

SNOW CARNIVAL COURT ANNOUNCED

Tomorrow at 1 p.m. on Gelston quad, one of these five sophomore women, Christina Casey, Nancy Kapp, Jennifer Wilton, Karen Smith, and Lenette Schiebold will be crowned queen of the sixth annual Snow Carnival.

Explanation for the cancellation of the events rests entirely on the unwintery weather - - the lack of snow

and the above normal temperatures. Usually the snow sculptures consist in great part from snow that is given to the college by the city maintenance department, which collect the snow that for some reason or another has to be moved into one location.

The cancellation of the hockey is attributed to the temperature - - at least three days of freezing weather

is needed to freeze the rinks.

The Queen will reign over the Theta dance that evening.

The Snow Carnival originated six years ago and has become a tradition now. Only in one previous year, 1961, did it fail to snow. In spite of the conditions the carnival went on, lacking only the sculpture. According to Jane Elsley, chairman of the committee, the show will go on again this year whether there is enough snow or not.

Editor's Note:
Pictures of the finalists could not be published because of the late election.

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Parley Examines Role of Church

A group of 10 Alma students attended the Presbyterian Young Adult Conference held at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University on February 14-16. Those present from Alma were Dale Tuller, Laura Huyssen, John Teeuwissen, Bob Oleson, Gloria McIntyre, Terry Davis, Dick Osburn, Mary Fran Sarto, Bob von Oeyen and Jerry Kuyk.

The program began Friday evening, February 14, with a general introduction to the Conference and short discussion group meetings. On informal and unscheduled hootenanny followed these activities.

The Rev. Mr. James Guinan, an Episcopal minister, and Mr. Robert Ordway, a sociology Ph.D. candidate at M. S. U. spoke on the theme "Through the Stained-Glass Curtain" on Saturday. Following the speeches, the discussion groups met to argue over the views presented. Saturday evening a film was shown entitled *Profile of a Problem*, which shed further light on the theme.

Dale Tuller, a member of the Conference's planning committee, explained the theme and purpose of the Conference this way: "I think basically the Conference attempted to explore the nature of the present-day church. More specifically, it explored the inadequacies of what we now call the church. Is it relevant to and concerned about a society and culture that is urban?"

March 7, Tyler Set For Fest

Plans for the annual Songfest are underway. It will be held March 7 in Tyler Auditorium.

The deadline for entries was last Saturday. The participants are the KIs, Thetas, TKEs, Sig Taus, ASTs, a group from Gelston, and an independent group directed by Tom Warth. The TKEs and independent group will be quartets.

The contest has two divisions: (1) trio or quartet and (2) ensemble (8-20 people). Each division will be judged separately.

As stated in the Songfest rules: "Three judges will be picked from the professional musicians in the state who are specialists in vocal music."

Linda Robison, in charge of the Songfest, is arranging to have Tyler Auditorium available. See *Songfest*, p. 3

Religious Groups Offer Students 'Live Opinion'

Alma College has many organized religious groups that meet often for religious instruction, inspiration, and learning. They are open to any interested student and would certainly prove a worthwhile endeavor to those who are willing to explore the excitement of their meetings.

COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

This council is the general organized body of Christian activities. As Glen Rice, its chairman, says, it is the "catch-all" that takes care of coordinating religious activities. It meets each Wednesday night in Tyler TV lounge and anyone with

We—the church—have chosen to turn our backs on reality—the reality that we live in an urban, industrial and metropolitan society no matter where we live. The problems of the city are the problems of the suburbs and the rural areas. They must be the concern of the church. This is where the church belongs, with the people in the community, not behind its 'Stained-Glass Curtain.'"



Ed Thompson is shown following two other unidentified pledges on that long walk from Tyler Center to be greeted by his new fraternity brothers, the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon. (photo by Kerr)

51 Men Go Greek; Tekes Lead With 24

Last Saturday at noon 51 men accepted fraternity bids from Alma's three fraternities and began a six to eight week period of pledging.

Of the 51 men accepting bids, ten were welcomed to Sigma Tau Gamma. Dick Dice, Greg Jackson, Paul Jensen, Bob Ly-

tle, Tiff McKee, Bill Nichols, Mike Otis, Charlie Read, Tom Shaw and Ray Terwilliger are the new Sig Tau pledges.

Tau Kappa Epsilon took the largest pledge class. The Teke 24-man spring class consists of Andy Bradley, Keith Bird, Jim Butterick, Larry Dickie, Paul

Portney, Gary Carson, Dwight Conlan, John Duda, Tom Dymott, John Emery, Tom Eversson, Al Fournier, Dave Gray, Bob Hadley, Rich Hall, Lee Hiedenfelt, Jim Ladd, Dave Landers, Larry Luchini, Rich Peterson, Dail Prucka, John Steele, Ed Thompson and Don Tobias.

Seventeen men make up the Delta Sigma Phi pledge class. The Delt Sig pledges are Tom Miller, Mike Knowlton, Steve Kovacs, Jim Bristol, Al Koechlein, Jim Flora, Bill Hayes, Tom Smith, Lanny Caverly, Gary Guerdin, Dick Dana, Jim Ross, Dave Klug, Hugh Brenneman, Gordon Scully, John Foster and Jud Lind.

'Creation' Coming Soon

Sunday, March 1, the Alma Symphony and Choral Union will present Joseph Haydn's *The Creation*. The orchestra and chorus, under the direction of Dr. Edward Kottick, will begin their performance at 8 p.m. in Memorial Gymnasium.

The chorus has been prepared by Mr. Dewey Camp, and will feature Mrs. Phyllis Camp, soprano; Camp, baritone; and Fred Kendall, a well-known tenor from Detroit, in solo roles.

The Choral Union, which has been in rehearsal since the beginning of the school year, numbers approximately 75 persons and is being directed this year by Camp. It is a singing group, open to students, faculty, and citizens of Gratiot County, which performs an oratorio or similar work every year. The group meets every Tuesday night in the Chapel.

About 45 students, faculty members, faculty wives, and people of Alma make up the Alma Symphony, a college community project. The Symphony has been rehearsing since its last concert, which was in the beginning of December. It also meets on Tuesday nights.

The Creation is one of Haydn's greatest works, written at the turn of the 19th century. An oratorio dealing with the first six days of creation, it gets most of its material from Genesis.

Five solo roles, all sung by sopranos, tenors, and baritones, are those of the three archangels, Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael, and Adam and Eve.

The production is divided into three parts. In parts one and two, the six days are treated in a series of symphonic sketches with the orchestra, chorus, and soloists taking part. The end of each working day is noted by the singing of hymns by the choirs of heavenly hosts. The climax of part two is when man is endowed with a soul.

Part three is not taken from Genesis, but deals with the story of Adam and Eve in Paradise before the fall. The work was originally written in German, but will be sung in English.

YRs Prepare For State Convention, Hear Candidates For Chairman Speak

Alma College's Young Republicans are looking forward to playing a significant role at the annual State Convention of the Michigan Federation of College Republicans, to be held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit on February 28-29. At this Convention the Federation will elect its officers and adopt resolutions for the coming year.

Alma's Young Republican membership totals 84 this year, which entitles the YRs to 25 Convention delegate votes, the largest number which any college in the Federation is allowed.

The Michigan Federation of College Republicans is made up of Young Republican clubs in most of the colleges and universities in Michigan. According to Dick Godfrey, Alma's YR club president, last year Michigan had the largest college Republican convention in the United

States, and the attendance this year is expected to be even higher.

At an important meeting on February 6, Alma YRs heard three of the four candidates for the Federation chairmanship speak. The candidates who spoke were Denne Osgood, from Western Michigan University, Jim de Francis, from Albion College, and Dale Warner, from the University of Michigan. The fourth candidate, Jim Broad, from the University of Detroit, will speak here Sunday at a YR meeting in Van Dusen Lounge at 7:30 p.m.

As of February 6, 46 Alma students had signed a list of those who plan to attend the Convention. Of these, the Executive Board will choose 25 voting delegates, and the remainder of those going will be alternates.

The Convention will open

Friday evening, February 28, with a keynote address to be given by the Honorable Robert P. Griffin, Michigan Congressman from the Ninth District. Following this the three main committees will meet; the committees on Credentials, Rules, and Resolutions, on which Alma will be represented by Sue Coleman, Lou Ferrand, and Carolyn Waltz, respectively.

The Honorable August E. Johansen, Michigan Congressman, and Mr. Fulton J. Lewis III will speak to the Convention Saturday morning. At 1 p.m. the adoption of committee reports and the election of officers is scheduled to begin, and the Convention hopes to adjourn by 5 p.m. Saturday.

'Taming of Shrew' Castings Soon

The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare has been selected for the spring play. It will be presented in the form of *Commedia dell'arte* in which stock characters perform a variety of humorous roles.

Mr. Albert Katz stressed that try-outs are open to all interested students regardless of previous experience. He stated that castings will be based on two things: an intelligent reading of the part and the ability to follow directions in interpreting a part.

There are 33 parts to be cast for *Taming of the Shrew*, 24 for men and 9 for women. Katz added that between one and two-thirds of his casts in the past have been beginners. Try-outs will be held March 5, 6, and 7 at 7:15 p.m. in Old Main 301.

'Citizen Kane' In Dow at 8 Sunday Night

The International Film Series presentation this Sunday evening is *Citizen Kane*, one of the landmarks of American films. It will be shown at Dow Auditorium at 8.

The first and the most famous of the pictures Orson Welles has done, *Citizen Kane* won several important awards (including the Academy Award for best original screen play) when it was introduced in 1941. Its cast includes Welles, Joseph Cotten and Agnes Moorehead.

The story is a devastating biography of a newspaper tycoon, an expose of a man and an industry. One commentator praises *Kane* as an account of "the might and majesty and profits of dark yellow journalism - exposed by *Kane* so effectively because so humanly and with such inspired craftsmanship. Welles does not merely show us one aspect of the man and pound on it. He comes not to praise nor to indict *Kane*, but to reveal him, as he is and as others see him. . . . And what this does is to make *Kane* the most three dimensional human being who ever walked and talked on the screen." In 1941 this film was hailed as a major revolution in Hollywood's approach to cinema.

In a review done in the year the film was released, Cedric Belfrage writes: "The people are going to see *Citizen Kane*, and not one of them will be quite the same person after seeing it as he was before. It is as profoundly moving an experience as only this extraordinary and hitherto unexplored medium of sound-cinema can afford in two hours. You leave it with regret, wishing you could see it all through again. . . . You become dizzy trying to recall all the good things in it, the excellencies of different kinds - lighting, composition, direction, dialogue, acting, make up, music and sound, editing and construction - which are present simultaneously at almost any moment in the picture."

Season tickets will, of course, be honored. Individual admissions will be available at 75c each.

Council Plans Vespers

by Glen Rice

The Council on Religious Activities is organizing a special Lenten Vespers series to be held on Sunday evenings during Lent. The purpose of the series is to provide inspiration for a more meaningful Lenten season. The program will include speakers drawn from outside the campus as well as from the college faculty.

The service will be more structured than the usual Vesper services and bulletins will be distributed. A student will assist in the service and there will be student organists. Sue Coleman and Glen Rice are in charge of the series.

This Sunday Mr. Dykstra will be giving the meditation with Bob Von Oeyen assisting. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

why? . . .

Recently a comment was made in a Western Civilization freshman discussion session on the subject of Gothic architecture, "What difference does it make to me about hunks of stone on the other side of the sea? They hold no significance for me." The answer was vague, until in conclusion the professor and another student mentioned that we shouldn't be so smug as to think that we are the best, or that medieval men were the best.

This was men's attempt to create something of their age, to go beyond the mediocre problems, to embrace something so massive, so overwhelming it commands our attention. Something that will last after men have fallen, to measure a civilization and to measure a way of life.

But this initial remark started an avalanche of unqualified thinking. What difference does it make if we know about pointed arches and flying buttresses? After all, all the churches in Hometown are white shingle with shady green trees and church suppers in front of them. What difference does it make if Doctor understands Goya or Andrew Wythe?

After all, isn't it more important to know you have finally paid for the car and joined the Country Club? After college isn't this what is important? Isn't it more important to know you have finally received your college degree so that you can make money and so you can have a good job and raise pretty children who will go to college and graduate and make money and be Heads of community projects, just like you?

Aren't these goals more important than knowing the importance of the Golden Mean, the Divided Line, or the Myth of the Cave? After all what importance is

the Golden Mean in solving the problem of raising money in the Community Charity Drive? What difference does it make if the Hebrews grew out of many tribes in Egypt and into the Christians, and that Jesus lived? After all, will that help you get more members for your pretty white church, that doesn't have a hint of Gothic in it? Of course not.

And what about the life cycle of the fern and the life cycle of a human? That won't help anybody solve the problem of why Your Son Johnny can't play baseball in the future and why You can't play volleyball in the present. Goodness! All these complex problems just leave no room for culture, and humanity.

And what about nature? Does it matter that the sunset is more beautiful than any man-made thing? Does it matter that trees are huge and strong? Of course not. Does it matter that God made grass and flowers and deer and life? Of course not, as long as we have the golf courses and their pine-paneled rooms.

And college, what's a college education? Why you know, it's a grade and a point average and a piece of paper with a name of a college and an insurance. Who needs tradition and learning as long as we have the facts pushed into our head at five in the morning for the exam at eight? We'll forget the facts by ten but who needs them as long as we get the piece of paper with the name of the college and the insurance and the job and the money?

But is discussing the Iliad with Your Roommate after dinner every night the answer? No, but neither is sitting back watching humanity, and life, and culture, and nature . . . Pass You By.

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letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I have been told that the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is segregated. That is, they have never given bids to Negro or to foreign students. I would like to ask the president of this fraternity if this is so. If it is, I would like to ask the administration why such discrimination is tolerated on Alma's campus.

Whether a policy of segregation is written into the constitution of an organization or merely understood is of little consequence. The fact that segregation is practiced is significant.

I certainly hope I have been misinformed. However if what I have heard is true, I would ask the administration to act immediately to correct this appalling situation.

E. Qual Ity

Dear E. Qual Ity:

There has been a misunderstanding. The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is not segregated constitutionally nor is segregation merely understood. Since the query has been made, I welcome the opportunity to clear up this matter.

Prior to 1956 our Fraternity was segregated. However, the delegates of Gamma Phi Chapter (Alma College) went to the International Convention of Delta Sigma Phi in that year and initiated action which eventually resulted in the elimination of this practice.

The Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi feel that it would be grossly unfair to a Negro or foreign student if we extended an invitation to them to join Delta Sigma Phi purely for the purpose of proving we are not segregated. The character of a Delta Sig is far above any such hypocritical action.

The Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi are, as are the members of any social fraternity, required to take an oath of loyalty to their Fraternity. I would like to quote a portion of the oath that every Brother of Delta Sigma Phi must take: ". . . that as a member of this Fraternity I shall propose for membership or vote favorably upon only those candidates who meet the Fraternity's standards of sound moral character and creditable intellectual attainment. . . ." This is not merely a statement taken out of context. It is the only statement in the entire oath dealing with membership in Delta Sigma Phi.

You have been unjust in doubting the integrity of the administrators of Alma College by assuming that they would have permitted an organization which practices segregation to exist on this campus. If you had asked the administration about this "appalling situation" you would have found that the situation you have described does not exist.

I hope that I have satisfactorily answered your letter. If you still have questions concerning this matter, I welcome the opportunity to answer them. I do, however, hope that future inquiries of this nature will be properly signed. Any one who is sincere and honest in his concern about the segregation of fraternities, or any other segregational problem, clouds his honesty and sincerity by remaining anonymous.

Paul Meisebeck
President of Gamma Phi Chapter, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity

To The Powers That Be:

I believe everyone is aware that the library staff as well as the students have had to cope with hardships originating from the temporary library. However, it is extremely important for the library staff to remember that the library exists to serve the students. The library is not and cannot achieve its purpose as long as it continues to be a business office as well. If office space in which to do the typing and calculating cannot be found elsewhere, perhaps the many free hours on Sunday may be put to use. I truly hope the powers that be do not choose to continue sacrificing the student's research facilities under the pretext that at the end of this semester the new library will be in use.

Pete Marks

Dear Editor,

This letter is to comment on our fine basketball team. I, like everyone else here at Alma College, am very proud of the team and its record. Although, for reasons beyond our control, we lost our chance for the outright league title, it is possible that we may still grab a share of it and even if we don't we can be happy in the knowledge of how close we came and with the realization that next year nothing (unless it's a certain referee) will stand in our way.

My point is this: Alma beat Olivet by a score of 105 to 54 or 51 points. Just to look at the score makes one feel proud, but when you realize how this fantastic margin was achieved, it may dampen ones spirit a bit.

Alma was the overwhelming leader throughout the game, yet our coaching staff, for reasons unknown save to themselves, didn't see fit to use substitution until there were only three minutes left in the last quarter, and even with a lead of 50 points not all of the Scots were allowed to play, while Olivet's coach substituted throughout the game and each and every one of their men played. I think that the Hope game should have awakened our coach to the fact that if a situation such as that arises again we should have somewhat experienced players to put in the game, not first timers.

A score of 105 to 54 is not something to be proud of when sportsmanship is discarded for "the glory of Alma College." Remember, someday the shoe may be on the other foot.

Sincerely yours,
A proud but dissident member of Sutherland Clan

Dear Editor,

The second International Film Series presentation, "The Burmese Harp," presented me with two thoughts I would like to express: the stupidity of mankind's killing itself, and the need for dedication of the individual.

Human lives were seen crushed, shot and blown out—a loss too great for mankind to bear. No amount of arguing that if we hadn't done it to them, they would have to us, proves anything. There is still something horrible and stupid in mankind's self-slaughter of the individual, no matter what the "causes".

What can be done? The man knew he could not cure the world, but he gave his life to help at least some part of it.

Men groan in hunger pangs or work day and night to remain alive their forty years, while we live in repulsive wealth and unconcern. It is about time we quit worrying about the color of our socks; if we're 34" or 36"; about who we take to the dance or if there is one; about our future money-earning capacity, the game, skim or whole milk and most everything else we waste our time over.

Sure, men need relaxation, but what else do we do—we drink, smoke, eat, sleep and play with sex.

I realize that the questions "What?" and "How?" are difficult. But we must first get started and that means a concerned and dedicated individual, dedicated not to himself or "the world", but to the human beings of that world.

The world sees us amidst rotting wealth and with self-blinded eyes, but will do so little longer. We should not be "thankful", rather we Americans, we students, you and me, **HAD BETTER GET THE MOVE ON.**

Conrad W. Smith

Tri-Betas Are Asset To Campus

by Gary Heinlein

The Alma College chapter of Tri-Beta has been an asset to our campus since 1957. The formal name for Tri-Beta is the National Biological Society, which is an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Tri-Beta is a society for undergraduate students with superior academic records and special talents in the field of biology. The society attempts to stimulate interest in natural science and biology through sound scholarship, a pooling of scientific knowledge, and promotion of biological research.

The current news from Tri-Beta is that this year's spring trip has been cancelled because of a shortage of funds. The members had hoped to raise the larger portion of these funds from sandwich sales but fell short of their goal, although everyone worked hard. Plans are now being considered for a shorter trip, possibly two days, but nothing definite has been decided.

See Tri-Beta, p. 3

Seeing You Ask Me

Bang, Bang, Bang

by D. Merit

D. Merit, who considers himself the international playboy type, invited three different girls to Snow Carnival. The women, who apparently consider him more as an international fink type, shot him down without mercy: lox, stocks and bagels. We stole the actual letters from under his crying-towel one night, and before we ship these gems to the Library of Congress, we reprint them for our readers.

—the editors

From Back Home To D.,

How is the weather and I am fine. Did you ever hear of such ill fortune as is mine? (Ooooh, it rhymes!) It seems that for the next weekend, the very same one in which you invited me to your school, my six-year-

old cousin is making a trip from her home in Alaska to visit me and mine. She is thinking of applying* for a job at the place where I work each day and naturally* I must show her the ropes, so as to speak, and feed meat to her sled-dogs. Boy oh boy is work hard. You don't no* how easy your life is. Yesterday I even had to do some long division.

Your Pal,
Jane Plain

*Misspelled?

From Oberlin College Hey Man!

D. listen baby, can't split this weekend; man my hair is so long it gets tangled in the steering wheel and that is like to dangerous to drive. Could get my mandolin, autoharp, tuba, piano, and snare-drums all scratched up in an accident,

and I wouldn't risk that for all the Tea (or Pot) in Alma. How would I be able to play folk music for the folks, and all that jazz.

Had this date to my pad recently, what a turkey. He's studying to be an electrical engineer, wants to get married and settle down, likes baseball games and apple pie, drives a new Ford, reads Time, and has no beard. What a cretin; guys like that are a menace to this country.

But anyway, man, I can't make it.

Like love,
Tiger

From Back Home, Again

Dear D., darling,
I don't care if you are desperate, the answer is still NO!
Regards,
Mother

from the faculty

by Mr. David R. Crownfield

Why are so many students apparently giving up on Christianity? Is it because that's one of the things associated with childhood and parents, which you are trying to outgrow? Is it because Christianity seems tied up with the college at just those points where the college, like a parent, seems to treat you as still a child?

More generally, is it because Christianity seems to be a system of required behavior, reinforced by the prospect of eternal bliss or agony, which you have to sacrifice to be free, responsible for yourself, and realistic about this world?

It is ironic that Christianity has become for many of you a confining, moralizing, other-worldly system. The excitement of the early Christians was based on the belief that all such systems had been done away with. "Salvation" no longer depended on how they performed, but rather depended on how much God loved them and what Jesus had done for them. Rebellion had lost its point.

Anxiety was no longer fed and cultivated by religion, but made unnecessary. The problem of human behavior was attacked not with rules and threats, but at the level of motivation. Fear, loneliness, self-

defensiveness, rebellion, those fundamental sources of destruction, self-centeredness, and insensitivity, were dethroned.

The early Christians were joyful and vigorous because they were free from these burdens and from the stifling systems that maintained them. They loved neighbors and enemies, worked, sacrificed, and cared, not because a rule book said so, but because there was no longer anything to prevent them. They did not need to fight life for the sake of salvation; salvation was given by God, and life was to be lived.

If we were to be that sort of Christians in our own world, we would find ourselves on the side of any human person in need. We would be for freedom (not rebellion, but mature independence). We would rejoice in life, not in the desperate self-indulgence of those who conspicuously consume physical pleasures, but in a humanly hearty and humanly respectful and responsible way.

We would be free of the compulsion for belonging, on the surface of campus life, and thus open to the humanity and the human needs of our less cool neighbors. We would live with a gladness, an acceptance, and a good-humored patience which would have some kind of

resemblance to the acceptance, patience, and good humor of God which we started from. We would never succeed in doing these things as well as we might, but we could pick ourselves up and start over, unburdened by any ultimate guilt or threat of condemnation.

This is what Christianity is ultimately about. It may seem to be a "religionless" Christianity; it may be more secular and humanistic than you expect Christianity to be. The more I study the origins and history of Christianity, though, the more I see this is what it was. And the more I live by it, and the more I see the human cost of moralizing and anti-worldly religions, the more I believe that this is in fact good news and true. (In this sense, and for these reasons, I am a Christian.)

The decision anyone makes about Christianity, whether it be for or against it, ought to be made on this basis. "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1).

Regular meeting for almanian staff will be held in the Pub Monday at 7 p.m.

There is an opening on the College Judicial Council, according to SC president Lou Ferrand. Any interested student may pick up a petition in his office or the Tyler office.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 21—Friday	7:30 p.m. President's Advisory Council	Reid-Knox Memorial Room
	8 p.m. Film "Because They're Young"	Dow Auditorium
	8 p.m. Tyler Open House	Tyler Center
	SNOW CARNIVAL	
February 22—Saturday	7:30 p.m. Film "Because They're Young"	Dow Auditorium
	8 p.m. Alpha Theta Dance	Tyler Auditorium
	Basketball at Albion College	
February 23—Sunday	8 p.m. International Film Series—"Citizen Kane"	Dow Auditorium
February 24—Monday	8 p.m. Basketball—Central Michigan University	Phillips Gymnasium
February 25—Tuesday	10 a.m. Convocation—Dr. Robert Wegner	Dunning Chapel
February 26—Wednesday	8 p.m. Basketball—Adrian College	Phillips Gymnasium
February 29—Saturday	9 p.m. Carnation Ball	Tyler Auditorium
March 1—Sunday	8 p.m. Choral Union-Alma Symphony Orchestra Concert	Memorial Gymnasium

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Alpha Sigma Tau

We would like to congratulate our brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma on their fine new pledge class. Happy Pledging Daze, new brothers!

Thursday evening we had a change of pace as we entertained the rushees at the Tau Teahouse. The only way to describe it is as follows:

We are ASTs if you please. Come with us to land of Japan-ese.

Come along and join the throng with Charlie Chan, Sukiaki, cherry trees, in far Japan.

Alpha Theta

As we near the mid-point of spring rush we find, once again, that we are pleased to become better acquainted with many new friends. Last Wednesday night we took a short trip south of the border to visit a "Mexican Fiesta" in our sorority room.

Tomorrow night from 9 to 12 Alpha Theta again presents the annual Snow Carnival Dance. We are looking forward to introducing a new instrumental group, Dave Richards and his band, who will provide live music for the dance.

Delta Sigma Phi

Last Saturday a meeting of the Alumni Control Board was held at the house. On February 13 our annual spring smoker was held for all rushees. Special guest was Matt Snor-

ton, football All-American from Michigan State.

We are entering the Snow Sculpture Contest of the Snow Carnival, hoping to repeat as first place winners for the third straight year.

Kappa Iota

During this intramural basketball season the KIs have found an unusual way to put their abounding energy into use. Two basketball teams were formed—a team of skilled players plus a team of girls who just wanted to get out, have some fun, and get some exercise. To this date the team, aptly called the KI Klods, have not won a game, but they've had a good time and showed the typical KI spirit.

Cupid hasn't forgotten the KIs. Bunny Sullivan is now pinned to Mitch Dykstra of Sigma Tau Gamma.

Phi Omicron

We have been quite busy this week with final preparations for rush. The sorority room was the scene of much activity Saturday with some of us wielding paint brushes while the rest of us arranged furniture and collected materials for our spread. The proprietors of the local "pubs" were probably quite surprised to see us as we searched for other articles we lacked.

Sunday dawned a slightly more sober day, and in Van Dusen Lounge we embarked

on our first activity of rush—the tea. We all had a wonderful time and met a very fine group of women. Now we're eagerly awaiting the final stages of rush and the beginning of pledging activities.

Sigma Tau Gamma

Congratulations are extended to Delta Sigma Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon on their pledge classes.

We would like to thank those students who shared the excitement of fraternity bidding. We are sure that all will agree that your presence added much to the excitement of that event.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

We extend our warmest wishes to the new pledges and wish them the best luck in the next seven weeks!

We regretfully announce that due to sorority voting the Teke Open House scheduled for tonight has been canceled.

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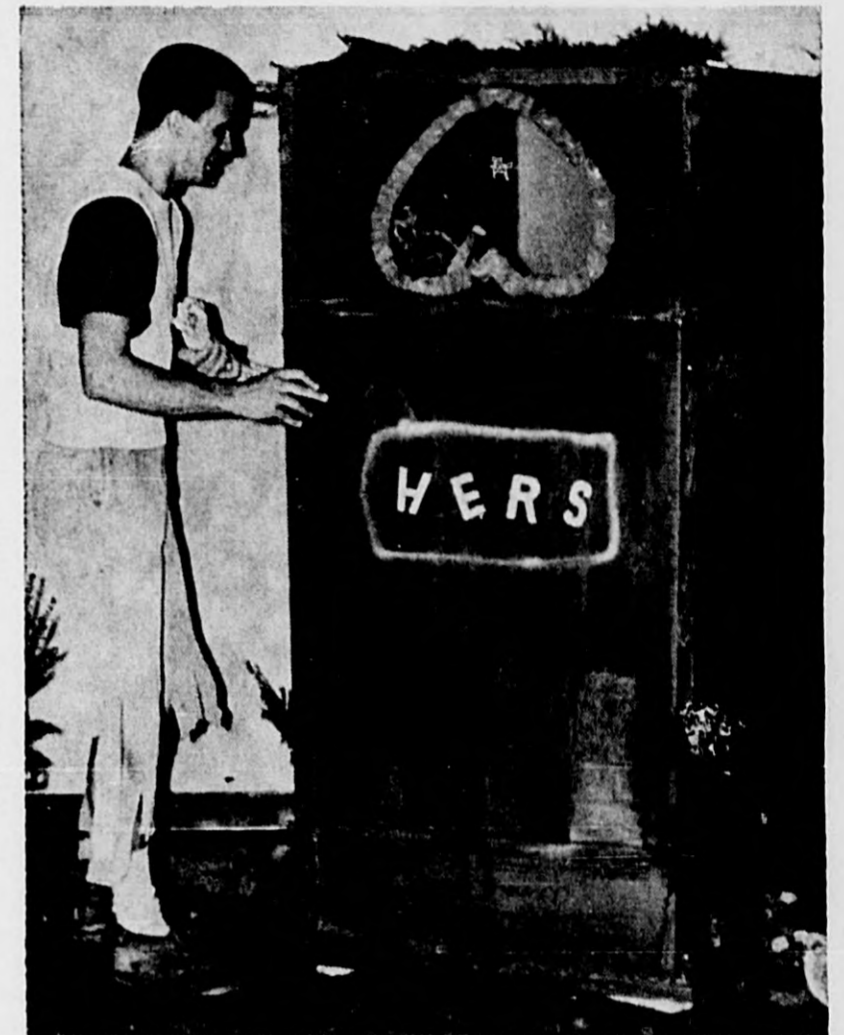
The Student Council is planning to send a delegation of five to the Midwest Model United Nations, meeting Wednesday, March 18, through Saturday, March 21, in St. Louis, Missouri. The MMUN is designed to stimulate interest in international affairs and help students and others to understand more realistically the work of the United Nations.

Almost 100 colleges and universities throughout the Midwest will represent the member countries of the UN in the sessions of the General Assembly and in the five main committees. Alma has been selected to represent Burma.

Keynote speakers will include Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs and the Honorable Alex Quaison-Sackey, head delegate from Ghana to the U.N.

A tremendous amount of preparation has gone into this conference and it promises to be a very stimulating experience for the delegates, according to Glen Rice. Students in-

terested in applying for a position on Alma's delegation should see him. Co-chairman of the International Affairs Committee of Student Council will be selecting the delegates.



"Just a minute, Skip!" or "Please, Skip, I'd rather do it myself." Skip Mosshammer and friend are shown examining the facilities provided by the ASTs at their dance "Amo Te in Dogpatch." (photo by Beck)

Following is the list of Western Civilization lectures for the coming week:

West. Civ. 101
M. T. 2/24, 2/25. . . . The Intellectual World of the Thirteenth Century—Crownfield and Dykstra;
Th. F. 2/27, 2/28. . . . The Thomistic Synthesis—Ping.
West. Civ. 201
M. T. 2/24, 2/25. . . . After the War—Wegner; Th. F. 2/27, 2/28. . . . The Arts to 1940—Miner.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANIES SALUTE: JOHN HAMILTON

Seventeen District Plant telephone offices depend on John Hamilton (B.A., 1958) for direction. As Northwestern Bell's District Plant Supervisor, John is, in effect, responsible for the uninterrupted operation of communication facilities in seventeen different Minnesota communities.

John prepared for his latest promotion on two earlier assignments. On one he was Wire Chief in Anoka, Minnesota, where he supervised 18 telephone craft employees to keep Anoka's telephone system operating smoothly.

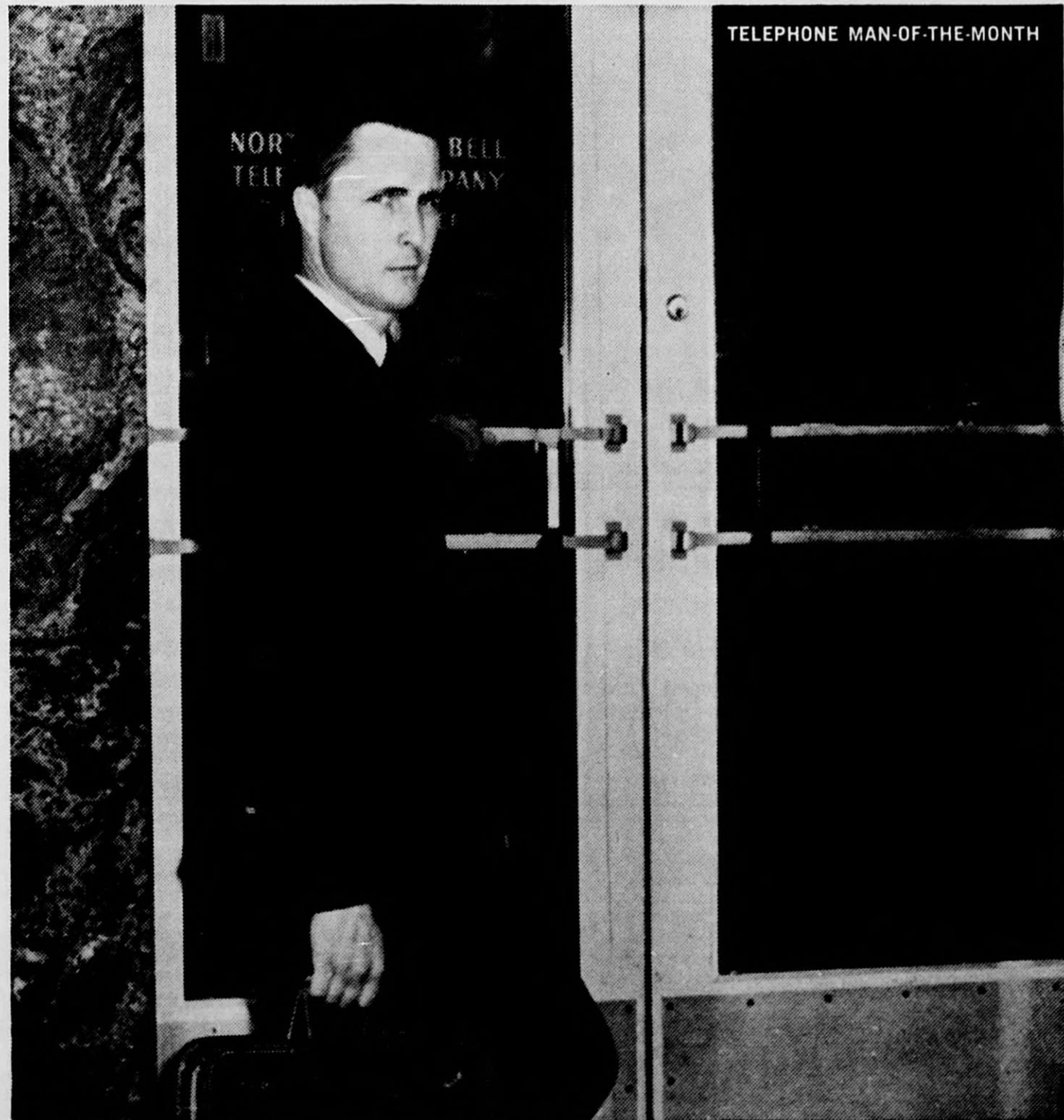
He was next promoted to Manager of the Shakopee exchange, where he gained experience running a local telephone office.

With his variety of assignments—each capably handled—John was the logical choice for the District job.

John Hamilton, like many young men, is impatient to make things happen for his company and himself. There are few places where such restlessness is more welcomed or rewarded than in the fast-growing telephone business.



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TELEPHONE MAN-OF-THE-MONTH

Around the Campus

Professor Dykstra is a member of a delegation from the Michigan Conference of the American Association of University Professors which called on Governor Romney last week to discuss policies regarding higher education in the state.

There is presently on the Alma College campus a club for those students who are interested in skiing. Bill Gelston is the president of the club. Although the club is unofficial, Miss Maxine Hayden serves as the advisor.

The main function of the club is to secure transportation for interested students. The nucleus of the club is made

up of about eight members, but they are willing to help any one who would like a ride or skiing lessons.

The student affiliates of the American Chemical Society are having a meeting next Thursday. A movie from Dow Corning, **Rocks to Oil**, will be shown. Also, since members feel that it is hard to include some of the historical aspects of chemistry in the courses at the college, a series of lectures on various aspects of chemical history will be given during the meetings. The first will be given by Steve Smallcombe who will speak on Lavoisier and his experiment with oxygen.

Tri-Beta

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Tri-Beta members are also currently in the process of preparing research papers for the annual district convention. The convention will be held at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, on April 11. The Alma College chapter annually contributes a good record of four to six papers to the proceedings.

During Christmas vacation a delegation from Alma's Tri-Beta attended the national convention at Cleveland, Ohio. The convention was held in conjunction with the national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Members attending were seniors Bob Hensel, Jon Jacobson, and Penny Marshall; juniors Judy Beaubien and Steve Tack; and John Dayton, a sophomore.

Faculty members attending were Dr. Lester Eyer, head of the Biology Department and supervisor for Tri-Beta, Dr. Arlan Edgar and Dr. Ronald O. Kapp, associate professor of biology.

Songfest

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able for the groups to practice. This will start next week if possible, giving them two weeks to rehearse. Dress rehearsal will be the afternoon of the program.

Each group chooses its own theme. If one decides to change its theme, it can be no later than February 28.

Anyone wishing to have a copy of the Songfest rules may get one from Linda Robison.

Pioneer Hall will hold an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to come.

Religious

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side of the present Episcopal Church and have planned discussions on a variety of subjects (uses of U.S. funds in foreign countries, fraternities and sororities and their value on campus, birth control, sex, and church teachings). The Club wants to bring out the views of its members with no "blind acceptance", as David Rolfe, chairman, says. The Club also participates in Bible criticism which "drags it apart" and gives it more meaning for today.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mrs. Ruth Woods conducts a highly inspiring and intellectual Sunday School for college students each Sunday at the 9:30 service of the First Presbyterian Church in Alma. The class usually takes the form of open discussion with Mrs. Woods bringing out pertinent points and leading the discussion. During the week Mrs. Woods sends letters to members of the class as a summary of the discussion and bringing out other points.

Each of these groups has a purpose in mind. Each of them is seeking to make Christianity real; as Dr. Swanson said "a live option of this campus".

Scots' Rally Beats Kazoo

Little Jim Flora may have been wanted for theft in Kalamazoo but he was known as a hero in Alma Wednesday night. The 5-9 Saginaw frosh stole three Kazoo passes late in the

game to spark Alma's 90-85 comeback win at Phillips Gymnasium. Behind 82-75 with less than 5 minutes to go, the Scots roared ahead with 15 points to just 3

for the Hornets. Flora's first big steal came with 2 minutes left. Seconds later a basket by Bud Acton closed Kazoo's lead to 1.

to break Warren VanderHill's record of 366 points. Vanderhill had 14 games whereas Acton will have just 12. The 12 game record is 339.

With 40 seconds left Flora stole the ball, then set up Bill Pendell, who put the Scots ahead 86-85. With 11 seconds remaining he again stole the ball and Acton's basket made it 88-85. 2 free throws with a second left gave the Scots their last 2 points.

Calvin held its MIAA lead by bombing Hope Wednesday night, 105-71. The Knights are 9-1 and the Scots 8-2 in the standings. Calvin's remaining games are at home against Olivet and Albion.

Statistics:

Pendell	4	5-5	3	13
LaRue	3	2-2	2	8
Acton	15	9-6	3	36
Moore	13	3-2	3	28
Flora	2	2-1	1	5
Miller	0	1-0	0	0
	37	22-16	12	90

SIX-DAY STINT

Three Games Left In Cage Season

Three games in the next six days close out Alma's basketball schedule for this year. Tomorrow night the Scots tangle with Albion's Britons at Albion, hoping to repeat an earlier 110-67 win at Phillips Gymnasium.

On Monday the Scots host Central Michigan University in another return engagement.

Central won the earlier contest 80-61, in what was the biggest loss, pointwise, for the Scots this year.

On Wednesday the Adrian Bulldogs invade Phillips Gymnasium in the last MIAA game of the season. Seniors Ray Moore and John LaRue will be playing their last games for the Scots. Alma won earlier at Adrian, 96-71.

Another Under the Belt: LaRue and Acton Figure In Victory Over Olivet

Coach Hintz's cagers found little trouble in rolling over the Olivet Comets 105-54 last Saturday at Olivet. The Scots hit 14 of their first 18 shots to grab an early lead in the easy romp.

Alma pulled away from its 55-35 halftime lead and limited Olivet to just 19 points in the second half.

Senior forward John LaRue had his hottest night in four years at Alma, connecting on 12 of 17 floor shots and 6 of 8 charity tosses for 30 points.

But it was Bud Acton's 38 points that led all scorers and kept him in the lead of the MIAA scoring race.

The Scots shot a sizzling 54 per cent from the field, hitting on 43 out of 79 shots. Alma had the rebounding edge 52-24, with Acton grabbing 14 and LaRue 13 for the game.

Statistics:

Pendell	6	3-2	2	14
Schultz	1	1-0	0	2
LaRue	12	8-6	1	30
Klug	0	0-0	0	00
Nichols	0	0-0	0	00
Acton	15	11-8	2	38
Gray	1	0-0	0	2
Moore	7	3-3	2	17
Flora	1	1-0	1	2
Miller	0	0-0	0	0
	48	27-19	10	105

Cold Scots Hurry To Get By NMU

A revamped Northern Michigan University team gave Alma's cagers all they could handle in 40 minutes of basketball Monday night at Phillips Gymnasium. But the Wildcats couldn't survive a late Alma surge that gave the Scots a 67-62 victory.

Northern went into the game having lost seven players within the past two weeks because of academic and disciplinary difficulties. Yet the Wildcats' stubborn play and good shooting gave them a 12-point lead in the first half against the colder shooting Scots.

The Scots were not ahead for good until Bill Pendell hit a basket to give the hosts a 60-58 lead late in the game. It was Pendell's five baskets and five more by Ray Moore that sparked the comeback.

Northern's Dave Cade led all scorers with 24 points, most of them on sweeping hook shots. Bud Acton and Moore paced Alma's attack with 18 points each.

The Scots shot a cold 30 of 86 fieldgoals, but led in rebounding 41-38. Alma committed just 5 personals while Northern was charged with 10.

Statistics:

Pendell	7	1-0	0	14
Schultz	1	0-0	0	2
LaRue	4	3-1	1	9
Acton	7	6-4	3	18
Moore	8	2-2	0	18
Flora	2	0-0	0	4
Miller	1	0-0	1	2
	30	12-7	5	67

Lassies' Coach Views Weaknesses



Phyllis Burdick was just out jumped as a Calvin player puts the ball in for another basket. That was the way the whole game went as the Alma Lassies were out-scored 2-1. (photo by Beck)

Score First Win Lassies Down Dutchwomen; Lose to Calvin in Final Game

The Lassies triumphed over Hope to win their first game, 29-24, on February 8.

The Hope coeds played hard and passed often, but they were no match for the Lassies' plays. Phyllis Burdick, senior co-captain, once again provided Alma with the lead; she made a high of 11 points in the game.

The fast-moving and fast-breaking Lassies were successful in controlling the boards. Andrea Lucy, a junior, made many saves in rebounds which helped Alma considerably.

The Lassies lost to Calvin 26-53 a week ago in their final game of the season. The Calvin coeds, led by Eleanor Danhof, moved into an early lead with a score of 30-11 at the

half. Their lead continued to mount as they utilized speed and quick passing.

Alma's coeds fought hard and the ball changed hands and teams frequently, but they could not match the scoring of the Calvin team.

The season stacked up as follows:

Calvin—there—lost 45-11
 Hope—here—lost 22-20
 Olivet—there—lost 22-20
 Adrian—there—lost 37-26
 Hope—there—WON 27-24
 Calvin—here—lost 53-26

Ball Handling, Defensive Play Are Soft Spots

Miss Barbara Southward, women's basketball coach, attributes the poor showing of the team (their record was 1-5) mainly to poor ball handling and a poor defense.

Other weak spots in the Alma team include a basic weakness in the fundamentals of ball playing. The coeds have not played long enough to master the skills of dribbling and shooting. Until this weakness is corrected, there will continue to be some difficulty.

Miss Southward hopes that the women will begin practicing earlier next fall on their own, so that when official practice begins, they can concentrate on more advanced skills and playmaking.

One of the big weaknesses this year has been the tendency of the coeds to forget the plays in the excitement of the game.

When asked about the future, Miss Southward said that all the women "should be able to play forward and to shoot. She felt that this would help them to learn better ball handling.

Miss Southward went on to tell why she felt coeds play basketball. She feels that the women play to "run off some excess energy;" to have a "wonderful time going on the trips;" and to "see the other schools."

Placement Casement

The following school systems, businesses and industries will have representatives on campus to interview prospective employees on the dates specified. Specific openings are listed on bulletin board in Old Main. Make appointments through the Placement Office.

Tuesday, February 25, Novi Community Schools.

Wednesday, February 26, Lakeview Schools — St. Clair Shores.

Thursday, February 27, Dearborn Dist. No. 8.

Friday, February 28, Grayling Public Schools.

Monday, March 2, Lakeview Public Schools, Battle Creek; Saginaw Schools.

Tuesday, March 3, Lansing Public Schools.

Wednesday, March 4, Social Security Administration and Civil Service.

Thursday, March 5, Garden City Public Schools; Lamphere Schools—Madison Heights.

Friday, March 6, Dow Chemical Company.

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