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Religion and Life Week Ends

This morning Dr. Roe H. Johnson brought to a close this year's religion and life week. Dr. Johnson, minister, athlete, U.S. Naval Academy graduate, with a warm personality, made this week one of the many fine experiences of a student's college life.

The theme for this year was, "Christianity Talks Your Language." If one could paraphrase the talks of Dr. Johnson this week it is found that he paralleled the theme by saying, "I come here not to indoctrinate but to associate with you the love of Christ and his interest for all of us."

Dr. Johnson portrayed Christ as a strong, virile, fearless person with a strong sensitive reaction to people's needs. His chapel lectures, which were directed to the business man, or professional person, the athlete, and the homemaker, emphasized the idea of this Christ in all of life.

"My real pitch, I'll pull no punches. The best minds, bodies, and souls of our young people are needed for Christian service." This in general was the thought of Thursday's Communion Service. Dr. Johnson summed up and clearly stressed his point this morning in his chapel speech on the emphasis of a Christian self for a Christian home; the Christian home, the life of the church of Jesus Christ.

Men Students Attend Midwest Conference

Nine Alma students, members of Music Educators National Conference Student Chapter, No. 97, attended the Midwestern Conference in Ann Arbor on Saturday, January 12.

The Michigan Student Chapters were honored at the MMEA Conference Luncheon, held in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union. The program featured the Fenby-Carr Quintet, a unique group of Detroit school teachers.

The students were most enthusiastic about the work of clinician Dr. Hirt from the University of California. As the interests of the group were divided, some attended meetings in the instrumental field while others listened to a group of seventy-five boys and girls, all with auto-harps, sing and play an unusually fine program.

The Alma chapter was proud to have one of their members, Sue Bristol, in the All State Chorus.

An Alma College Coffee Hour was held in the Women's League on Friday, January 11, and was well attended by former members of the Alma Chapter. At that time plans were made for them to return to the Alma campus this spring for an elementary music workshop.



Dr. Roe H. Johnson

Marilyn Black to Give Recital

Mary Lynn Black, soprano, will present a recital in the College Chapel on Sunday, February 24, at 3 p.m. Mary Lynn has studied voice during her three years at Alma. She will graduate this June with a major in English, and minors in social science, French, and education. Following graduation she plans to enter the University of Michigan to do graduate work in English Literature.

The recital program will include:

Soprano arias from Handel's *Messiah*, selections from the song cycle *Frauen Liebe Und Leben* by Schumann, *Air de Salome* from the opera *Herodiade E Lui* from the opera *La Traviata* by Verdi, and songs by Carpenter, Quilter, Guion, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Students and Faculty members are invited to attend.

With Malice Toward None

This is in memory of one of the greatest Americans who ever lived; to one of the greatest men who ever tread on this great earth. I hope that some day I will have the privilege of meeting this great man. Surely he deserves as much honor as we can bestow upon him. Not only was he a charitable man in public life, but in his private life also. To him we owe much. It was he, through his wisdom and (Continued on page 3)

Cast for Play Tartuffe Chosen

The cast for the comic play, "Tartuffe," or the "Imposter," by Moliere, first performed in 1669, has been selected. The performance is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 21-22, in Tyler Auditorium, and the difficult work of practice is now in progress.

The following persons will transform themselves into their characters on the play nights: Orgon, William Glennon; Elmere, his second wife, Danice Chisholm; Madame Pernelle, his mother, La Deana Munsell; Damis, his son, Tom Sanson; Mariane, his daughter, Joan Bittner; Dorine, his housemaid, Sue Edgar; Valere, betrothed to Mariane, Ron Miller; Cleante, brother to Elmire, Rod MacIntosh; Tartuffe, Bob Beltz; M. Loyal, Jim Pyle; and the officer, Ed Pitts.

FACTS ON THE CAMPUS BOOK STORE!

For a long time on the Alma College campus the question has been asked as to whether a bookstore operated by the college on the campus would present any savings to the students. Finally the facts were sought out by several students from Alma who prefer to remain anonymous. The following account is their finding published as they wrote it up.

Are you being charged too much for new books? At the beginning of each semester two popular phrases around the Alma campus are: "I've been robbed" and "I've been overcharged." Is this true?

Two students whose curiosity was aroused to the point of action due to these exclamations for several semesters, recently journeyed to Michigan State University with a list of five books. Their mission was to find out if these books might be purchased at a savings.

Much to their sorrow, none of the books were available there. However, an accommodating textbook dealer offered to assist them in determining the validity of the above exclamations. He did this by stating what each of these books would retail for, should he order them. To the surprise of the students, his list prices were the same as our local dealers. He further stated that due to their volume of purchases, they were able to grant a discount of 3.3% per text. In other words, a text that listed at \$6.00 would sell for \$5.80.

Disappointed at being unable to purchase books at a savings but with curiosity satisfied, the two students each bought a package of pencil lead and returned to Alma. While they prefer to remain anonymous, they purchased their books locally and did so without question as to the price asked.

Winter Concert Planned by College Band, Sunday, Feb. 17

The Alma College Concert Band, under the direction of Robert E. Rufener, will present its annual winter concert in the Tyler Auditorium on Sunday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.

The 40 piece band will include on its program this year works by such masters as Bach, Brahms, and Verdi, as well as a number of contemporary original works for band.

Professor Rufener, instrumental specialist on the College music faculty, is now in his tenth year at Alma. Previously, he had been

music supervisor of the Berkeley Public Schools in St. Louis, Missouri, and a member of the St. Louis Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. He holds a master's degree in music from the VanderCook School of Music in Chicago.

Now in its 35th year of existence, the band was organized in 1922 under the direction of Professor Ewer. As a marching band, it adopted the tartan of the MacPherson Clan in 1939, becoming one of only three successful Kiltie bands in the United States.

The public is cordially invited to attend the concert. There is no admission charge.

Alma Represented in IAWS Convention

Students from six Michigan colleges met at MSU on Jan. 26 to discuss plans for the biennial national convention of the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students, which will be held here during spring vacation.

Representatives from Western Michigan College, Hope College, Central Michigan College, Wayne State University, Calvin College, and Alma College attended the state-steering committee meeting held in the Union.

These schools, along with Albion College, Northern Michigan College, Ferris Institute, Kalamazoo College, Olivet College, University of Michigan, and Michigan State Normal College are co-operating with MSU in hosting the convention.

It was announced at Saturday's meeting that Miss Pauline Frederick, National Broadcasting representative at the United Nations, would be the key speaker at the convention. Miss Frederick was recently named woman of the year in the radio-television industry.

Miss Ola Hiller, public relations director of the Flint Public Schools and coordinator of the convention, spoke at Saturday's meeting giving tips on how to make the convention better.

She suggested a "town crier" as a way of communicating with the delegates, and that workshops be called "curbstone clinics."

Miss Hiller also suggested that a "grassroots conclave" be used in the leadership training workshop. With the use of such a conclave, microphones would be passed around the floor to various discussion groups who would relay important information to the entire group.

Convention committees reported on their activities so far in planning the convention.

Approximately 400 to 450 delegates from more than 140 women's governing units are expected to attend the convention. The convention's theme is "As We See It, The Role of the Educated Woman as Student and Citizen."

Peg Foster, Lansing senior, is general chairman of the convention.

Alma delegates to the Jan. 26 meeting were Elsie Heusel, Janet Kirby, Nancy Martin, Jaye Gebhart, Sally Boyd, Marilyn Bells, Mary Margaret Johnson and Mrs. Vreeland. Alma's responsibility for the convention is entertainment and our main job is planning and hosting a pajama party on the first night of the convention. Anyone who would like to help work on our committee should see either Carolyn Taylor or M. M. Johnson.

- The program follows:
- From Heaven Above . . . J. S. Bach
 - Iphigenia In Aulis Overture . . . Gluck - Wagner
 - A Miniature Suite of Waltzes . . . Brahms
 - Fanfare and Allegro . . . Williams
 - INTERMISSION
 - Bing, Bang, Bong . . . Gillis
 - Bolero from Sicilian Vespers . . . Verdi
 - Burlesque (Based on Themes from Symphony . . . Schostakovich No. 9, First Movement)
 - Maracaibo . . . Morrissey
 - The President's March . . . Fillmore

This year's band members are:

- Monroe Bellar, Dick Berry, Priscilla Blackburn, Dave Bryant, Sondra Cawrse, Joan Chapman, Rachel Closser, Spencer Cordes, Art Dittenber, Susan Farrington, Jack Forbes, Janet Gettel, Ann Harris, Patricia Lehman, Charles Miller, John Moon, Paul Mosher, Jerry Nichol, Janie Ogawa, Ed Passenger, Ann Reavy, Sandra Robinson, Diane Russell, Kathy Shier, Ken Smith, Wendy Smith, Larry Thompson, Tom Vaillancour, Dick Watterworth, Phyllis Williams, Dennis Wilson, Willard Woodland, Stuart Young, Sally Boyd, Kay Calhoun, Nancy Erber, Dale Hanson, Alan Hielman.

Women's Glee Club Is Formed

Formation of a Women's Glee Club under the direction of Professor Mae Nelson Stewart is announced by the Music Department. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 3 to 4 p. m. in Room 3 of the College basement. The first rehearsal was held February 7.

This group has been formed to provide an opportunity to those girls on campus who like to sing but who are unable to spare time for the heavier schedule required by the A Cappella Choir. Performances by the Women's Glee Club will include participation in a Spring Festival to be held early in May. Girls interested in singing with this group signed up at Registration for an audition.

Mrs. Stewart, director of the newly-formed choir, graduated from Alma College as a music major, and received a Master's degree from the University of Michigan. She has done further graduate work at the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, France, the Juilliard School of Music, and at Columbia University Teachers College. For three years she taught vocal music in Battle Creek public schools. At present, in addition to maintaining a heavy teaching schedule at Alma College, she serves as organist and choir director at the St. John's Episcopal Church of Alma.

Is Action Needed on Cheating Problem Found Here

An ugly spectre has reared its many horned head here on the Alma College campus. In more polite circles it would receive the less nauseating name of "scholastic dishonesty," but in just plain everyday language it is cheating. Of course this is news to no one on the campus but nevertheless it demands attention and action.

The act was committed during final first semester exams when several copies of an exam were stolen from the office of a professor. There were more examples of the same but carried out in various methods. It is wondered to what extremes a supposedly mature college student will go to pass an exam. Unfortunately, such an immature and degrading act on the part of a few casts a more powerful and accusing finger at the proposed citizens and leaders of tomorrow. This sort of thing adds fuel to the fire of disrespect which burns against the

college student in many quarters of a great number of communities both here and elsewhere. Even more tragic is the dark blot which such an act can cast over the innocent members of the Alma student body who in the main try through honest endeavor to prepare themselves to the best of their ability for competing in a world which has seen enough dishonest acts. The fact that these students are put in doubt cannot be overlooked. As in war the innocent suffer as do the war criminals.

No one will forget the suffering that the pride and prestige of West Point went through because of the idiotic and immature actions of some of the cadets. So suffers the pride and prestige of the student body along with the college as a whole. Many have said that such a thing should not be aired publicly, but it is unfair not to cause a controversy over such a matter. When the truth is not brought to light nothing in

the way of future prevention of the same action can be devised.

Here is a matter which is important not only to the administration but also to the students upon whom the blot will eventually fall. It is not a matter which calls for action from only one quarter, but rather it is a problem which must be attacked from all angles and from all groups if a reasonable solution is to come out of the entire odious affair. The student body has tragically been put on trial for the crime of the non-thinking few who committed the deed.

While such things go on without detection it sometimes comes out into the open when the offenders are at last caught and their due fate is meted out to them. Then, and only then, does the group as a whole become aroused when finally their reputation, integrity, and honor is at stake. The silence of the student to report such an action is in itself an act of overlooking his responsibilities towards

the rest of the group which ultimately must suffer. "Stool pigeons" are and never have been popular. But there is a difference between spreading gossip and performing your responsibility. When such acts as these are detected they should be reported to the proper authorities so that corrective measure can be taken to curb the outbreak of even more similar happenings.

The meeting which was held in the previous evening concerning this act of cheating did not come to any definite conclusions. Could it be that some people refuse to see this as a problem which affects them in some way? Or was it just a matter of indifference to responsibility again. There must be another meeting soon to discuss this problem and this time the Student Council should really take the lead in discussion and action. Nobody can function without true zeal and cooperation. Since the problem highly concerns

the student body it should be pursued to the final limits by the body which is supposedly the organ of student action. Therefore, the Council should not, in view of the responsibility it has from the student body en masse, rest its case until a feasible solution is found. Perhaps the proposed honor system is a step in the right direction but it should be remembered that there are those who seem to think that their honor means nothing in comparison to the passing of an exam.

On the guilty lies the burden and if they are at all conscious of the impact of their deed upon the student body it will be a heavy burden indeed. It is sincerely hoped by every honest student on this campus that these persons are treated accordingly and that anyone in the future thinks twice before performing the same selfish act as these guilty ones have performed.

An Enraged Student

An Open Letter to the Student Body

There are several kinds of newspapers and they serve many purposes. At the worst a newspaper is a mirror of community smugness which can happen anywhere; at the best a newspaper is a community alarm clock. The Almanian unfortunately is the mirror of a community which somehow may not realize that such an organization has the lifeline not in the Suez Canal but right at home on the Alma College campus. If this lifeline is severed the paper soon falls into the category of non useful. In fact it is unable to even function as we have witnessed when there is an apathy on the campus toward the medium which is supposed to offer the students a way to voice their opinions, criticisms, etc. Unless the student body sees no responsibility toward their own news organization the Almanian should close up shop for the duration that the apathy exists.

Since there is no journalism course offered at Alma, students sign up for the Almanian primarily for obtaining activity credits. Since that is the truth we, you and I, might as well face it. It is impossible for the reporting staff of this paper to function without receiving aid from the student body. This aid should be in the form of news tips, comments on school life in all of its varied aspects, ideas for improvement, and personal opinions on events in the world. A box has been present in the library for the Almanian news tips to be placed in. The moths in it were just chased out so that they won't get at the library books. This is the type of cooperation received.

It is the responsibility of the newspaper to be a sounding board to any logical controversy but this must come from the student body itself. Any controversy started by the Almanian for the purpose of a controversy will certainly be artificial with no vigor or student interest. This has been attempted several times with no apparent results. Several editorials of such a

nature have been written with no response. Only one letter was received during the last semester which was addressed to the editor. It was published with an editorial reply.

If more interest is not taken in the paper it will merely be filled (for the sake of filling) with such items as come from the International Press Bulletins relating to the honor system at Yale etc. This can and will be done if every one does not pitch in and help. The question is now put up to all of us—to me as the editor and organizer, to you as the contributors. The staff, I am sure, will carry out its responsibilities to the best of its ability.

It takes approximately 3,400 words to fill in one page of the Almanian in its present size. This presents a great deal of work both in obtaining news tips, assigning reporters to write the story, verifying the story, rewriting it if necessary, proofreading it, naming it and setting it up in type. This amount of work can not be done by a small newspaper staff alone when it is already burdened by the process of obtaining an education.

The comment is oft times made that one does not have writing ability. This in itself should not stop a student from attempting to write a news story. This is definitely one of the simplest types of writing. The facts are present. All it is a matter of organization. If this is not done properly we of the Almanian staff can do that for you. But we must get the material first.

A newspaper is not to be used for the further spreading of plain gossip but for news and new insight. If the article is not worth printing it won't be printed.

This semester, it is hoped, will turn out with more success than the preceding one. This will not be so unless the Almanian has every student on campus supporting it. An organization such as this cannot be a one or two man job, it is simply too much. With every

one helping it becomes possible to increase the coverage of news more efficiently and accurately. It is sincerely hoped that this is the case during this semester.

There will be a box placed in the Student Union for the depositing of news tips by any student having such material to offer. One such box is already in the library just inside the door to the left. Please cooperate with the staff on this matter!

If this is not successful the publication of the Almanian may cease. This will be the first time Alma College will be without a school paper since 1900. In all fairness to our school let us stir ourselves to action.

Remember a good newspaper will go farther than just reporting on who got pinned or reprimanded. It will chronicle the dreams and defeats of the college community and its college members. It won't wait for elected authorities to uncover wrongdoings, it will cry for a remedy itself.

A good newspaper will reflect its community as it is, good or bad. It is above all things the community conscience. I sincerely hope that the forced silence of the Almanian is not a reflection of this, our own community.

Perhaps I, as editor, have taken my responsibility too lightly but the Almanian is not, will not be, the opinions of a very few who are willing to face up to their responsibility.

This letter is not an accusation but a challenge, both to you and to me. I hope to find both myself and you, the student body of which I am proud of being a part facing up to our responsibilities not only to the Almanian but also to every other organization on this campus.

With faith in the future and a better understanding in our responsibilities I thank for your contemplation on this matter.

I remain sincerely yours,
Christ Goutis
Almanian Editor

Philosophy and Economics Are Essential

College academic requirements should be a main issue of discussion and programming. Liberal Arts Colleges today have many such requirements as English, social science, religion, humanities, science, and etc. These are well and good. Yet, of these requirements, I feel that two important categories of study are being left out.

Philosophy is the first to be brought to attention. If history should repeat itself or if we should study the fine arts of the past, should we not also study the ideas of our great thinkers of the past and present? It would seem that students should especially study ethics. Why should American people drift with society? Why should we not study the ethical and moral codes of the past and decide for ourselves if this modern society is the best for us or what we want to live in? Why should we not study the schools of philosophy or thought and ask ourselves if this pragmatic, scientific age is complete without the ideals of men like Plato, Aquinas or Christ. The question is, "Isn't this a proper subject for a rounded education and life?"

The second area is in economics. This subject is often included under social sciences but it should be a solid requirement.

Economics—The study of man's needs and wants and the way in which he goes about to satisfy each. Should a student pass through four years of college and upon completion not have had a course in the principles of buying, of budgeting, of saving? Should he walk into a life familyhood or marriage without a fairly good idea of managing his material needs? The problem of food, shelter, clothing comes first to every man, woman and child. Why should the training of such not be included in a liberal arts education?

These are two sorely forgot fields of study which American colleges are forgetting. They are two subjects which in the future will certainly be brought to the light of education.

Aaron Hyde

Cole We Love You But . . .

by Jan Heacox

On the Alma campus are located three dormitories for women. The first two, Bruske and the women's residence hall, are fairly near the center of things — the dining hall. The third of these, Cole, is way out of it, literally as well as figuratively. Looking at the map of the campus, one would suppose that Cole was just a short jaunt from that much loved center of the campus; however, if walking up the side of a hill which is as steep as Mount Matterhorn can be classed as a jaunt, then, I suppose that Cole is just a short walk.

Whenever a general discussion is going on about some current activity, the girls from the Cole Cottage gang can always be spotted by their look of bewilderment. Perhaps, one would get the impression that we certainly are unconcerned about our college activities. The fact is, however, that another notice just didn't make it to our hallowed, but empty bulletin board. As near as I can tell, the reason for this oversight is that such notices are sent out by special delivery carrier pigeon, which like the bear that never sees the other side of the mountain, never quite makes it to the other side of the campus.

I understand that a cool temperature is the best one for a good studying environment; but unfortunately, I find it rather difficult, while studying in our study room, to turn the pages of my book while wearing mittens, and also annoying to have to break the icicles which my frosty breath is forever forming. I wouldn't exactly say that the room is cold, but I can say that even Admiral Byrd at the North Pole never had it so cold.

If the gang ever decided to join the army, we wouldn't need a course on how to best combat the effects of gas poisoning, our exploding furnace has already taught us that. It got so bad that at one time the administration was thinking about selling gas masks at Tyler Center exclusively for Cole Cottage use. It is rather unique having that gasey smell in our clothes because it sets us off from the rest of the college. However, we don't particularly enjoy being asked what hours we work at the gas refinery. Oh, yes, it certainly is a great feeling to know that whenever our furnace and Clizbe's, the music building, goes out at the same time, that Clizbe will be given first call to the repairmen. We mustn't freeze those temperamental musicians you know.

At the beginning of the semester, we noticed that the other kids were hedging away from us. Then, we discovered, to our great annoyance, that most of the kids had the mistaken idea that we were special problem cases which Doctor Klugh had brought in for experimental purposes. This idea didn't bother us too much, but we were really peeved that the Psychology department hadn't seen fit to give us each separate cages.

The service at Cole really gives us something to rave about. Doctor Eyer asks for a bat and has one flown into his lab on the double quick. Cole asks for something and then waits, and waits, and waits and waits some more. Here at Cole, four months is what is known as prompt service.

I have found, by living at Cole, that even the worst points of a situation can contain something funny. College is supposed to be an open door to learning, but at Cole the door is always stuck. Honestly, I do enjoy the privilege of staying at Cole and being known as one of the Cole Cottage Gang; I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world except the basement of the New Women's Residence Hall.

Please God give me the serenity
to accept that which cannot be
changed.
The sincerity to change that which
should be changed.
The wisdom to know one from the
other.

Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor,

By the inspiration of the Student Council and with apologies to no one, I write this letter, with the sincere hopes of improving the quality of the Almanian by setting some "subversive-type talk" afloat on the Alma Campus.

The recent poor quality of the Almanian is due to, as you put it: general apathy on the part of the students. As I put it: nobody gives a damn!

The reason for the apparent disinterest is the poor quality, and the reason for the poor quality is the disinterest. Here we go around again. Maybe you will have to take the first move.

A college newspaper cannot hope for plane crashes, floods, bank robberies and murders to draw the attention of its readers. A murder or two might prove to be interesting but we can't afford to lose a one of us. The tuition would go up. We must therefore hope to make use of actual campus happenings. If nothing seems to be happening, make them happen. In the Art Department we learn to interpret a subject in three ways: realistically, distortedly, or abstractly. May I offer a few suggestions:

Place a want ad for conscientious and eager staff members. "Wanted, anyone to type, proof read, act as reporters, feature writers, etc. No experience necessary. Learn from experience. Earn activity credits.

Distribute a definite schedule of publication deadlines to all staff members.

A good write-up on past Almanian editors should also be inspirational. Talk about controversy! Wow! Eugene Pattison with his goatee, May Butrick with her one gold earring, and Roger Vance whose only goal was to be suppressed. (And he was.)

There's nothing like good old controversy to keep readers reading. Get someone to condemn cheating. The way this new way of life has flourished there must be someone who will stick up for it.

Maybe a few Stringamis will go over again. A few Weatherbys in retaliation will be appreciated too.

Hollingsworth and Magnuson are certainly capable of a Poor Man's Bob & Ray column with all their energy. Something comparable to Playboy's "How to Succeed with Women without Really Trying." Maybe? tch, tch.

Laurie (Sgt.) Preston is always

ready to give a profound opinion on something or other.

Vive la Satire! Can't you just see Mother Hall rigging up a collapsible fence from one wing of the dorm to the other to catch her early morning serenaders? . . . or Dr. Swanson in Bermuda shorts? . . . or even referring to the prexy in print, as well in conversation, as "Swanee?"

Three cheers for an "Alma Confidential." Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer could do things with this place! Louie, Rad and Lib would go down in history.

A big dig for fraternities is due again. Life Magazine will stand behind anyone who wishes to. They'll get a good run for their money from us fraternity men, too.

A side order of campus humor . . . "The Almaniac" (humor in a Presbyterian vein.)

Not all peaches and cream and knee slapping though. Let's get at these meaty issues, too. Isn't it news when someone is expelled? If it is to set an example, what better place to air it than in the student newspaper?

How about an "Orchids and Onions" column. Examples: Orchids to "Miss Information" at the desk in the Ad Building for her cheery smile as we pass by. Onions to the slob who parks his car straddling the crosswalk by the Chem Building.

Dr. Klugh's editorial on use of the library was great! But as an editorial? That was an easy way out wasn't it? Let's see that kind of thing every issue, but as a feature article.

The big question up to now, Ed, is: What can we do to "fire up" the Almanian? The only answer up to now: Burn it! I'm quite sure my letter will appear in the Almanian, since I believe you when you say you're hard up for material.

Conclusion: You're in the driver's seat, but nobody is in the mood for a ride. Well, get out and drum

up a little business. Inspire what staff you have left to do something in the way of recruiting. I've done a bit of name dropping myself. Maybe you can follow it up. Maybe some clever devil will read this (I'm sure the student body can read, and wants to) and actually volunteer. I wish you luck.

Tom Dodd

P. S. Student Body: the Almanian office is on your left as you enter Old Main.

FABLE: On Righteous Indignation.

When skeleton keys were used, doors taken off hinges, offices broken into, exams stolen, and ponies prepared by the dozens, the morally sound portion of the student body rolled its eyes in horror. "We have been betrayed," it shrieked. "Who could do this to us? Nobody will ever trust anybody else and anyone who KNOWS NAMES will be effectively silenced."

So discussions waxed long and hot over coffee.

"How could anyone have the nerve to break into an office?" exclaimed one student, as he copied his girl friend's notes from the class he had slept through.

"Or have the patience to rifle wastebaskets," remarked the student who had spent a profitable afternoon searching archives for a term paper on the Reformation.

"I don't cheat, I just let Herbert work my math problems, and then I check through them to see how he does them," murmured a sweet young thing.

The young man in the corner looked as if he'd like to have said something, but he was too much out of breath from running halfway across the union to light a professor's cigarette. But the expression on his face certainly indicated that he was against stealing examinations.

MORAL: There seem to be several. Take your choice. THINK.
P. J.

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With the Greeks

ALPHA THETA

The new officers for this semester are: Marilyn Mott, President; Nancy Hoeflin, Vice-President; Jill Weber, Corresponding Secretary; Carol Blanck, Recording Secretary, and Joan Bush, Treasurer. The appointed officers are: Caroline Schaub, Sentinel; Joanne Sturmer, Scribe; Marge Hobeck, Almanian; Marilyn Black, Parliamentarian; Valerie Booz, Second Critic; Gerri Bishop, Room Chairman; Carolyn Taylor, Guide; Patti Wilson and Connie McCall, Inter-Sorority Council; and Elsie Heusel, A.C.A. Cabinet.

We are now in the midst of plans for the Theta Tavern which will be Saturday, March 7. Every body keep this date in mind. Also, we are getting the room in readiness for spring rushing, which starts very soon.

Best wishes are in order for Lee Gray and Marilyn Mott, and Dick Humphrey and Carolyn Taylor, who became engaged over the holidays. We also extend our best to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Walker on their recent marriage. Wedding bells will ring Saturday, February 23 in the chapel for Don Godfrey and Joan Fredericks.

DELTA GAMMA TAU

On behalf of the Deltas, we would like to welcome all of you back on campus for the second semester and give a special welcome to all the new Freshmen and transfer students. With the new semester started the Deltas find that their new officers are really on the ball. Our slate of officers includes: Thayer Talcott, president; Jack De Cou, vice-president; Bernie Brisbois, recording secretary; Jim Hawkins, sgt. at arms; librarian, Dave McDowell; parliamentarian, Lee Hollingsworth; Dewey Ayslun, house manager; and Bill Kube, pledge master. Thanks to our officers of last semester for the fine job they did.

The frat would like to thank Dale Lake for the very enjoyable vacation they spent at his home in Alpena. The guys really had a fabulous time. Thanks a lot, Dale. We want to remind all the men that are planning to rush this semester to be sure and buy your tickets for

the Tri-Fraternity Smokers from any Inter-Frat Council member. The smokers will be February 19, 20 and 21 at 8:30 p.m. Hope to see all of you there.

Congratulations are in order for Pinkey Laird and Janet Schuetz and for Bill Kube and Rachael Closser who recently became pinned. This seems to be the month for wedding bells among the Deltas. We have two brothers who announce their marriages this month. Our best wishes and congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Walker (nee Joan Moore) and to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawkins (nee Lee Corbishley). We wish all of you the best of luck and a lifetime of happiness.

DELTA SIGMA PHI

The house is buzzing with activity this week in preparation for the smoker which will be held next Wednesday, and for the Carnation Ball which will take place March 2.

Brothers Kickhofel, Ziegler, Boerma, and Harper are to be congratulated on the fine job they did in constructing a built-in dresser for their room.

Brothers Bill Tracy and Bob Wallace graduated in January and are currently teaching at Ashley and Melvindale respectively.

Brother Tracy is a past president of the Gamma Phi chapter and brother Wallace was Vice-president last semester and house manager last year. Good luck to both of you.

Congratulations to brother Les Woodruff who pinned Nan Strombeg, Bob Wallace who pinned Donna Swartz, and Ron Vandegiesen who pinned Virginia Knox.

Don't forget Saturday, March 2. That's the date of the Delt Sig Carnation Ball and an event that you won't want to miss.

We would like to welcome brothers George Arrick, who is the new vice-president, George Dice, the new house manager, and Angel Parroga who has become an active member of the Gamma Phi chapter. Angel, who is from Maracay, Venezuela, went to Hillsdale for a year and joined the Tau chapter of Delta Sigma Phi. Last year he attended Michigan State University.

Angel is a pre-engineering student here at Alma.

We would like to remind all freshmen and independent men to come down to the house and enjoy our facilities. The doors are open day or night. You are welcome anytime.

KAPPA IOTA

Big shoes were left empty by our out-going officers this semester, but we are sure our officers for this spring will do a good job of filling them. The new officers are as follows: Karen Homan, president; Jane Hunt, vice-president; Gail Sutherland, recording secretary; Phyllis Moreen, corresponding secretary; Shirley Colby, treasurer; Doris Turnbull, Judicial Council representative; Sue Rider, sentinel; Dot Mac Leod, keeper of the archives; Percy Blackburn, A.C.A. representative. Congratulations to the other newly elected officers of the sororities and fraternities.

Congratulations are also in order for Dorothy Drummond who became engaged to Ken Rathje, Janet Kerby engaged to Fred Hough, Doris Turnbull engaged to Dewey Ayslun, Carol Stephens and George Spriggs, Ginny Knox and Ron Vande Geissen, and Katie Tilson and Thayre Talcott who are pinned.

We lost two KI's this semester—Lotus Witham who is now teaching in Davison and Kay McKenna who is now living in France as Mrs. Donald Priest. Best of luck to both of them.

We hope you enjoyed being "Iced-in on the KI Luxury Liner." And don't forget to stop in at the Dime Dance this Saturday night after the Alma-Adrian basketball game!

PHI PHI ALPHA

At the last meeting of the old year, election of officers was held. Former president, Tom Dodd, and vice-president, Dick Schluckbier, were succeeded by Al Cordill and John Hurst, respectively. Other major officers elected were Albee Roman as recording secretary, and Gordon Snyder as treasurer. We wish these men the best of luck in the coming term.

The beginning of the second semester found the Phi House filled with members. The familiar smell of paint and new wood can be found in almost any room in the house. Many of the members have taken it upon themselves to do a little painting and to install new study desks.

Thoughts, however, have turned to March 23 and 24, which are the dates for the installation of Phi Phi Alpha as a chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. All necessary arrangements have been made for the occasion, and many of the Phi

alumni are expected to be present. Last September, Rev. H. Johnson passed away. Rev. Johnson was the founder of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity. In 1955, at the annual Phi banquet, Rev. Johnson was guest speaker, and he gave a full account of the founding of Phi Phi Alpha. He was also very instrumental in naming the fraternity Phi Phi Alpha, which means "Friendly Brothers of Learning." We of Phi Phi Alpha are only sorry that Rev. Johnson did not live to see the fraternity become a chapter of T.K.E.

In intramural activity the Phi second team managed to tie up the first place position in bowling, and the volleyball team also came through to take a first place. These victories brought us a little closer to the All-Sports trophy.

Remember, freshmen and independent men are always welcome at the Phi house, and will have complete access to recreational and athletic facilities of the fraternity.

Honest Abe

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courage, insured us the heritage of a mighty and united nation.

A little less than a hundred years ago this country was involved in the worst war a nation can face, a civil war. This union was threatened with extinction. The South was seceding and the northern people were in conflict as how to handle the terrible situation. Some said let them go; others said grind them into the dust. Then this grinning ape, as some people of his day called him, arose to show us the right path. He not only preserved the union, but showed us the way to treat our adversaries; not as conquered enemies, but as erring brothers. But in the hour of his greatest triumph, tragedy struck. It was not just a personal thing, but national and even world wide. Even his enemies were forced to admit that this was a great man. It was a great and tragic loss to our nation.

Who can really say what would have come to pass if he had lived to carry out his plans. Perhaps this nation would have gone on to undreamed of heights. Yes, he was a great man, perhaps the greatest in our history. Surely, no other faced such a terrifying problem, but still, in the face of it all, he was able to lead us out of the darkness of civil war into the light of peace. Perhaps one line from your second inaugural address can say what I have so poorly tried to show of your character. "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

To you, Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we celebrate this week, we pay our most humble respects.

Alma Speakers Score Again

The Alma Speech Department took to the road Saturday, February 9 attending the State Peace Extemporaneous and Oratory contest at the Detroit Institute of Technology.

Two Alma College students placed in the Men's and Women's divisions. Bob Beltz, sophomore from Grosse Pointe, placed second in the Men's Extemporaneous Division with his speech on "Middle East."

Miss Mija Rhee, a junior from Seoul, Korea spoke on the topic, "We Who Suffer—Cry for Peace." She earned the third place award in her division.

The Knights of Pythias made available cash awards for those who placed in any of the first three positions. For second place honors Mr. Beltz received \$15 and Miss Rhee \$10 as her award for third place.

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AUTHORITY TALKS ON CAREER JOBS

Career opportunities in the Federal government for college students will be discussed on Friday, March 8 in Room 102, Old Main by Stanley R. Ostler, field representative of Social Security Administration, Saginaw. He will be available for personal interviews from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Of particular interest to students will be information offers about jobs for college men and women who pass the Federal Service Entrance Examination. Inaugurated in December, 1955, the examination is a qualifying examination used by Federal agencies to fill a wide variety of positions.

During 1956, a total of 500 college-trained persons began careers in the Federal government in a broad range of agencies in the states of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin as a result of passing the Federal Service Entrance Examination.

Certain technical jobs, such as those in engineering, physics, chemistry, and accounting, are filled through other examinations. However, the Federal Service Entrance Examination serves as the main examination through which college-caliber persons may begin a career in the Federal government.

The next deadline date for filing application to take the Federal Service Entrance Examination is March 28. The examination will be held April 13. Application forms will be available from the college placement office.

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Who's Who Among Students



Paula Bare
A Return Engagement

A chic, brown-eyed senior girl has been chosen for Who's Who along with eleven other top Alma students. She is Paula Bare and has held this honor for two years.

Paula graduated from Midland High School in 1952 with the D.A.R. good citizen award and as valedictorian of her class.

Entering Alma College she began her college career with enthusiasm. As a freshmen she joined W.A.A., W.S.G.A. and was an assistant Girl Scout leader. She busied herself the next three years working on her major, which is Chemistry and minors of Math., Social Science and Education. She became associated with such activities as Chemistry Club, Assistant Editor and Editor of the Scotsman, Alpha Theta Sorority, Editor of the Almanian, Dormitory Assistant, Junior Counselor and an honorary member of Phi Sigma Pi Sorority.

During the summer months she has been a lab assistant at Dow Corning Corp. in Midland. Last summer she did routine and research work.

Paula will graduate in June with her B.S. degree in Chemistry. She plans to teach next fall.



Bob Fritz's Life Diversified
by Duke

Diversified best describes this 21 year old pre-law student majoring in economics and history, so diversified and occupied that this reporter found it necessary to interview him in between news headlines, weather reports, and during Sinatra and Brubeck records at Alma's radio station WFYC. He has worked there the past year and a half as a disc jockey and sports announcer.

Bob found his way to Alma from his hometown of Cass City. He is second of five young'ins in his family, having two brothers and two sisters. In high school he was active in debate, oratory, and plays. It was here that he gained his first recognition by winning an essay contest. His high school summers were spent in Chicago where he was employed as a theater usher.

Upon entering Alma college, Bob soon obtained a role in the play "Heaven Can Wait" and also a job as waiter. Later that same year he played a role in a children's play, "Rumple Stiltskin."

It was during his sophomore year that he began demonstrating some of his other talents. He joined the French club, drama

club, Parnassians, played intramural basketball, and became a member of Alpha Psi Omega, a national dramatics fraternity. This same year he again exhibited his acting ability by roles in the "Crucible," "Terrible Meek," and "See How They Run."

As a junior, Bob branched out into the forensics field by participating in debate and oratory contests. At this time he became president of the Drama Club and also a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, a national speech fraternity. He relates that another achievement of this year was meeting his future wife, the former Mary Ann Swartz, to whom he was married last December 28.

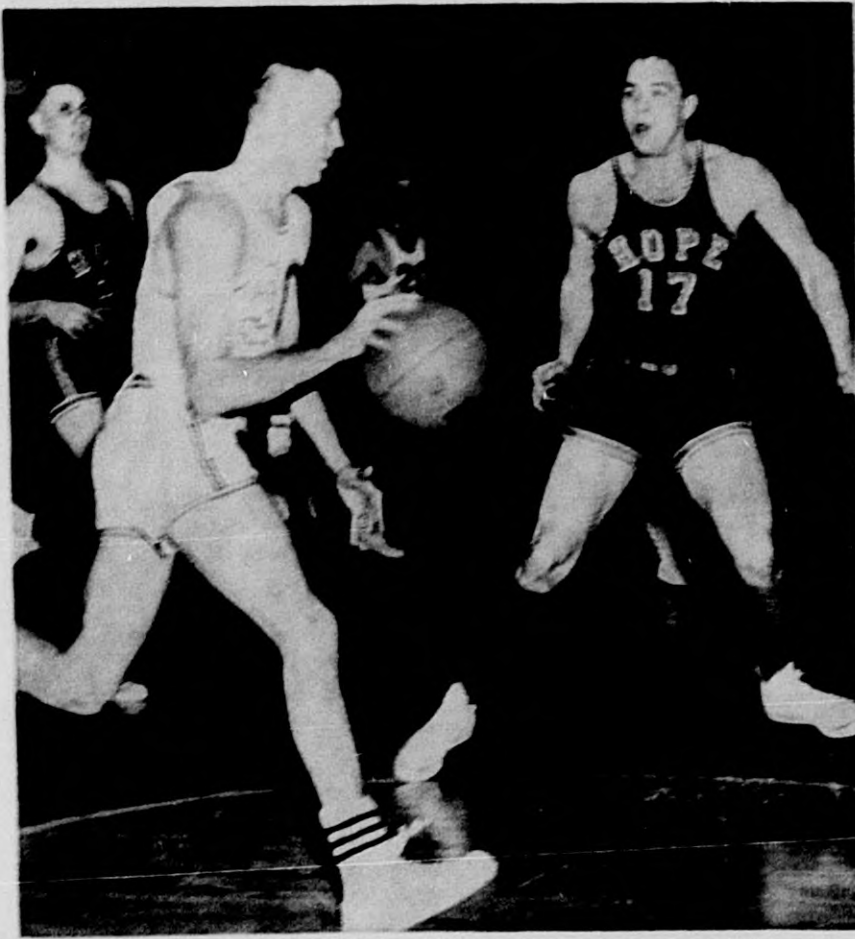
In addition to getting married, as a senior Bob was elected president of the local chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, vice president of the Parnassians, and was named to Who's Who Among Students.

With his talents and academic standings, Bob has won several awards. Some of them are the \$50.00 Lindley award for an outstanding debater, a speech grant, second place in the Bradley orations, and third place in the state Western Michigan oratory. He has also been granted a scholarship through his college career and has won recognition for his writings in the Pine River Anthology.

As for hobbies, Bob enjoys writing and collecting records in his few spare moments. His musical tastes span from jazz and the classics to good old barbershop harmonies.

Now with the first 21 years of his life exposed, I am sure all will agree that this acting, debating, disc jockey and history majoring senior is truly diversified. Looking to the future, Bob has dreams of entering law school at Harvard University and based on his past success, this writer feels confident that in a few more years Bob will be known as Attorney Robert Fritz. Best of luck, Bob!

Carter Drives in to Score Again



Hope Takes Scots 92-75

Having a few tall men gave Hope College a distinct height advantage, which made the big difference in the second half last Saturday night when the Dutchmen defeated Alma, 92-75 for the third place in MIAA basketball race.

Both teams entered the game tied for third place with a 3-3 record and Hope retained their chances for the title by winning.

The Scots, after taking an early 12-4 lead, saw it fade as the Dutchmen fought up to a 44-44 halftime tie. Then in the second half, Hope took command early and just short of leaps and bounds pulled away from the Scots.

The scoring attack for the Scots was concentrated in its two guards, George Carter looping 24 points and Stan Stolz hitting 20, of which 16 were in the first half. Bob Postma and Ron Lude went 10 and 9, respectively. Playing in the second game of the season, Dick Ayling and Terry Knowles were relatively inactive, each scoring 3 points, along with Jim Ford. Jack Acton also hit for one.

Warren Vanderhill paced Hope with 24, while Roy Ritsema added 16, Bob Ritsema 15 and Paul Senes 14.

CHALLENGE TO COLLEGE BOWLERS

Amidst the thump of bowling balls bouncing down the lane and the din of falling pins, there comes the faint cry of a challenge. This faint cry comes from the direction of Lawrence Tech. They have sent this cry to Alma and other colleges around the state. It is a challenge that could interest all bowling teams on the campus. It goes as follows:

Lawrence Tech would be interested in securing bowling matches for one or two teams composed of Lawrence Tech students.

Each year Lawrence Tech organizes what is known as a bowl-off to determine teams that will represent Lawrence Tech in any collegiate tournament. It was thought that this year we would like to build the program to the extent of scheduling matches with other colleges that have bowling teams within the college.

If your college sponsors a bowling team, or any organization within the college composed of students interested in having a match with one or both of Lawrence Tech's teams, we would appreciate hearing from you. The matches could be on a home and home basis, at your school, or at Detroit.

We would like very much to hear from you regarding your interest in this fast growing sport for college students, also possible dates.

Yours very truly,
Don Ridler,
Athletic Director

This is a challenging proposition open to any fraternity or other organized team or teams. With the bowling season once again starting this semester it seems only fitting and proper that this thought be further exploited by the various teams around campus. You are being presented with a challenge affording you with a chance for more and better competition. The rest is left up to your desires, the sport and competition gained.

If any team is interested please contact Dick Vinciguerra for the address or any other information.

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Around the Campus

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

If you haven't noticed the call for applications on the bulletin board in Tyler Center, then this is a good time to let you in on it. The Student Council is now accepting applications from anyone interested in one of the four following positions: Almanian editor and Business manager and Scotsman editor and Business manager. If you're interested, state in your letter of application your experience and the reasons for applying for the job. Turn in the application to the Administration Building by February 18. These jobs are for next year.

We've had a great deal of trouble getting the ice rink under way. First the weather wouldn't cooperate, then we couldn't get enough hose to flood it, then the hydrant broke, then the weather was bad again, etc. We've just about given up hope for completion this year, so we're going to make the proper arrangements for the direction of it next season.

Recently we purchased a set of long-playing records to replace the ones that were borrowed from us, without our knowledge. By the way, to the one who borrowed the last set, you're going to have a hard time getting to this set because we're going to put them under lock and key and then station a battalion of Council members by them. We all hope that the ones that you have are full of scratches and that you're not enjoying them in the least. By the way, the last set of records came to us with the compliments of Saga Food Service.

What do you think of the prices at the local book store? Well, we think the same, so we're looking into the possibilities of setting up a book store on the Alma Campus that offers logical prices.

The Student Council has given a great deal of consideration to the "cheating" that took place last semester, especially during finals. We are now looking into the possibility of installing the Honor System at Alma College. However there has been a great deal of controversy on this matter as many do not think that the Honor System would work here at Alma. What do you think? Not just from 50 per cent to 90 per cent, but 100 per cent of our Student Body must pledge themselves to honesty before such a system can work. Let me close with this question: Do you have enough pride in your honor and integrity to pledge yourself to this cause? Think about it!

VET CLUB NEWS

Kiska's back in town. The Vets club offered him a hardy welcome, as the new president of the club he is expected to do well. Elections last week also brought into office: V.P. Hugo "Tulsa" Salazar; and Secretary-Treasurer, Bud Satterline. "Com-mown" Dave was an incumbent. The reign of the "Shoes" has ended.

On the basketball scene the Vets loom as a dark horse contender. Returning players Green, Grey, and Houn, this year form the nucleus around which a team will be built. Hard running and jumping "Cowboy" Smith performed well in practice as did Pat Brady. With these possibilities and well-rounded bench strength this team could do well.

The big, annual Veteran production of "It" is coming. Bob Sloan, the young stage director and writer of no little success, has begun working out the details. At committee meetings, ideas flow freely. Stan Ruger, a new student to Alma, and Dom Pettara are assisting with work on the script. Doug Phillips has left for the outer world, by way of graduation. It is wished that his trip will be both happy and successful.

Shoes Any drastic changes will be thoroughly resented.

ACA ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

On Wednesday, February 6, the Alma College Christian Association elected officers for the coming year. Congratulations to the following: President—Dwane Aslyn; 1st Vice President—Dale Lake who is in charge of programs, 2nd Vice President—Jean Molyneux who will handle deputation work and Secretary Treasurer — Betty Metcalf.

One of the proposed meetings

on the slate for this semester is Star Commonwealth. Dr. Woods on "Church Extension", a speaker recently in the Holy Lands and a Geologist.

Everyone is always welcome and free to come every Wednesday evening to A.C.A. at 7:00. Also participate in the deputation teams, Masonic Home visitations on Sunday and the Mexican Easter Party.

HOME EC CLUB

Elections were held at the February 7th Home Economics Club meeting with the following results: President, Ruth Anderson; Vice President, Doris Turnbull; Secretary, Bobbi Bond; and Treasurer, Ruth Hawley.

These officers will preside for the remainder of the semester. New members are welcome. See Doris Turnbull if interested.

BIOLOGY CLUB

On Friday, January 11, members of the Biology Club were given the opportunity to inspect the Michigan State Health Department Buildings in Lansing. Dr. Henderson of the Health Department conducted the tour through the various buildings. In each building a specific function is performed including research, laboratory testing, or the manufacturing of vaccines and immune serums. Dr. Henderson stated that the Health Department is a non-profit organization which functions in correlation with resident physicians and health centers throughout the state. In regard to testing for diseases, he pointed out the fact that the department's duty is to perform and report the test but never to diagnose.

All the members enjoyed the tour and found it very interesting and educational.

The Biology Club concluded its activities for this semester with the election of new officers. The new officers are: Fred Schmidt, President; Una Edwards, Vice-President; and Lauralee Shaft, Secretary-Treasurer. Plans were also made for next semester.

For the first meeting on February 7, the Biology Club had a skating party at Conservation Park. All new prospective members were cordially invited. Plenty of refreshments were served in the Park Clubhouse.

FTA NEWS

The members of the Alma College Future Teachers Association were guests at an Alma high school PTA meeting. After their business meeting there was a panel discussion headed by Miss Ethelyn Adams, who has visited our group here at school. Three questions were discussed by the students and parents; these were concerned with student conduct, getting better marks, and sophomore initiations. Following the panel discussion refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

There is a movie scheduled for the next FTA meeting which is February 14th.

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