



In spite of incimate weather Alma's Mardi Gras last weekend came off as planned. One of the highlights of the weekend was the crowning of the pert Miss Mert McKim as queen. Miss McKim, queen of the second annual snow carnival, reigned over the festivities during the day and also the Alpha Theta Mardi Gras Ball Saturday night.

## The Rush Is On!

Sorority rushing will begin Monday, February 22. There will be a meeting of all women students interested in Rush Saturday afternoon, February 13. See bulletin board for notice of time and place of the meeting.

## Election Board To Hold First Special Election

The Election Board will hold its first special election for the student council on Tuesday, February 23.

Officers available are: vice-presidency of the junior class, and junior class student council representative.

There may be other offices open, as the almanian went to press it was unable to get the information. However, any other openings will be posted in Tyler Center.

Petitions may be obtained from the Social Director's office beginning today. Petition deadline is Tuesday, February 16 at 1 p.m. Interviews for offices will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16, beginning at 3 p.m. As petitions are turned in to the office appointments will be made.

Campaigning may be done beginning Wednesday, the 17th, up until the day of the election.

Election will be held in the two precincts as outlined in the new election law, Mary Gelston Hall and Tyler Center. Polls will be open between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Kimball To Speak

John Kimball will speak at a Father and Son banquet at Wheeler on February 26. The invitation was extended by Adam Cherowski, an Alma student who is the minister of the Methodist church in Wheeler. The title of Kimball's talk: "That's My Boy!"

The TKE fraternity will hold an open house for the campus Saturday night immediately following the game.

## New Members May Join Choral Union

Tuesday, February 16, will be the last week for new members to join the Alma Choral Union. This group, made up of singers from the Gratiot Community and the College, is preparing for the presentation of two short choral works in the College's Fine Arts Festival on Sunday, May 1.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the College Chapel.

The two works to be performed in the Festival are the cantata "God's Time Is Best" by J. S. Bach, and the Oratorio "Jephthah" by 17th Century composer Giacomo Carissimi. "Jephthah" is a Biblical story of one of the judges of Israel and chief of the Gileadites, who in return for victory over the Ammonites has offered his daughter as a burnt offering. This oratorio is Carissimi's masterpiece and his choruses, representing the jubilation of the Gileadites' over victory and lament of the women for Jephthah's lament of the women for some of the most expressive music in choral literature.

All those interested in singing great choral music are invited to join this group. No auditions are required and there is no membership fee.

The purpose of the Choral Union is to bring performances of great choral masterworks to the community and to provide an opportunity for people in the community to participate in these performances. The group, now in its eleventh year, is under the direction of Dr. Ernest G. Sullivan, head of the Department of Music at Alma College.

The Alma College Campus Wives are sponsoring a sock-hop mixer at Northwood Carriage House tomorrow evening, 8:30-12 midnight. Tickets are 35 cents stag, 50 cents drag.

# Robinson To Highlight Religion In Life Week February 15-18

## Background of Speaker Varied

Dr. James H. Robinson, the guest speaker for Religion-in-Life Week, has a background which has kept him very active and busy throughout his life.

Born in the slums of Knoxville, Tennessee, with five other brothers and sisters, Dr. Robinson had to struggle for his education. In 1935 he graduated as valedictorian of his class from Lincoln University (Pa.), and from Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.) as class president.

During that same year, he was ordained by the Presbyterian church, U.S.A. and founded the Church of the Master and the Morningside Community Center in Harlem.

The institute originally started with 50 Christians. Today, they provide religious guidance and practical assistance to over 3,000 men, women, and children of all races.

### Active in Many Projects

Dr. Robinson has been active and influential in the establishing and fulfillment of several projects. He assisted in American colleges establishing a student relationship with foreign institutions, and also in the Indian project of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Nearly one-half million books were sent to colleges and schools in Africa, which Dr. Robinson collected all across the nation. During the summer of 1958, he took a group of 75 undergraduates, graduates, and leaders to five countries in West Africa for a witness of faith and freedom.

For two months they worked, studied, and met with African students, government officials, political and labor leaders, businessmen, missionaries, etc., on

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## Road Without Turning

"Road Without Turning" is an account of an extraordinary life. It is not a record of a self-made success in this world; rather a story of a young Negro who hated himself as well as his oppressors. It is the story of a sensitive human being that was taught by welts and broken bones that he was black and was to keep his place.

Dr. Robinson knew that his life would never be easy, but he had no idea how hard it would be. When once working part-time in a small Negro church his life was not only threatened, but a mob had gathered together to teach him proper manners because he had told "good niggers" that they were not inferior.

When Dr. Robinson entered Union Theological Seminary he thought his fight was over. But, he heard other students who were supposedly following the Christian example say, "Robinson's all right if only he keeps his place." A doctor exhibited him to medical students as a member of an inferior race, unable to compete with the superior whites.

Today Dr. Robinson is one of America's leading workers for the solving of inter-racial problems. Even after all his trials he has developed a true love of his fellow-man. His book and his problem concerns a definite yet avoided problem in today's society.

## "Imperative Choices" To Be Theme of Week

Alma College will observe Religion in Life Week February 15 to 18, with Dr. James H. Robinson, pastor of Church of the Master, New York City, as the three-day guest leader.

His theme for the Alma College Religion in Life Week is "Imperative Choices." He will speak on faith, conformity, individualism, and immorality.

Dr. Robinson has sent to Alma a list of books at its request that in some way concern his theme. Dr. Robinson also suggested books that involve "problems that any sincere human being should be thinking about."

The books that Dr. Robinson has suggested will be on display during Religion in Life Week. The Varsity Shop will make it possible for students to purchase the books for their own library.

The books are:

- Coburn, John: **Prayer and Personal Religion**
- Trueblood, Elton: **Your Other Vocation**
- Toynbee, Arnold: **The World and the West**
- Long, Edward: **Conscience and Compromise**
- Phillips, J. B.: **Your God is Too Small**
- Bonhoeffer: **Prisoner for God**
- Robinson, Rev. James: **Tomorrow is Today, Road Without Turning**

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## Schedule of Events for Religion in Life Week

### Monday, February 15

\*10:00 a.m. Opening Chapel Service—Dunning Chapel—Address: "Faith or Doubt"—Dr. Robinson

3:00-4:00 p.m. Coffee Hour and informal discussion with Dr. Robinson. Tyler Lounge.

Evening—Informal meetings with organized groups. 6:00 Sorority Members—Kappa Iota Chapter Room 7:30 Fraternity Members—Sigma Tau Gamma House

10:15 Men Students—Wright Hall Lounge

### Tuesday, February 16

\*10:00 a.m. Chapel Service—Dunning Chapel Address: "Adventure or Conformity"—Dr. Robinson

3:30-4:30 p.m. Faculty Tea—Van Dusen Lounge.

7:00 p.m. Chapel Service—Dunning Chapel. Address: "Collectivism or Individualism"

10:00 p.m. Informal meeting with women students. —Gelston Lounge

### Wednesday, February 17

\*10:00 a.m. Chapel Service—Dunning Chapel. Address: "Morality or Immorality"

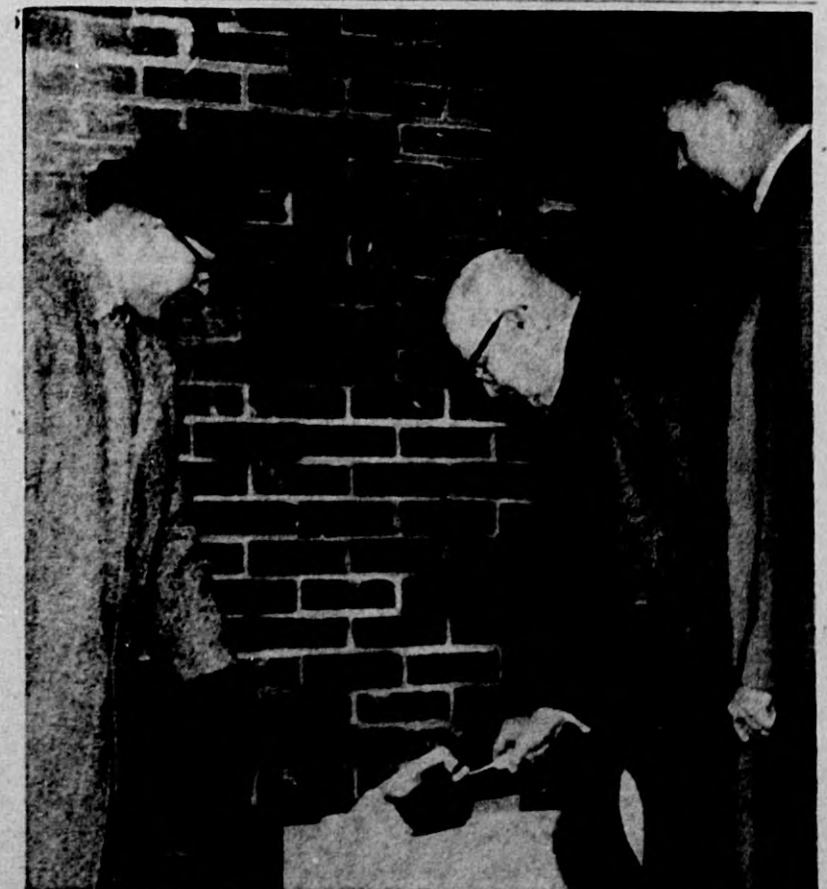
3:00-4:30 p.m. Coffee Hour and informal discussion with Dr. Robinson. Small Dining Room.

6:00 p.m. Pre-church Vocations Students dinner with Dr. Robinson. Small Dining Room.

8:00 p.m. Communion Service—Dunning Chapel

\*Student attendance is required at these events.

Note—Students desiring to have personal interviews with Dr. Robinson may make appointments in the office of the Director of Student Activities.



Dr. James Mitchell, (center) in whose honor the new men's dormitory is named laid the cornerstone of the building Saturday afternoon. Also participating in the ceremony were Dr. Robert D. Swanson, president, and Dr. Kent Hawley, Dean of Men, who gave the address. Stephen Meyer, business manager; James White, Wright Others participating in the ceremony were Dr. Hall resident advisory chairman; Harold Kirkpatrick, Wright Hall president; Mrs. Esther Vreeland, dean of women, and Rev. Charles House, college chaplain.

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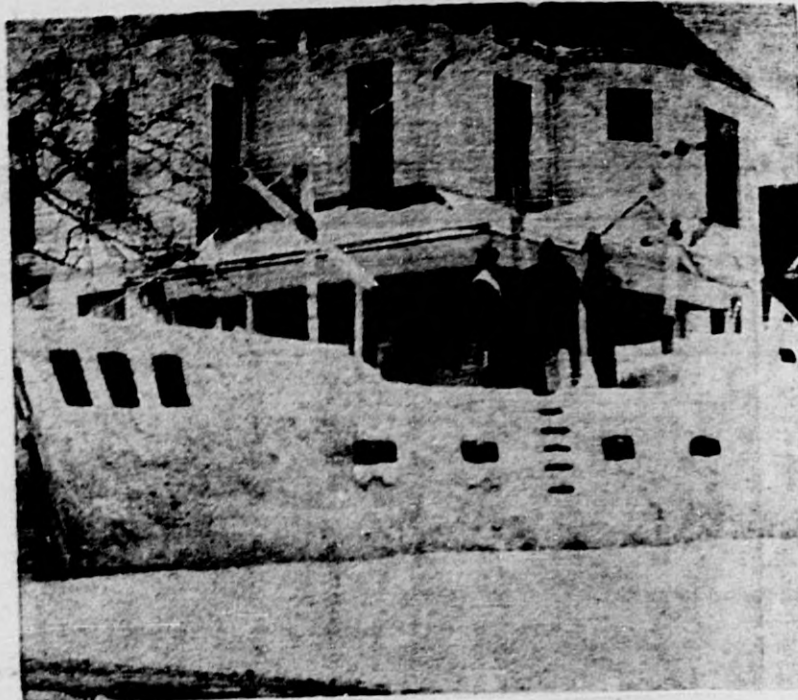
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Sigma Tau fraternity with their pirate ship was the winner of the Mardi Gras snow sculptures in the men's division. In the women's division Alpha Sigma Tau sorority took the honors with a sculptured elf on a toadstool. All fraternities and sororities plus Wright Hall entered the competition.

## Lifting of TKE Suspension Is Welcome Event

To some who seem to think that the lifting of the TKE fraternity suspension is an indication that the local chapter has "learned its lesson" we have this to say.

In the first place, we do not believe that disciplinary action against the fraternity last year was instituted for the primary purpose of "teaching someone a lesson," nor do we believe, if any "moral" chastisement were warranted, it was necessary, for the direct circumstances bringing about the suspension are now, in the total picture of the fraternity's new status, unimportant enough not to merit reiteration.

The point to be noted now is this: Alma Col-

lege, as a community dedicated to a living principle of liberal education, is a growing community—and as such experiences natural growth pains. Traditionally, fraternities and sororities have shown themselves as leaders in the new and better purposes which from time to time arise in education. The Tekes indicate this, for the lifting of their suspension is a token of PROGRESS.

The Tekes have subscribed to a system of aims and goals exemplary of the great dream that patterns the growth of Alma College. The lifting of their suspension is a public recognition that those aims and goals are being lived up to and met. More power to them!

## Junior Year Abroad

Just before Christmas about 25 students from the University of Barcelona bombarded our University with their guitars and flashy 16th century black velvet costumes with long flowing capes. For 3 days they serenaded us between classes and rounded up their stay with an unforgettable evening performance of Spanish music and dances.

There is of course no organized social life in the Univ.—no sororities or fraternities, no football or basketball games. But there are several clubs and opportunities to go on weekend retreats and skiing excursions which are naturally much participated in and eagerly looked forward to. Skiing in the Alps is just as unbelievable to me as is this whole year. It is in these clubs and on the excursions as well as through the life at the Knox Foyer that we can really get to know the other students which is actually the most rewarding part of this year.

So far there has been only one event sponsored by the Univ. and that was the Welcome Ball. It was a far-cry from an Alma Dance! In the first place, there must have been over 2,000 students in the overly crowded but nevertheless huge hall dancing to typically fast music. As in all the

other countries we have visited, American music is extremely popular. The tables were full of bottles and the air full of smoke. The entertainment which lasted over an hour featured various groups from different countries. And all-together this dance lasted until 5:00 a.m.!

After returning from the orphanage, I was immediately off again. This time headed for two glorious weeks in Italy with 3 other girls. It would take a volume to begin to describe the people we met, the sights we saw, and even the luscious Italian cuisine we enjoyed. (But I still prefer the American version of Italian pizza!) Some of the outstanding events included a Mediterranean cruise in a little old fishing boat from Genoa to romantic Portofino with her picturesque sailboats and outdoor markets where we got our first taste of bartering; a day in Napoli and a more realistic picture of this country with so many unemployed workers; the ruins of Pompeii and a visit through a cameo factory; boat rides on the canals of Venice; and seven days in Rome. Here we saw about everything . . . the coliseum, the Roman Forum, the catacombs—eight miles of underground tunnels where early Christians met and were buried up to the 5th C. A.D. We spent a day in the Vatican City marvelling over St. Peter's Cathedral and especially the Sistine Chapel. In

the Vatican Museum just as in the Museums in Florence we were awed by all the Titian, Raphael, Tintoretto, Rubens, and Michaelangelo originals. Seeing Ghiberti's bronze doors on St. John's Baptistery was the highlight of Florence for me. In Rome we also walked the Appian Way over some of the very same cobblestones that Caesar drive his chariot over. It was indeed difficult to say "Arrivederci Roma."

Now we are back in Geneva, which has its charm also. But I will save a description of this city for a next letter.

Kay A. King

## Republican Club Meets Feb. 16th.

The Young Republican Club will hold its first meeting of the new semester on Tuesday, February 16th in room 212 of the Science building. All students that indicated in the poll Feb. 2nd that they would like to become regular or associate members of the YR Club and all other interested students are invited to the meeting.

Included in the meeting will be the approval of the new constitution, discussion of club goals and plans for future meetings, closing with an election of officers and refreshments.



Alma College took second and third place in the State Peace Oratory and Extemp Contest at Detroit Institute of Technology, January 14 and 15. The contest is national in scope with monetary awards. Hal Waller's oration "Mayday" took second and Carol Holmgren's ora-

tion "A Quarter to Midnite" took third place.

At the contest were also Bob Love and Judy MacGregor, extemporary speakers who did not place. They spoke on the general topic of nationalism in underdeveloped countries.

## REB's yell - - -

A Reflection On  
The Times: Behaviour  
All Over the Place

FAMILY-STYLE dinners at Van Dusens have contributed to the re-establishment of another ancient and honorable custom—that of singing "Happy Birthday" to some unfortunate occupying the same table. The prophetic portents of "Peanuts" came to their emotional climax at the five o'clock dinner hour December 16, when a number of tables collaborated in singing "Happy Birthday" to Beethoven. Sally Beethoven, that is.

TWO ALMA COEDS were observing opposing columns of ants engaged in their miniature war. Suddenly, from the midst of the near-microscopic conflict came a "pop" accompanied by a miniature blinding flash of light, which in turn was followed by a miniature mushroom cloud.

"I understand," said one coed to the other, "that ants have a culture all their own."

THE STORY IS TOLD of a former Alma Student who was noted during his four years of residence as a rather eccentric fellow. It seems he was a victim of a compulsion to pick up each and every scrap of paper he happened to see, scrutinize it closely, and then with obvious disappointment, toss the scrap away with the fatalistic words: "This isn't it!" Naturally, during the course of his four years his behavior became noticeable to at least three other students and the poor fellow spent many embarrassing moments under the scrutiny of counseling eyes. It is said that some of the tests of the Psychology department were originally instituted in his behalf. Nevertheless, his erratic behavior persisted and on windy days particularly he was frequently late for meals and classes because of the many scraps of paper which blew across his way—when he felt compelled to inspect, always with the same result: "This isn't it." No final decision was ever arrived at by those who considered themselves the keepers of his soul, for fear that academic freedom might possibly be infringed upon, or something like that. And so at last the day of graduation came. Our hero strode anxiously up to the President in his cap and gown and with outstretched hands received the diploma which he immediately unfurled and inspected with a scrutiny never before noticed. With a joyful shout he exclaimed: "This is it!"

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of a certain mid-western, coeducational, church-related, small-enrollment college (whose name shall not be revealed, in order to protect the guilty) some years ago debated as to what the cornerstone of the college's new chapel should contain. One trustee thought that the presiding minister's dedicatory sermon should be placed in the cavity of the stone. To this they all agreed, the minister in mind (who also was a trustee) adding that it would be necessary to enclose a certain chemical to keep the sermon dry. Whereupon another trustee (who was a member of the dedicating minister's church) added with a straight face: "I don't think the chemical will be necessary."

Now that we have systematically busted all our resolutions, let's get back to work.

## Letter to the EDITORS

Dear Editor:

For the further edification of all those who attended the alleged "MASQUERADE" dance the evening of February 6th in the Tyler Auditorium, which was by the way nicely decorated, I would like to herewith submit the definition of the word masquerade:

"Masquerade, mas ker AYD,

is the name of a party or dance at which fancy masks and costumes are worn. The word as a verb also means to disguise or falsely pretend." World Book Encyclopedia.

"Masquerade, to disguise as at a masquerade, to appear or go about in disguise, to pass oneself off under a false character." Oxford Universal Dictionary

Most edifyingly yours,  
signed Senor From San Blas, Mexico and Maharani From Ahmedabad, India

**PLACEMENT CASEMENT**

Walton B. Moore of the City Bank of Detroit will be on campus, Wednesday, February 17, to interview qualified seniors, who are interested in a training program in the field of general executive banking and general commercial banking. Mr. Moore will be pleased to interview candidates with business administration or liberal arts background. Sign up for interview appointments in the Placement Office.

Peter J. Boone of the Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co. will be on campus Wednesday, February 24, to interview seniors who are interested in careers in the insurance business. Make your interview appointment in the Placement Office.

Representatives from the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Grand Rapids and Detroit Offices, will be on campus Tuesday, February 23, to interview seniors interested in positions in sales, credit, accounting, and retail shop management. Sign up for your interview appointments in the Placement Office.

The following school systems will have representatives on campus on the dates specified to interview prospective teachers for the 1960-61 school year. Specific lists of the openings are posted on the bulletin board in Old Main. Sign up for your interview appointments in the Placement Office.

- Fraser Public Schools, Tuesday, February 16
- Midland Public Schools, Wednesday, February 17
- Rogers Public Schools, Grand Rapids, Thursday, February 18
- New Baltimore Public Schools, Thursday, February 18
- Lakeview Public Schools, St. Clair Shores, Tuesday, February 23
- Grand Rapids Public Schools, Friday, February 26

**THE LOVE LIFE OF ALEXANDRIA SCRUNGE AS TOLD TO POINDEXTER QUMQUAT**

It all began when I was three. I fell in love with the boy next door. His name was Charlie Chubbs and he was. My parents wouldn't condone our marriage, so we moved so I could forget. My broken heart was mended soon, for I met Bruno Smee, a dashing young four-year-old. It was his red tricycle that really sent me. I used to sneak out of my bedroom window each afternoon at 1:30 when my parents thought I was taking my afternoon nap. My parents soon found out about our secret rendezvous, and this time they made Bruno and his parents move. Just when I was forgetting Bruno, I had to suffer my greatest sorrow. My dog died. Little did I then know that Herman was to come and mend my broken heart. He was to make me forget my dog and my handsome suave Bruno, with his customized tricycle with its dual coon-tails. But I had a long wait. I met Herman on my sixteenth birthday. He wasn't invited, but he could crash a party with the best of them. We had a whirlwind romance—it was March. My parents once again disapproved. They were tired of moving, so they sent me to Europe. I met Pierre in Spain and Jose in France. But I longed for an American guy. This had its practical aspects—I could speak neither Spanish nor French. So I returned to the States. I searched from Maine to Florida, from California to New York. But my search was in vain. There was only one place left. Alma College. There were men here I never realized existed—and I wish I hadn't. But I finally found the one. His name was Irving Intellect but he wasn't. His friends called him Smarty for short. He thought he was a wit—he was half right. There was something about him that first attracted me. It was his—Now just what was it??? Anyway, he was my ideal man. My parents had long since given up trying to run my life, so there was nothing to stop us. Except his parents. They didn't like me, so he and his family moved. Oh well, you can't win.

Peggy Emmert has been elected as the new president of the Panhellenic Council (Inter-sorority Council). Other officers who were elected February 1 are Joyce Karakas, secretary, and Marilyn Henry, treasurer.

**Ronald Kapp, Miss Moreen Wed In A.C. Chapel**



The Alma College Chapel was the setting for the nuptial ceremony which united Phyllis Isabel Moreen of Chicago, Ill., and Ronald Ormond Kapp of Ann Arbor Township on January 30. A reception in Tyler Center was followed by a dinner in the Van Dusen Commons at the college.

The couple will live at 521 S. Forest Ave. upon their return from a trip to Washington, D. C.

The bride received a BS degree from Alma where she was affiliated with Kappa Iota Sorority. She recently completed requirements for an MS degree in zoology at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Kapp was graduated from the University of Michigan and received both BA and MS degrees. For the past two and a half years he has been an instructor of biology at Alma College. He plans to do additional graduate work at the U-M while he is on leave of absence from Alma College.

**Complimentary Tickets For Mitchell Concert Friday, February 19**

Faculty and Staff—Tuesday, February 16, 8:30-5:00 at Switchboard.

Students—Monday and Tuesday, February 15 & 16, 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Tyler Box Office and during Open Ticket Sale.

Open Ticket Sale—Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 & 18, 5:00-6:00 at switchboard and Friday, February 19, 7:00-8:00 at Tyler Box Office.

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One of the events of the Mardi Gras weekend was the student faculty hockey game which due to no ice was moved to the gym. Manning the brooms and looking determined are (left to right) Dave Eldred, Jack Osborne, Art Krawczyk, Dick Lee, Dr. Robert Wegner (an outnumbered faculty member.) The game ended in a tie.

**KALAMAZOO, FERRIS TRIUMPH**

**Scots Lose Two Close Ones**

Alma lost two real close games last week, one to Ferris in the last nine seconds 75-73; and then lost again to Kalamazoo when a last-half rally fell short 73-65.

Against Ferris Alma fought back from a 38-31 deficit and tied the game only to lose it on Jim Dunson's 35 foot jump shot with only 9 seconds remaining in the game.

Butch Cantrell, as expected, carried the big load for the Alma five. He scored 24 points and picked off 21 rebounds while playing a fine defensive

game. Dave Peters and Jim Northrup, who are staging a scoring battle this year, came up with 12 and 11 points respectively. Northrup also helped out with 11 rebounds most of which came in the second half.

Kalamazoo's tremendous height advantage spelled the difference as their big men tipped in enough stray shots to keep the visitors well ahead of the Alma cagers.

Kalamazoo started the second

half with a fifteen point lead, but the scrappy Scots fought back and with some sharp shooting by Charles Barge and Butch Cantrell staged a rally which eventually fell short by eight points; the final score was 73-65.

Barge led Alma with fourteen points followed by Cantrell's twelve and Dave Peter's and Ferris Saxton's 10 each. Most of Barge's shots were long jump shots.

Kalamazoo's two pivot men, at six foot seven and six foot six, towered over Alma's tallest player, Cantrell. Once more the scrappy center played a fine game even against these-odds as he picked off 15 rebounds along with his 12 points.

Northrup, who yielded his starting slot to Tom McPhillips this week, came to life in the second half and picked up eleven rebounds and eight points.

Peters and Northrup are Alma's leading scorers. Northrup with 213 points is ten points ahead of Peters; Butch Cantrell is third with 177 points and Ferris Saxton is fourth with 160 points in only 12 games; the other leaders have participated in 15 games. Cantrell and Northrup have 180 and 123 rebounds respectively to lead in this department. Peters with a 42% is leading in accuracy from the floor and Cantrell is the leader in free throw percentage with 81%.

**Hawley Named Chairman**

Dean of Men, Kent Hawley visited the Central Michigan campus February 3 when the Michigan College personnel Association met. At this meeting, he was named program chairman for the year.

Alpha Sigma Tau sorority will present "The Amo Te In The Enchanted Woodland," tonight in Tyler from 8:00-11:45 p.m. Music will be provided by Don Redman and is \$1.75 a couple.

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**Speaker**

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the emerging African continent.

Participants in this group represented 41 colleges and universities and all racial and faith groups in this country.

At present, Dr. Robinson is making plans to take similar, but larger groups, to West Africa in the summer of '60, to East Africa in '61, and to Central Africa in '62.

In addition to major work as pastor of a great church, and director of a influential community center, Dr. Robinson has been very active in many community enterprises.

His leadership has been felt in the Interracial Fellowship of Greater New York, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the African Academy of Arts and Research, Council of Social Agencies of Greater New York, and the National Urban League.

Dr. Robinson has received numerous awards and citations from community service organizations, and several honorary degrees.

In 1957, Dr. Robinson appeared on the N.B.C. television program "Big Surprise." With the category of the life and times of Julius Caesar, he reached the \$30,000 point successfully, and chose to stop. All of these earnings were ear-marked for the start for the current Building Fund Campaign of the Morningside Community Center.

**In Constant Demand**

Dr. Robinson's widely acclaimed autobiography entitled **Road Without Turning** was published in 1950, and is now in its third printing. He has also written **Tomorrow is Today and Love of this Land**. In 1955, Dr. Robinson was invited to give the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School, Yale University, and that same year these lectures were published under the title of **Adventurous Preaching**.

Dr. Robinson, who speaks to as many students as any man in the United States, is in constant demand as a speaker in civic and educational gatherings. In travel, he averages over a thousand miles each week.

**NOTICE**

Women's basketball intramurals will start Tuesday, February 16.

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