infirmaries, quarters for the dormitory housemother and recreation area in the basement. Adequate lounges, lobby, bath and storage facilities will be included. All living quarters will be outside rooms. Spacious, tree-shaded lawns will lead to the dormitory. Most of the rooms will be double rooms, but there will be five single rooms.

This new Women's Dormitory is another part of the long range plan of growth and improvement. This plan envisions Alma College in its place among the best of the small, independent educational institutions with adequate, modern facilities to train those young people who will be the leaders of Christian thought and action in the future.

## ALMA SOPHOMORE COED'S IMPRESSIONS OF A SUMMER SPENT IN THE AFRICAN GOLD COAST

by Phyllis Dresbach

Ed. Note:

Phyllis Dresbach, a sophomore, spent her last summer in Accra, African Gold Coast, where she was visiting her parents. Her father, Charles H. Dresbach is a geologist employed as Foreign Production Manager there by the Gulf Oil Company.

Africa, the mysterious! Land of the jungle, the desert, the plain! Home of the elephant, the lion, the cannibal! Sounds corny, doesn't it? The poor man's version of "Mogambo", sans Ava Gardner, of course. The travel folders somehow always neglect to mention

the filth, the diseases, the flies and mosquitoes, the ignorance and the death that are also a part of Africa. And yet Africa is a strange and beautiful land, an ancient-childish continent.

As the customs officials searched diligently among my bags hoping to see the gleam of a bottle of Four Roses or a carton of Chesterfields, my feet were angrily protesting against the heat and 100% humidity. The time 2 a.m. The place: Accra, Gold Coast, royal colony under the protection of her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, small in size, but significant as a guinea pig in government as it will receive dominion status in the coming year—presumably.

The climate of the west coast of Africa is not suitable for the ideal honeymoon. It is unbearably hot from September until June when the big rains come. And they are big rains. This year numerous people were drowned in the overflow of rivers, or crushed under the debris of mud brick huts.

Unlike many colonies on the west coast, the Gold Coast is wealthy from commercial diamond mines, copra, hard woods and co-

coa. As a result there are immigrants from other colonies, and poorer or overpopulated countries, particularly India, Syria and Lebanon. The few cities are an incongruous conglomeration of incongruous peoples, involved in the usual petty feuds, jealousies, cliques etc. that inevitably result in small communities, whether in Africa or on a college campus, but there is no overt racial discrimination. This pseudo-sophisticated society exists in only a few towns.

Behind the groves of coco palms—there is something romantic at last—lies the "bush", which is not called a jungle but tropical rain forest. Contrary to Hollywood statistics, there are few animals behind the green wall. The underbrush is too thick for the vegetarians—and no vegetarians, no carnivorous. Bush population consists of bird, reptile and much insect life. It is on the grassy plains of the northern territories that the noble hunter will encounter his big game.

The native population consists of several different tribes each speaking a dialect incomprehensible. Cont'd on pg. 2

## Students Fete Manion on Birthday

The Alma College student body and Saga Food Service are sponsoring a surprise birthday party for Tom Manion tonight in Van Dusen Commons, in appreciation of all he has done for Alma College as director of the dining hall.

The dinner hour will be at the usual time, 5:00-6:00 and will feature a party menu, and the party will begin at 6:00. Among the guests of honor will be Tom's two sons, Tom, jr., and Pat; Mr. William Laughlin, Mr. Harry Anderson, and Mr. William Scandling, Saga officials; and Mr. Sweeney, Governor Williams' personal representative. Some of Tom's birthday gifts include a plaque of appreciation presented by Bill McIntosh, president of the Student Council; a key to the city of Alma, by a city official; a life pass to all Alma College sport events, by the football team; new office furniture by Saga Food Service; and a green polka-dot bow tie from Governor Williams.

The party will be televised over the Cadillac station.



Tom Manion

## Teachers to Return for Conference

First and second year teachers who have graduated from Alma College will return to the campus tomorrow for Education Day. This is the fourth year for this "convention".

The day will begin at 11:30 a.m. with registration. At 12:15, the returning teachers will congregate for luncheon, at which time Dr. Harker will give a welcoming address; Mr. Art Turner will give remarks as a fellow alumnus; Marion Davison, '52, will speak on "A Recent Alma Graduate Goes Abroad"; and Dr. Wm. McKeefery will speak on "Getting the Most Out of Travel Experience."

Sectional meetings for discussion will convene at 1:45 and continue until 2:45. The three groups are: "Social Security for Michigan Teachers" with Jerry Psotka, Birch Run as chairman; Mrs. Ron Black, Flint, recorder; Mr. James Morrison, Alma, resource; "Evaluation of School Work"—Betty Burns, East Detroit, chairman; Ian Frost, Bear Lake, recorder; Ward Shults, Alma High School Principal, resource; and "In-Service Teacher Training"—Jim Mills, Ionia, chairman; Betty Fowler, Drayton Plains, recorder; Prof. Harlan McCall, Alma College, resource.

At 2:45 there will be an informal meeting with former supervising teachers, after which the entire group will hear reports from the discussion sections by the Recorders. The meeting will adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

## Debate Teams to Meet CMC Monday

The novice debate teams will have their first outside debates next week. Central Michigan visits Alma Monday, and then Alma travels to Grand Rapids Tuesday to debate Calvin, Hope and Bowling Green, Ohio.

These practice debates are in preparation for the Novice Debate Tournament at Albion, November 19th. The teams will go to Albion, November 18th to hear discussion of the subject "Resolved: that the non-agricultural industries of the United States should guarantee their employees an annual wage" by experts in the field of labor.

The majority of novice debaters are freshmen. Professor Harold Mikle, debate coach, singled out several promising novices: Dick Heuschele, Jan Andrews, Bob Beltz, Joan Moore, Dick Johnson, Elizabeth McQueen, Isabel Coubrough, Dian Atkins and Jean Molyneaux.

Those who are interested in extemporaneous speaking, looking forward to the extemp contest December 3rd, should contact Prof. Mikle. The areas covered in extemp this year will be: City Problems and Originality in Life for the women; and Farm Problems and Security Investigations for the men.

## Rummage Sale Held Friday



Approximately fifty Mexican people came to the Rummage Sale which was held October 25th in the Chapel basement. The sale, which was sponsored by the Alma Christian Association and the Sociology Department, gave the Mexicans an opportunity to purchase clothes for winter as a nominal sum.

Gwenn Cross, general chairman of the sale, expressed her appreciation for the co-operation of the faculty and student body in helping make it a success. She also stated that although many families have been supplied with clothing, there is still a need for winter wraps, boots and shoes.

Other committee heads included Marcia Peters and Carol Lunsford, who were in charge of collecting the clothes; Phyllis Dresbach and Don Sinclair, who arranged the clothing and the basement for the sale; Alice Immer, advertising; and Chester Gross, who made sure transportation was provided for the families.

The success of this fall Rummage Sale indicates that a similar sale in the spring would be warranted.

## Women's Residences Open House

The Open House for the Women's Residences will be held on Friday, November 11, from 8-10.

Included in the list of events for the evening are dancing and refreshments, which will be served in both Bruske and Wright Hall.

**EDITORIAL:**

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for Presbyterian**

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# With the Greeks

## ALPHA THETA

The Thetas held their formal dinner and initiation on Monday, October 31. The dinner was held at the Park Hotel in St. Louis. Following the dinner was a short program featuring a reading by Marilyn Mott and group singing led by Marilyn Blank.

Back in the sorority room, at 10:30 p.m., the new members gave a masquerade party. The program consisted of a song sung by the six girls, a piano solo by Judy Juilleret, a reading by Phyllis Dresbach and costume judging. Marilyn Mott and Paula B. won the prize for the most original costumes with their interpretation of two tough guys, and John Bush took the humorous prize for his elephant costume. Cider and popcorn were served following the program, and to close the party, the new members sang another song.

The sorority was happy to welcome a visitor to the October 24 meeting. She was the former Donna Hinderleider, now Mrs. Richard Hick.

## DELTA GAMMA TAU

Was it all the activity outside the house last Monday evening? Well, it was. The girls were hanging out the wash, cheering on the football team, and we Delta girls seemed to be the only ones who were not watching to do a 300 series. John Bush, Marilyn Mott, Phyllis Dresbach, and Dick White were the Delta girls. If any of the girls were not busy, they were busy with the house.

was none other than Frank Lawrence.

Formal initiation was held in the Chapel Monday evening. This was the last in a chain of events that all pledges must complete in order to become members of Delta Gamma Tau. Congratulations to the new members and our new honorary member, Dr. Larson. Congratulations are also extended to the Dodgers and Dubbers for placing first and third respectively in intramural football.

In case you don't get through the line before the doors close Wednesday nights, you can order pizza in the lounge at Wright and Pierce Hall from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. Remember if you are hungry you can't beat food.

## DELTA SIGMA PHI

With mid-semester exams and progress activities around the Delta Sigma Phi House have been toned down.

Congratulations are in order for brother Bill Trace, his wife and the new addition to the Trace family.

The Delta Sigma Phi "Chargers" and "Spikers" will be the fraternal representatives in the volleyball tournament.

House manager Bob Wallace has called a field day for Tuesday, November 9, at which time the entire basement will be repainted.

At the regular Monday night meeting of October 24, it was voted that new furniture be ordered for the house. Pres. Bob Fritch took care of the necessary details and hopes that the furniture will arrive in time for the Open House on November 12.

Many of the members who live in the house are remodeling their rooms.

Delta Sigma Phi has a friendly rivalry with the Beta Omicron Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

On Saturday, November 5, the members went to the parking lot for a picnic.

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## KAPPA IOTA

The Kappa Iota new members soon after their initiation was in Halloween last year. The six new members read their pledge papers and entertained it was a costume party and Katie Tilson won the prize for the best costume.

Everyone had fun and Kappa Iota is proud of its new members.

At the business meeting on Monday night, the constitution revision was voted on, and final plans were made for the K. I. Father-Daughter Dinner which will be on Saturday, Nov. 5, before the football game.

Congratulations go to Larry Parks who pinned Joy Phillip.

The sorority is proud of its band members: Jan Anderson, Judy Blandford, Pinky Pershing, Ann Reavey, and Wendy Smith.

kittie lassies: Marge Clark, Joanne Lyons, and Mike Wilson, who have been performing at the football games.

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## Unwelcome Guest Stir Up "Nice" Family

Those at the party are: Elizabeth McQueen, Mrs. Burley; Bob Beltz, Mr. Burley; Phyllis Dresbach, Sheila Burley; Stan Schnapp, Eric Burley; and Terry Hunt, Gerald Crofts. The "unwelcome guest" is Dick Knowles, Inspector Goole, and the unobtrusive maid, Edna, of the house, is Mary Lou Heberlein.



Play cast in action.

Judy Judson, and Judy Haynes, make up; Bob Fritch, Jean Molyneaux, Marge Jones, and Jodie Lilley, sets; Fred Wyngarden, Dick Bathgate, and Mary Ann Swartz, tickets; and Jodie Lilley, Carol Blanck, Fran Davey, and Betty Braatz, publicity.

each one of us. The Highland Masquers invite you to decide who the guilty person is when "An Inspector Calls", written by J. B. Priestley, and produced and directed by Prof. Ray Miner.

Off-stage talent is supplied by Bob Fritch, stage manager; Marge Jones, assistant director; Sherry Nugent, Beverly Orr, Jan Van Camp, and Pat Foster, props; Pete Vance, Palmer Bollinger, and Dick Bathgate, lights; Ehfrieda Beyer,

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# Scots Lose to Albion 20-13

An opportunistic Albion Mjua converted three Alma errors into touchdowns. In so doing they not only defeated the Scots 20-13 but also knocked them out of second place in the league race.

Even in defeat Marv Rnnb continued his march on the state rushing leadership and perhaps national honors. Included in his efforts were a 77 yd touchdown run that gave Alrna an early 6-0 lead; and a combined total of 154 yds. in 11 carries for a season total of 776 yds.

Alma and Raab started fast. Running at will in the opening quarter, Alma picked up 166 yds. In the opening frame with Raab getting 130 of them. After that the going got tough. The Scots had a 6-0 lead at half time but two fumbles and an intercepted pass were quickly turned into touchdowns on a 17 yd. run by Jackson and passes of 10 and 13 yds. from Conklin to Reed.

It was a bitter defeat for a Scot team that had visions of a 8-1 season record and a second place finish behind Hillsdale.

### Statistics

	Alma	Albion
1st downs	14	10
Rushing yds.	257	152
Passing yds.	66	106
Passes att.	9	12
Passes comp.	4	6
Passes int.	0	1

If last season's game is any indication, Alma fans will see a bruising battle this Saturday night. Ferris Institute will attempt to get revenge for the lone defeat they suffered last year, a 19-13 game with the Scots.

Alma fans will recall that Ferris did everything but win over Alma Inst year. If they are able to stop Rant) this Saturday like they did Inst fall, chances are good that they will be going home with the victory.

A green squad at the start of the season, they have come along fast. Proud possessors of a 5-1 record, conquerors over MIAA members Olivet and Adrian, they will be out to stop both Raab and the Scots.

## Alma College J.V.'s Lose to Central

Central Michigan's junior varsity nipped the Alma College j. v. squad 19-13 here Tuesday night in a close, hard-fought game. The Chippewa\* scored early in the first quarter after forcing the Scots to punt, as they moved 71 yards in seven plays for the marker. The final play covered two yards with quarterback Chuck Janke passing

## The Night Before Exams

by Jodie Lilley

for the movies tomorrow night if we survive. As I begin a very interesting story in my Ladies Home Journal, my roommate bursts into my room and says "I can see it all now. I bring out questions will be. Oh. joy! Now my books, some of which have jail she has to do is get the answer never been open, and aspirins, and swers. After going down to get a coke desk. As I begin to discover America try to study my education out-ica and learn French possessive time, but knowing that my out-adjactives at the same time, the time does not include Prof. Mc-