



Sharon Duff, Snow Queen

## Queen Sharon To Compete In Statewide Contest

Sharon Duff is an attractive sophomore with a pleasing smile and a great sense of humor. For any who doubt her identity, she is the young lady whom the student body elected as Alma College's First Snow Queen. Blond haired, green-eyed Sharon will compete with Snow Queens from all over the state at the end of this month for the title of Queen of the Michigan Intercollegiate Snow Carnival. But even more important, she reigned at the first Snow Carnival on February 7, an affair that was most successful.

"Duffy" as she is affectionately called by friends, daughter of Terry and Mildred Duff has a younger brother, Terry Jr. She graduated from Grand Lake View High School where she was a member of the queen's court at homecoming.

Majoring in Elementary Education, with minors in Physical Education and English, Duffy's interests lie in dancing and collecting hi-fi records.

Since all participants in the intercollegiate competition must have a talent, our Queen plans to do a reading.

In commenting about the Carnival, Duffy says, "It was real nice." She agrees with some other members of the Alma campus who enjoyed the

### NOTICE

A committee is now being formed to revise the "Memo to Coeds," the handbook of Alma Women students. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is asked to contact Sharon Beardsley at Bruske. Artists and writers are especially needed.

### REJECTS FEDERAL LOAN

## Alma Remains Economically Independent

Alma College is the only liberal arts college in Michigan that has rejected the National Defense Student Loan program.

Instead, Alma intends to privately match the support offered by the Federal government.

Already valuable contributions have been received in the faith that Alma can better serve the needs of its students within the private plan.

Under the Federal program, institutions must contribute one-ninth of the amount given by the Federal government. In one year a student may borrow

up to \$1,000 and to \$5,000 for his entire academic course. Repayment begins one year after he stops being a full-time student, with interest at 3% per year.

For students who enter full-time public elementary and secondary schools as teachers, the plan cancels up to 50% of his loan, plus interest, at the rate of 10% a year up to five years.

Said Dr. Robert D. Swanson, President of Alma: "Alma College has rejected the Federal

program as a matter of being consistent. "As a private, independent institution we annually seek financial support from business and industry as well as from individuals on the grounds that we cherish our independence and private nature. If now we suddenly join the parade for Federal aid, we would be walking both sides of the street.

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day very much, felt that it broke the monotony of everyday tasks, and hoped that this sort of organized day would be held on campus more often.

## Outstanding Movies In Tyler Future

During the next four months Tyler will be showing four outstanding movies. Chosen by the Tyler Board, the first of these will be "Red Shoes" with Maria Shearer. This movie is based on a tale by Hans Christian Anderson and is a winner of three academy awards. The date of its showing is February 27.

On March 15 "All the King's Men" will be shown. From the Pulitzer Prize novel, this is the story of a power-hungry southern governor, and features academy award winners Broderick Crawford and Mercedes McCambridge.

"La Strada" (The Road), the best foreign film of 1956 will be shown on April 17. Speaking through a simple-minded waif, a brutish strong man, and a philosophical fool this story becomes the story of every man's loneliness and search for the way of his life.

May 22 will be the showing of "Les Enfants du Paradis" (Children of Paradise). Superbly cast, the "children of paradise" search for beauty and happiness. Jean Paul Barrault plays "Derbureau", the great mime of Paris during the reign of Louis Philippe.

## New Curriculum Approved By Faculty; Goes Now To Board of Trustees

### Substantial Changes Promote Their Concept of Liberal Arts

With faculty approval last Wednesday of a new curriculum to begin next year, Alma College moves into a new era in its never-ending efforts to better implement the concept of "liberal arts" education.

New graduation requirements and the full impact of the new curriculum will be felt for the class of 1963. Dean of the College William Boyd stressed that students who enrolled under prior requirements will be governed by their appropriate catalogs and not come under the new set-up for next year.

## 12 Hold 3.00 Average

Thirty Alma College students have an academic average of 2.50 or above for the semester 145, according to information released by the Registrar's Office.

On the Dean's List are 13 seniors, 6 juniors, 11 sophomores and 10 freshmen.

Seniors listed are Frances Erickson, 3.00; Richard Heuschele, 3.00; Henry So, 3.00; Margaret Williams, 2.78; Helen Olsen, 2.75; Robert Rhodes, 2.71; Lauralee Shaft, 2.71; Herman Hill, 2.68; Robert Beltz, 2.66; Sharon Beardsley, 2.62; Richard Marzoff, 2.62; Arthur Dittenberg, 2.60; and Deanna Cowles, 2.50.

Juniors on the Dean's list are: John Goodenow, 3.00; Marilyn Lippert, 3.00; Mary McCall, 3.00; Gerald Pape, 3.00; Joanne Stocker, 2.80; Kenneth Hutchins, 2.58.

The eleven sophomores listed are: Kurt Frevel, 3.00; Kay King, 3.00; Harold Kirkpatrick, 3.00; Douglas MacDougall, 2.87; Diane Watson, 2.75; Mark Ryan, 2.70; Allan Martin, 2.68; James White, 2.62; Barbara Bond, 2.60; Gordon Brocklehurst, 2.56; and Larry Lowe, 2.50.

Topping the freshman list are Margaret Emmert and Mildred Howe, both with 3.00; other freshmen listed are: Terence Leichti, 2.81; Michael Pritchard, 2.81; Linda Scott, 2.75; Nancy Logan, 2.70; Susan Beatty, 2.62; Carol Steward, 2.60; Beverly Charlesworth, 2.55, and Donn Neal, 2.50.

## Henry So Chosen To Head Club

"Henry" So of Korea was elected president of Alma's International Club at the last meeting, held Friday, February 6. Another new officer is Shima Murakami, Japanese freshman, who will act as secretary-treasurer. The office of vice-president and social chairman will be filled at the next meeting.

A new member, Hernan Marin of Costa Rica, has boosted club membership to eleven. Faculty sponsors for this organization are Dr. Florence Kirk and Dean Vreeland.

The club program for this semester will feature presentations by its members of each country represented. Fritz Schulz will present his homeland, Brazil, at the regular meeting to be held Friday, February 20.

Future plans include the annual all-college International Night on March 6.

## Applications For R.A.'s Now Ready

"Applications for the positions of Women Resident Advisors will be accepted from March 15 up to March 30," announced Mrs. Esther Vreeland, Dean of Women. New R. A.'s will be selected no later than April 1.

To qualify for the position of Resident Advisor, a girl should have a 2.00 average. She must be recommended by the senior women of her hall, by last year's Resident Advisors, the head Resident, and faculty. Resident Advisors are judged on the basis of their personal qualities, maturity, their physical and mental health, and their ability to work with people.

Mrs. Vreeland stated intelligence is important in the sense that the R. A. must have the ability to discover problems and see them in their proper balance. This program has been very successful at Alma, and is now in its fifth year. The girls themselves have an opportunity to work with people. In addition to their room, they receive the satisfaction of knowing that they have been of assistance to some of their fellow students.

Any woman interested in applying for the position of R.A. should see the Dean of Women, Mrs. Vreeland, or obtain an application at the personnel office.

### ALMA'S FIRST

## Sigma Phi Going National

In about eight weeks Alma College will have its first national sorority on campus. The local Sigma Phi sorority recently received word that their petition for affiliation with the Alpha Sigma Tau national sorority has been accepted, and national officers of AST will be coming to Alma February 20, to conduct the pledgeship ceremony. The present Sig Phi's will become the Alpha Eta Chapter of the national Greek organization.

Sigma Phi has a membership of 16 and is headed by Nancy Fashbaugh, Blissfield junior, president. Other officers include Judy Eldred, Warren junior, vice-president; Bev Orr, Midland senior, recording secretary; Charlene Walton, Grand Rapids senior, corresponding secretary; Judy Arft, Saginaw junior, treasurer; and Margaret Ulich, Fenton junior, chaplain.

Members include: Judy Wedler, Flint sophomore; Lois Taylor, Saginaw junior; Ann Harris, Grand Rapids, senior; Kay King, Algonac, sophomore; Danna Allen, Greenville junior; Lou Bousquette, Detroit senior;

### Course Shakeup

Under the new plan proposed to the faculty by the curriculum committee, 74 presently offered courses will ultimately be deleted; 24 new courses will be added; and 28 courses will be changed in various ways. In addition, the number of faculty members will be increased. Emphasis will be on more individual study and with decreased course offerings, increased faculty, and the 124-hour graduation requirement (for the class of 1963) the student will find room in his four-year course of studies for an average of 11 more elective hours than are now possible.

### Revised Testing

Among the recommendations approved by the faculty is one concerning comprehensive examinations at the end of the sophomore year and again during the senior year.

"Sophomore tests" have been given at Alma in the past, but the new plan aims to make these a vital part of the student's academic preparation. If, for example, the test results should show a fundamental weakness in a given area, the student will then be required to take remedial work in that area, prior to his entry into an area of concentration.

The senior tests will have a bearing on the student's candidacy for the degree, and may be of both written and oral form.

### Thesis Required

The recommendations also include a thesis, or original research, or creative writing project in the student's area of concentration as a condition for graduation.

The curriculum committee feels that such a personal project (Continued on page 3)

Barbara Busby, Detroit junior; and Rosalie Karukas, Wayne sophomore.

According to Lou Bousquette, the Sigma Phi sorority is one of the oldest organizations on campus and it takes part throughout the year in many campus events. Among their annual events, which are open to the campus, are the Sig-Phi-Delt Holly House in December and the Amo Te, a girl bid Valentine Dance in February. The Sig Phi's have also recently started a program of one meeting a month with an area patroness for such things as cosmetic demonstrations, book reviews, and social etiquette.

The Alpha Sigma Tau sorority is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference. It was founded at Michigan State Normal, Ypsilanti, November 1899, and has five districts of chapters. In Michigan it has chapters at Michigan State Normal, Central Michigan College, and Wayne University.

The Alpha Sigma Tau's have two major aims: "enduring friendship, and worthwhile living" (continued on page 3)

# Observations...

by Harvey

The other night was basketball night, and having no other escape from homework, I went. I became fascinated with watching the spectators, and this is what I saw.

One of the first I noticed was my roommate. As he sat watching the game with an intent look on his previously blank face, he came up with the following observations: "What in-ning is it now?", "Which is our team?" "Why does that man in the black and white shirt blow that whistle so much—is he for them?", and "Say—I think that tall fellow can almost reach the rim of the basket!"

The typical opposing team spectator is hard to find, but cannot be mistaken. When his team makes a point or a good play—he alone stands up and cheers. However, when the other team does the same, he is not alone in remaining still and quiet—but is probably the only one who cares. You must catch

this spectator when the other team is doing well, for when they aren't, it is impossible to tell him from the "nonenthusiastic and noninterested 'fan'."

One of the busiest spectators I saw was a vet I know who is statistician. He sits over on the bench, filling out score sheets, percentage sheets, and referee-error sheets. He doesn't have time to enjoy the game, and in fact he doesn't even know the score until he has to file game reports with newspapers, the NCAA, the NAIA, and the NAACP. The rest of the evening he exists in sort of a daze, interrupted only when he suddenly leaps up quoting shooting percentages, foul shots, and the number of pretty girls who were in the crowd. We ignore all but the last.

"Joe College" is probably the most numerous spectator at the game. All night he sits in sort of an unrestrained monotony, broken only at halftime and with occasional conversation. He watches the scoreboard instead of the game, the cheerleaders instead of the team, and his watch instead of the program. This is the typical Alma College spirit.

Last, but certainly not least, is the average, nonconforming college man. Wearing his raccoon coat, soft-felt hat and red trousers, he and his bell (or, in some areas, his bugle) present a practical view of college individualism at its zenith. Not that college individuality is bad or undesirable, but a bell (or, in some areas, a bugle) in the hands of a nonconformist behind you can be a pretty sobering and informative situation.

"A glamorous woman is one who looks poured into the kind of dress other women look dumped into."—G. Norman Collier.

## Sig. Phi's "Amo Te" Tonight

"Amo Te in Wonderland" will be the theme of the annual Sigma Phi sponsored dance. The event will take place in Tyler Auditorium on the evening of Friday, January 13, beginning at 8:30 P.M.

This theme is a variation of the Amo Te dance given near Valentine's Day each year. The sorority, which at present time is local to Alma's campus, but in the process of going national, presents the event for the entire student body. The dance will be girl-bid and tickets are \$1.50 to be purchased from sorority members or at the door.

## K.I.'s Announce New Officers

Members of the Kappa Iota sorority re-elected Ruth Ulrich as their president. Other officers are: Sue Ridder, senior, vice-president; Betty Metcalf, junior, treasurer; Pat Voska, junior, corresponding secretary; Sue Farrington, junior, recording secretary.

Nancy Erber, junior, parliamentarian; Margo Mattice, junior, sentinel.

Other officers include: Grace Sala, junior, keeper of the archives; Nancy Russell, junior, intersorority council representative; Gerri Lake, senior, ACA representative; Myrtle Cueller, junior, student council representative, and Mary McCall, junior, almanian reporter.

## Social Worker Speaks to Wesley Fellowship

Last Sunday, February 8 the Wesley Fellowship met for breakfast and a program in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Paul Soucek, a resident of Alma, who has done social work in this area, gave a talk and showed slides at this meeting.

## Coming Events

Sunday, February 15  
3:00-5:00 P.M.—Oratory Contest—Chapel

Wednesday, February 18  
8:00 P.M.—Basketball—Hillsdale—There

Friday, February 20  
10:00 A.M.—Chapel Service—Bill Jones  
8:00 P.M.—Student Council Skating Party

# U. S. Increases Scholarships For Study In Latin America

An increase in the number of U. S. Government scholarships for study in Latin America was announced today by the International Educational Exchange Service of the State Department.

Approximately 75 new scholarships will be added to those offered for 1959-60 under the Inter-American Cultural Convention program. The Institute of International Education, which administers the Government student scholarship programs, will accept applications for the new grants until January 15, 1959. Those who have already applied for IACC scholarships need not make out new applications, but should notify the Institute that they wish to be considered for the additional grants.

The added scholarships provide for study in a variety of fields in Bolivia, Columbia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. They cover round-trip transportation, and maintenance for one academic year. For eligibility, applicants should be United States citizens not more than 35 years old, have a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent before departure, knowledge of Spanish sufficient to live and study in the country concerned, and good health. A demonstrated capacity for independent study is also necessary.

Applicants will be asked for a summary of their reasons for desiring to study in the country of their choice and for a preliminary plan of their proposed study. Successful candidates will be affiliated with educational institutions in their host country.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City, or any of the Institute's regional offices (see letterhead). Requests for application forms must be post-marked before December 31, 1958.

## Sorority Rushing

Sorority rushing will begin next week, with the first tea Tuesday night, and continue for two more weeks. Any girl interested in membership should leave her name in the personnel office, February 12 and 13. Bids will go out on Tuesday, March 10.

"Can you ever remember a time when there weren't some people worried about conditions?"—John Nance Garner.

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**Absolute deadline, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.**

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## Chips Down To Determine "Party of Economy"

Democratic control of the new Congress promises one big benefit to the tax-burdened citizens of the United States.

President Eisenhower has remained resolute in his demands for a balanced budget, yet Congress' reception of his economic remarks in the annual State of the Union message was considerably less than enthusiastic. Because the Democratic party has become allied, in the popular mind, with creeping socialism, the Democratic Congress evidently feels it has a mandate from the people to inaugurate more and more federal spending—certainly incompatible with the President's budgetary principles.

In retrospect, one recalls that the Republican's support of Eisenhower economy has certainly not been outstanding. Could it be then, that the voter has given Democrats the go-ahead to do what Republicans have been promising but not accomplishing? If this is so then Congress makes a sad mistake in assuming the public wants renewed government extravagance.

Since Eisenhower's views haven't changed, he can be expected to employ the veto should Congress place bills on his desk which threaten a balanced budget.

However, Democrats nearly have the two-thirds necessary to override veto. A few, and only a few, spendthrift Republican votes would be necessary to send government spending yet higher.

The chips are down. Action of our Congress in money matters should tell the voter once and for all, just which party is truly "the party of economy."

(Editor's note: Last week the Senate passed a number of bills far exceeding President Eisenhower's budgetary recommendations. The bills carried by a margin substantial enough to override a possible veto. In the same news accounts, some Republicans are quoted as condemning "spendthrift Democrats" for the Senate measures. Rather hypocritical, isn't it, considering that the passage margin could not have been achieved without the votes of a goodly number of "spendthrift" Republicans! Inasmuch as some Democrats voted against the bills, this makes the position of the Republican party in the Senate, as an economy-minded party, even more ludicrous.)

## "Protestant" Is Mispronounced Word

Every Protestant ordained minister, regardless of denomination, takes a vow to the effect that he will "study the peace, unity and purity of the Church." It would appear, in recent years that "unity" in the Protestant sense consists merely of merging similar denominations. Likewise, it would appear that the "study" of church unity has taken on the appearance of mechanical political science. Seldom is seen any nation or world-wide attention given to Paul's definition of unity: "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another," (Romans 12:5) in the transcending spiritual context in which it was meant.

News was released January 26 to the effect that Pope John XXIII, leader of the Roman Catholic Church, plans to call an ecumenical council in the near future to discuss Christian unity. The council will bring cardinals,

archbishops, bishops, patriarchs and other spiritual leaders to the Vatican for the first such council in 89 years. Although no mention of invitations to Protestant leaders has been made, apparently that possibility exists, and it is this possibility which has focused the world's attention on the mis-pronunciation of the word "Protestant."

In New York, the Rev. Edward T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, said any step toward United Christians would be welcome, "but it would have to be recognized that it would be a mutual coming together, not under conditions laid down by one church for all others."

Rev. William MacLeod of the general assembly of the Free Church of Scotland (Independent Presbyterian) said, "I cannot see any really Protestant church even thinking of accepting such an invitation. I don't think we would go."

Fortunately, not all Protestants are pro-TEST-ants. In London, a spokesman for the Church of England said it would send an observer if invited.

Dr. Donald Soper, former president of the Methodist conference, said he felt "we should welcome EVERY opportunity to work together."

And in Geneva, Dr. Visser 't Hooft, secretary general of the World Council of Churches that embraces 151 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican churches, said the Pope's move illustrated "the tremendous importance which the problem of unity has assumed in our time."

Suppose Protestants are excluded from the Vatican conference? Undoubtedly there would be a few loudly resentful pro-TEST-ants. The South is often accused of still fighting the Civil War. The same moral can be applied to Protestantism in general. We still protest the events of hundreds of years ago.

It would seem wise, then, in the light of current happenings for Protestants to take a deep, honest look at the intensity with which they have "studied" the "unity" of the Church. Regardless of action taken by the Roman Catholic Church, Christians have a responsibility in Church Unity—a job which protestants have put no muscle into since the Reformation.

The Christian world is indeed fortunate that a spiritual leader as influential as the Pope deems Christian Unity so important as to justify what we feel will be a historic meeting.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Ed:

I am writing on a Friday night—a good time to be doing something, especially with some of the Saturday classes called off. I read in "the voice of the student body" that James Farrell would be in Tyler "just for us," so I went—only to find about 100 people waiting for the program to commence. Of these 100 at least thirty-five were faculty and administrative personnel, whom I expected to see, but at what a proportion! Sixty-five students, or thereabouts? Good grief, where was the student body?

I stopped to analyze; there are snow statues to be built, a show to see, cards to play, ice skating to do what ever you do with it, play in the snow and just all sorts of interesting things. Humph! Won't the snow still be around later in the evening, the ice still in-tact, and the show playing tomorrow night (or even if some were to, I assume, attend the basketball game and/or the dance, won't the written version of **Some Came Running** be available? Who will ever find the opportunity to hear a famous, contemporary like James F. Farrell in person, who, as it was suggested in the announcements of his lecture, was here for us and at our expense.

He talked about an author and his audience—communication. This either sent one to sleep or "sort-of set him thinking." Man, like what a tax—to think, Ed, was ist los? Is this the reason the audience tonight (which kept dropping in until 8:00) didn't show? Why go to a dry lecture? It almost seemed as if it were compulsory and there was an immediate revolt to the idea. Where was the realization that this was an opportunity? Is the general tenor of the student body anti (even) pseudo-intellectual? It seems like a bad state (if it exists) with 124 students on scholastic probation!

Further analization brought me to consider that perhaps chemistry majors or in this context all those in a field apart from literature would have had no interest in Mr. Farrell, but I could consider it no further because I remembered that the students of Alma are seeking a liberal education, or at least the scholastic (and even some social) programs of the college are set up

for our utilization, orientation and study.

I couldn't find any other possibilities for the display of apathy tonight so I write my concern to you, Ed. Again I ask, "was ist los?"

Oz Lost

The first annual 1959 Snow Carnival proved to be a success for all who participated. Many persons gave their help. Tyler Board wishes to thank the following people who made an extra effort towards the success.

Coach Bill Carr and the Physical Education Department; the referee's for the Hockey game—Bob Minton and Bob Love; Ernie Mousseau, Marv Parma, Dick Ulrich, and Albie Roman who were in charge of relays; Paul Kinder, referee of the Tug-O-War and the Snow Ball fight.

Those who participated in the crowning of the queen: Dean Kent Hawley, who crowned the queen; Carol Kohler and her accompaniment, Dale Brown, who danced for the queen; and Sharon Duff, the queen.

The Ice Skating exhibitions: Don Sinclair, Kurt Frevel, Nan Woodruff, and Muriel Bois.

Our judges of the Snow Sculpture: Mrs. Esther Vreeland, Mrs. Thomas Manion, Miss Doris Diefenbach, and Coach Bill Carr.

The Alpha Theta Sorority for their extra effort on the dance "The SnoBall".

Mr. Pete Weatherby, Mrs. Dorothy Webb and the maintenance department, who helped set things up. Also those who mopped in Tyler during the day.

Plus a general thank you to all who supported the Suow Carnival.

Sincerely,  
Tyler Board

According to Molly Parrish, registrar, student enrollment for semester 146 is numbered at 635.

NOTICE

Any Juniors wishing to take student teaching either the first or second semester of the 1959-60 school year must sign up for this class now. If this is on your program for next year don't fail to contact Mr. McCall at once.

## Curriculum

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 ect will not only allow the college to evaluate the student's ability to think critically, but will also provide for the graduate, tangible evidence for a personal feeling of accomplishment.

National Trend

The philosophy behind the new curriculum, as outlined in the committee's report, takes cognizance of the fact that the liberal education experience must needs be more integrative to achieve the aims of a college education. Likewise, in the field of post-graduate study, more and more is expected of the liberal arts college prerequisite to sending its graduates toward higher degrees.

Other recommendations of the report include a reading program, renewed each year, for the entire student body; a 4-semester 16-credit hour area requirement course; a 9-hour social science requirement and, later, a senior "capstone" course in religion.

Many In One

The area requirement course of 4 semesters (16-credit hours) will take the place of many of the present required course for freshmen and sophomores. Basically chronological, the course will include the development of western thought from the Hellenic period through the contemporary, in all discipline. It will be an inter-departmental effort, with the religion department introducing the history and philosophy of religions at appropriate times along with contributions from the history, philosophy, arts, English, and other departments. The course then will be taught as an integrated whole, on the same order as the present humanities course, but in a much broader sense.

Departmental Changes

Along with the overall recommendation, a number of departmental requests were made for changes in course offerings to aid in the adoption of the new curriculum.

Of particular note will be the change in English 11. The 16-hour comprehensive course for freshmen and sophomores will not include the series of English grammar-drills. The problem of acceptable English from the student will be attacked from all departments, i.e. acceptable English grammar in tests and assignments will be mandatory in ALL departments.

The faculty-approved plan will now go to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

A full report of the committee's recommendations will be printed in next week's almanian.

## Sigma Phi

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 ing." The badge of the organization is a six-pointed shield of black enamel and gold, bordered with pearls and displaying the sorority letters in the middle. Its flower is the yellow rose and the jewel is a pearl.

"The Sigma Phi sorority is proud to become a member chapter the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority," stated Miss Bousquette.

Besides the Sig Phi's Alma College has two other sororities, the Alpha Theta and the Kappa Iota, both local organizations.

Prof's. Poems Published

Roberta Willis, librarian and instructor of English, received notice that one of her poems will be published in "National Poetry Anthology" and another in "Poetry Digest."

In the past, she has published in "Prarie Wings"; "We, the People"; "Literary Publications"; "Century Anthology of Verse"; "Southwestern"; "Paerber Anthology of Verse," and "Rhythm and Rhyme."

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"Scotty", the masterpiece of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**T.K.E.'s Add Sculpture To Campus**

According to a well-known humanities professor of Alma, another piece of work has been added to the sculpture collection of the college. That to which he referred is the prize-winning, gigantic snow statue of the Scotty dog built by the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity as part of the snow carnival of February 7.

Designer of the figure was Ken Clay, a first semester junior and member of the TKE's. The executioners of the design used methods little known to other competitors in the event. To form the giant-sized pooch, the builders mounted snow on a wooden frame in advance. It was carved from the mound and the finishing touches were to add soft snow and then water.

If old man winter plays the wrong tricks, Scotty will diminish in size. But students (and especially TKE's who spent long cold hours forming it) will remember the first attempt at snow sculpture by the fraternity which won for them the honor of first prize.

Judges for the snow sculpture contest were: Mrs. Thomas Manion, Miss Doris Diefenbach, Mrs. Esther Vreeland, and Coach William Carr. Second place in the judging went to Pioneer Hall with their sculpture of Nebbishes.

**AWS ACTIVITIES ARE NUMEROUS**

The Associated Women Student's Board will be having a special work meeting at the home of Dean Esther Vreeland Saturday, February 14. The purpose of this luncheon meeting is to discuss how the A.W.S. board can "better serve Alma's women."

Presently the board is working on the revision of the constitution, designing a new revision of the "Memo to Coeds" booklet, and making plans for fixing up the A.W.S. Room, which is located in the basement of Gelston, into a pleasant study room.

The activities of the AWS during the year are many. They provide women students with refreshment breaks during final exam week, sponsor all "Big-Little Sister" events, which includes the annual Halloween Party and "Buddy Week" which culminates with the Christmas party. Open house, Christmas decorations contest, Penny Night and publication of the "Memo to Coeds" as well as the AWS banquet in the spring add to the list of activities.

AWS is also in charge of various dorm rules, and whenever possible they send representatives to conference such as the State meet at Eastern Michigan College in November and the Regional Meet in West Virginia last year.

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The following schools will have representatives on campus on the dates specified to interview teacher candidates. A list of specific openings for each school will be found on the bulletin board in Old Main. Sign up for interview appointments in the Placement Office.

Miss Dombroski of Petoskey Public Schools, Friday, February 20.

James Rossman and Miss Lucille Beacon of Lakeview Schools, St. Clair Shores, on Monday, February 23.

Wilfred Webb of Hazel Park Schools on Thursday, February 26.

Donald Tatroe of Warren Consolidated Schools on Friday, February 27.

**Klenk Made T.K.E. All-American**

Bill Klenk, Alma's football co-captain has been named to the Tau Kappa Epsilon All-American football team for the 1958 season. Last year front line billing barely eluded him as he was named to the second team as end, but this year he was selected to the starting team as the right halfback. Klenk further displayed his versatility by playing all four backfield positions in one season.

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