

If, in expression of the living presence of Christ, in the pages of the almanian, each member of Alma College finds: (1) Something to enjoy, (2) Something of interest, (3) Something to challenge, (4) Something to lead him more surely toward "life more abundant," (5) Something to help him find and know himself more adequately—then we shall have just begun to fulfill our obligation to Alma College and Liberal Arts—which is to help students realize that God is the very force of living and learning.

ONLY 90 STUDENTS VOTE ON CONSTITUTION - FOUR PREXY NOMINEES DECLINE

Council Nominates Committee Members

Student Council at its Tuesday night meeting nominated students to the student-faculty committees for next semester. These nominations are now pending the approval of President Swanson, according to Judy Eldred, secretary of the student council.

Nominated to the Assembly committee were Bob Wollard; Mary McCall; Bob Tarte and Hal Waller.

Lydon Salathiel was appointed to the athletic committee.

To the health committee were nominated Dave Smith; Betty Metcalf; Myrtle Cuellar and Grace Sala.

George Cobb, Lou Goecker and Barbara Busby were nominated to the Judicial Committee.

To the Religious Life and Works committee were appointed Sally Townsend; Lyn Salathiel and Tom Wilson.

Jim Lynn, Bill Wilson and Lou Goecker were nominated to membership in the Student Affairs Committee.



Dave Bryant, Grosse Pointe Woods junior, (left), and Kurt Frevel, Midland sophomore, working on proofs of the PINE RIVER, which is available to the student body Monday. A literary magazine, the PINE RIVER represents the creative endeavors of Alma College students and members of the college community in the areas of poetry, fiction, critical articles, and reviews. It was edited by Mr. Frevel.

Pine River Available Mon.

First Edition In 3 Yrs.
Edited By Frevel and Bryant

The Pine River, which for the past three years has lain dormant, reappears Monday on the campus of Alma College. Student copies will be available throughout the day at the box office in Tyler Center. Copies may also be picked up at the box office on Tuesday, May 19. After Tuesday copies may be obtained from Ruth Phillips (Tyler Center) or from Dr. Wegner of the English Department.

A literary magazine, the Pine River represents the creative endeavors of Alma College students and members of the college community in the areas of poetry, fiction, critical articles, and reviews. The contributors are as cosmopolitan as the college; in fact, the peripheral opposites of the college cosmopolis may well meet in the magazine.

For example, between the covers of this issue of the Pine River are stories by Dr. Florence Kirk of the English Department and Dan Fox, Pottstown, Pa., freshman. For many years Dr. Kirk taught and lived in China. Her story reveals something of the intense sympathy she has for the problems of the Chinese as well as some of her own observations. Dan Fox is a young man clutched by the desire to write and to attain the status of writer. To this end he has prepared himself by literally consuming such modern novelists as James Jones, Norman Mailer, and Thomas Wolfe. Dan's fiction reveals, perhaps, some of the extravagance of the young in subject matter and diction.

The editor of the Pine River is Kurt Frevel, Midland sophomore, and he deserves credit for the hours and hours he spent exhuming, resurrecting, and finally embodying the tradition, interest, and spirit requisite for a college literary magazine. Editing, as Kurt found out, is primarily a matter of establishing liaison between contributors, a nebulous concept of format, and the printer—and proofreading. Happily, Kurt has been ably assisted in his job as editor by Dave Bryant, Grosse Pointe Woods, junior.

A list of the contributors to this issue of the Pine River as they appear in the magazine is as follows:

Marguerite Schaff; Dan Fox; Ruth Phillips; Carol Phillips; Kay King; Robert Streadwick; Dr. Florence Kirk; Kaye Ferguson; Kurt Frevel; and Dr. Robert Wegner.

List Campus Day Queen Candidates

Candidates for the annual Campus Day Queen May 20 are as follows: Freshmen nominees include Joyce Grover, Three Rivers; Nancy Logan, Ann Arbor; Fran Maus, Kalamazoo; Betty Nucci, Ferndale; Mert McKim, Lexington; Judy Orvis, Alma; Marcia Pfeuffer, Saginaw; Linda Ross, Auburn, New York; Ann Taylor, North Muskegon; and Janet Williston, Bad Axe. Those chosen by the sophomore class as candidates are Barbara Bond, Ferndale; Sharon Duff, St. Clair Shores; Janet Folkman, Mt. Clemens; Beverly Gould, East Detroit; Carlene Fernstrum, Menominee; Carolyn Keyes, St. Clair Shores; June Mitchener, Kawkawlin Bay; Donna Sweeney, Detroit.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Student Council, it was found that the proposed constitution had been ratified by only ninety out of an approximate 650 students enrolled at Alma College.

"We, on the Alma campus, reached a new low tonight when the four nominees for next year's student body president each declined," said Dean Hawley, council advisor. Back rolls had to be searched to obtain the three persons who are still eligible and willing to serve. These persons, Myrtle Cuellar, Dave Elliott, and Steve Giles, will be on the ballot. Dave Smith, Mary McCall, Grace Sala, Bill Wilson, Barb Busby, and Ron Howe are the nominees for vice-president.

Former Editor Is Trophy Donor

The story of the Barlow Trophy, given annually to the outstanding Alma College senior began many years ago when Mr. Joel Barlow '29 himself was a student at Alma College.

It began in the late 1920's with the Scattergood Trophy, awarded by Mr. Scattergood, a local jeweler, to the College senior voted the most outstanding by the faculty and the Student Council. In 1929, that senior was the almanian Editor-in-Chief, Joel Barlow.

Twenty years later, Mr. Barlow inquired of the Scattergood Trophy and learned that it had been discontinued at the death of the donor.

"Since I had mentioned the importance which had been attached to the Scattergood Trophy when I was in school," said Mr. Barlow, "President Welch asked if I would be interested in providing a trophy for the award. I assured him I would be delighted to do this."

The Barlow Trophy was named in honor of Jae McKown Barlow, mother of Joel Barlow, and was first presented in 1949. The criteria for its See—BARLOW—page 18

Announce RA's For Women

Ten girls have been chosen to be Residence Hall Advisors for Mary Geiston and Pioneer Halls for the next year. "They were selected on the basis of personality, academic ability, maturity, and their interest in serving others," stated Mrs. Esther Vreeland, Dean of Women.

Three girls will live in Pioneer Hall. They are Elizabeth Crick, Livonia sophomore; Betty Metcalf, Fairgrove junior; and Marilyn Lippert, Hillsdale junior.

Resident Advisors in Mary Geiston Hall will be Nancy Ferrand, Rockford sophomore; Mary Onapu, Frankenmuth sophomore; Jan Heacox, Wyandotte junior; and Madeline Coleman, Madison Heights sophomore.

Also serving as Resident advisors in Mary Geiston Hall will be Grace Sala, Marion, Indiana junior; Gerry Sechrist, Chicago, Illinois junior; and Sue Edgar, Detroit junior.

The nomination for Student Council Officers are still open to the student body.

To nominate a candidate for office, a petition signed by twenty-five students must be presented to the student council. The only requirement for any of the offices, except president, is a "C" average. The candidate may come from any of the four classes and need not have previous Council experience. The President must be a senior and must have had at least one year of Council experience.

The election for Student Council President will be held on Monday, May 19, and Student Council Representatives, from the respective groups, will be chosen on May 21, the day after Campus Day.

Other discussion before the Student Council included Campus Day, and nominations for student representatives on the seven faculty committees, which are to be sent to President Swanson.

"It is interesting to note," said Dean Hawley, "that this is unique on Michigan college campuses. There are few schools in which students serve on faculty committees."

Hon. Assembly To Be May 25

Highlighting the annual honors assembly to be held Monday, May 25 will be the presentation of the Barlow Trophy to the outstanding senior of the year.

Mr. Joel Barlow '29 donor of the trophy, a Washington, D. C. attorney will speak on the "Tug of the Ultimate" and present the award.

"This will be the first event in connection with commencement," stated Dr. Harlan McCall, Head of the Department of Education. "All seniors and faculty will be in caps and gowns. Also, there will be a formal professional and recessional. Miss Frances Hughes, music teacher will be playing the piano and Douglas M. Woodard, Battle Creek freshman, will be playing the organ.

The purpose of the assembly is the recognition to deserving groups and individuals. Dean Boyd will preside over the assembly.

Scholastic recognition will be given to lower classmen by an honor student representative of the senior class, Lauralee Shaft Barton. Recognition will See—HONORS—page 18

Mezzo Soprano To Appear Here Tonight

Mezzo-soprano Betty Allen, one of America's new major singing stars will appear on the Alma College Lecture Concert series May 15 in Dunning Chapel at 7:30.

Born in a steel mill suburb of Youngstown, O., and orphaned at 12, Miss Allen lived in a succession of foster homes. After graduation from high school,



she was awarded a language scholarship to Wilberforce College, O., and, later, a second grant to study at the Hartford School of Music.

In 1951, Leonard Bernstein chose Betty Allen as soloist in his "Jeremiah" symphony. In 1952, Virgil Thomson selected her for St. Theresa in his and Gertrude Steins' play, "Four Saints in Three Acts." She played the role on Broadway and a year later, in Paris.

The career that followed included soloist work with Fritz Mahler and the Hartford Symphony, at Lewisohn stadium and the New York City Center. She was soloist with Charles Munch and the Boston Symphony, first in Boston and then at Carnegie Hall, New York.

In 1954, Miss Allen repre-

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NOTICE

All students who have equipment from the College Health Office are requested to return it immediately. The Health Service is short on ice caps, hot water bottles, thermometers and elastic equipment.

Roper Receives Geology Assist.

Paul J. Roper, Detroit sophomore, has received an assistantship through the New York Botanical Gardens to work in the Ruby area of Montana this summer. The Ruby area is in the vicinity of the Ruby River, about 100 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park.

Paul will be working with Dr. Herman F. Becker, of the Botanical Gardens, collecting fossils from Oligocene deposits in this area. The pair plan to be in the field by June 9, and remain until early August. Their home for the summer will be a tent and all their meals will be prepared in the open.

Paul has attended Alma College for the past two years, majoring in Geology, and will further his studies at the University of Michigan next fall.

Busby To Head AWS As Pres.

Barbara Busby, Detroit junior, was elected as president of the Associated Women Students, at balloting held in Gelson Hall, Tuesday, May 12.

Elected to the post of vice-president was Nancy Vogan, Saginaw sophomore. Nancy Logan, Ann Arbor freshman, is secretary; and Sue Beatty, Saginaw freshman, will be treasurer.

Handling publicity for the AWS will be Joy Beedell, Bloomfield Hills sophomore.

ALUMNI GREETINGS:

167 N. Ridgeland Ave.
Oak Park, Ill.

Dear Editor:

Please give this check to the Alumni Assn. After this year I hope to give more. My sixth child will graduate from the School of Architecture and Design of the University of Michigan next month. After her wedding in August, it will seem queer not to pay college expenses for one or two sons or daughters. We have been doing that for 23 years. This daughter, Margaret Faith, will teach art in Napoleon, Mich. next year.

When I took my cap and gown, which I wore 45 years ago, out of the trunk to prepare it for Margaret's graduation, I remembered how I bought it from Wella Struthers for \$4. After I delivered the valedictory in it at commencement, 1914, and received the State Fellowship to attend the University and had also received the prize in New Testament Greek. Although I went through Alma in 3 years, I couldn't part with my senior cap and gown, so my husband wore it to 16 commencements at Ann Arbor when he marched in the faculty procession. Then my various children wore it. I was sad to think this was the last one. Then I cheered up as I thought there are still 7 grandchildren to wear it and perhaps more.

I hope to attend my 50th reunion.

Sincerely,
Faith Welton Campbell

Mezzo

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sented the United States in a 21-concert tour of North Africa, Italy and France. For the next two years she sang abroad and in 1957 was assigned the title role of Honegger's "Judith" at Town Hall, New York.

This season is Miss Allen's busiest. Her itinerary lists recitals across the United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Scandinavia and Germany.

The public is invited to hear this established new star of the concert world.

Honors

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be given to the Phi Sigma Phi, students in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, people in the various honor societies, and those of the Dean's list.

Also recognition will be given to Bob Rhodes, winner of the University of Michigan's graduate scholarship; the winner of the Danforth Foundation Fellowship; and winners of other graduate fellowships and assistantships.

In addition the President's Cup will be awarded to the outstanding fraternity and sorority units on campus. Last year the trophy was presented to the Kappa Iota Sorority and the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Barlow

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perpetuation is as follows:

"I have always had great conviction that colleges are not just for athletes and not just for scholars. . . . I conceive one of the principal functions of a college to be the provision of a place where the student has the greatest exposure to culture, including religion, in an environment that is conducive to an understanding and appreciation of both. Furnishing incentives to stimulate intellectual and cultural curiosity and achievement is important. My thought has been that the Trophy might

make some contribution to this end."

To be eligible, a student should be in the top 10% of his class scholastically. Almost equally important should be the participation in college activities. If he has made a real contribution to the life of the College, he is eligible for the Barlow Trophy.

Here is how the selection of the student is made. A member committee composed equally of Student Council members and faculty and headed by a faculty chairman nominates three seniors from the ten chosen. This list is then sent to the Dean's Office to be prepared for a final ballot. The committee then meets in secret to vote. Each person receives one vote. Results are then kept secret until the Honor's Assembly.

This year Barlow himself, now a District Attorney in Washington, D. C. will present the Trophy.

Barlow while at Alma was both Business Manager and Editor-in-Chief of the almanian, President of the Student Council, President of the Men's Glee Club, and President of the Honorary Scholastic Fraternity.

He was a Scattergood Trophy winner and Salutatorian of his class.

He received his B.A. in education from Alma and his L.L.B. at George Washington University. In 1935 he was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia and is now a partner in the Covington and Burlington Law Firm, Washington, D. C.

Library Built 598 Held 6,000 Vols.

Alma's first library was in a corner in one of the recitation rooms in 1897. In 1898 a building was constructed for the sole purpose of housing a library. At that time no expense was spared to make it beautiful, solid, and fireproof.

The red brick building, dedicated February 22, 1898, had a capacity of 20,000 volumes. At its opening in October of that year, it contained approximately 6000 volumes.

Through its history the library's growth has been boosted by many gifts of books, libraries, and funds. Among the gifts are many valuable and rare specimens, imprints, Bibles, foreign language books, autographed copies, and documents and records.

The collection grew rapidly: 11,240 volumes in 1890 to 35,000 in 1926 which was greater than its capacity.

In 1927 an addition to the building to house fireproof steel stacks was completed and opened in February, 1928. The construction was done by the same Grand Rapids company as was the Gymnasium. It is of common brick outside and a lighter face brick on the interior. Windows were placed to light the stacks.

The Art Metal Construction Company of Jamestown, New York equipped the first and second floor with stacks. The third floor was to be completed later. The floor between the stacks is of glass. Each floor of stacks will hold 25,000 volumes.

During Christmas vacation in 1928-1929 the books were mov-

ed and the rearrangement of the reading room begun. The formal opening was on March 8, 1929.

At that time the librarian was Annette Persis Ward who was outstanding in contributing to the growth and standard of the library. She served from September 1919 to September 1939. During those years the collection grew from 27,800 volumes to 50,100. The library was known to be one of the best collections in the state and in 1932 was the largest among non-state institutions. In the 1920's the library was reorganized and catalogued under the Library of Congress system.

Recent improvements include the addition of microfilm equipment and material. The library has also been increasing in number of volumes and periodicals. Plans for a new building to be added to the existing stacks are being considered.

Track Team Loses

by U. of D. and Baldwin Wallace College Saturday at U. of D. Alma scored 22½ points, Baldwin Wallace 53, and U. of D. an overpowering 72½. The Scots made themselves felt in the weights and the hurdles, however. Larry Essenmacher, unbeaten thus far this year, won both the shot put and the discus. Dave Peters placed second in both the 180 yd. high and 220 yd. low hurdles, in front of Lenny Fase, who placed third in both. Peters also tied for first in the high jump.

The Scots are preparing for the last and most important meet of the season—the MIAA meet at Kalamazoo Saturday, May 16.



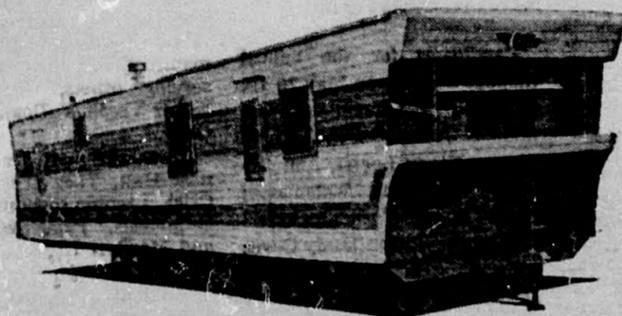
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NEW MOON of Alma

Elective System Argued In '01

Way back in 1901 they were arguing the question of the advantages of the elective system. An article in the June 1901 **almanian** magazine written by J. N. Booth gives these arguments.

"In order to receive the greatest benefit from a college education the student must follow his tastes and inclinations in the choice of his studies. Under the prescribed system, the thorough knowledge of any subject is impossible."

The author states that no two minds are alike and that a great majority of college students are men of one, two, or

three talents. "An average student spends a large share of his time and mental energy on subjects for which he does not have the least aptitude and thereby neglecting the cultivation of his peculiar talents. A person who takes a study in college only to get his degree almost invariably acquires the habit of shirking.

"No study will really help in the pupil's development and therefore contribute to his future happiness unless it is in some degree intrinsically interesting to him. Harvard abolished restrictions on choice of study in 1884."

Therefore, the author concludes, "that the free and unrestricted elective system is the best means for securing a true education."



The Kai Winding Septet, featuring the Four Trombones, will be on the Alma College campus in person on May 19 to perform at the annual Student Council Spring Concert. Winding is known for his work in radio and TV—the Hit Parade, Patti Page show, Robert O. Lewis show, and Arthur Murray Dance Party. He was in "Pay Joey," and recorded for Savoy Records.

Winding has played for many years, joining Sonny Dunham in 1941, Alvino Rey in 1942 and the Coast Guard soon after. He played with Stan Kenton in 1946-47 and finally moved on to the Charlie Ventura All-Star Sextet. Finally, he organized his own group. The concert will be presented at 7:30 on the Gelston Hall lawn and will be followed by dancing.

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Martin Receives Assistantship In Psychology

Clessen Martin, senior, pastor of the Perrinton, Pompeii and Fulton Center Methodist churches, has been awarded a \$2,000 per year assistantship in experimental psychology at Wayne State University.

The grant, which is a full-tuition scholarship type of assist, will put Martin in the speech and hearing clinic under Wayne's eminent Dr. Gaeth.

Receiving his acceptance to post-grad studies recently, Martin plans to work toward a master's degree in clinical psychology, following his major field here at Alma.

Martin is presently an approved supply pastor for the Michigan Conference of The Methodist Church. He stated that he will continue his relationship with the Conference, as he considers his work in psychology a part of the ministry into which he is entering.

Wright Hall Mdn. In Its Day; Has Seen Changes

Today's men's dormitory was completed in 1902 as one of the finest women's dormitories in the state of Michigan.

Three years previous the site had been but a wheat field, not part of the original campus.

Mr. Ammi W. Wright, who lived from 1822 to 1902 was responsible for the dream of this building and its fulfillment. During the early years of the college and the last years of his life he gave financial backing to many college undertakings.

The four story brick building

upon its completion had accommodations for 100, single rooms or suites. It also contained the college dining hall, reception hall, parlors, and meeting rooms. It was modernly outfitted with electric lights and steam heat.

In 1918 half of the dining room was given over to a mess hall for the S.A.T.C.

1922 brought the addition of ten new rooms and complete finishing of the fourth floor. In 1938 the dormitory was rebuilt and modernized including the kitchen, dining room, library and reading room, and a recreation room. The following year the Dickie Memorial Room for use of teas was given by Mrs. Grace MacKenzie Dickie.

In 1942 the college made a contract with the United States Navy to train 205 apprentice seamen under the V12 program. Until 1946 Wright Hall was the Navy unit housing.

1950 brought a complete re-

decoration and refurbishing with the emphasis on the main lounge as repainting, tiling, and other improvement were added.

In 1953 with the completion of the new commons the dining hall in Wright was converted into several new rooms and in 1955 the kitchen became more rooms.

With the completion of Mary C. Gelston Hall, Wright Hall became a home for the college men. At present it is primarily a freshmen dormitory.

Jane Mullenbach, A.B., Professor of French and German, Miss Mullenbach graduated from the University of Michigan and studied for eight years abroad. After teaching at the State College at Jacksonville, Illinois, she came to Alma in 1906. Said the class: "Miss Mullenbach is the friend of the girls and has a strong fondness for canoe rides and spreads."

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Faye Campbell Will Be Commencement Speaker

Faye Campbell, General Secretary of Higher Education of the Presbyterian Church will be the Commencement speaker this year. He will speak on "The College-Opportunity or Burden."

Senior activities preceding graduation begin on May 22, and culminate in commencement on June 6.

The commencement schedule follows:

Friday, May 22, 10:00 a.m. Senior Chapel, Dunning Chapel.

Monday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. Honors Convocation, Dunning Chapel.

Sunday, May 31, 8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate, Dunning Chapel.

Thursday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. President's Breakfast for Seniors, Van Dusen Commons.

10:30 a.m. Commencement Rehearsal, Dunning Chapel.

6:15 p.m. Senior Faculty Banquet, Van Dusen Commons.

8:00 p.m. Farewell to Buildings, begins at Tyler Auditorium.

Friday, June 5, 8:00 p.m. Choir Concert, Dunning Chapel.

9:00 p.m. President's Reception (Seniors, Parents & Friends), President's Home.

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. Alumni Council, Van Dusen Commons Lounge.

10:00 a.m. Board of Trustees, Reid-Knox Memorial Room.

11:30 a.m. Commencement Luncheon, Van Dusen Commons (service until 1 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. Commencement, Bahlke Field.

Herman W. Spencer was appointed Professor of Rhetoric and Journalism in 1927.

A.C. Students Participate In Blossom Fest.

Eight Alma College students participated in the Apple Blossom Festival held at Michigan State University on May 7.

Among them were Sue Edgar, Detroit junior; Judy Monroe, Detroit freshman; Dave Ebert, Birmingham sophomore; Jean Olson, Detroit freshman; Tom Fletcher, Birmingham freshman; Judy McGregor, Detroit freshman; Charles Zampich, Detroit senior; and Thel Woods, Alma sophomore.

The students read prose, poetry, speeches and drama as well as multiple reading, and are under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Mickle, Speech department.

Schools from distances of Texas and California participated.

Women's Board Met On Campus

On May 13, the Alma College Women's Board met on campus. They were accompanied by "church reporters." The Reporters were women from the Presbyteries who were appointed to report on Alma College at the monthly women's meetings. Material is furnished them for these reports by the Publicity office.

A. C. Students Take Over WFYC For A Day

At 8:00 Tuesday morning, May 12, Alma College students stepped up to the WFYC mikes and took over the radio station for a full day of broadcasting. It was completely handled by students of Mr. Mickle's speech and radio departments.

The students had an opportunity to sink their teeth deeply into radio from the ground up. Students handled everything from selling air time, writing continuity, broadcasting, scheduling programs, producing the shows and billing for their air time.

It was announced by Gil Thomas, General Manager of WFYC, that all income from the advertising sold by students was going to be turned over to the radio department to be applied to the purchase of new equipment.

The project was started with the idea of giving students of Radio practical application and experience with classroom learned materials.

A. Euarda McCray, B.C., became the President's Secretary, Helen A. Wolter, A.B., was Assistant to the Librarian, and Anna M. Angell, B.S., was also an Assistant Librarian in 1929.

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Campbell, Collins, Steele To Receive Honorary Degrees

Presentation To Be Made At Commencement June 6

Alma College will present three honorary degrees at the 72nd Commencement to be held June 6 in Bahk stadium. One will be the Doctor of Divinity and two will be Doctor of Laws degrees.

Receiving the LL. D. will be Rev. E. Fay Campbell, secretary of the General Division of Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

For 23 years, Dr. Campbell was General Secretary at Dwight Hall, the historic Christian Association at Yale University. In 1934, he was a special staff member of the World's Student Christian Federation in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1928, he represented the Christian

Student Movement for the U. S. at the International Missionary Council Meeting in Jerusalem. From 1916 to 1921, he traveled widely among universities and colleges for the Student Volunteer Movement, emphasizing the world appeal of Christian Missions.

Dr. Campbell is a leader in student life, both national and international. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Student Volunteer Movement, a member of the Advisory Council and of the National Student Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and chairman of the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. He serves as Secretary of the Council on Theological Education; a member of the Board of Trustees of Polytechnic Institute, Porto Rico; a member of the Board of Directors of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc.; and a member of the Advisory board of the Yale University Christian Association.

A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Campbell received his theological degree from Yale Divinity School. Honorary degrees have been conferred upon him by eight colleges.

Also receiving the LL. D. will be Lloyd Collins, first president of the National Council of United Presbyterian Men. He took his college work at Walsh Institute and Wayne State University. He served in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Canada and was General Office Manager and Sales Office Manager of the Excelsior Corporation in Detroit until 1944. In 1944, he was made Vice President and General Manager of the Schroeder Machine Company, Detroit. He is an elder in Westminster Presbyterian church, Detroit and has served his church in many capacities. In 1958, he was

named Layman of the Year of the Detroit Council of Churches.

To receive the D. D., will be Rev. Jack R. Steele, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Bay City. Educated at Wayne State University, Detroit College of Law, Albion College and the Boston University School of Theology, Rev. Steele has served many pastorates.

He served the ministry in Buffalo, N. Y.; Niagara, N. Y.; Kalamazoo, Sturgis and Bay City. He is active in community service locally and nationally.

Rev. E. Fay Campbell will serve as Commencement Speaker.

'1910 Sees More Sports Champs

The successful 1910 football season was followed by the basketball team of that year also bringing home the Championship.

Again coached by Grady, the Maroon and Cream defeated Olivet for her first intercollegiate basketball championship. On the squad were: Chapel; King; Franker; vonThurn; Kefgen; Edgerton; and Hooper.

The 1910 football team had a very successful season, capturing the Intercollegiate championship. The almaniac of November 21 points out that it: "... Early predicted a successful season for the Maroons. This prediction was not the usual stereotyped optimistic view. We recognized in our coach (Grady) an exceptionally capable man, we knew the many veterans of last year's team would be almost impenetrable, while in Capt. Kefgen we saw a strong leader. To Cook's boot we trusted the play to be kept from the danger zone. Then there were some splendid new men ..."

The men who brought home the title were: King; Johnson; Edgerton; Anderson; Chapel; Marks; Yerex; Cook; Hooper; Harwood; vonThurn; Rogers; Hyde; Misener; Kefgen; Ewing; and Striffler.

Alma of '14 Becomes Thincad Champs

In 1914 Alma had the MIAA track championship Team. This honor was bestowed upon Alma after some controversy involving a Kazoo athlete who had persisted in throwing the javelin with two hands instead of one, with the approval of the referee.

Coach Bleamaster of Alma protested this fact to the referee, but was apparently ignored. No written or verbal protest was filed by Alma after the meet was over. However, at a meeting with representatives of Adrian, Albion, Hillsdale, and Kalamazoo action was taken which gave Alma the highest honors in track for the 1914 season.

Members of the victorious track team were: M. Spinney; M. Hyde; McAuley; E. Cresswell; R. McAllister; F. Patterson; V. VanDuzen; A. McIntyre; I. Friedman; C. Hyde; A. Wilson; H. Schultz; B. Anderson, captain; R. Chisholm; S. Cook; H. Jackson; M. Jackson. W. Bleamaster was the coach, and O. Anderson the manager.

In 1938 the Scotsman celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the College, a new President joined their midst, four members were added to the staff.

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'23 Sees Alma Football Champs

The year, 1923, the game; Alma vs. Kazoo; the score 38 to 0. At the close of the 1923 homecoming Alma became MIAA champions despite heavy losses and injuries suffered from the strenuous battle for the title game against Albion. The Presbyterians did not do quite as good as a lot of people expected, this being attributed to the above mentioned losses. The significant losses included the two backs, McDonald and H. Catherman, both men who have honorably served the maroon and cream. Other team members include: Carty, Tarrent, Calkins, Wright, Partee, Anderson, Shaver, R. Catherman; Lankton, Weltholdeer and Burton.

Coaching the Scots on the MIAA victory, was Royal Campbell, 1910, pictured below, who the team members affectionately referred to as "Argyll or Scotty".

With a series of victories under its belt, Alma College gridgers trodded on to another victory, again against Albion, with a 12 to 2 victory. Coach Campbell was once again the guiding light behind the Alma College gridiron powerhouse as they cleaned up with a clean card and the MIAA title. In 1926 the team consisted of Holdship, Capt. Burton, Pezet, Simmons, Bauer, Arozian, Anderson, Karpp, Chatman, Hawthorne, and McGregor.

Last Game Of '16 Cinches MIAA

November 16, 1916 Alma ties Olivet in Last Game for MIAA Championship. The Jinx is dead! Hail the Maroon and Cream! At last an Alma College football team has gone to Olivet College and come back to Alma undefeated. By that we do not mean the Alma defeated the Crimson, but the Olivet found in Alma a team she could not vanquish on her own field, and that Alma tied the Crimson for the first time at Olivet.

Written into the roll of honor in the halls of fame, should be the names of the thirteen sturdy, fighting sons of Alma who brought the Alma College football team through the 1915 season, undefeated by a Michigan Intercollegiate team, giving Alma a tie for the high honors of the MIAA in football, no matter who wins the Olivet-Albion game, or whether it ends in a tie. True, Alma played fewer MIAA games than did her MIAA brethren, but this simply because two schools would not schedule Alma, Alma tied the team that will win or tie Saturday. Alma preserved a clean slate in her MIAA games. Alma cannot be counted out. The Maroon and Cream must be given credit.

Alma lineup for this historic game included: Spinney, C.; Johnson; Miller; MacAulay; Dow; French; Richards; M. Smith; Hyde; Barnard; and Fitch.

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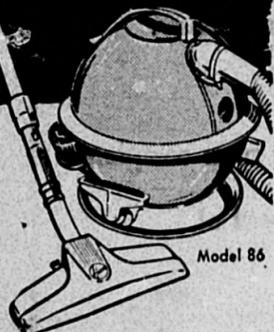
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"Cultivate Strong Elements" Says Virgil Thompson

By Sharon Stephens

Virgil Thompson, noted composer, columnist and musician was heard at Alma as the fifth feature of the Fine Arts Festival. After Mr. Thompson's appearance here he left for Ann Arbor where he conducted the Philadelphia Orchestra in some of his original compositions.

As a part of the program in Ann Arbor was a flute concerto entitled "The Seine at Night." Also included in the concert was a brand new piece, "Fugues and Cantilanas," the idea of which was taken from the United Nations film, "Power Among Men."

France is Mr. Thompson's favorite country and he keeps a flat there. For he says, "In Paris you always have France." As a young man he attended Harvard for a few years. He was also a church organist, but gave that occupation up when he found that he had too many bosses and not enough free reign.

One of the most interesting occupations of his life according to Virgil Thompson were the years which he spent as a private in the first World War. From 1940 to 1954 he was the New York Herald Tribune's music critic.

Although he has lived with painters most of his life, he feels that there is no real relation between the arts. "I feel that a person should cultivate his strong elements, rather than know a little of everything and not know one thing well. However, a person should also get a basic and sound background before he specializes in a particular field." And Mr. Thompson stated with a smile,

"Self-expression should be forbidden by law."

The witty and satiristic composer explained that he discourages all students considering music as a career. For, "Students with a musical pulsation cannot take their career lightly."

In his address he spoke on "The State of Modern Music at Mid Century," bringing in the five basic groups of composers. He stressed the fact that "usually the first fifty years of a new century are spent departing slowly from the pattern of the preceding century. It isn't until the second half that the new centuries' art comes into its own."

Delts Announce New Officers

New officers of the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity are Steve Gillis, president; Bill Wilson, vice-president; Roger Arbury, assistant treasurer; Al Stevens, treasurer; Jerry Pape, parliamentarian; Bob Cotter, recording secretary; Bob Robb, corresponding secretary; Larry Thompson, sergeant at arms; Dick Luke, librarian.

Dal Knapp will be house manager and Bob Tarte will be pledgemaster. Representatives to the interfraternity council are Roger Arbury, Dave Smith and George Cobb.

Steve Gillis was elected "Delt of the Year," Ken Hutchins, "Delt Athlete of the Year," and Dave Cadwell, "Delt Supporter of the Year."

Intern'l Sts. Club To Elect Officers

Members of the International Students Club were entertained at a picnic at Mrs. Letitia Johnston's farm east of Alma. The members of the club were joined at the outing by their sponsors, Dr. Florence Kirk, and Dean Esther Vreeland. Miss Molly Parrish was also present.

The business of the club at tonight's meeting will include discussion of the constitution and election of new officers.

The present officers of the organization are Henry So, Korea senior, president, and Shima Murakami, Freshman from Japan, secretary-treasurer.

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Recently the Alma College Choir completed a singing tour that covered 1350 miles. Circling Lake Michigan, the choir started at southern end, went into Illinois and Wisconsin, and then up through the Straits.

The highlights of the tour have several points of great interest, some good, others doubtful. For instance, the choir sang without supper one evening. Having sung at the Westminster Fellowship Rally, they arrived in Kokomo, Indiana just in time for the performance. They sang to a very enthusiastic audience and were fed at ten p.m.

Sightseeing in Chicago the choir split into two groups on Tuesday afternoon. One took in the Planetarium, Aquarium, and the Museum of Science and Industry. The other group spent the afternoon in downtown Chicago, and ventured to the top of the Prudential Building, the tallest in Chicago.

There were other sightseeing expeditions on the tour. At Sault Ste. Marie many of the group ferried across the river to the Canadian side. And they also enjoyed a tour of the Calcite Plant in Rogers City. This plant, one of the world's largest in the area and output, is noted for some of the purest calcium made.

To complete the tour the choir visited perhaps the smallest community in which they have ever sung, Spruce, Michigan. Three churches of the area combined to provide a sizeable audience in the local township hall.

awhile that I hev found the north pole. But when the coffee arrives, it thaws the hed out ails well again.

But say Bill youse oughta see the jane that sits to the rite of me, she sure is a pippin, and of course, I kin see that she's quite taken with me, and so as not to hurt their feelings, I takes a different one out every Friday nite, which is what I calls using tact by

Yours truly,
Jim

1923 Clizbe Becomes New Music Building

In 1923 the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Clizbe, seventeen years a Bible professor at Alma College, was bequeathed to the college. It became the music

building and was remodeled to have piano and vocal studies and practice rooms with a reception room on the main floor.

Miss Foley Talks At Ann Arbor

Miss Foley, Dr. Nichols, Dr. Kaiser and Mrs. Alssen attended the Schoolmasters' conference in Ann Arbor last Friday, May 8. At the meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French, Miss Foley gave a talk on the National French contest, for which she is the Michigan chapter chairman.

Wilford E. Kaufman, Ph.D., from Illinois assumed the duties of Chemistry Professor in 1929.

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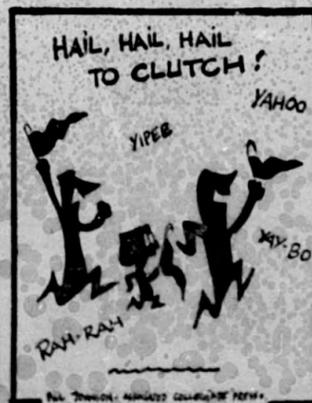
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**Roy Phillips Is Present
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Born in Sanilac County, Mr. F. Roy Phillips ('14) is now the present director of Alumni Affairs of Alma College.

Mr. Phillips entered Alma in 1907 as a freshman under a fellowship. He continued for two years, dropped out of school for three years and then came back here to finish his last year and graduate in 1914. His majors were both Mathematics and Biology.

While at Alma he was a member of the Zeta Sigma Fraternity. "They were literary societies in those days," says Mr. Phillips. He was also active in sports for which he received two football, three baseball,

and four basketball letters. In his sophomore and junior years he was the head waiter or head "swipe" as he called himself.

Upon graduation in 1914 he received his first teaching position in Traverse City where he taught biology and coached basketball. The next year he was recreation director at Grosse Pointe. He had been Principal, coach, and Superintendent at Marlette, and Superintendent at Croswell.

From 1926 to 1956 Mr. Phillips was Superintendent at Alma.

During these years, in 1929, he received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Michigan. After retiring in 1956 he came to Alma College as Director of Alumni Affairs.

When the Alma baseball team beat Albion at the end of 14 innings of play, the score reading 4-3, Alma College baseball team became MIAA champs for 1922. Hitting for Alma were, Ryan, Hickerson, Carty, Shaver, Crittenden, Johnston, Catherman, Kirker and Beckton.

In 1923, the following year, Alma College baseball team won her second consecutive championship. And again, like last year, the Almaite slaughtered Albion in their final game. The Maroon and Cream handed down 14 to 0 win.

Margaret E. Foley, A.M. took the position of Assistant Professor of French in 1927.

**AAUP Winning
Fight Against
Disclaimer**

The objections of the American Association of University Professors to the disclaimer affidavit in the National Education Defense Act of 1958 are bearing fruit, according to Dr. Samuel R. Cornelius, President of the Alma chapter, upon his return from the Forty-Fifth Annual meeting of the Association at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, last week-end.

A total of 110 chapters have endorsed the action of the national officers and the Council, and the Association has been joined in its movement by the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities, the American Council on Education, the Association for Higher Education of the NEA, the Association of American Colleges, and the State Universities Association. In an address to the AAUP at the Pittsburgh meeting, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Fleming stated that he is opposed to the disclaimer affidavit.

The more than 250 delegates from all over the United States took other decisive actions, according to Dr. Cornelius. They voted "censure" of the administration of Fisk University, finding it guilty of unfair practices in dealing with its faculty. They withheld censure from Princeton Theological Seminary for one year. They censured the administration of New York University after one years probation.

They voted to remove censure from the University of Michigan if and when recommendations made by the AAUP are perfected and adopted. They voted to remove censure from University of Nevada, Ohio State, Westchester State (Pa.), and to continue their censure of Alabama Poly, Dickinson College, Catawba, Jefferson Medical, Livingston College, North Dakota Agricultural, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Temple, and Texas College.

The Association Committee on faculty salaries revealed the results of its study for the year 1958-9. Only three reporting institutions had minimum salary scales of Grade A (Harvard, Princeton, Yale). Harvard alone had a Grade A average scale.

Among those schools rated Grade B for both minimum and average were Wayne State and Swarthmore, which was the highest rated liberal arts college. Returns also showed that salaries in the lower ranks were being raised much more rapidly than those in the higher ranks.

Alma College Chapter entered no report, according to Dr. Cornelius, and so was not included in the statistics. A report will be entered next year, he hoped.

The Association closed its meeting with the passage of Resolutions regarding The National Defense Education Act, Travel Restrictions on visiting Scholars from the U.S.S.R., and Higher Education and the Segregation of the Races.

This is the first time Alma College Chapter has been represented at the national Annual Meeting. The local chap-

ter was founded only last year, and presently numbers 25 members.

"1916"

John T. Ewing, A.M., Professor of Greek and Latin. Devoted to a life-time of teaching. Professor Ewing was a graduate of the classical course at the University of Michigan. He received his Master's Degree from Wooster University, and for five years taught as superintendent of schools at Petoskey. He also served in the capacity of Principal of the Preparatory Department at Wooster University for three years, and was an eminent member of the Michigan State Teachers' Association. The class comment? "J. T., though not as austere as he looks, gets more work out of the students than comes natural."

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The following appeared in the Dec. 8, 1948 issue of the Almanian: Alma made a name for itself in the past football season, and its fame spread to the big city—New York—where the above cartoon appeared in one of the leading evening papers, the New York Star. A friend of the college sent it to Alma, and we had a copy made in order to present it to the students.

Believe us, no matter how big they are, no one is going to shove the Scots around. We got up there this season by having an outstanding team, one which we may all be proud of.

HOW COME IT TOOK THE BIG NEWSPAPERS SO LONG TO DISCOVER US?

Presbyterians Steal '30 MIAA Football Champ

November 4, 1930—The Presbyterians took the MIAA football championship by defeating the tough Albion eleven 27-12. Although the Methodist's played with all the vigor predicted they found the Alma forward line impregnable and the Maroon and Cream backfield in good shape.

Team members were Gussin, captain, Baldwin, Brown, Borton, Koechlein, Rehkopf, Gray, Potter, McLellan, Graham, Crawford, and Johnson.

Hot '24 Put Baseball Championship In Locker

1924: The Michigan Inter-collegiate basketball championship has been stored away in the maroon and cream locker, like a chunk of bacon in an ice box, as a result of the week-end victories of the Alma collegians over Kazoo College and Olivet College. The 10 time Kazoo champions fell Friday night before the great attack of the Almaites 28 to 21, and Saturday afternoon Olivet became an unwilling victim of the superior brand of basketball of the Campbellites, falling 22 to 18.

Helping to nail these victories were VanHee, Carty, McDonald, Shaver, and Welthoelder.

The maroon and cream, as the football team was called back in 1930, had some of the same troubles as the Alma teams of today; managing to win three and lose two in the course of a season. In the first three games managing to defeat Olivet (13-6), Hope (21-6), Albion (27-12); then losing the last two to Mt. Pleasant (27-7) and Kazoo (21-7).

This record only goes to show one thing—everything might change over the years, but never the Alma teams.

'15 Alma Scores On M.A.C. '16 Alma Kills Old Rival

October 12, 1915
For the first time in more than a decade Alma College scored a touchdown on M.A.C. last Saturday at East Lansing. The feat was the more commendable because of the fact that M.A.C. was playing in mid-season form and using their best material exclusively.

The fact that the Aggies piled up the biggest score against Alma they ever did is robbed of its sting by the two honestly earned touchdowns which they were able to register.

May 9, 1916
Last Wednesday afternoon Alma College defeated its old enemy, Olivet in a hard fought baseball game. The fall of so much rain made it necessary to abandon the diamond on Davis Field and the game was played on the "green."

Ed Johnston was picked to work for the locals and pitched one of the best games of his career. He only allowed seven hits, keeping them well scatter-

ed. He struck out ten of the visitors and only issued one pass. Loomis, working for Olivet was taken for 13 hits and only wiffed eight of the locals. He also handed out two passes, one of which figured in the scoring.

Playing for Alma were: Herbert; French; Gaffney, Johnston; Fitch; Robinson; M. Smith; N. Smith; Peters.

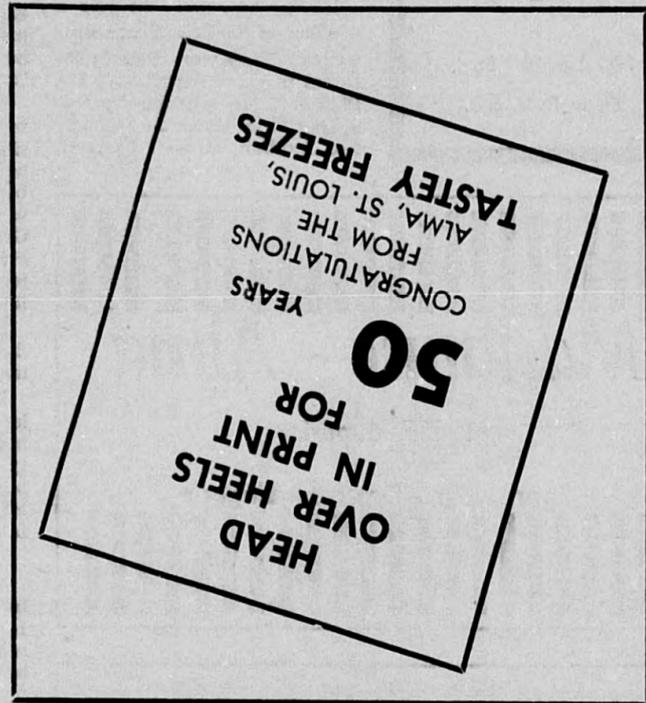
If four people ate ice cream would there be a quart-et? Humor of the 1910-20 decade.

"Would your mother object, should I kiss you dear?"

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Gymn Built In '23 For \$110,000

Memorial Gymnasium was first occupied in March of 1923. It was dedicated to commemorate the service of the youth of Alma College and Gratiot County in World War I.

The \$110,000 building was constructed by Owen, Ames, and Kimball of Grand Rapids. It is of dark red brick with steel trusses supporting the tile roof and is nearly 100% fire-proof.

The interior walls are of yellowish brown brick. The floor is 60 feet by 90 feet. At the time of construction there were glass backboards and seating space for 800 to 900 spectators. When used as an auditorium, the building housed 1,000 with a 26 foot stage.

Locker rooms are located on each side of the main floor. The floors are concrete except the playing floor which is first grade maple over concrete.

Rockwell C. Journey, A.M., was the 1927 new Economics Professor. Elizabeth Bouwman, A.B., became Assistant to the Librarian.

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New Rules For Flag Rush Passed

(See pictures page 16)
September 23, 1930 — New Student Council rules governing a campus tradition, the flag rush, were passed because the Freshmen consistently win the event. However the bath towel was captured by the Frosh before the coach had time to take the whistle out of his mouth, when the event was held Saturday morning.

Editorial comment: We are glad to welcome you to the Campus. Most of us are glad you won the Flag Rush. However, there is one bad disease that usually infects college freshmen—Cockiness. You won a "give-away" Flag Rush. Don't be elated about it. Our advice to you is: Don't be cocky until you have something to be cocky about. And our advice to the Student Council is: first, get organized and second, change this flag rush ruling.

"1910"

Bess Lou Farley, Model Kindergarten. A graduate of the Chicago Institute, she served as superintendent of the Kindergarten Department as Argenta, Arkansas. The students wrote of the faculty's latest addition: "Already she has won her way to the hearts of the students."

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Honor System to Be Presented to Student Body

If ratified by the student council, the Honor System will be presented for the approval of the student body on Monday, May 18, according to Bob Cotter, student council representative to the Honor System Committee.

Honor cannot be defined satisfactorily because it is a belief that is intangible; one that exists in the minds of men. Among other things which every man holds dear is self honor and honor in the individuals with whom he associates. An "honorable" man is not one who conforms outwardly to an honor code. An honorable man must be one who believes in strict conformity to that which is right; one who shrinks from any thought of acting other than in a straightforward manner in which no attempt is made or intended to deceive; and one who will uphold his convictions above all other considerations. The underlying principle of an Honor System is truth. It is not a complicated system of ethics, but merely honest dealing and clean thinking.

Adherence to a code such as this sets standards by which students may judge one another on their capability of understanding and maintaining a high degree of honor in academic matters. This is the chief concern of the Honor System at Alma College for inherent in education is the development of the personal traits: honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity. The Honor System is more nearly a spirit than a code. Reduced to its simplest terms, it requires that a man or woman shall act honorable in all relations and phases of student life, which means that breaches of honor are rightfully considered violations of this spirit.

The Honor System can not give honor to a man who is not honorable; nor does it destroy integrity of a man of honor; it does, however ensure that a minimum standard of conduct can be maintained.

"1910"

Ira T. Carrithers, A.B., Director of Physical Training for Men and Instructor in History. Mr. Carrithers graduated from the University of Illinois where he was noted as an athlete and scholar. "Mr. Carrithers has done wonders for the athletics of Alma and his vigorous personality has won him many friends," was the class comment.



A Smorgasbord which received raves for days afterwards was provided by Mr. Tom Manion, of Saga Foods, for the annual AWS Birthday Banquet, May 4, in Van Dusen. Pictured here (center, holding cup) is Margaret McLeod, Rose-

ville senior, who was awarded the senior woman of the Year Honor at the event. Other women honored were Judy Smith, freshman, Myrtle Cueller, junior, and Mary Onapu, sophomore.

In April 1920 J. Thomas Dasef represented Alma in the State Oratorical contest. His oration, "The Marks of a Man" won him the title.

Twenty-eight years later, in

March 1958, his daughter Joan Dasef, a junior from Grosse Pointe, was a winner in the same contest. The title of her oration was "The Measure of a Man."

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If, in the expression of the living presence of Christ, in the pages of THE ALMANIAN, each member of Alma College finds: (1) Some one thing to enjoy, (2) Some one thing to interest, (3) Some one thing to challenge, (4) Some one thing to lead him more surely toward "life more abundant," (5) Some one thing to help him find and know himself more adequately — then we shall have just BEGUN to fulfill our obligation to Alma College and Liberal Arts — which is to help students realize that God is the very force of living and learning.

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The Next Fifty . . .

Uncounted books and essays have been written by authors more learned than we, in attempts to define what is meant or implied in the word "newspaper."

From the Journalist's Creed of Joseph Pulitzer, to the yellow journalism of William Randolph Hearst's era, the newspaper has been alternately glorified, and mortified. It has risen to heights of aspiration, it has fallen to depths of degradation. It has been accused and abused, and seldom excused. But the question: "What is a newspaper?" is always, and probably only, answered in terms of what it OUGHT to be.

And so, many brave writers have attempted to describe the panacea — the criteria for ALL newspapers, and perhaps journalism has this to its credit, or to its blame, for the profession seems to be always in need of more crusades for higher standards.

Perhaps the need for higher standards of journalism is due to the short-sights many newspapers set as their goals. To espouse attainable goals, and then to attain them, is to promote lethargy and stagnation in the profession.

And still, it cannot be said that even many of the short-sighted goals of journalism are actually bad. The newspaper provides many services, some lesser, some greater. If it rises no higher than to fulfill its lesser responsibilities, at least that much of the profession's scope is accommodated.

The almanian is aware of its many areas of impact, and aware of its future implications in the growth of the Alma College community.

Fifty years of campus coverage has taught us that we can not remain indifferent to the higher services of journalism. As a part of Alma College—and as Alma College is a part of a greater world, so, too, the almanian's reach must exceed its grasp. This must be our blueprint for the future, yet the lesser goals must not be forsaken in the process of progress.

Our policy then sums roughly in one word—responsibility. For the almanian, responsibility means that we have four goals, four aims, of a graded nature, which form the structure upon which our flimsy dreams may be someday draped to provide substance.

First, the almanian has a responsibility to the Alma College student. This is, however, the least of our responsibilities, and, admittedly, it is a responsibility which is variously lived up to. The almanian must be available as an organ of student expression, as a news media of student happenings, and as entertainment, discussion, and what ever else the students may from time to time desire.

Second, the almanian has a responsibility to

the college community. This means that its policies must be implementive of town factors as well as campus interests. It means that the almanian must be as trusted an organ in all circles, whether they be student council, or synod council, as any major newspaper of honor and prestige.

Yet higher than these, though, is our responsibility to THE student, and by this we mean all people who seek true education whether formal or not. In this capacity the almanian must serve the intellectual tastes of scholars and seekers of wisdom and knowledge, whatever their station, be it university president or farmer. Hence the almanian's journalistic bias is said to be "liberal arts orientation"—a term which very nearly exceeds our grasp to define, but a term which is at the basis of each new idea, each new constructive crisis.

But there is a fourth responsibility, and it is the highest one of all. Perhaps the language is strange for a newspaper, but the almanian is responsible to mankind, to the glory of God, and to this glory as it is revealed and offered all peoples in Jesus Christ. Such an ethic can be observed customarily in either of two ways. The almanian can become a parish-toned periodical, or it can do mere lip service to Christianity. Neither is satisfactory.

The Christian experience (more than the "Christian philosophy") must rather be a part of each staff member's life—or such of the staff as diligently pursue the Man from Nazareth must provide the "exposure" opportunity.

The editorial and ethical decisions and policies must reflect the influence of Christian thought, not so much in printed oration, but by implication in the tone of final writing and decision.

It has even been suggested that the power of the printed word is second only to the power of Christian revelation. Perhaps, and again, perhaps not. The point for us, though, is: *We dare not take a chance* with that which is, in either aspect, a personal responsibility.

And so, it must be the diligent effort of the almanian to maintain its allegiance to Christ, as a subversive influence in an otherwise materialistic civilization.

We cannot "save" anyone, but we can help provide the pin-pricks of motivation which lead men and women to seek their own salvation.

Four goals—and fifty years.

There has been a great deal of progress but in reality we have just started.

There is a long way to go. As we, the staff of 1958-59, as well as the staffs from 1908 up, have tried to walk in this path, so, too, it is our sincere hope that the almanian of the future continues, and pushes the goals even higher.

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Pull-It-Sure Prize Writers Infest Almanian Staff

The notion of a pull-it-sure prize was born in the wee hours of a winter Wednesday morning, under the harsh fluorescence which breaks the sanctity of the almanian office. The shaking event occurred last semester as Business Manager A. Alan Botto and Managing Editor Robin E. Butler discussed more serious topics of journalism.

Yearbook Record Adds Voice To Scotsman

After many years of being silent, the SCOTSMAN, Alma's Yearbook, finally spoke up.

An entirely new idea to Alma College campus, but very warmly received, the yearbook record provided a sonic recorded chronology of the year's top events, recorded live and on location.

THE VOICE OF THE SCOTSMAN, as it is called, appeared as a 45 RPM Hi-Fidelity, record and was given out with each copy of the yearbook. (See special offer on other page of this issue.)

The record was narrated by William Roy Giennon, Chicago '58, and Robert Wollard, Detroit '60. Scripting the record was very skillfully handled by Sheila Peacock, Mary Onapu, and Dave Nicholas. Brad Randall engineered the recording. A. Alan Botto, Philadelphia Freshman, produced and directed the entire production especially for the Scotsman.

After a symposium with Miant Mary Onapu, editor-in-chief on the subject of "Peanuts," Mr. Botto turned to Mr. Butler and initiated the following conversation:

"Let's go for eight pages this week!"

"Can we FULL IT?"

"SURE."

Hence the pull-it-sure prize was born.

Among the present almanian staff members is one Mr. Job Scholl, who shares pictorial duties with Mr. Brad Randall. Mr. Scholl, who recently won the pull-it-sure prize for his discovery of the patent medicine "parallax," took recent pictures of other pull-it-sure prize recipients presenting their prize recipients present laboring on the staff of the almanian, ad nauseam, which are reprinted hereabouts these two pages.

There were no faculty additions in 1931, and the publication of Maroon and Cream ceased for three years.

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A Beatnik at his beat. Copy Editor Dave Bryant, whose feature article "Will Women Replace The Honor System?" brought him the coveted pull-it-sure prize, is shown here, hardly at work.



Second-semester Almanian Business Manager Kay Ferguson (left) won her pull-it-sure prize earlier this year. He is now studying in California. At the right is Elsie Mortimer, morgue manager, who is working for a pull-it-sure prize in mortuary science. Both ladies demurely declined to show their faces.

Letters to the Editor

NOTE: Our policy concerning letters to the editors makes it mandatory that the writers of all published letters be known either to the Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor. THE ALMANIAN takes upon itself the responsibility for publishing letters, hence it will not reveal the identity of any writer who requests anonymity. The editors do not guarantee publication of letters which exceed the bounds of decency and reasonable courtesy. Whether or not letter writers take issue with THE ALMANIAN in no way disqualifies them for publication.

Dear Quirk,

The extreme idiocy of your letter has finally prompted me to reply publically to one of the most slanderous and uninformed opinions expressed in the "Almanian" in the four years I've been privileged to study at this institution.

At the outset I doubt that you have any qualification whatsoever to criticize any speech activity.

In your feeble attempt to do so in our first symposium you refer to "the first, the middle, and the last speaker." I doubt very seriously whether you even know the names of the men whom you criticize.

I'm glad that you felt that "the bearded philosopher," Dr. Dykestra was the name, my intellectual friend, "did understand something about art and morality." How nice of you to concede a small portion of knowledge to an outstanding Ph. D. Quirk, to be able to judge so equitably you must be a genius of a fellow.

Quirk, you call Dr. Knittle the windiest, political, blow-hard you ever laughed at. Your estimate of the character of the

speaker belies your presence at the symposium and seems quite incongruent with the facts. But, your reaction to his presentation "laughing," is indicative of your cultural manners.

Quirk, you tell us the Mr. Franz was a "know-nothing." I'm glad that you're such an expert on philosophy, speech, architecture, and the fine arts.

All three speakers appeared free of charge and drove cumulatively over 600 miles to be with us. They were picked solely on their records which were quite impressive on paper.

Quirk, you put the icing on your cake of buffoonery when you stated, "Oh, Brother! How can you ("The Almanian") criticize the finest drama the A.C. stage has ever seen." This charming hyperbole testifies to your lack of authority to criticize any speech activity. You haven't been here long have you? Perhaps compared to a class "D" high school senior play our offerings were good, but, not in view of the dramatical past of Alma College. I could criticize the plays and make you look more ludicrous than you already do, but, no positive good would be accomplished.

Quirk, your verbose attempt to play intellectual giant was inherently foiled due to the gross contradiction 'twixt intelligence and your criticism. Moral: know from whence you speak and then only speak softly.

Quirk, your only success was in picking your own name—it fits.

Jefferson Davis

Editor
Almanian
Dear Quirk:

I should like to answer your letter in regard to your criticism of the Fine Arts Symposium. I find that letter very difficult to answer because, if you are a college student your witing leaves much to be desired.

You are not aware that we had very little money to work with in getting our speakers. Even if you do pay a speaker to come to campus, you have no guarantee that he will do a good job. You see you can hardly compare a speaker with an actor speaking his lines in a play. Drama is a controlled situation, free speech is not. We made no effort to direct his speaking but only hoped that the audience would start its thinking in regard to Fine Arts and Morality. A person can not think a problem through if he sits in the last pew and laughs at a speaker as you say you did. Certainly there was room for improvement which we would hope would come as a result of study of the first Symposium.

M. Harold Mickle

Mary E. Renich, Ph.D., became Assistant Professor of Biology in 1927.

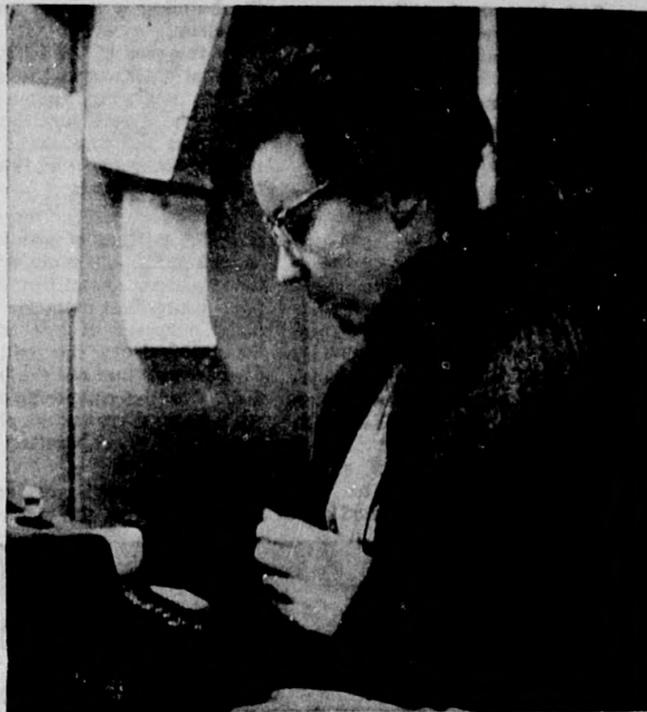
Wright Portrait Donated In 1920

The picture of Ammi Willard Wright hanging presently in Room 100 was presented to the college in 1920. The picture was donated by Mrs. Henry Lancashire of New York, daughter of Mr. Wright, and was unveiled "at appropriate and formal ceremony" in the College Chapel. (The chapel then was in Room 100).

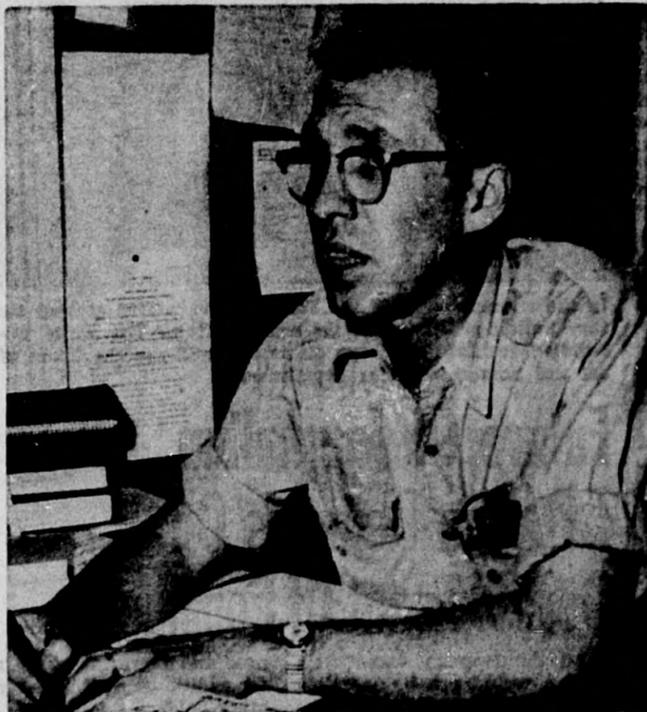
The comment in the almanian of February 3, 1920 is: "The picture adorns the wall of the college chapel to the right of the rostrum and is a masterpiece of art."



Miss Sharon Stevens, news editor (left) and Miss Carol Steward, reporter (right) carefully inspect several cultures of ink-worm larvae. Miss Stevens was awarded the pull-it-sure prize for her sensational expose: "Type Lice in Old Main." (What could be taken for a man in the middle is in reality the intercom system.)



Our venerable Editor-in-Chief, "Ma" (short for "Mary") Onapu is here shown at work on her pull-it-sure prize winning livestock and poultry reports. Miss Onapu ascends to the chair of the managing editor for 1959-60.



What, me worry? Managing Editor REB, who won his pull-it-sure prize for his editorial entitled: "Prohibition vs. the Freshman Mixer" is here shown perturbed. In order to keep the news "hot," there is a kerosene lantern under his desk, and, at the time of this photo, he had just caught his big toe in it.

"1910" time, strived to improve the Art Department and was known for the School of Art. Miss Booth, her devotion to this cause, was the only member of the original faculty remaining at that time among students and alumni.

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Homecoming 1979:

Al Umnus set his roto-car down on the Alma apron. The countryside had really changed since his graduation 20 years ago! Alma, from 2000 feet altitude, still looked much the same, but the conspicuous golf-tee aprons of US-27 stood out between Alma and St. Louis, although there was no visible division between the two cities now.

He shut off the ductors and engaged the road transmission. For the mile or so to the college, his roto-car became just another wheeled vehicle in the stream of traffic.

Alma was unrecognizable. Twenty years in the foreign service had put many changes between him and the familiar sights of his undergraduate days. The old railroad crossing on West Superior was no longer there, of course, since most major railroads had folded a decade ago.

Al was aware, over the years, of the changes taking place at his Alma Mater, but this was his first opportunity since his own commencement, to see the new campus of Alma College first hand.

He was a stranger now. The homecoming crowd was big—bigger than any he could remember. A student with an armband was at the place where the old Tastee-Freeze once was, directing returning alumni to the parking areas.

Soon, he was directed into a parking area and, almost like a sleep-walker, he stepped from the roto-car and wandered wide-eyed toward the residence quadrangle.

He'd seen it all—he thought. The old landmarks were gone—Old Main, Pioneer, the Chem building. But no! There was Wright Hall! With the memories flooding back he set his steps toward the place where he had roomed. An hour later, his heart pleasantly warmed with nostalgia, he stepped out of Wright Hall and faced the newest building on the campus.

"So they have one at last!" he murmured. Before him, in the corner of the old "grove," stood the Alma College Press. A moment or two later he was walking into the office of the managing editor of the almanian.

"You say you were on the staff of the almanian back in 1958?"

"Oh yes," Al answered. "But I never dreamed that little 4-pager would ever be anything like this!"

"Well," said the editor, smiling, "it's considerably more than a mere student newspaper now. We do have a daily 'campus edition' and there is a student campus editor for that edition, but it is basically a switch of front pages on the regular daily."

"It's a daily?" exclaimed Al, "and you put out two editions?"

"Three." The editor corrected. "We go to press with the international at 10 in the morning. That goes to the whole country and to many foreign countries. The regular edition goes to bed at three in the afternoon and we pull the front page switch at about 6. The campus edition is delivered by 6:30!"

"How can the college do this?" asked Al. "With only 2400 enrollment, surely the merchants of Alma can't support a daily paper!"

"In the first place," replied the editor, "the college does not support the paper financially. Our advertising is drawn from all over the world—as you can see. Of course local advertising is the most important, but our coverage stretches over half the state in that respect."

Al learned more that afternoon.

The almanian was the world's



first large-scale offset operation. The college now had a school of journalism and its students held good-paying jobs in all departments. In addition, there were a few seminary students working at the Press also. Yes, the Presbyterian Church had established a seminary about five miles west of the college campus.

The press building itself was a model of the complete graphic-arts plant. On the first floor were offices for the college year-book, the college publicity department, and several departmental journals. The reception lobby was well supplied with information and classified-advertising clerks, as well as the telephone operator at the switchboard. Al learned that

the building was open around the clock.

To the rear of the lobby, on the first floor, were the dark-rooms, engraving plant and wire service receivers. Beyond them was the pressroom, mail room, stockroom and stereotyping departments.

On the second floor were the editorial officers of the paper as well as the city room, advertising and art department and a press conference room for publicity purposes of the college. Separated from the editorial department, but on the same floor, was the composing room with several rows of phototype setters operating two shifts each day.

Al remembered working on the "morgue" of the old week-

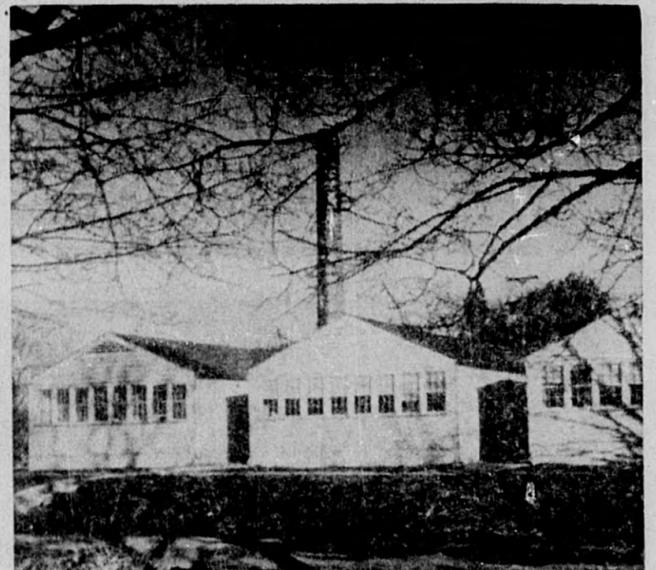
ly almanian, and how, from year to year, depending on the student in charge, the morgue was or was not kept up to date. In the basement of the Press Building, however, he discovered a modern, well lit, morgue and reference library. In addition to the heating and air-conditioning plant, the basement also contained dormitory space for several male students, employees of the press.

"I would never have believed it!" Al confided to the editor. "I have heard various reports concerning a college press but I guess I never paid much at-

tention to them. You know, this sort of thing was just a fancy dream when I was here 20 years ago. I remember that we had some editors who set up all sorts of high-sounding standards for the almanian, but I always wondered if anything would come of them."

"Apparently much has," replied the editor, "for some of the exact words of those early weekly almanians are part and parcel of our journalism policy today."

EDITOR'S NOTE: For some of "those exact words" see the editorial on page 26.



In the summer of 1946 the Federal Government erected temporary buildings known as the arts buildings. The white wooden buildings contain six large classrooms and are the home of the art and home economics department.

Future Of Journalism At Alma Depends On Development Of Community

An Anniversary issue such as this would not be complete without an evaluation of the future of journalism on Alma's Campus.

As a beginning, a one-year course in journalism is to be offered to any interested student next year. This course will cover all phases of journalistic writing and not be limited as to the year of the student taking it.

"Long range plans to obtain facilities for a journalism department have been submitted to the faculty by the Publications Committee. However, these are now only hopes which may be aimed for and striven for. A plan such as this may not work in this particular college community," stated Dr. Samuel Cornelius, chairman of the Publications Committee.

"We believe in the need for journalism training along with a liberal arts and Christian background. Such a plan must be approved step-by-step and could eventually lead to a major in journalism. However, this would involve the addition of faculty, who are obtained by

need and there may be a need for additional staff members in other fields.

"Someday the almanian may be published twice a week, three times a week, or it may even become a daily paper. However, this also depends on the College community."

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Albert P. Cook, A.M., Principal of the Academy, Instructor in Pedagogy, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the College. Professor Cook graduated from Western Reserve College. He taught both at Milford, as principal, and at Ithaca, as superintendent. "A. P." as he is known, is the busy man of the college and has never been known to take it easy."

"1910"

Hansford M. MacCurdy, A.M., Ph. D., Professor of Biology and Geology. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, he received his Doctor's Degree from Harvard. Before joining the faculty at Alma, he taught five years in the Manual Training School of Kansas, Missouri. The class said: "Although a Methodist—he is very genial and accommodating."

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