

# Queen Naarah To Reign At Homecoming

Miss Naarah Crawford, Cleveland, Ohio, junior, and her court will reign over the Diamond Jubilee Homecoming celebration tomorrow.

Betty Nucci, Ferndale senior; Linda Ross, Auburn, New York, senior; Sue Starmann, Cass City junior; and Danielle

Dyer, Flushing junior, are court members.

This is the second feat of royalty here at Alma College for Naarah, who was Campus Day queen her freshman year. Another highlight for her took place this week when she became a Kappa Iota pledge Tuesday morning.

Queen Naarah and her court



Naarah Crawford

will appear tomorrow morning at 10 in the Homecoming parade on a float constructed in their honor by members of the freshman class.

The five Alma beauties will be presented during the half-time of the Homecoming football game with Adrian tomorrow afternoon, and Queen Naarah will be crowned with a rep-

lica of England's crown jewels by college president Dr. Robert Swanson.

They will also be honored at the Homecoming Ball which begins tomorrow evening at 9.

The girls were chosen in all-campus elections last Monday from a field of ten senior women and ten junior women nominees.

Those nominated by the senior class included Louise Alma, Shima Murakami, Pat Gilliland, Margaret Ferguson, Sue Keek, Jan Redmond, Barb Taylor, and Joyce Grover.

Other junior class nominees were Judy Gage, Gail Hammel, Linda White, Sherry Parker, Roberta Weich, Willa Knapp, and Kay Colgan.



Sue Starmann



Linda Ross



Betty Nucci



Danielle Dyer

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### Floats Seven; Cars Antique

This year's Alma College Homecoming Parade, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 14, will feature 35 entries including seven floats.

Mrs. Mary Hill of Alma, a graduate of the class of 1893, will serve as Grand Marshal of the parade. She will ride in the head car and will be escorted by Harold Cook, Alma's Student Council President.

Other visiting dignitaries are Dr. and Mrs. Kendall Brooks from Mt. Pleasant. He is a member of the class of 1897. She is the former Gratia Dunning, class of 1897.

Dr. Stephen Nisbet, class of 1919 and President of the Board of Trustees, will also be on hand to ride in the parade. Dr. Nisbet was recently chosen chairman of the Michigan Constitutional Convention.

Representatives of the Central Michigan Antique Car Club will be entered in the parade. All special guests riding in the parade will ride in these 15 antique automobiles. Only newer cars will be used to pull floats.

Various campus dignitaries, including Dr. Robert D. Swanson, President of the college; See Floats, p. 6

Notice to all procrastinating architects — that is, to all those college students working on floats tonight and to all others who had good intentions. Judy Smith, vice-president of Tyler Board, has announced that an open house will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Tyler Center tonight.

R. T. Knapp and his Dixie-Land Band will provide the entertainment and most important, the refreshments are on the house!

### Freshmen Elect Williams; Halls Fill S C Offices

As a result of student council dormitory elections and a runoff of freshmen elections, the following students have been elected:

Jeff Williams bested Mary Mitchell for secretary-treasurer of the freshman class; Bob Schaibly, McBeth; Bud Darnell, MacKenzie; and Mike Gibson, Sutherland, will represent their clans to the council from Mitchell Hall.

In Newberry Hall, Bonnie McBane of the first floor, Sue Hecht on the second floor, and Sharon Parker of the third See Frosh Elect, p. 7

### Biggest Cake In Alma Area Has Part In 75th Anniversary

Several of Oldest Alumni Are Returning; Former Choir Members Form Alumni Choir

On Homecoming Day the largest number of alumni in the history of Alma College will return to honor its 75th anniversary. They will be attending many class reunions.

This year the alumni who graduated in years ending in 1 or 6 will be honored. However, alumni from the years 1936 and 1911 or the classes graduating 25 and 50 years ago will be emphasized on this day.

Some of the oldest alumni returning to the campus are Miss Mary Hill of Alma, Class of 1893; Kendall Brooks, who is the former Head of the Physics Department at Central Michigan University, and his wife, Class of 1897; Miss Winifred G. Trapp, Class of 1901; and Miss Lillian Crandell from Phoenix, Arizona, Class of 1906.

### Ball To Climax Homecoming Day

Tomorrow evening, climaxing Alma College's 75th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration, the "Diamond Jubilee" Ball will take place from 9 to 12 in Tyler Auditorium.

Capping a festive Saturday including a parade, a football game, and numerous banquets, the dance, which is free to students and \$2.50 a couple for non-students, will feature the music of Bob Eberhand's seven-piece band from Lansing. While the dance floor will be

illuminated by blue flood lights, and the lounge monopolized with card tables, the whole area will be decorated in a stately fashion. During intermission, when refreshments will be served, last year's queen, Pat Gilliland, will present the new queen with a special present.

Bobbi Troyer, Sturgis sophomore and chairman of the dance committee composed of 20 to 25 industrious freshmen, estimated that including alumni coming from all over the United States, an unusually large crowd is expected.

Another official who had worked long hard hours planning the whole affair was asked if there would be any last "kickoff" to the event: "Well, when the band plays 'Good Night Ladies,' we hope everyone goes home or at least leaves soon. Then we start cleaning up the mess." See Cake, p. 4

First on the agenda for the alumni will be an Alumni Diamond Jubilee Banquet on Friday, October 13, at 7 p.m. in Van Dusen Commons. The featured speaker will be Carl A. Gerstacker, Chairman of the Board of the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan. At the banquet past presidents of the Alumni Association will be presented with recognition certificates and citations for distinguishing service will be given to selected alumni.

To begin activities for Homecoming day on Saturday, October 14, the alumni will be able to register in Tyler Auditorium from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The 75th Anniversary Homecoming Parade will be held at 10 a.m. with Miss Mary Hill, who is 96 years young, as the Grand Marshal and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Brooks as the Marshals of the parade. Dr. See Cake, p. 4



In preparing the Homecoming queen's float, Sandy Hall holds chicken wire while Dave Thompson wields hammer at a nail. The float is entered by the freshman class and rumors have it that the float will be the most beautiful in the parade. (Photo by Steve Smallcombe)

### Alma's Prettiest Coeds To Adorn Dipple's "Mountain Of Grandeur"

by Dick Daugherty

One of the high-lights of Alma's Homecoming Parade has traditionally been the queen's float. As the other floats and displays move past, they add an interest and excitement that is inevitably climaxed by the approach of the queen and her court. There, upon a "mountain of grandeur," sit the prettiest girls Alma College has to offer.

But what about this "mountain of grandeur"—the float? Who designed it? Who purchased the materials? Who supervised the work—and in fact did most of the work? Who dismantles it after the parade is over? Few people at Alma realize that for the last three years all of these tasks have been performed largely by one person—a person who greatly deserves praise and honor for his unceasing work, but who has rarely received it publicly. See Mountains, p. 6

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Pen of a Scot

by E. F. S.

Ever since school began this year there has been a superabundance of elaborate and cleverly worded circumlocutions of the plain statement "This is the 75th anniversary of Alma College." You know how they start — "Now I don't want to bore you by telling you that this is the 75th anniversary of this college." There then follows some elevated rhetoric of apology or of saying in essence the simple fact — but without actually coming right out with it, rather hiding it in a complicated structure of fancy linguistic spoutings-off. The plain statement being thus avoided was judged hackneyed before it was even spoken. Personally, I think these substitutions so ingeniously devised are way out in front as far as degree of being hackneyed.

horribly injure our worthy mentors.

It might even do us a bit of good. For though novelty and cleverness and revolution against any tyranny on the part of tradition and against sloppy emotionalism is all for the good, it often seems that our time has taken this all a bit too seriously. After all, we do follow hardly imaginable spans of time during which men have lived and thought in civilizations which were advanced to unsuspected degrees even before Greece was around to start Western Civilization. Letting alone these ancients, it seems we "moderns" have trouble really realizing that in even the past few decades other men have existed and that in the future others will follow. Our little newnesses and novelities pale a bit in this light.

Of course, I don't want to see just a lot of falsely simple, traditional, idealistic, and sentimental goo flung around tomorrow. But some of it just may be valid; not all tradition and idealism and sentimentality is impossible mushiness. Perhaps it's possible to speak straight-forwardly and meaningfully and with simple gladness about a college's 75th anniversary.

In any case, I hope we hear that so un-hackneyed phrase, unaccompanied by clever apologies, "This is the 75th anniversary of Alma College and we celebrate it on this Homecoming day." We may profit from what follows and it may be fun.

I do want to apologize now for what is a prime example of what I've been preaching against so. Obviously as a writer of this column I too share a private horror of not being novel or too homespun or whatever. Maybe I'd better try. Tomorrow is Homecoming and 75th anniversary. Let's talk and think about it and have some fun.

Welcome Alums

We suppose that every once in a while a speaker must wish that he could speak briefly and to the point, could say his piece and sit down. But speakers are expected to fill up "X" minutes and so on and on the message spins. Newspapers have a different problem—space

is tight. We can't—shouldn't—ramble on and on. And so we won't.

Welcome back, alumni. We're very happy to have you with us and we hope that Saturday, "your" day, will be delightful throughout.

Organizations and Communications

The almanian is happy to announce the results of the elections of Homecoming queen (see story, p. 1) and to be among the first to congratulate Queen Naarah.

This announcement reached you via the pages of the almanian for the first time due to a motion passed in Student Council last year to release all news to the almanian.

However, in order to bring about this announcement according to the previously decided rule, there was necessarily a great deal of scurrying to reach an agreement with the Homecoming Committee, Elections Board, and others involved as to method of procedure.

This is just one example of lack of organization and lack of effective communication on Alma's campus. We mean to point no finger at persons involved, only at the situation itself.

We witness communication problems on this campus every day. Seniors find themselves wondering about specific information concerning graduation pictures as they stand before the Tyler bulletin board puzzling out a sheet of paper with a list of times and names, but with no explanation whatsoever. Or they go to chapel and

bear for the first time an announcement of an important class meeting to be held a few minutes later.

Students suddenly discover that it's election day for Homecoming Queen, by guess and by golly or by a last minute poster. And we sometimes stand waiting through ten minutes of important (?) announcements before dinner.

And on and on, ad nauseum. Too many things on this campus are left to be "communicated" via rumors, the grapevine, or last-minute announcements or posters, which do not reach all the students they should.

What's our solution to the problem? It's just this. The almanian is a formal, official agent of communication for this campus, which is not employed to its fullest capabilities by some persons and groups. Often, because of the fact that we are a weekly paper, an almanian announcement may not be the solution to your problem. But more often than not, if there is proper organization of an activity, we may serve your needs.

And that's what we're here for.

Actually I'm just a bit tired of everyone trying to avoid a simple statement of the fact. There seems to be a fear of not being novel, a passion not to appear unable to think up some absolutely new and individual approach to something which is perhaps just a little embarrassing to talk about — it's so obviously and commonly sort of sentimental and traditional and — well, you know, we just don't get too moved about 75th anniversaries.

And I'm no exception. I don't feel this celebration is anything we have to become deeply and passionately concerned about. I'd crawl away shivering into the closest hole if any such were expected of me. But heck, what's wrong with just a little old-fashioned eloquence on behalf of the past and tradition, and a little bit of histrionics with high-flying sentences of Homecoming-anniversary-type idealism and sentimentality. It'd be fun, sort of refreshing, for a change, and probably wouldn't permanently damage any of us young moderns. I suspect it wouldn't even

Principles Of Conduct

Early Alma College catalogues printed the following:

"General principles of conduct for all: Instead of prescribing many specific rules of conduct we expect every student to give heed to the following General Principles.

1. Respect yourself.
2. Have regard for the rights of others.
3. Do nothing which you would be unwilling for your parents to know."

The almanian would like to suggest that some-

where amid the hundreds of rules printed in the catalogue, the student handbook, and the AWS handbook, there might still be room for such general principles. We can see the shallowness of a rule-book morality by the example of a student who had so little regard for other's rights and so little self respect that he signed another's name to the fraternity rush list. We might well take upon ourselves the responsibility to have such a regard for the rights of others that we are able to respect ourselves.

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Around The Campus

Dean Esther Vreeland will attend the meetings of the Michigan Association of Women Deans and Counselors Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10-11, 1961. The theme of the meetings is "Mental Health of College Students."

Dean Vreeland will take part in a panel discussion on "Mental Health of Students." Dr. W. R. Slenger, Psychiatrist, will serve as chairman of the panel. Other participants will be Dr. Paul King, Counselling Center, Michigan State University, Miss Odina Olson and Mrs. Ruth Drey of the University of Michigan.

Dr. John M. Dorsey of the Department of Psychiatry of Wayne State University will give the keynote address.

Dr. Henry Klugh, head of the psychology department, served as chairman of a symposium at the annual American Psychological Association (APA) convention, in New York city. Klugh's Symposium took place on September 1.

The subject of discussion was the certification of undergraduate psychology programs.

Discussants focused attention on the training of persons responsible for teaching the subject. All agreed that an instructor must know more about the subject than is presented in his textbook.

Beyond this criteria, adequate training is hard to define. A degree may be of little importance if a man has been out of the field for a number of years. There are also many competent men with experience in research who do not have a degree.

Although some felt that any control was an abridgment of academic freedom, there is a movement in favor of some sort

of certification. To this end the group recommended the formation of an advisory committee that would, on request, review a college's program.

Hiram College has appointed Roscoe Colingsworth, '61 Alma graduate, to a laboratory instructorship in biology.

Dr. William Boyd, Dean of the College, and Dr. Harlan R. McCall, head of the Education Department, attended the Michigan meeting of the Teacher Education and Professional Standards on Saturday, September 30, at the Union Building of Michigan State University.

The purpose of the meeting was to learn more of the present functioning of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

For those people not enrolled in Western Civilization 101 and 201 who may be interested in attending some of the lectures, the almanian will publish the following week's schedule. The 101 lectures will be MTWF at 9 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. in Dow Auditorium. The 201 lectures will be on the same days in the same place at 11 a.m.

Western Civilization 101: M, 10/16 through W, 10/18 — "Greek Drama." — Dr. Samuel Cornelius.

F, 10/20 — "Hellenic Art." — Mr. Louis Miner.

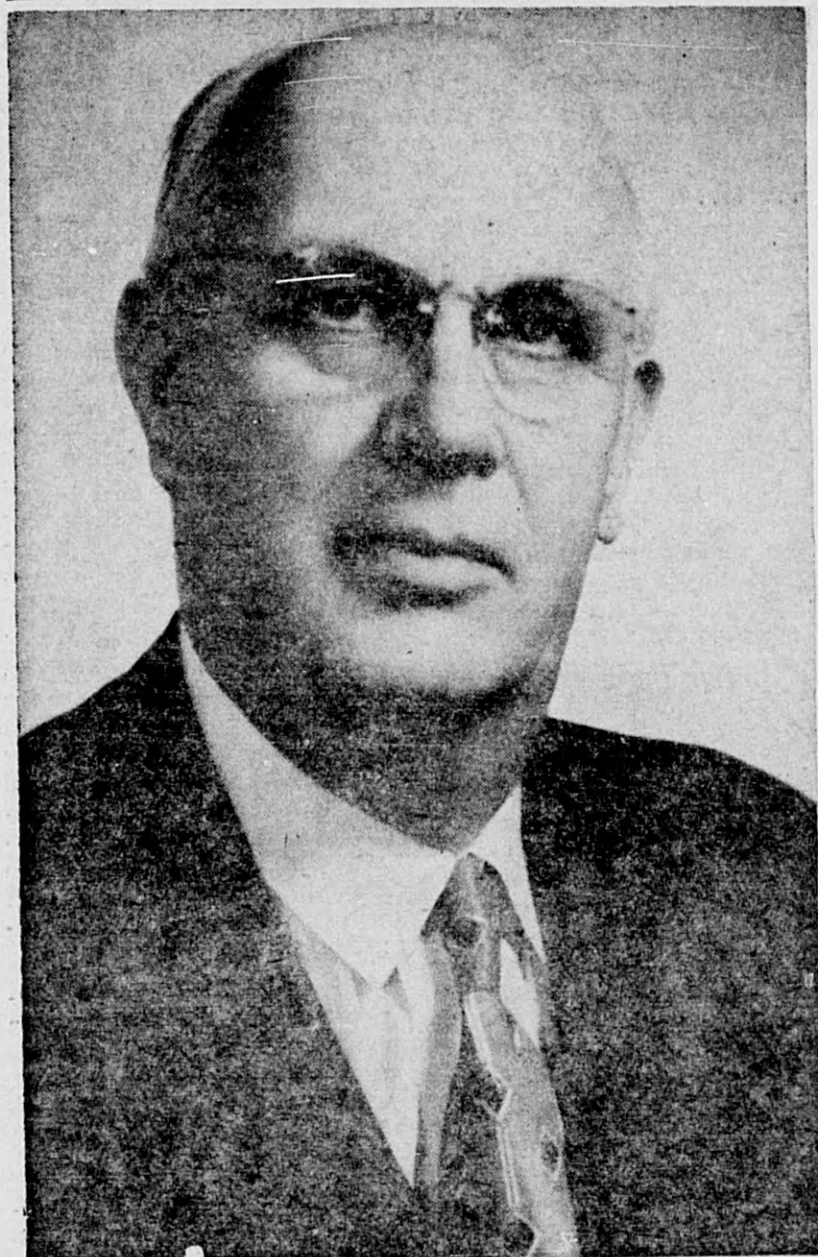
Western Civilization 201: M, 10/16 through T, 10/17 — "Music of the Baroque, 1600-1750" — Dr. Paul Russell.

W, 10/18 through F, 10/20 — "Literature of the Enlightenment, 1700-1780" — (W) Alexander Pope, Dr. Florence Kirk; (F) — Ben Franklin, Mr. Lawrence Porter.

October 13 - October 22

October 13—Friday	5:00-7:00 p.m. Open House Helen Newberry Joy Hall	
	7:00 p.m. Alumni Diamond Jubilee Banquet	Van Dusen Commons
	7:30 p.m. Film "The Man In The Grey Flannel Suit"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. Tyler Open House	Tyler Center
October 14—Saturday	HOMECOMING	
	9:00 a.m. Registration of Alumni	Tyler Center
	10:00 a.m. Homecoming Parade	
	11:15 a.m. Dedication, Helen Newberry Joy Hall	To Be Announced
	2:30 p.m. Football with Adrian	Bahlke Field
	6:00 p.m. Sorority and Fraternity Banquets	
	9:00 p.m. Homecoming Ball	Tyler Auditorium
October 15—Sunday	6:30 p.m. Vespers Judy Smith	Chapel
	8:00 p.m. Parnassians—Dr. Wegner's— 428 Yale	
October 17—Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Choral Union Rehearsal	
	7:30 p.m. Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	Dow Auditorium
October 18—Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting	Dow Science Building
October 20—Friday	7:30 p.m. Film "The Sound and The Fury"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. Alpha Theta-Delt Sig Open House	Delt Sig House
October 21—Saturday	2:00 p.m. Football—Kalamazoo College	At Kalamazoo
	6:00 p.m. KI Father-Daughter Banquet	To Be Announced
	7:30 p.m. Film "The Sound and the Fury"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. Tyler Talent Show	Tyler Auditorium
	Choir Tour to Three Rivers, Mich.	
October 22—Sunday	A Cappella Choir Concert First Presbyterian Church of Three Rivers, Mich.	
	8:00 p.m. International Film Series "8 X 8"	Dow Auditorium

# WELCOME TO HOMECOMING, ALUMS



Dr. Stephen Nisbet

## HERE FOR HOMECOMING

### Nisbet Brings Alma Honor As State's Con-Con Head

On Monday, October 2, a great honor came to one of Alma's outstanding alumni. Dr. Stephen Nisbet of Fremont, class of 1919, was elected chairman of the Michigan Constitutional Convention at a caucus of the Republican delegates.

He was formally chosen at the convention's opening meeting on Tuesday, October 3. Nisbet will be one of the dignitaries in tomorrow's Homecoming parade.

Nisbet was born in Tawas City in 1895. He attended Tawas City High School and served in the Navy during World War I, and he returned to get his A.B. from Alma College in 1919, in education.

Nisbet, who taught school while attending Alma, became principal of Ithaca High School after graduation.

In 1920 he joined the Fremont school system where he spent 25 years, 23 of them as superintendent of schools. He served for 18 years on the State Board of Education and was vice president in charge of public relations for Gerber Products Company for 15 years, from which post he retired in 1959. Last June he retired from the State Board of Education after having spent 12 years as chairman.

Nisbet is presently the President of the Board of Trustees of Alma College and is a director and vice president of the Fremont State Bank.

Nisbet has two sons and a daughter. Both the sons are also Alma alumni. Stephen R., class of 1947, is presently superintendent of schools at Lowell. Richard, class of 1952, is director of placement at Eastern Michigan University.

### Rushees Now Are Pledges; TKE Gets Most

This week is the first of six weeks of pledging for 17 men that signed bids last Friday.

As was true in the spring, the Tekes have the largest class. Nine men joined the Teke ranks, compared with four new Delt Sigs and three Sig Taus.

The president of the Teke pledge class is Gene Henderson, Caseville sophomore. Other Teke pledges include: Bud Darnell, Steve Engel, Chuck Gibson, Chuck Iniger, Tim Johnson, Mel Leeck, Van Mulligan, and Jim Ross.

Pledging Delt Sig are John Brophy, John Elling, Bob Harburn, and Ken Huebner.

The Sig Taus added to their number: Dave Cragie, Jack McCormick, and Dennis Kellar.

Dean Kent Hawley is presently examining the grades of last spring's pledge class to determine the effects of pledging and fraternity life on academic success. He intends to follow the men at least two more semesters.

### IFC PEP RALLY Tonight In Gym

A big Homecoming Pep Rally, sponsored by the newly formed Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), will be held this evening, beginning at 7:30 in the Gymnasium.

The Pep Rally will proceed to behind Mitchell Hall for a bonfire and Dixieland music, cheers led by the cheerleaders, and the presentation of the Homecoming queen and her court.

Following this there will be a Snake Dance through VanDusen Commons, where the Alumni Banquet will be in session, to downtown Alma, and back to Tyler for the Open House.

"Let's all get out there and show some spirit," says Jim Lynn, representing the IFC.

The double casts are hard at work rehearsing every night of the week plus Saturday and Sunday. Explaining the reasons for the two casts, Storey listed the presence and interest of enough good people and the fact that the casts will split the number of performances. The number of showings is expected to be increased with the addition of a matinee here on campus and the possibility of the show being taken off campus for added performances.

The singing and speaking choir that will back up the three narrators is also hard at work under the direction of Dr. Ernest Sullivan.

The production of John Brown's Body, Stephen Vincent Benet's epic poem of the Civil War, here on campus is in keeping with the nation-wide celebration of the centennial year of the Civil War.

### Tri-Beta Caravans North For Weekend Field Trip

Tri-Beta chapters from three colleges of the Northeastern Region, Western District, spent last weekend, Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8, at the University of Michigan's Douglas Lake Biological Station. It is located near Cheboygan, Michigan.

Leaving Friday afternoon for the Biological Station were 21 students from Hiram College in Ohio, five students from Albion College, and 13 students from Alma College. Dr. Arlan Edgar, of Alma's Biology Department, was the only Alma staff member on the trip.

On Saturday morning Dr. Elzada Clover from the Botany Department of the University of Michigan conducted a field trip to the Wilderness State Park area where sand dune formations and flowering plant parasites upon pine tree roots were studied in some detail. Alma College groups also studied beach pool formations and collected shoreline invertebrates.

On Saturday evening Dr. Clover lectured and showed movies of her trip down the Colorado River. She and another woman were the first women to negotiate that river. "Their one and a half month trip in the late '30's down the Colorado with photography of the tremendous rapids was very interesting," said Dr. Edgar.

A tour of the Biological Station's grounds and inspection of the entomology, ornithology, and invertebrate study and research collections completed the activities.

The Tri-Beta students stayed in station cabins where students reside during the regular summer session.

Said Edgar of the trip: "Michigan weather was at its best and autumn colors were near their peak."

### Jane Sloan Is Gelston Prexie

Guiding dorm activities for Gelston Hall this year will be president Jane Sloan.

Elections were held on October 4 for all offices in the hall.

Miss Sloan will be assisted by Joan Bird as vice president. Sharron Westbrook was elected secretary and treasurer is Sue Coleman.

### Sorority Pledges Given Their Bids Tues. At 6 A. M.

Six in the morning last Tuesday was the hour of hope and suspense for the 30 women who were interested in sorority pledging.

The 30 coeds attended the teas given by each of the sororities last Sunday afternoon. These teas in the fall take the place of the regular rush events during spring rush week. On Monday each girl stated her sorority preference on a list in the Dean of Women's office.

Bids were given out Tuesday morning at six.

The new pledges for Alpha Sigma Tau are Gail Daines, Highland Park sophomore; Jane Elsley, St. Louis sophomore; Cheryl Hamner, Okemos sophomore; Lorraine Jessop, Holt sophomore; Gayle McKenny, Roseville sophomore; Sally Simone, Hialeah, Florida, junior; and Peggy Schreiber, Farmington senior.

The new pledges for Alpha Theta are Nancy Bahlman, Battle Creek junior; Gail Gustafson, Pinckney sophomore; Mary Ann Miller, Battle Creek sophomore; Barbara Pope, Jonesville sophomore; and Sally Swanson, Alma sophomore.

The new Kappa Iota pledges are Naarah Crawford, Cleveland junior; Ann Dale, Marlette junior; Danielle Dyer, Flushing junior; Marilee Gordon, Detroit sophomore; Mary Ann McFadden, Birmingham sophomore; Nancy Sala, Marion, Indiana, senior; and Lindsay Vanderveer, Bloomfield Hills junior.

### Civil War Play Has 2 Casts

The fall play, John Brown's Body, going into its second week of rehearsals seems to be progressing well according to Mr. Paul Storey, director. He commented that he was pleased with the "good people" working with him on the production that is slated for November 17 and 18.



These wide eyed children descend each Saturday morning on members of the children's literature class for a story hour. They meet in Old Main 102 from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. College students in the picture from left to right are Sherry

Parker, Naarah Crawford and Jane Lewis. Miss Hartley of the education department is in the center of the group.

(Photo by Steve Smallcombe)

## 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee

## Fall, 1887--Alma Opens Doors To 34; 75 Years Later--Look At The Changes

Curriculum Differs With Shift In Emphasis—  
Classics to Humanities to Natural Science

by Terry Davis

"Resolved, that in view of the facts brought before us, we will, with God's help, establish and endow a college within our bounds."

With these words the Synod of Michigan officially brought Alma College into being on October 14, 1886.

With two buildings formerly belonging to Central Normal School, Alma opened its doors to register 34 students in the fall of 1887.

By 1890 the college had grown to 4 buildings, 218 students and 11 faculty members. The academy had 71 students. This preparatory school was a part of the college until 1912.

The collegiate department offered courses in classical studies, philosophy, sciences, and literary studies. A total of 61 courses were offered in 11 subjects. The emphasis was on the classics with Latin and Greek offering the most classes.

The Normal department offered three programs for teachers ranging from four years to one semester. Music and art departments also offered their own courses.

The average year's cost was \$155. This included room, board, tuition and incidentals.

The tradition of the lecture concert series began as early as 1892 when the series included four visiting lecturers.

The 1890s also saw the addition of a business department, courses in geology and astronomy, and a training school for young evangelists.

In 1909 the first issue of the almanian was published. This was followed in 1913 by the Scotsman's predecessor, The Maroon and Cream.

In 1924 half of Alma's present 75 years had passed. The campus had 8 buildings, 21 faculty members and 326 students including a student from Peking, China. Each student paid about \$400 for the entire year's expenses.

At this time the curricula were divided into three areas. A minimum of 16 hours was required in each area. These were humanities, natural sciences, and languages.

The stress had shifted from the classics to the humanities and was beginning to shift toward today's emphasis on the natural sciences.

In 1936, on its 50th anniversary, the college catalogue first mentioned accreditation. At that time the college was listed in the handbook of the American Council on Education of European students. The school was also accredited by the Association of American Colleges and the North Central Association.

The arrival of the Navy V-12 program in 1943 resulted in some curricula changes. Courses were grouped into five areas instead of three. A great many more applied courses were added also.

Between 1954 and 1959 the college was striving to offer a more inclusive program as a reaction against the over specialization and the increasing emphasis on science.

In 1954, four full-year courses in "General Studies" were instituted. An endowed secretarial school was also added to the college.

In 1959 the well-known Western Civilization program was added to the curricula. Eliminated this year were many applied courses such as home economics and the secretarial courses.

In the future we can expect to see a still increasing emphasis on science coupled with a concern for a broad liberal education.

## Hey! Are You Up-To-Date?

Editor's note: Appearing in the September 30, 1907, almanian was this interesting article. Remember it, alums?

Get your boy an improved up-to-date College Outfit and let him start his University Career right! An education made easy! The Royal Road to Learning has been Discovered!

What our XX Outfit contains:

1. One three-gallon bucket of green paint. (To be used in decorating the college buildings, walks, fences, library, etc., with class numbers. Green is chosen because it is the universal freshman color.)

2. One pair extra sharp barbers' hair clippers. (To be used in cutting the sophomore's hair. No up-to-date college man should be without clippers. Warranted to tonsorialize at least twenty-five heads without resharpening.)

3. One briar pipe — extra large. (Automobile odor.)

4. One gallon best lard. (For greasing the college flag-pole after the class pennant has been nailed to the top; sure to prevent the removal of the flag by other classes.)

5. One bale barbed wire. (For wrapping said pole; as an additional precaution.)

6. One hundred yards stout hemp rope. (For tying other classmen, the faculty, the president of the college, etc., when necessary.)

7. One loaded "billy." (For class fighting.)

8. One case assorted instruments of torture. (For initiations. These are modelled after the most improved and successful tools of the Spanish Inquisition.)

9. One barrel smoking tobacco. ("Plowboy's Dream")

10. One poker outfit. (Pluto chips.)

11. One megaphone. (Extra loud.)

12. One red-and-yellow striped sweater, three green-and-red striped shirts, two pairs corduroy trousers, three changeable silk waistcoats, one telescoped hat, four purple-and-lavender neckties. (This clothing assortment is guaranteed to meet all the requirements of football and social life.)

13. One model letter-writer. (Containing 537 different kinds of requests for increased remittances from home.)

14. One complete assortment of "ponies." (No study — no grind — no disagreeable drudgery; simply omit all work until examination day and then rely on your infallible little "equines." "A" and "Aa" grades always obtained. The troublesome question of class room and outside study satisfactorily disposed of. Don't be a grind.)

15. One set of our invaluable "How to Do Them" books, including: How to Root. How to Hold Winning Hands. How to Work the Faculty. How to Torture a Neophyte Seven Hours and a Half Without Actually Killing Him. (great fun!) How to Give College Comic Operas. How to Scrap. How to Seem a Bookworm to the Professors.

16. One bottle throat restorer. (For yelling purposes.)

17. One set simplified spelling circulars. (Why bother about spelling correctly?)

The Freshman equipped with this Complete Outfit cannot fail to make his College life a Howling Success. Parents will consult their sons' Best interests by writing us for terms. Do not Handicap your Boy by sending away to the University unprepared.

Address,  
HALE, YARVARD and  
RAWRAY,  
College Outfitters, N. Y.  
—Puck

## NO SALOONS!

### Old AC Catalogs Show Changes ... And Similarities

The following items appeared in old issues of the college catalogue. They are printed here to show how much, and in cases how little, the college has changed.

"The town has good sewerage and an excellent system of water works, and experience proves that it is exceedingly healthful. The moral tone of the community is high."

"All students are required to attend weekly exercises for the study of the Bible, devotional exercises daily in the college chapel and public worship at least on the sabbath."

"Alma has no saloons. Gratiot county having been 'dry' since May, 1907."

In reference to the "Y" organizations: "Christian manhood and womanhood is the aim of these organizations. Consequently, they appeal to practically every student on campus."

In the time that the student union was in the basement of the chapel this item appeared: "The chapel basement is the center of social activity on campus."

From the College Bulletin for 1913: "In the College the regular expenses for the year are about \$240, distributed thus: Tuition, \$40; incidental fees, \$10; room rent, \$36; table board, \$117; books, \$20; laundry, etc., \$117. For rent, board, books, laundry, etc., much more may be spent, while some students will spend somewhat less. Personal expenses will be what the habits of the student demand."

## Cake

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Stephen Nesbit, Class of 1919, Chairman of the Michigan Constitutional Convention and former Vice-President of Gerber Products Company will also ride in the parade.

At 10:30 a.m. there will be gatherings for coffee for reunions of various groups. The Class of 1911 will have coffee in the Tyler Men's Lounge. In the Highlander room the Lettermen will have coffee. All former members of the Alma College singing groups are invited to become members of the Alumni Choir. Following this coffee time they will rehearse in the Chapel for entertainment later in the day. The Class of 1936 will register and have coffee in Van Dusen Lounge. The Tri-Beta Alumni will also have coffee in the Seminar Room of Dow Science Building. After the coffee hour there will be an Alumni Luncheon in Van Dusen Commons at 12 noon.

Before the game there will be a pep rally, including a birthday party featuring the biggest cake in Central Michigan. The cake will be provided by Saga Foods in honor of the 75th anniversary. The honor of cutting it will be given to Miss Hill.

## Remember When . . . .

The following is printed for the benefit of those who weren't here last Homecoming or who were and may remember . . . . .

Many of you students who were on campus last year can remember Homecoming morn. A regular type of morning for a Homecoming morning—sunny, old grads wandering around, parents and sisters and brothers in tow of your fellow students, friends from home, perhaps a girl from home on your arm, or you being guided by the arm of that special man. In any case, it started out like a usual Homecoming.

And then you saw it. It hit you in a blinding flash of light. Or else it slowly dawned on you, the evidence piling up unconsciously or unbelievably in the recesses of your mind. In any case, you suddenly knew that it was true! They were gone! The signs were gone—disappeared, leaving only the little bolt holes in the walls of the fronts of the buildings. Oh, one or two remained. But most were gone.

If you were like most, joy surged up, a rebellious joy if you suspected action by fellow students who, considering justice and aesthetic value, had taken matters into their own hands. Or it was a joy without reason, overflowing with gratitude to Providence. More likely than the latter, however, it was the smug joy of one who knew-all-along that it was wrong and whose views finally had prevailed in making those in authority bow to the wishes of those over whom authority is exercised.

To make the rest of the story short, it soon came out that the heralded deed had been done by a student vigilante group. This was a blow to those who were certain that the will of the masses had forced the rulers to act according to that will. The not-so-fearsome or dictatorial rulers soon calmly explained the reasons for the signs, calmly saying they would go up again after a suitable time, and mildly chastised the sign-removers. In January the signs went up again. Little protest was heard. And they remained—ugly or beautiful—for the rest of the year.

In any case, tomorrow morning, no doubt we will stroll about the campus, having awakened to another of those regular Homecoming-type morns. And our rebelliousness subsided (our eyes, perhaps, dimmed or no longer seeing—or could they actually now even see those pennants as attractive?), we will docilely point with pride to our visitors the beloved buildings of Alma College and those signs which so enhance the intelligible touring of the campus and perhaps even its beauty.

Well, Homecoming can be exciting in other ways, I guess.

## STILL TIME TO JOIN

### Record Number In "Messiah"

Over 125 singers from the College and the Gratiot County area have joined Choral Union for the current season in preparation for the December performance of Handel's Messiah. This is the largest turnout in Choral Union's twelve years. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the College Chapel.

To participate in the performance singers are required to attend a minimum of seven rehearsals. This leaves only October 17 and 24 for new and former members to enroll. At the close of the next rehearsal, October 17, refreshments will be served providing an opportunity for members to get acquainted.

## Past Grads, Members Form Alumni Choir

Expect 150 For  
Second Reunion

Homecoming, October 14, will be the scene of the Alma College A Cappella Choir's second five-year choir reunion. This event, which first took place in 1956, is held every five years to provide an opportunity for past choir members to renew old friendships, and to become familiar with the present A Cappella Choir.

According to Judy Stevens, choir president, plans have been underway since August to make the reunion highly successful. Letters were sent out to past choir members inviting them to attend the function and to participate in the alumni choir concert, which will be the highlight of the reunion.

Directly after the Homecoming parade, there will be a coffee hour and choir practice in anticipation of the concert, which will take place on the Chapel steps after the football game.

Among the 150 guests expected at the reunion will be two past directors of the choir, Dr. E. Grove, of Central Michigan University, and Mr. J. Merrill, of the Interlochen Music Camp.

Judy Stevens, in speaking of the reunion says, "We are looking forward to this reunion with great enthusiasm and hope to see many old choir friends and meet other choir members from past years."

## Alma to Require SAT Examination For '62 Frosh

Alma College is hoping to know its new students better in the future.

Preparing for this was the Scholastic Aptitude tests which were given to this year's freshmen students on Wednesday, September 20.

Next year, the college intends to require that all incoming freshmen take the SAT test before coming to the school. If 90% do so, Alma will become a member of the College Entrance Examination Board. The association, among other things, gives a nationwide and an international SAT test.

The students were given this test this year solely in order to give the college an idea of what to expect incoming freshmen to achieve on the test. This information will be helpful in analyzing and using the information which will come next year from all the enrolling freshmen.

This new program will be very valuable. It will greatly increase the knowledge available to the college before actual arrival on campus of the student's potentialities. There will be more time than under the present form of aptitude testing (during orientation) to analyze these potentialities and prepare better for advice to be given the student upon arrival. This will cut down considerably the testing program now taking place during orientation periods.

These tests are also valuable since their measurement has a national and international basis.

Membership in the College Board itself is of value to the college. At present, some 287 colleges and universities belong to it. This includes most schools of high caliber. This group maintains an extensive research staff. If Alma becomes a member of the group, it will be able to make use of this service.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

October 10, 1961  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order, the invocation was given, the oath was given to the new members, the minutes were read.

Tony Taylor moved to suspend the rules to consider the amendments concerning the administrative secretary. The motion was seconded and passed. The amendments were passed. Officers for the year 1961-62 were elected. Recording Secretary, Bonnie McBane; Treasurer, Stu Strait; Publicity Chairman, Bob Sherman. The oath of office was administered to the new officers.

The president announced that several orientation meetings for new members would take place next week. Four hundred fifty-seven students voted for Homecoming Queen.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported progress on the same projects that were under consideration the week before.

The Student International Affairs Committee reported on planned meetings for international students to

speaking, and on appointments and future plans.

An amendment to change the official residences in the constitution was unanimously passed.

The amendment to change the name of the Student Council was defeated.

It was announced that the vice-president of the Student Council will for this year only sit as a non-voting ex-officio member on the Student Affairs Committee.

The parliamentarian moved to amend Article V, Sec. 2, by deleting the and between Committee, and the word the; and adding . . . and the Student National Affairs Committee. Seconded and Tabled.

The parliamentarian moved to delete Article II, Sec. 4, of the Constitution, and add to Article II, Sec. 1, Each Fraternity and Sorority shall elect one representative to the Student Council. The motion was seconded and tabled.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie McBane  
Recording Secretary



Forming (what form!) the numeral "75"—standing for the age of Alma College—are the junior class selected candidates for the Homecoming queen and court. Framing the "7" are, from back to front, Linda Ross, Kay Colgan, Sue Starmann, Sherry Parker, Shima Murakami, Pat Gilliland, and Barb Tayler. The "5" is com-

posed of, from front to back, Betty Nucci, Louise Alma, Jan Redmand, Naarah Crawford, Danielle Dyer, Bobbie Welch, Sue Keck, Marge Ferguson, and Willie Knapp. Four girls are not pictured. They are Linda White, Gail Hammel, Judy Gage, and Joyce Grover.  
(Photo by John Scholl)

## Elect Mikle MISL Head; AC To Host Peace Contest

Mr. M. Harold Mikle, Head of the Department of Speech at Alma College, was elected President of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League for 1961-1962 at their annual business meeting held Friday, October 6 at St. Mary's Lake near Battle Creek. He will also be serving on the Michigan High School State Forensic Board for 1961-1962.

Mikle previously has served as vice-president of the organization for one year and has also served as Director of State Extempore Speaking for three years.

While Mikle has been at Alma, the Speech Department has hosted many speech activities.

This year, Alma will play host to the Peace Oratory and Extempore Speaking Contests to be held February 15 and 16, 1962.

The Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League is composed of fifteen colleges and universities in the state and has approximately fifty-five members from the faculties of the member schools.

Schools included in the MISL are the following: Albion College, Alma College, Calvin College, Central Michigan University, Detroit Bible Institute, Detroit Institute of Technology, Eastern Michigan University.

Others are Ferris Institute, Hillsdale College, Hope College, Michigan State University, University of Detroit, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College.

### Exchange Notes

By Susan Reed

Homecoming is here! This is the season which gladdens the hearts of all alumni as they return for a brief, but treasured, rendezvous with their old friends and classmates. What do they find when they set foot on campus?

Well, at Hope College in Holland they were surrounded by an aura of the "future." All homecoming festivities followed the theme entitled "Adventure into the Future." This

was the pervading atmosphere of the floats and the homecoming ball. There were also sorority and fraternity luncheons. After the game the dormitories were open to all interested.

Festivities at Central Michigan University will begin with a pep rally. The rally will make a circuit of the campus, ending at the field where there will be the traditional bonfire, cheering, and an exhibition of \$200 worth of fireworks. There will be two homecoming balls Saturday, October 28.

At the University of Detroit the queen and her court were present at a mixer for all students. A rally was held which included the judging of the floats, a "sock-hop" and "song-fest." Afterwards cider and doughnuts were served. The theme of the homecoming dance was "Animation."

"Once Upon a Time" is the homecoming theme at Western Michigan University. All floats follow this theme, with various nursery rhymes and fairy tales as titles.

**PEP RALLY  
TONIGHT  
7:30**

## Alan Au, From Hong Kong, Learned Of Alma Thru YWCA

Alan Au, Hong Kong freshman, found his first trip to Alma an exciting opportunity to see large areas of the United States. Alan arrived in San Francisco September 2. After a week's tour of California, he came to Lansing by train and then to Alma by bus on September 12.

Alma College was one of several colleges recommended to Alan by a secretary of the Chinese YWCA in Hong Kong. Alan chose Alma from the colleges that replied to his inquiries.

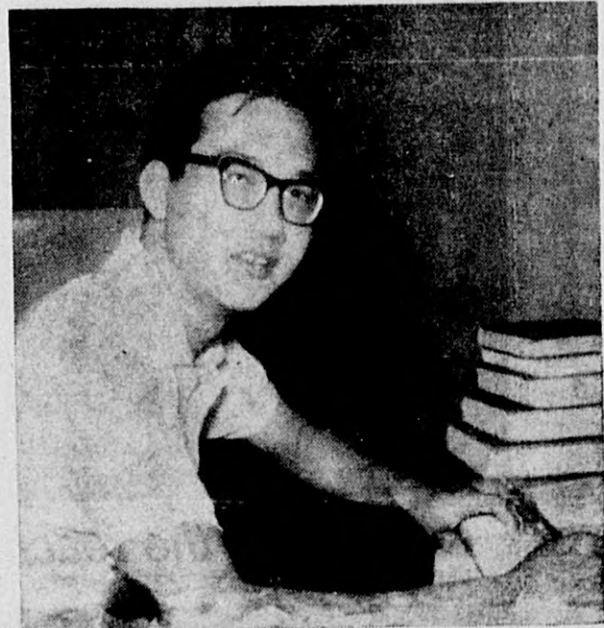
Alan has studied English for five years. He attended a high school in Hong Kong where all of the courses were conducted in English except classes in Chinese. In Hong Kong it is necessary to pass English before one can obtain a high school diploma.

Hong Kong has a university and three colleges, but they can accommodate only a limited number of students. Only about one thousand freshmen enter college in Hong Kong a year.

Alan plans to enter the Michigan State University School of Engineering. After completion of the requirements for his degree he wants to return home.

Alan is the eldest child in his family. He has one brother and two sisters. His father is a civil service employee.

Alma tests are too specific in character, Alan says. In his high school the usual exam



Alan Au

lasted three hours and consisted of five or six general questions that covered the entire course of study.

Alan says he is glad that he decided to come to a small college. He feels that here at Alma he can make friends and feel at home in America.

### PLACEMENT CASEMENT

The U. S. Treasury Department will have a representative on campus on Thursday, October 19, to interview all qualified seniors who are interested in positions with this department in the capacity of accountants, tax examiners, revenue officers and revenue agents with the Internal Revenue Service. Business Administration majors and other liberal arts candidates are needed. If interested, make an interview appointment date at the Placement Office in Old Main.

The Social Security Administration will have a representative on campus on Thursday, October 26, to conduct interviews with January and June 1962 graduates for jobs in their department. They will also answer questions regarding other federal employment.

Mr. Novotny will also talk with juniors who are interested in summer employment in 1962 as student assistants with the Social Security Administration. Any interested students should make interview appointments in the Placement Office prior to Tuesday, October 24.

**TO ALL SENIORS,** except those going into teaching: There will be a placement service meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 4 p.m. in Room 205, Old Main. If you are interested in the help of the Placement Office in securing a position upon graduation please attend this meeting. Seniors are to come prepared to register for placement and learn about the services offered. Copies of both "Career" and "College Placement Annual" are available for all those who register.



Harold Mikle

## No Big Issues?

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There may be much truth in the idea that newspaper editors are always eager to dig up big controversial issues, or perhaps even to create some if there are none handy. The *almanian* editors will admit that we certainly keep our eyes open for any possibilities along this line. And once finding such material, we'll try to reflect or stimulate the excitement—call it an "issue"—on campus.

In the course of such editorial duties last year, two "issues" stand out as the things this campus got most excited about in any campus-wide manner. The first was the business of the signs. All will remember this as a major crisis, or at least the most major one we had had or did have for several months. (Freshmen may read about this interesting episode on page 4.)

## Luckies vs. Chesterfields

In recent years on this campus there has been noticed in chapel talks and elsewhere a tendency to emphasize that this college is not narrowly sectarian or a follower of the image many have of a small church-related college. Here there is no eloquence from the pulpit directed at the evils of lipstick, smoking, or other such things sometimes thought to be frowned upon by the "religious." We are here encouraged to take a much more meaningful view of what the Christian religion is and what it requires. All in all, that a fine and truly Christian open-mindedness exists on this campus is hardly open to refutation.

Some may think that this is a recent development, that only in our modern times, has such advance come about. But somehow, after browsing through a few old copies of the *almanian*, namely those of around 1935, 36 and 37 (about 25 years ago), I believe that however well this fine open-mindedness is expressed today, it is not something thought up by its present exponents. For the most obvious thing about the weekly *almanian*

of those years, aside from possibly the log (it says *almanian*) at the top of the first page, is the weekly contest between Lucky Strike and Chesterfield to see who can come closest to filling up an entire page with an ad which is usually aimed at convincing the coed (I guess the men were already convinced) to smoke, and, of course, to smoke one particular kind.

Although my glancings were not entirely comprehensive, I thought as I went that Chesterfield usually came closest to winning; several times it was only an inch or two from covering an entire page (of the same size as those this article is printed upon). But Lucky never gave up, always present each week with another and more clever gigantic ad with which to do honorable battle on the *almanian* battleground with its worthy foe, Chesterfield.

The conclusion? Alma has been open-minded before. For the rest, such as which one really did win in practice—how about it grads, what's the answer?

## "Mountains of Grandeur"

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Herb Dipple, a senior from Ludington, Michigan is the person. His float-making career had its beginning at the Homecoming of 1958 when he successfully designed Wright Hall's entry and won top prize. The following year he was given a chance at the queen's float and the results were so satisfactory that he has retained this position ever since.

### It Takes Time

The job of creating a queen's float takes more time than most people realize. The job starts long before its October deadline. Ideas are gathered from as many different sources as possible. Then when the theme for the parade is announced, Herb coordinates these ideas with his own. Of course new ideas are usually forthcoming even well after construction has started. These are, likewise, worked into the general plan for a worthwhile effect.

The College allows Herb a budget of \$150 a year and out of this he must buy the lumber, chicken wire, supports, napkins, and paint that he needs. The Alma Tractor Company loans the 45-foot trailer frame.

Once a place has been found in which to build the float, the actual construction can begin. Herb generally does the "roughing in" himself—creating the basic frame by using 2x4's and masonite strips. The chicken wire is put in place next.

### 30,000 Napkins

With this much completed he is ready for the 30,000 napkins (no wonder Alma is always low on napkins this time of year!) and the mob of freshmen. The float is supposed to be a freshman project, but often there are many upperclassmen helping the freshmen. After the napkins have been "stuffed" in place, Herb sprays paint in the desired areas, and the float is ready to roll.

Early Saturday morning finds Herb rushing around frantically, trying to finish up the last few details before the queen and her court arrive. Herb's laughable recalls the time two years ago when he was still stuffing napkins in the side of the float as the parade began to roll down Superior.

When the coeds arrive, another slight problem arises. How do you get them on top of the thing? A series of step ladders, sufficiently wide board walks, and care on the part of the girls is all that is necessary.

### Still Work To Do

The band starts and the parade is under way. Herb can relax for a few hours and enjoy his accomplishment. After the



Swinging out a la Kingston Trio at last Saturday night's "Calypso Holiday" were The Continentals. The group, from the Flint area, provided the entertainment at the well-attended "free-for-all" sponsored by Alpha Theta and Delta Sigma Phi.

(Photo by Steve Smallcombe)

game, however, he must haul the float back to the garage and dismantle it. The salvageable material is saved for the next year or returned to the donators. The job is done for another year.

Usually a personal letter of thanks is extended to Herb from the administration, and nothing more is heard of the matter. This year, however, we feel that the college community as a whole ought to express publicly to Herb their gratitude for the indispensable service he has performed for them in the last three years. "Thanks, Herb!"

By the way, the job is unoccupied for next year, anyone interested?

## NSA Library Now In Tyler

A National Student Association (NSA) Library is contained in the Student Council Office in Tyler Center, with library materials available to all students.

The purpose of this library is to acquaint students with their campus governmental organizations and present them with background material relevant to world problems today. This library can be used for research, but mainly it is for general information and curiosity.

At present there are four categories of information in this library. There are more publications ordered.

The first category concerns the United States National Student Association. In this category are a number of pamphlets concerning this organization's governmental procedures, policy declarations, resolutions and mandates.

The pamphlets concerning national affairs have information on civil rights, current issues in higher education, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and controversial organizations of our century.

The International affairs shelf has information concerning the Peace Corps, NATO, and student travel overseas.

The fourth category has information concerning campus student government and college unions.

Further information concerning this library can be obtained from Bruce Gleason, NSA Campus Co-ordinator.

## Floats

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Wayne Smith, president of Tyler Board; Peggy Emmert, president of A.W.S.; Jerri Lou Zettle, president of the Panhellenic Council and Harold Cook, president of the Student Council will ride in the parade.

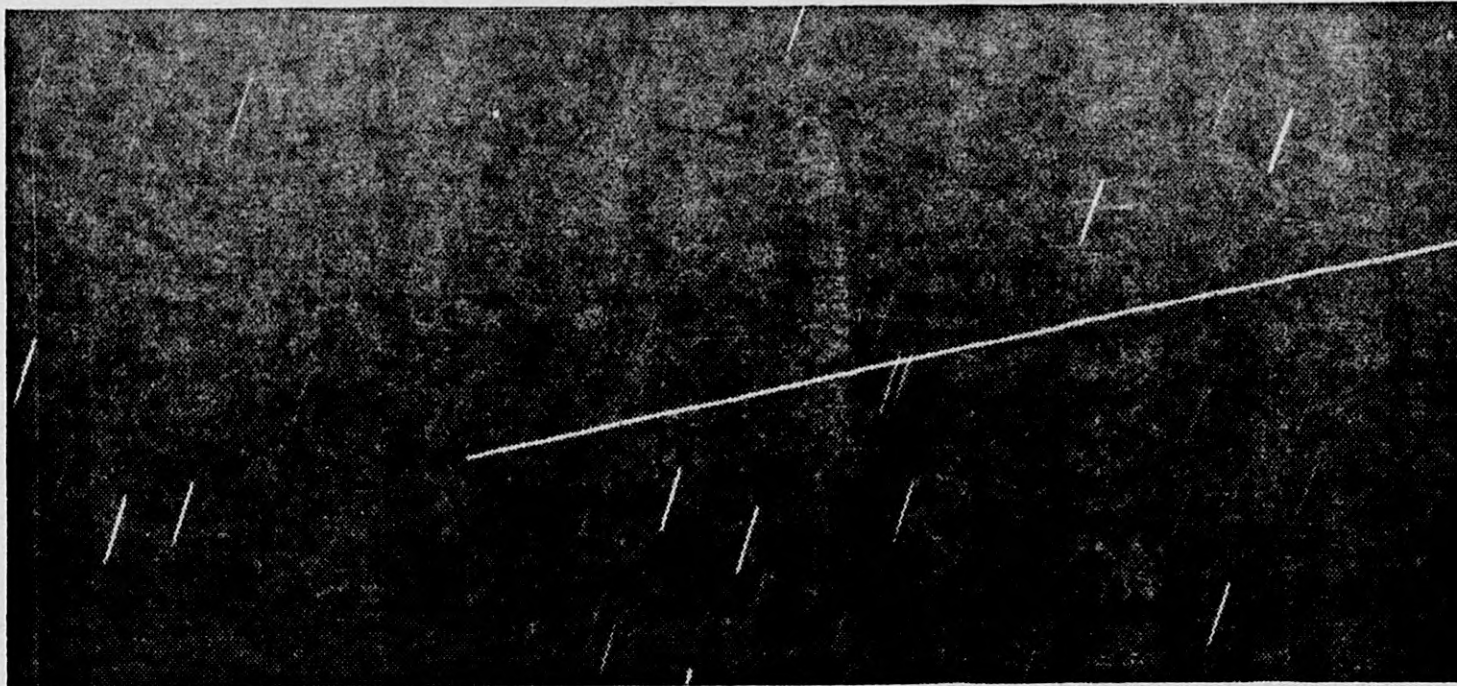
Besides the Kiltie Band, five area high school bands will march in the parade. They are from Edmore, Carson City, Breckenridge, and Alma high schools. Also entered in the parade is the Alma junior high band and the Detroit St. Andrews Society junior bagpipe band.

The floats will represent the fraternities and sororities. In addition there will be, of course, the queen's float. Each float will have its own theme, an innovation this year. The overall Homecoming Parade theme will be Diamond Jubilee.

Four students from Adrian College, Miss Margaret Foley, Mrs. Stephen Nisbet, and Alma Police Chief Robert Reed will judge the floats. There will be separate prizes for best floats in men's and women's divisions.

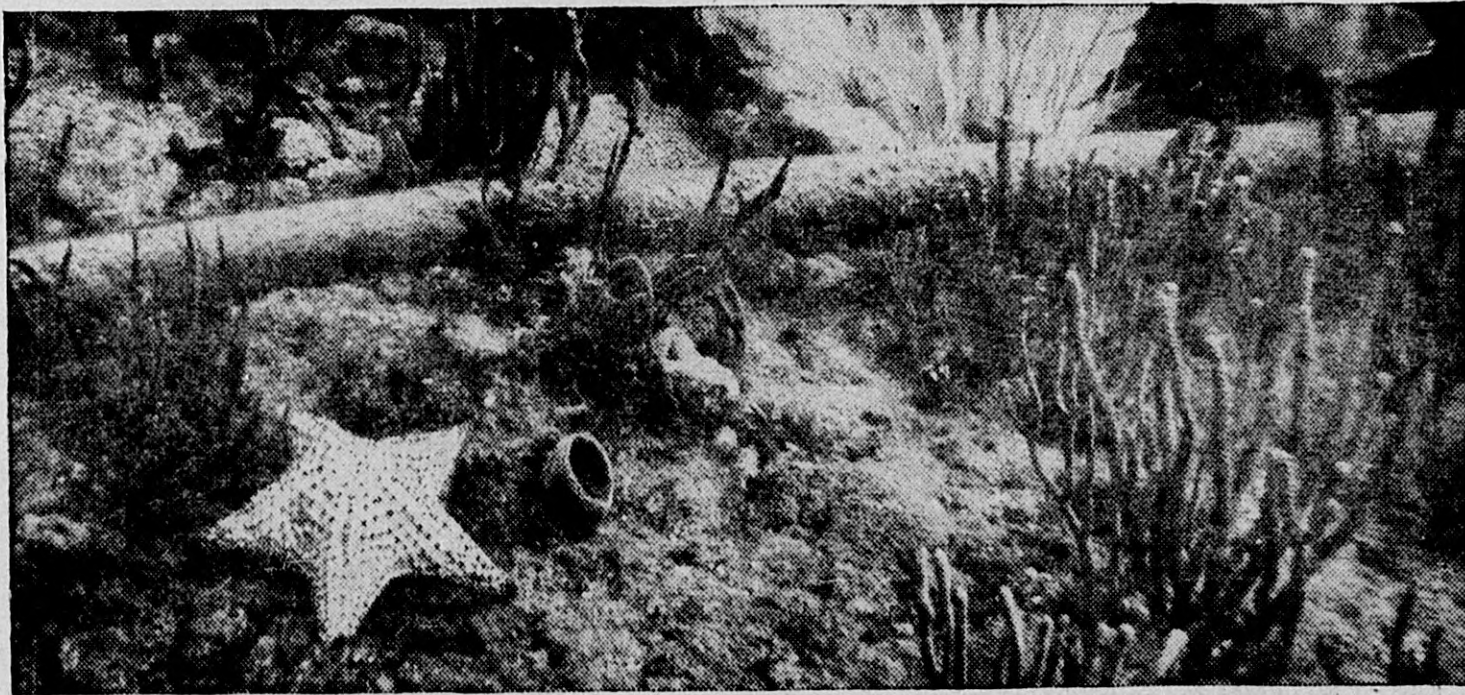
Starting from the Alma High School, the Parade route will cover Superior street from Pine Avenue to beyond the college.

## PROJECTS OF THE BELL SYSTEM



range from the reaches of space

Unretouched time exposure shows Echo I communications satellite (long line) crossing the heavens right to left. Shorter lines are stars "in motion."



to the depths of the sea

Actual undersea photo of telephone cable off coast of Florida.

Our job is providing communications of all kinds, wherever needed—whether in the northern snows to flash word of possible enemy missile attack, or in your home or college, or in serving the nation's business.

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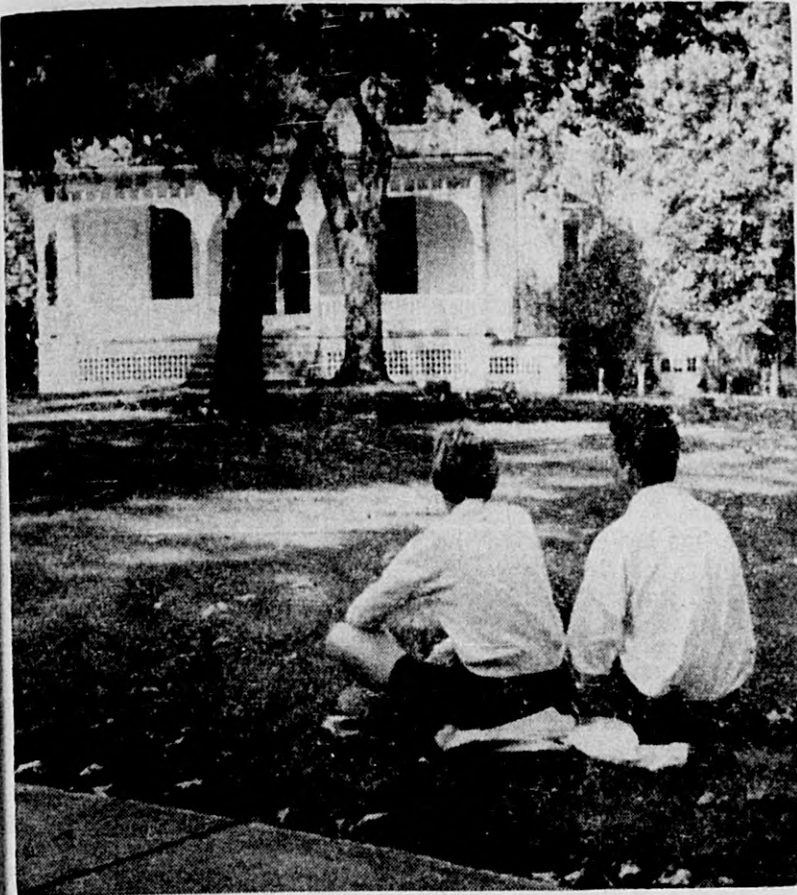
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Pioneer Hall

## Pioneer, One of First Buildings, Has Seen Many Changes In Years

At the eastern end of the campus stands a three-story residence of white brick. The sign above the porch proclaims its name in quaint black letters—Pioneer.

One of the original buildings on the campus, Pioneer Hall has witnessed many changes, both around the College and within itself.

Pioneer began as a woman's residence. Somewhere along the line it was converted to a men's residence. For in the spring of 1912, Dr. A. F. Bruske, then president of Alma College, wrote the following in the book *Griatiot County, Michigan*:

"The first building at the right is Pioneer Hall. It is the home of young men. It is quite inadequate for the wants of all the young men who are in regular attendance, but it serves the purpose of accommodating those who cannot be better housed in the private homes of the citizens. In this structure is the home of the Y.M.C.A., which serves as the center of the religious and moral life of the young men."

Pioneer housed men until 1956, except for a brief interlude during World War II, when women lived in the dorm for about three years.

This year, for the first time in its history, Pioneer is an honor dorm. "It differs from previous honor dorms," says Dean Esther Vreeland, "not only because it includes a larger number of residents, but because its residents were not screened in the same fashion as the residents of Clizbe and Bruske."

This development is due to the fact that Pioneer was not made an honor dorm until after many freshmen had requested residence. With the approval of their parents, all the freshmen but one endorsed

the plan of self-regulated living without adult supervision.

### Three RA's

Although Pioneer has no head resident, three upperclassmen are serving as Resident Advisers. They are Dian Cardew, Cass City junior; Margaret Roe, Troy junior; and Paula Whitney, Findlay, Ohio, junior.

As a self-governing unit under AWS, the residents recently elected these officers: Judy Noreen, Reed City junior, president; Emily Youngston, Lincoln Park freshman, vice-president; Paula Whitney, secretary, Beverly Gill, Hollis, New York, freshman, treasurer.

Others are Dian Cardew, house manager; Linda Giffin, Gaylord freshman, student council representative; Carolyn Collins, Allegan freshman, social chairman; and Linda Randau, Birmingham sophomore and Edythe Trevithick, Flint sophomore, fire marshals.

### Homey Atmosphere

Because Pioneer is small and informal, it has a homey atmosphere. The entire dorm works as one unit with a greater opportunity for each person to get to know everyone.

What do its residents think of Pioneer? Peggy Vance, Mamaroneck, New York, freshman, sums it up this way. "It's homey and we have a lot of freedom. It's the greatest!"

Persons interested in applying for a salaried position as Administrative Secretary to the Student Council should contact Hose Cook in Mitchell Hall before Wednesday, October 18. Qualifications include experience and ability in secretarial work—shorthand, typing, filing, etc.

## Newberry Hall, 174 Coeds' Home, Has Many Charms

Helen Newberry Joy Hall was made possible by a generous gift of the Helen Newberry Joy Fund, now under the direction of Mrs. Joy's son, Henry B. Joy, Jr. Mrs. Helen Newberry Joy, now deceased, as an ardent Presbyterian, has been interested in Alma College for many years and made several gifts to the college.

Alma College is not the first institution or organization to receive gifts from Mrs. Joy. She was a member of more than two dozen patriotic societies, musical and theatrical groups, philanthropic and civic organizations.

Mrs. Joy's philosophy was one of action.

"Decide how you best can serve, then join others with the same ideal and purpose and work. If there is no group to join, then organize one."

Newberry Hall is now established as home by 174 Alma College coeds. Residents of this new dormitory come from such divergent places as Singapore, Persia, Connecticut, Virginia and New York.

There can be little doubt that Newberry Hall is well-liked by those who live there. The three-wing arrangement gives each floor a feeling of unity and comfort that is lacking in the long dark hallways of most college dormitories.

One of Newberry's most attractive and charming features is its housemother, Mrs. Grace Kain. Mrs. Kain rejected personal plans in order to stay and be in charge of Newberry this year. Residents of the dorm are glad "Ma" has remained at Alma because her kindness and understanding make the switch to dormitory and college life less of a sudden shock.

Newberry surpasses the other campus residence halls for women not only in newness but also in convenience. Newberry has a separate laundry room, pressing room, and study lounge on each floor. The doorways on each wing also make the dorm more accessible to the entire campus.

The decor of the rooms is fresh and modern. The added attraction of a Japanese motive in the main lounge increases the beauty of the dorm.

It is exciting to be one of the first people to inhabit a new dorm. This is not however, the first time an experience of this type has been shared by coeds on Alma's campus. In 1902, 100 young women moved into the then recently dedicated Wright Hall Dormitory for women. It is interesting to note how dormitories have changed or remained the same in the intervening 59 years.

The College announced in 1902 that Wright Hall "is one of the most complete college dormitories in the country."

The attributes of this dorm included steam heat, electric lighting, hardwood floors, and commodious bathrooms with porcelain lined tubs.

Charges for the rooms were from \$18 to \$36 a semester, depending on the size and location of the room.

All those students interested in attending the Fall Regional Assembly of the Michigan Region of the United States National Student Association (N. S. A.) please sign your name on the list in the Student Council Office in Tyler.

The assembly will be held on the campus of the University of Michigan from October 27-29, 1961. The Student Council will appoint a delegation and the costs will be paid for by the Student Council.

Thank you,  
Bruce A. Gleason  
N. S. A. Coordinator

## FROM 2 TO 19 IN 75 YEARS

# College Now Has Plans To Add 7 More Buildings; New Library May Be Next

When Alma College was founded in 1886, it consisted of two buildings. Those two buildings, Old Main and Pioneer Hall, have now, 75 years later, been joined by 17 other buildings.

These buildings will, in the not-so-very-distant future, be joined by seven new ones.

Plans for the new additions to our campus have been drawn up; all that is lacking are donors and financial backing.

According to Dr. Stephen Meyer, business manager of the college, it is not known which of the proposed buildings will be built first, as this depends a good deal on the donor.

Meyer expressed the hope that the new library will be the first building to go up and that construction can be started by January of 1962, but this is not yet definite.

The Board of Trustees gave President Robert D. Swanson authorization to have drawings and specifications for the building made. President Swanson has also met with Dr. William Boyd, Dean of the College, Miss Helen McCurdy, head librarian, and Meyer to determine the size, equipment needed, and special areas of the proposed library.

The new library will be erected on the site of the present library. The present library will be torn down, but the stacks will be kept and incorporated into the new library.

The estimated cost of the library is \$850,000.

If the library is obtained, the plans, according to Meyer, call for a new men's dorm to be constructed next in the area north of Mitchell and Newberry Halls. This dorm and another for women, to be completed last, will be in the style of Mitchell and Newberry Halls. The cost of each dorm is estimated at \$750,000.

As part of this quadrangle of dorms, a new dining hall will be built, after the completion of the men's dorm, adjacent to Newberry Hall. The dining hall will serve those students from Mitchell, Newberry, and the new men's dorm while Van Dusen Commons will serve the remainder of the student body. The dining hall is estimated to cost \$250,000.

Another of the proposed buildings for the college is a Fine Arts building. This building would contain class rooms and studios for the art and music departments, a large theater seating 1,000, to be used by both the college and the community, and a smaller theater seating 300 for use by the drama department.

To build the Fine Arts building, the college will have to acquire that land east of Maple street, bounded by College and Superior streets, as far as the railroad tracks to provide ample space for both the building and parking facilities.

The estimated cost is \$1½ million, exclusive of the land.

A new Athletic building is proposed for the area east of Dow Science building. "Part of

the land needed is college property now; we need to acquire the balance of the land and are doing so now," stated Meyer.

The new Athletic building, while mainly for men, will have some coeducational facilities, namely a swimming pool, bowling alleys, and recreational areas. The present gym would be the women's gym. The estimated cost is \$950,000.

The last building of the present plans will be a new classroom building to be built on the site of the present maintenance plant across from Dow. The cost of this building is estimated at \$500,000.

After these new buildings have been completed, the college also hopes, said Meyer, to close off Cedar street from Superior street north to Bahlike Field and create a mall in place of the street, in the process tearing down the present Arts Building.

Alma has changed greatly in size and appearance in the past 75 years and from the sound of the present plans, she will continue to expand in the future years.

## Frosh Elect

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floor were all victorious. Kathleen Anderson, Jean Cook, Judy Gable and Mary Ann Miller of Gelston Hall, along with already elected officials from Pioneer and Wright Halls, will close the ranks of the student government council for the 1961-62 school year.

How's your "misery box?" Full of misery? Feel like just talking to anybody about anything?

Why not take your problems to Dr. Howard B. Haynes?

Dr. Haynes, a genial, grandfatherly, easy-to-talk to man, is Alma's staff psychiatrist. He commutes from Traverse City each Tuesday and holds office hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 218 of Dow. If there is enough business, Dr. Haynes can also come on Wednesdays.

Dr. Haynes is available for student appointments, free of charge. See the Dean of Men's secretary in the Personnel Office for an appointment.

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"Men will ye look at those pretty lassies." Everyone will be able to look at them on Homecoming day when they will be leading the cheers that we hope will spur our team on to victory. The cheerleaders from right to left are Sherry Parker, Barb Grant, Joyce Grover, Pat Gilliland, and Linda Ross. The week following Homecoming, tryouts will be held to select three or four new members of the squad from the coeds who have been practicing.

(Photo by Fred Dennis)

## Women's V-Ball Going Strong

Last Tuesday in the women's intramural volleyball competition, the Gelston 3 team topped the Alpha Thetas. On Thursday the Gelston 3 team lost to the Kappa Iotas (K Is); the Gelston 4 team lost to the Thetas; the Alpha Sigma Taus (ASTs) won over the Gelston 1 team; and the Faculty Wives lost to the ASTs.

Next week will find the Gelston 4 team going against the ASTs at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Thursday will find the Thetas opposing Newberry at 7 p.m.; ASTs versus KIs at 7; Faculty Wives versus Gelston 1 tentatively set at 8 and Faculty Wives versus Gelston 4 tentatively set at 8:30.

## Soccer Soliciting For Some Scots

Alma College may acquire a new sport in the near future, providing men of Alma College answer the call for participation. It is a game resembling football, called soccer. Soccer is a growing national sport, popular on both the east coast and abroad.

Mr. Jack Welles, Head Resident of Wright Hall, is attempting to establish a soccer team on campus. At the present time there are eight men practicing with Welles. He needs several more men before he can start team competition. One of the advantages of soccer is that anyone can play, regardless of size.

The soccer team practices every afternoon from 3-4:30 p.m. behind Gelston Hall, under the direction of Welles. Anyone interested in establishing soccer as an Alma sport should contact Welles or report to the practice field behind Gelston Hall any afternoon during the week.

The first meeting of the Alma College Ski Club will be held on October 18 at 8 p.m. in the south lounge of Tyler Center. Possible plans for the ski season will be discussed and officers will be elected.

Miss Maxine Hayden will be the faculty advisor for the 1961-62 ski season. All who are interested in skiing, beginner or professional, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Interest Grows In Intramurals

Continuing through their schedule, the intramural football teams are now in the last half of their season. Larger and more enthusiastic crowds are turning out at Bahlke Field each evening at 5:30 to watch the teams.

Following are standings through Wednesday night's games and a schedule of games to be played through Thursday, October 19.

'A' League			
Team	W	L	T
Teke	4	0	1
Rebels	3	1	0
Delt Sig No. 1	2	4	0
Sig Tau	0	4	1
'B' League			
Mooners	5	0	0
Sutherland	4	1	0
MacBeth	3	2	0
Bruce	3	2	0
Mitchell, 3rd Floor	1	2	0
McPherson	1	3	0
Stuart	0	3	0
Dealers	0	4	0

The schedule for games to be played this week is as follows:

Monday, October 16  
Rebels vs. Delt Sig No. 1  
Bruce vs. Mitchell 3rd Floor  
Mooners vs. Sutherland

Tuesday, October 17  
Sig Tau vs. TKE  
Dealers vs. Stuart  
McPherson vs. MacBeth

Wednesday, October 18  
TKE vs. Delt Sig No. 1  
Bruce vs. Mooners  
Dealers vs. McPherson

Thursday, October 19  
Rebels vs. Sig Tau  
MacBeth vs. Stuart  
Sutherland vs. Mitchell 3rd Floor

## Xcountry Season Opens; Calvin Trounces Scots

Alma College's Cross Country team opened the 1961 MIAA schedule last Friday at Grand Rapids. The Scots ran the powerful Calvin Knights, and were defeated 15-50. (In cross-country the low score is the winning score for the meet.)

Co-Captains Warren Slodowski and Jerry Smith head the team of Alma runners. Warren is from Saginaw and a senior at Alma. He has been running cross-country for four years.

Jerry is a sophomore from Nashville. Warren and Jerry were keen competitors last year for top honors for the team in each meet.

Tom Bailey, Bill Johns, and Ted Bacon round out the five man contingent from Alma College. Bill is a senior from Detroit, running in his fourth year as a distance man. Tom is a sophomore from Dearborn. Tom looked strong in many meets last year as a freshman, and his added experience will bolster Alma's squad. Ted is a freshman from Auburn, New York. He was injured and couldn't run in the meet with Calvin, but big things are expected from him in the following meets.

John LaRue ran a strong race for Alma as fifth man. John is a basketball player, and only ran because Alma didn't have the required five men to race. Although he didn't place, he displayed good form and running know-how.

Calvin placed ten men ahead of Warren Slodowski, first runner in for Alma. Calvin doesn't play football, but concentrates on cross-country. This gives them a tremendous advantage in this field, and they are heavy favorites to win the league competition again this year.

Alma's next meet will be today at 4 p.m. at Bahlke Field. Adrian is Alma's opponent.

## Scotsmen Are Steaming For Bulldogs' Creaming

The Scots swing back into action tomorrow on the gridiron against the Adrian Bulldogs. The day commemorates the 75th Homecoming Anniversary for Alma College. The game begins at 2:30 p.m. with pre-game warm-up starting at 2.

Alma hasn't had a successful season to date but the Scots are still undefeated in MIAA competition. Adrian has a 1-2 record. They are 0-1 in MIAA play. This will be the first test for Alma in league competition, and if history can be repeated, it could well be a successful beginning for the Alma gridders.

Alma has beaten Adrian the last four years in a row. In 1957 Adrian was Alma's Homecoming opponent. The Scots triumphed 25-0.

The following year saw Alma travel to Adrian and inflict a 27-12 beating on the Bulldogs. Adrian was the opponent for Homecoming again in 1959, and Alma reigned victorious 34-0. Last year Alma white-washed Adrian for the second straight year. The score was 13-0 in a game played at Adrian.

Injuries have been hampering the Scots all season. With a two week rest Alma should be at full strength for this week end's game. The added depth might be the punch the Scots are looking for to get them rolling in the 1961 season.

## Vill This Occur Tomorrow?

Poem lauds Scots' Mighty Prowess

(The classic which appears below first came out in the monthly Almanian, February 20, 1903. Frank R. Hurst, the author, was one of Alma's famous football men, helping to gain more than one championship. We believe students and alumni will enjoy re-reading the poem by him.)  
**VEN ALMA HAS DER BALL**  
An imitation of "Ven Villie's"

Brudder Comes.  
Wen Alma hast der ball Ach Himmel vatch out!  
Some funny dings vill sure den come about  
Und ve vill put de odder team to rout  
Ven Alma hast der ball, No odder team vill den haf any show  
Old Olfeit und Albion den may go  
Avay, vay back und set down far below  
Ven Alma hast der ball, Ach, den the Alma cornet band vill play,  
"Our Football Boys," und "Alma Rah!" all day  
Und ve vill haf shust aller dings our way  
Ven Alma hast der ball, Ach Himmel den von underneat der pile  
Vill jump a boy and run for half a mile  
Und die Alma crowd mit frenzy shall go wild  
Ven Alma hast der ball, Du lieber Prex shust picture up der crowd,  
A shoutin' "rah for Billy" clear and loud  
Und coeds standin' by der lines so proud  
Ven Alma hast der ball, Und ven "old Pearly" comes up from behind  
Und Andy, Jim and Beechy hit der line  
Die odder boys do nichts but take out time  
Ven Alma hast der ball.  
—F. H. '04

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