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STAUFFER TO BECOME ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Mr. Gary Stauffer, head basketball coach and assistant in football at Alma College, has been advanced to the position of Associate Director of Admissions, it was announced yesterday by President Robert D. Swanson.

With the College planning a gradual but steady increase in the size of its student body from the present 700 figure, and with its increasing selectivity in admissions, it was found necessary to add an Associate Director to the Admissions staff.

President Swanson in announcing the appointment said that "the College believes that in the next two or three years, the key to its success will lie in its ability to attract and retain a high calibre faculty." Therefore Mr. Stauffer, he said, comes to a key position on the administrative staff in an area of vital concern and at a key moment in the College's career.

Mr. Stauffer came to Alma in September, 1954, from Vicksburg High School where in six years his football teams won three league titles and his basketball teams, three tournament championships. This year his Alma basketball team was one of four teams competing in the Michigan NAIA finals.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan College, where he earned six letters in basketball and baseball, and a Masters degree from The University of Michigan.

Mr. Stauffer will complete his spring sports coaching duties and assume his new office on July 1.

Gary Stauffer came to Alma in September, 1954, from Vicksburg High School where he had been backfield coach, head basketball coach, and head baseball coach for six years and Athletic Director for one year. During high school in his native Vestaburg, Gary won four varsity letters each in basket-



Gary Stauffer

ball and baseball, and in his senior year was captain of the basketball team. After lettering in football at Dennison University, Grandville, Ohio, and in basketball at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., he moved on to Central Michigan College from which school he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1948. While at Central Michigan he collected six more letters in basketball and baseball. For the past five summers he has been doing graduate work at The University of Michigan toward his Master's degree. Gary's record at Vicksburg was impressive; the football teams won three league titles and the basketball boys won three titles and three tournament championships, compiling a six-year record of 69 wins and 31 losses.

Skinner Honored by National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation has named Professor Charles Skinner of the Alma College Chemistry faculty as the recipient of one of its 100 Science Faculty Fellowships in the sciences for the academic year 1957-58. Awarded this year for the first time, these fellowships are offered as a means of improving the teaching of science, mathematics and engineering in American colleges and universities. Primary purpose of the awards is to provide an opportunity for college and university science teachers to enhance their effectiveness as teachers.

Science Faculty Fellows were selected from 416 applicants from all parts of the continental United States and its territories on the basis of ability as indicated in letters of recommendation, academic and professional records, and other evidence of attainment and promise. Applications were reviewed by a panel of scientists, especially competent to make judgments as to the demonstrated and potential ability of the applicant as a teacher of science, under arrangements made by the Association of American Colleges.

Eligibility requirements included a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent, demonstrated ability and special aptitude for science teaching and advanced training, and three years of full-time science teaching at the college level.

Science Faculty Fellowships carry stipends adjusted to approximate the regular salaries of award recipients. These stipends may be applied toward study or research in an accredited nonprofit institution of higher learning in the United States or abroad.

Mr. Skinner graduated from Alma College in 1939 with a B. S. degree and received his Masters degree from the University of



Professor Charles Skinner

Michigan in 1953. He has been an instructor at Alma College since 1946. He will study at Michigan State University beginning in September of 1957 and will pursue the specialty of analytical chemistry.

All awards were approved by the National Science Board upon the recommendation of Dr. Alan T. Waterman, Director of the Foundation.

EFFECTIVE APRIL FIRST, the office hours of the nurse will be changed from 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. It is felt these new hours will better serve the students.

IAWS Convention Attended by Alma

Two years of hard work and planning were climaxed this past weekend at Michigan State University, with the national convention of the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students, which is the national organization of women's self-governing bodies. The convention began on Saturday, March 23, and ended with a farewell luncheon Tuesday, March 26. The convention theme was "As We See It—The Role of the Educated Woman as Student and Citizen." Mary Margaret Johnson participated as co-social chairman for the convention with Sue Porter of MSU. At the first business meeting of the convention, on Saturday afternoon, Alma College was voted into membership in IAWS.

Alma College was in charge of pajama parties for the more than 500 delegates from 149 colleges and universities in 49 states. The parties were held in Gilcrest and East and West Yakely dormitories Saturday night. Participating from Alma were Lorna Preston, Pat Henry, Paula Bare, Nancy Martin, Betty Metcalf, Joan Donnelly, Anne Harris and Joan Bittner. General chairman for writing the script was Carolyn Taylor.

Joan Donnelly was official convention song leader, and the official representative of Alma College. In addition, she served as recorder for the "Curbstone Clinics," entitled "My Role in the Development of Personhood," "My Role in The Quest for Understanding," and "My Role in the Realm of Service."

Mrs. Esther Vreeland, Dean of Women, was hostess for the advisors for the convention.

The highlight of the convention was an address by Miss Pauline Frederick, Peabody Award winner, Sunday, March 24, following a banquet in her honor. Miss Frederick's speech was entitled, "The Mist of Night," in which she related some of her experiences as NBC United Nations Commentator, and pointed out some of the obstacles in the road toward peace. Pat Sowers, Elsie Heusel, Mrs. Mildred Hall, Mrs. Thomas Kain, Mrs. Margaret MacLean, and Paul Bare attended Miss Frederick's speech.

Other speakers were Miss Ola Hiller, Administrative Assistant in Charge of Information and Communication in the Flint public schools, Lt. Clarissa M. Young, associated with the Youth Guidance Bureau of the Lansing Police Department, Dr. Thomas Hale Hamilton, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at M.S.U., and the Reverend Mr. William G. Kuhlen, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Lansing.

Dr. Harold C. VandenBosch attended the Monday night dinner honoring the presidents of the Michigan hostess schools, given by Dr. John A. Hannah, president of M. S. U.

The IAWS national conventions are held every two years. In 1959, the hostess school will be Arizona State College. The four regional conventions are held in alternate years. Region IV, of which Alma College is now a member, will hold its convention at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, in 1958.

BUSINESS DEPT. TAKES TRIP

On March 2, 1957, Dr. Stephen Meyer, Jr., in charge of Department of Business Administration, took ten Alma College students to make the annual pilgrimage of the Business Administration's Department's business teacher education students to the Michigan Business Education Association Convention at the Pantlind Hotel, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Those who accompanied Dr. Meyer were Shirley Colby, Alan Cordill, Mary Ann Hagley, Frances Harper, Tom Johnson, Judy Juileret, Catherine Tilson, Robert Lambert, Janet Ranch, and William Pike.

A Capella Choir to Begin Spring Tour

Will Sing on High School Music Day

The Alma College A Cappella Choir will begin its spring concert series with a program for the Third Annual High School Music Day on March 30, when some 300 high school students will visit Alma College campus for a day of concerts and discussions on music.

On Sunday evening, March 31, the choir will sing at the First Presbyterian church of Mt. Pleasant at 8:00 p.m.

The Women's Association of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Bay City will sponsor the choir in a concert on Wednesday, April 3, at 8:15 p.m.

The choir will then leave on tour, visiting churches in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The cities to be visited are Rogers City, Alpena, Harbor Springs, Iron River, Iron Mountain, Menominee, East Jordan, Traverse City and Cadillac.

In Iron River the choir has been invited to go through one of the iron mines of the district.

The program will include two numbers for double chorus from the Motet of Johann S. Bach "Sing Ye to the Lord." Also featured on their concert will be the Alma Singers in a group of madrigals and folk songs.

The officers of this semester's choir are: Alan Watterworth, president; Joan Donnelly, secretary; Sharon Beardsley, librarian; Roger Little, manager.

Choir members this semester are:

Sopranos: Donna Allen, Greenville; Sharon Beardsley, Lapeer; *Mary Lynn Black, Flint; Sue Bristol, Manistee; Judy Eldred, Centerline; *Barbara Guthrie, Centerline; Judy Korn, Wyandotte; Marilyn Lippert, Hillsdale; Margaret McLeod, Roseville; Lorna Preston, Marlette; Janice Severance, Akron; Shirley Stocklin, Grand Haven.

Altos: Linda Alexander, Livonia; Ruth Anderson, Saginaw; Sally Boyd, Bloomfield; *Joan Donnelly, Plymouth; Anne Harris, Grand Rapids; Barbara Lyons, Grosse Pointe; Jean McClure, Alma; Marianne McKenzie, Breckenridge; Betty Metcalf, Fairgrove; Sally Smith, Howell; Nan Stomberg, New Baltimore; Anna Widrig, Gaylord; Michela Wilcox, West Branch.

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Almanian, Scotsman Editors and Business Managers Chosen

Robin Butler, sophomore at Alma College, has been named as the 1957-58 Editor of the Almanian student newspaper.

Robin is returning to college studies after attending Beria College, Ky., then marrying, becoming the proud father of two children and spending several years working, most recently as operator-machinist at the Ithaca Gratiot County Herald, a position he still maintains while attending school. He has decided to become a minister and is taking his pre-theological schooling at Alma College. As a high school student in Ohio, Robin was a good student and yet very active in many school activities—student government, band choir, drama and in particular the school paper and yearbook profited by his active participation.

His high school training, past and present work for Gratiot County Herald and other personal qualifications should bring to the Almanian a very able editor.

David Grainger, freshman student at Alma College, has been named associate editor of the Almanian for the 1957-58 year.

While attending Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, David participated in the Quill and Scroll Club and school publications work.

David's father's profession is a printer and it is in pursuit of fur-

ther study in the Journalism and Printing field that his studies at Alma College are directed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Grainger of 613 So. Main, Frankenth, Michigan.

Margaret Williams, sophomore student at Alma College, has been named as the 1957-58 yearbook editor, the Scotsman. Margaret was an honor student through most of her high school studies, yet very active in student activities. Band, choir, oratory, student government, school paper and work on the yearbook all profited from her contributions. Particularly her school paper and yearbook work should provide her with experience that will make Margaret a fine Scotsman Editor.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray White, 449 Grant St., Grand Haven, Michigan.

Stuart Shook, junior student at Alma College has been named as the 1957-58 business manager of the Almanian student newspaper.

Stuart pursued a business course of study in high school, belonged to the business club, and has obtained much personal business experience by various work efforts. His college studies are in the Business Administration Department, thus he will bring a business background to his work on the Almanian

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Director of Publicity

March 26, 1957

An Open Letter to The Student Body—

By this time each one of you has received a personal invitation to be present at the Inauguration of Dr. Swanson on April 24th and also to attend the President's Reception and the Inaugural Ball. This, as you know, is a red letter day in the life of Alma College and the Inaugural Committee is bending effort to assure that the program of events for the day will all be top quality.

Certainly everyone of them will be more impressive by good student participation. The Student Council is arranging for the formal Inaugural Ball in the evening and joins us in urging that all of you plan to be present at this gala event. The Student Council is trying to make this a memorable affair. It is formal and the Council has ruled that dinner jackets will be in order. The Committee wants to remind you that there is no admission charge.

We hope that we shall see you all at the Inaugural Ball and at the other events on Wednesday, April 24th.

The Inaugural Committee

FAITH AND REASON

It was Aquinas who stated when reason failed to give adequate explanation one must take a "leap of faith." So it was with his religious doctrine. Others have stood on faith alone, and still others on reason. Yet, when the doctrines of a person are attacked, neither stand seems to be able to weather the seige and soon the beliefs that were once held dear fade and in their place comes confusion. So it is with religion and with the other myriad problems of life.

If one's convictions are not to be like the chaff which is blown away by the wind, they must be anchored by the use of reason and a logical development. This is especially true in life where principles are attacked by others almost constantly. Personal beliefs will mean more to you if they are tempered with a logical consistency based on a reasonable development. In this way leaps of faith which must be made (for reason alone is not strong enough) will stand in a logical array which can be defended.

This will give a foundation upon which to base a philosophy towards life and its many ins and outs, fears and tribulations. The one who stands in doubt has no concrete foundation and the attacks of others will pound with no avail against the solidity of a well thought of philosophy.

Then, are many things which education may stand for. It itself it is of little value unless some worthwhile uses with objectives clear in mind are sought. This is a basic element of any person's life whether he enters a profession or physical or spiritual healing, engineering or even common labor. The following points are possibilities for guide posts to this seeking:

To develop personal and social resources and participation in activities conducive to good physical and mental health.

To develop effective citizenship through a thorough knowledge of the democratic process of political institutions.

To develop the ability to communicate effectively through the spoken and written word; to read and listen with understanding, and to converse freely with persons of divergent interests.

To develop an understanding of the historical legacy of man, its contribution to the contemporary scene, and an understanding of the history of the United States.

To develop the understanding and practice of moral and spiritual values.

To develop an understanding of the basic principles of the natural sciences and their impact on modern society.

To develop basic mathematical skills and an understanding of them as an instrument of reason.

To develop an understanding of the cultural heritage of man as found in philosophy, literature, music and art.

To develop an understanding of his potentialities to enable the individual to make an intelligent choice of vocation,

To develop competence in orderly and critical thinking and to stimulate a desire for continuous intellectual growth,

To develop a sense of vocation motivated by the highest imperatives of service to mankind.

To develop an understanding of the major institutions of society and their relation to individuals.

Trinidad Called Jewel of Caribbean by Alma Student

Student from Trinidad Starts Series on Life at Home

Are you one of those people who find themselves a king the following questions? Is there a place on this earth where man can just relax, free from the worries and cares of a modern world? A place where excessive work, wars, political strifes, segregation, and taxes have given way to fun and laughter? A place where the sun shines all year, and the climate varies from about 76-86 degrees, where are very air itself is sweet and fresh? A place where man can choose his type of entertainment, his living conditions, and his type of sport, both old and new? Known to have paid his way.

To one and all of these questions Geographically, Trinidad is built

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The Albion college A Cappella choir, composed of 61 students, assisted by the College Chamber ensemble of 10 string players, will appear here in concert on Sunday Evening, April 7, at 8 p.m. at First Methodist Church of Alma. The choir will be under the direction of Professor Patrick J. Priddy, chairman of the department of music at Albion; and the chamber ensemble of the Albion College Chamber orchestra will be conducted by Carl Schultz of the music faculty.

very simply. There are three main mountain ranges, one bordering the northern coast- the Northern Range. In this range the highest peak is found- Mt. El Tuche, 3,000 feet. One in the center of the island- the Central Range, and one bordering the southern coast- the Southern Range. Between these ranges we find rolling, fertile plains. There are very small rivers, which are of very little economic importance. The vegetation is typical tropical type. Tall evergreen trees, waving palms, carpets of beautiful tropical flowers, and lots of cultivated crops, fill in the rest of the picture. Trinidad's wealth lies in her fertile soil, her deposits of oil and asphalt, and her tropical beauty, in the strange, mystic tempo of her calypsoes, and the intriguing music of the "steel orchestra," which draw thousands of tourists every year.

people have money to live the life of a king, because you don't work if you live happily here, he hunts, and catches birds. He goes down to one of the many beaches, and spends the day under the shade of a tall coconut tree, he looks out across the shimmering

referred to as the 'nitty' phi Phi Alpha, recently tropical sky above a white gull comes into the picture he the white, silent hunter, as he aivey swittly down, plunges into the water, then comes up again with his prize catch in his bill, and the man turns his head and looks down the beach, here he sees a different picture, mile of white, shimmering sand, reflecting the rays of the sun and presenting a stretch of Nature's favorite play-ground- a tropical beach. The fair, that it recedes slowly, leaving a carpet of white, bubbling froth, only to be washed away by the other wave. The beauty of the beach is enhanced by the rocky finger jutting out into the water, the water lashes against it with great fury, a beautiful spray is sent high into the air, a quick eye could see that faint rainbow, which makes the picture complete. Yes, this is one way in which man passes time in this land.

Then comes night, the time lovers think of as being divine, the time for dreamy sighs, where sweet music and a large moon are necessities. These are found at the Club 400, nestled up in the green arms of the Northern Range. Here in the open air, under the silvery moon, where the nearby brook sings- its merry song, the sweet, mystic tempo of the calypso drums, lake you into another u^ you don't ever forget' "suddenly you are brought back to reality. It is the wild, stirring sounds of the South American Mamba which has done it. You hurry in to join the dancing, the type of dancing which obviates all worries and troubles. Now you are tired, you need something to refresh you. Well, you take your choice, rum, whisky, beers, or maybe you would like a specially prepared drink of pineapple juice, with a dash of rum flavored with Trinidad's own "bitters," well, ifs all up to you, have what you want. This is yet another way in which time passes in Calypsoland.

Albion Choir to Sing Here April 7

The four-part concert program, concerned with the Lenten Resurrection theme and including choral and instrumental masterpieces from the 16th century to the present day, will open with the choid singing five a cappella works of leading church composers of various nationalities - Gibbons and Tallis of England; Palestrina of Italy; and Leisring and Pachelbel of Germany.

Letters to the Editor...

905 Church Street Ann Arbor, Michigan March 4, 1957

Dr. Robert D. Swanson, President Alma College Alma, Michigan Dear Dr. Swanson: I want to congratulate you and the editor of the almanian for the way in which the recently announced tuition increase was handled in the almanian of February 28. The number of concrete improvements in the program of the college and in scholarship opportunities was presented very well. I remember handling a similar rise in costs as editor of the almanian, and I am sure that the justifications seemed to center on what other schools were doing, as well as on some vague statements about Al-

At least I think this would make Chapel more uplifting in religious spirit, give it the chance to further and deepen religious tolerance (which in some instances has not been expressed.* I, for one, hope that this situation concerning Chapel does not exist too much longer. It would be more valuable to the students of the college if corrective steps were taken concerning this.

I don't think that I am speaking for just myself but I decided to write to you, Mr. Editor, because I believe from what I have seen in the paper that students' problems are printed if they are worth it. I certainly hope that my complaint is printed. In my belief that other students read letters to the Editor and faculty members do for student's opinion, I have written this letter to you, I thank you if you print it.

D. V.

TAKE TIME Take time to live: it is one secret of success. Take time to think: it is the source of power. Take time to play: it is the secret of youth. Take time to read: it is the foundation of knowledge. Take time for friendship: it is the source of happiness, T. ti t laueh- it helms in lift T T in rri gh* l h P l ^ f. Take time to dream: it hitches soul to the stars, Take time for God: it is Life's only lasting investment, (Anon.)

Another thing, Mr. Editor, that irritates is this: If Chapel is supposed to be non-denominational (I am Presbyterian) why don't we ever see a Jewish Rabbi or a Roman Catholic priest or at least some other denomination except Presbyterian, Episcopalian and inationalism! It would be nice to hear the viewpoint of the various other religions on various topics.

CAMPUS FILM SERIES

A new film series to be shown in Tyler Auditorium has been announced. All the movies to be shown are free and will be shown at 8:00 evenings. March 16- Saturday- TITANIC. Academy award winner. The dramatic story of the Titanic which sank on her maiden voyage in 1912. Tyler Center - 8:00 p.m. March 23- Saturday- ALL THIS AND HEAVEN TOO, one of the ten best films of the year. The dramatic and powerfully acted story of a French Governess. Tyler Center- 8:00 p.m. March 28- Thursday- THE TITAN, Story of Michelangelo. An extraordinary documentary that recreates the work, life and times of Michelangelo without showing a glimpse of a human actor. Tyler Center- 8:00 p.m. Apr n 5' SIX CONVICTS. A comedy based on Donald Wilson's book of the month selection. Tyler Center - 8:00 p.m. May 24- Friday MISTER ROBERTS, one of the most humorous films ever produced. A delightful comedy about the Crew of the USS Reluctant and the executive officer Tyler Center- 8:00 p.m. FREE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND CAMPUS FAMILIES

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DELTA SIGMA PHI

The Delt Sigs would like to extend their congratulations to all of the sororities on their fine pledge classes.

On the athletic scene the Dealers lost their first game in the intramural basketball playoffs to the Delt Dodgers 20-17 in a hard fought contest. The Delt Sigs still have one more game on tap, however, as they continue their friendly rivalry with Beta Omicron. The game will be played in the near future at Central Michigan and we will be out for revenge after losing a 6-0 football decision to Beta Omicron.

The pledges have been keeping the house lumping lately with their

formal which will be held at the Hotel Doherty in Clare.

We are all going to attend church on a group Sunday,

KAPPA IOTA

Proud to In- v'ou . wear white coats. It should the greatest dance vet, so, P, itte, your plans early. l d(!^ say' let* a, lget in the things, Past weekend, Hank Bova s was elected president of the Mich- fan Association of College Stu- ruc IA hjrll IAPP ri IIDC LA INo UA Ob CLUBS

always extended to anyone on campus to drop in and pay us a visit. Hope to see you soon.

ALPHA THETA

Rushing is finally over, and we are proud of the 17 girls who are wearing Theta pledge pins. They are Bobbie Langford, Bea Wendlandt, Myrna Bartlett, Kay Calhoun, Sarai Baxter, Donna Schwatrz, Mary Ann Elils, Joyce DeLuca, Janice Abbey, Elsie McClure, Liz Aubertin, Linda Alexander, Pat Sweeney, Karan Tacks. Sally Boyd, Judy Willmore and Lynee Kady. We want to congratulate the K.I.'s and Sig Phis on their fine pledges too. Our initiation will be next Monday night at the Hess Park Hotel in St. Louis. Plans are in full force for the

Spring formal.

SIGMA PHI rni

We welcomed 'ton nwi,, Spnng cv^rv organization on campus. sell, Nancy Fas.ibaugh, and Judith Korn. Our sincere congratulations to the Alpha Theta and Kappa Iota Sororities on their fine pled" classes.

Plans are now being made for our formal which is to be held May 4 at the Chieftain in Ml. Pleasant. After much debate, the menu was finally planned with B Taylor and her nomination of peas for the vegetable, winning out.

We are sincerely hoping that our brothers, the Delt, have a wonderful crowd at their Spring Swing this Saturday. We're sure the dance will be a big success as it always has been in the past. Our sincere sympathies to the

writer's cramp after signing Ln eggs belonging to our pledges j Thursday, the girls may be seen running around with their s'oi- ping bags picking up paper ar .um'l campus. Oh! To be a member already and not a pledge! See you in the next edition.

DELTA GAMMA TAU

THIS IS THE WEEK OF THE DELT SPRING SWING! Say, Men, have all of you got your tickets for this most enjoyable weekend dance? 10,000 B. C. will no doubt be the most conversational topic for weeks to come. This Saturday evening, March 30, at 8:30 p.m. the Tyler Center Auditorium will once again ring with the wild and vicious cries of the ancient Mastodons, Tyrannosaurus' and D r i P- saurs as they are pursued by the Cro-Magon and Piltdown Men. To add to the fun and festivities we bring to you direct from the ancient tar pits The Nirobi Trio, th? newest of entertainment discoveries. This lively group will really stir your taste for unusual music. All publicity aside, the Delta men are really going great guns on the dance. Every committee is ready with unusual ideas and lots of willing hands to put them in operation. We hope to see all of you at the annual DELT SPRING SWING, Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 p.m. for that after Midsemo ter pick up.

Congratulations are in order for Brother Spence Cordes and Karan Tarracks who were recently pinned.

The new pledges are really doing a fine job in remodeling part* of the fraternity house. They are to be congratulated for their tremendous ideas and drive.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has been busy making plans for the coming Inaugural Ball, April 30. We would like to remind you that the dance will be formal. However, you should wear white coats. It should be the greatest dance yet, so, P, itte, your plans early. Past weekend, Hank Bova s was elected president of the Mich- fan Association of College Stu- ruc IA hjrll IAPP ri IIDC LA INo UA Ob CLUBS

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It is to see the students take a greater responsibility in the governing of their college. We are studying this problem and will do our best to influence better stu-

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organization on campus.

MISS SYDNEY PRESENTS FINAL CONCERT

The fourth and final number of the Alma Civic Music association

Swing Coming

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HOME EC CLUB

The Home Economics Club prepared refreshments in the form of a Smorgasbord luncheon for the faculty immediately following the March 22 performance of "Tartuffo". The luncheon was served buffet style to approximately fifty persons. The Smorgasbord was planned by Gail Juhaz and Linda Lmtis and the food preparation was carried out by the Foods 14 class. Barbara Guthrie and Doris Turnbull poured tea and coffee for the occasion.

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11 Michigan Colleges Choose All-State Team

The 11 college Michigan chapter of the NAIA honored its first annual coach of the year and all-state small college basketball team last Monday night at a banquet held at Mt. Pleasant which drew an expected two to three hundred sports writers, broadcasters, and coaches.

The event started at 6:30 at Keeler Union.

Central Michigan's standout scorer, Stan Gooch, of Flint, and seniors Don Ellis are among the 10 players chosen on the honor squad.

Russ DeVette, basketball coach of Hope College, was named the 1956-57 coach of the year by NAIA members and was honored.

Other members on the NAIA all-state team include Henry Hughes of Adrian, Paul Benes of Hope, Tom Newhof of Calvin, George Carter of Alma, Gary Morrison of Kalamazoo, Warren Vaner Hill of Hope, Ray Ritsema of Hope and Roger VanderLaan of Ferris.

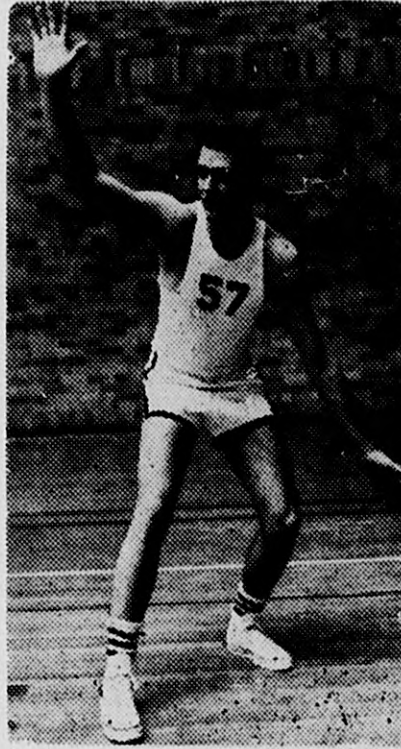
He began to study his major instrument, trombone, in his freshman year in high school. He had done a great deal of arranging and composing before undertaking the operetta.

The plot of the operetta is taken from Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Trial by Jury." The comedy-in-one-act revolves around Tom, Alberts. A number of ladies (each representing a different field of work) have filed suit against him for more or less of breach of promise. Tom's only supporter is Miss Music. After all is said and done, the Judge, who is very "unbiased," declares a lifelong "sentence" of teaching music upon Tom. So Tom and Miss Music live happily ever after.

The cast includes: Tom Alberts, Alan Watterworth; Miss Music, Sue Bristol; Judge, Jack Forbes; Usher in the Court, Ken Smith; Defendants, Margaret McLeod, Judy Eldred, Nan Stromberg, Shirley Stocklin. Members of the chorus include: Marita Aumacher, Janet Jackson, Barbara Lyons, Anna Widrig, Leona Earegood, Donna Allen, Anne Harris, and Miss Vander Hart. The accompanist is Betty Metcalf.

The Operetta is to be presented on Music Day, March 30. This is the day that Alma College is host to high school music students from various parts of the state.

Carter Chosen to All-State Team



George Carter

The honor of being picked a member of the first small college all-state team went to Alma's George Carter this week with the ten basketball players named in the group being honored at a banquet held Monday evening at Mt. Pleasant. The NAIA group in Michigan last fall named an all-state football squad and continued the program of recognizing the best small college players of the state by selecting an all-star cage squad as well.

In addition the group honored Russ DeVette, the Hope college basketball coach, as their 1956-57 cage coach of the year as result of bringing his Dutchmen crew through with a co-championship after early season losses.

Most of the team picked by coaches from the 11 members of the NAIA here in Michigan colleges, were from MIAA schools with Hope having three selected in Paul Benes, Ray Ritsema and Warren Vanderhill. Along with this trio and with Alma's George Carter were Henry Hughes of Adrian, Tom Newhof of Calvin, Gary Morrison of Kalamazoo, Stan Gooch and Don Ellis of Central Michigan and Roger VanderLaan of Ferris. Only the latter three are from outside the MIAA circle.

The Monday evening banquet was held at Keeler Union on the Central Michigan College campus and attracted more than 200 coaches, players, sportswriters and radio announcers for the event.

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Grades Serve a Useful Purpose

Newark, Del. — (I.P.)—"While the importance of grades in higher education may be overemphasized, they can serve a useful purpose," declares President John A. Perkins of the University of Delaware in his annual report. "Grades should be an indication of one's ability to think logically and maturely rather than an indication of merely the ability to memorize."

"They should also indicate how well a person works, provide a public accountability for the use of time and money, and give a measure of an individual's sense of responsibility and sensitivity to the first-rate or excellent. The inculcation of these qualities is often as important as the substance of the subjects learned."

"Whether these qualities can be accurately reported by the use of such letters as A, B, C is questionable. However, once a University commits itself to a system of grading, it is obligated to maintain the system's integrity. If the grade C purports to stand for average work and fifty per cent of the students earn a grade of B, the institution is not abiding by standard professed."

"When visitors from the Middle States Association suggested that our grades were too high, a detailed analysis of practices was made. We had departed from our standards. We cannot excuse ourselves upon discovering that the grades of other institutions of similar standing were likewise skewed to the high side. Faculty members with years of classroom experience may become so inured to sophomore mediocrity that small signs of quality are rewarded as excellence."

"Faculty members are all so human as to desire to be liked. Schools, departments and courses compete for 'majors' and 'electives'. There are other reasons, too, why grading practices and standards deteriorate. To reflect our grading practices more realistically, the achievements required for the Deans Honor list were revised."

Philosophy Club to Be Organized

A new organization is to appear on the Alma College campus April 2, 7:00 p.m. in Chapel 1. The Philosophy Club will have its first meeting which will be introductory in nature. Any students who are interested in the type of program that the new organization will offer is invited to come.

The discussion of the first meeting will be centered around the setting up of a constitution for the organization. This will include the purpose of the organization, determination of membership, activities, offices, and the basis for the giving of activity credit.

Although there will be certain specific regulations for those receiving activity credits, all meetings will be open to any interested students, that is, there is no intention of limiting the attendance to members of the philosophy department.

The discussions will not be confined to the strict field of philosophy but will encompass such areas as science and religion with speakers representative of these fields. It will offer an opportunity for those in attendance to express their own views and ideas for the purpose of making each individual more aware of the universe around him both materially, esthetically, and spiritually. By including other fields, philosophy seeks to fulfill its defined function to make existence and knowledge more meaningful. Because philosophy encompasses almost every field of knowledge any student, no matter where his interests lie, is sure to benefit from his attendance.

Operetta to Be Presented

"On Trial," an original comic operetta, will be presented by members of the Alma chapter of M.E.N.C. on March 10. The operetta was written by Anne Harris and Jack Forbes, both Music Education majors in their sophomore year here at Alma. Anne is a native of Grand Rapids where she began to study voice, her major. She became acquainted with operetta work while in high school, but before now has only been a performer. Jack calls Flint his home.

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