

A-V Play to Feature Conflict

As the curtains swish back and stage lights come on, action will begin . . . the A-V play, *Cry, the Beloved Country*, will be under way. It will be given at 8 P.M. the evening of December 17 in the Union Auditorium.

Cry, the Beloved Country is a drama produced by special arrangement with the Friendship Press. The version to be presented is written in free verse style, and was adopted from Alan Paton's novel by Felicia Komai.

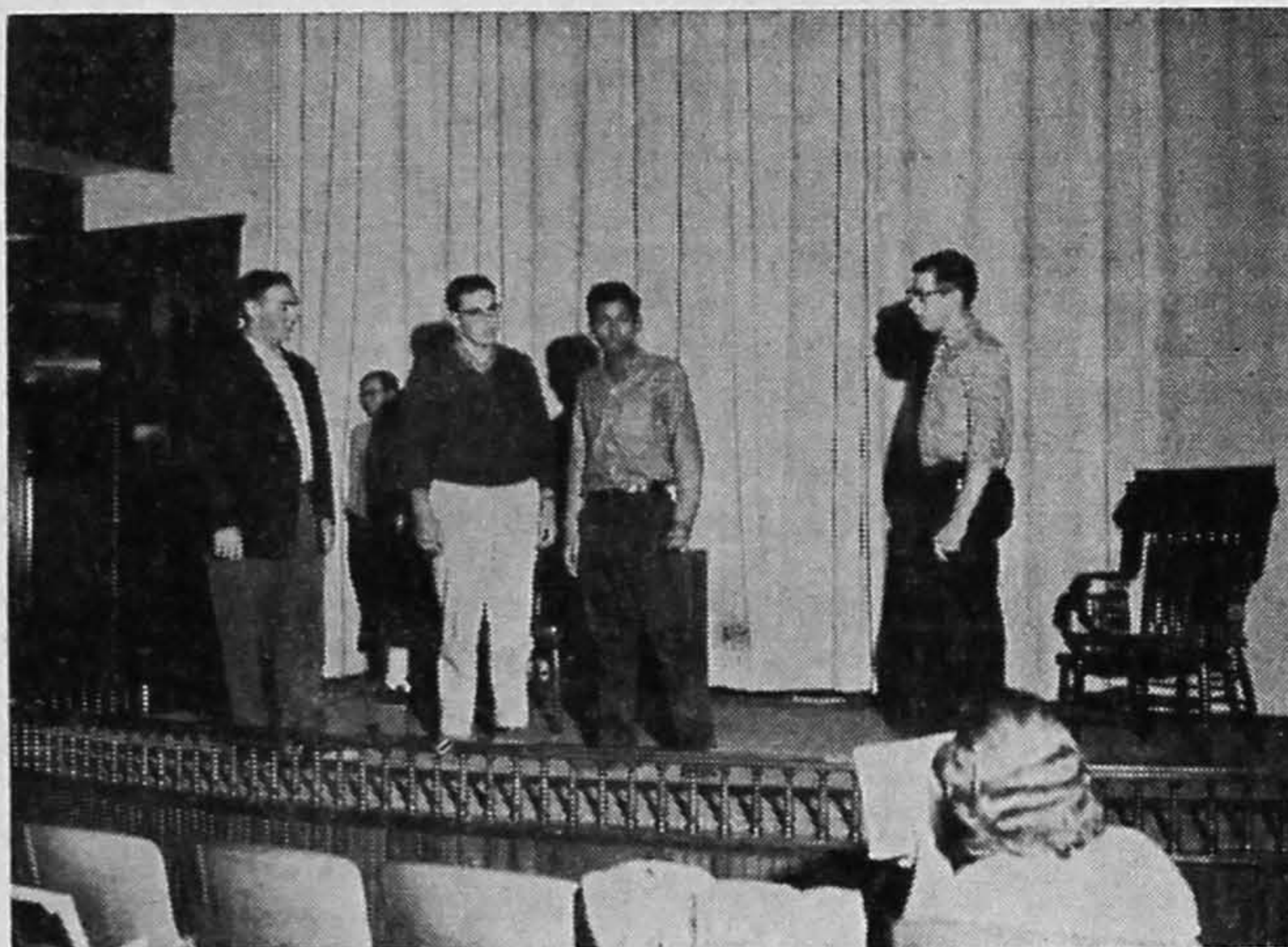
Universal Theme of Conflict

The play is based on conflicts, some of which are black versus white, love versus fear, hope versus despair, understanding versus ignorance and indifference. All conflicts build to one cumulative point in the second act in the murder of a white man. In the third act, the central theme binds the threads of the plot as it moves toward the resolving of the opposing forces.

Cast

Merle Gisel as Stephen Kumalo, Byron Yake as Msimangu and Dave Plaut as Jarvis play the leading roles. Others in the cast are Becky Miller and Trella Bontrager, narrators; Leroy Miller, John Kumalo; George Bechtel, Absalom Kumalo; Gordon Hostetler, Young White Man; Arlen Miller, Father Vincent; Julie Landis, Gertrude Kumalo; Dick Swartz, Thomas; Don Marquis, Harrison; Elizabeth Groh, Evangeline Yoder, Mary Kay Gerber, LaVera Miller, Tim Histan, Rose Marie Amstutz, Barb Peifer, Lois Martin, Gordon Lapp, Larry Landes and Verda Hostetler.

Rachel Leatherman is student



PART OF ADELPHIAN-VESPERIAN cast practice for play to be given next Wednesday evening.

director, Verda Hostetler is production manager and Dr. Umble is faculty advisor.

Production staff personnel are: stage manager, Jim Nussbaum; lighting, John Nyce; sound, Har-

old Blosser and Clyde Moore; costumes, Marie Keeler; make-up, Carolyn Morrison; scenery, Abner Hershberger and Grace Leatherman; and publicity, Mary Jean Yoder.

Students To Have Christmas Party

Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their artistic ability and originality at the All-School Christmas Party to be held on Friday, December 12, at 7:30 in the Union Auditorium. Six groups will be formed, each of which will decorate a Christmas tree. Materials will be furnished so that everyone can use his own imagination in making the decorations for the trees. After Friday evening the trees will be placed at various places on the campus so that everyone may enjoy them during the Christmas season.

Beginning at 9:00 the college orchestra directed by Professor J. Harold Moyer, will present several numbers. A clarinet solo by Marion Schrock with accompaniment by the orchestra is the feature of this part of the evening. At the conclusion of the program the orchestra will accompany the student body in singing Christmas carols. Miss Edith Herr and Margaret Miller are planning this social.

Chorus To Present Handel's Messiah

Handel's famous oratorio, the *Messiah*, will be performed Sunday afternoon in the Union Auditorium by a 200 voice combined chorus. Under the direction of Dwight Weldy, the group will present five choruses from each of the three sections of the *Messiah*, Christmas, Easter and the Revelation. No solos will be included. Mrs. Eleanor Graber Nase is accompanist.

The program, which lasts approximately 75 minutes, begins at 2:30 p.m.

It Is Crowded When Alone

An old, old man, tired and worn from too many slaps on the back, peered down from his office onto the campus proper late one Saturday afternoon. His name was True Christmas Spirit and on this particular Saturday afternoon only four shopping days remained until Christmas. Just the day before he had been called upon to emit his warmth and geniality at numerous gatherings and pre-holiday good-bye cheers. Instead of feeling the glow of popularity,

however, he felt misused and was certain that his presence was prompted too much by custom and not at all by any thought of why he should be there. But that was yesterday and everyone with their bright packages and candy canes had gone home for plush holiday meals with family and friends.

Today the campus was deserted, but the old man did not miss the noise and activity. He watched nature set up her own Christmas scene. Snowflakes settling a

primer coat of white over the greens and greys of grass and stone. Tree branches held on to their portions of the snow, too, contrasting black, sharp jags with the cloudiness of tufted snow. A small dog, frisking heedlessly, tracked a crude star pattern between the trees. The shades of twilight turned into the deeper tones of evening and stars filtered light through the dark sky like many pin holes.

"Christmas is coming," he said.

Absences from regular appointments within the 24 hour period immediately preceding or following Christmas vacation are penalized by a monetary fee. A fine of \$10 will be charged for the first appointment missed and \$5 for every other appointment missed. Reasons reported for absences at this time will be reviewed by a committee whose responsibility it will be to decide whether a given absence is legitimate.

Unto Us A Child Is Born

David Schoenbrun Heads Next L-M

"America As Others See Us" will be presented by David Schoenbrun, foreign correspondent of CBS, at the Lecture-Music number scheduled for January 8. Nationally known for his writings and CBS broadcasts, Mr. Schoenbrun, in his years as foreign correspondent, has made a point to find out what others think of America. His direct report which enlightens, amuses and sometimes shocks his audience is a result of his observations in Europe, North Africa, southeast Asia and elsewhere.

Mr. Schoenbrun was born in New York City. At the age of 19 he taught romance languages at various metropolitan schools. He gave up teaching for free lance writing on propaganda warfare.

In the spring of 1943 he entered the army and was assigned to run the Mediterranean Theater News Desk for the United Nations Radio. Here he did a weekly commentary in English and French and directed the Allied Forces News Room. Later, he went to France to cover D-Day operations.

Discharged from the army in September, 1945, he went to work as manager of the Overseas News Agency's Paris Bureau where he became a special CBS correspondent.

A student of French history and on-the-spot observer of French news, Mr. Schoenbrun has written an informative book called *As France Goes*, which is called one of the best books on contemporary France. He also writes articles for national magazines and conducts regular radio broadcasts from Paris.

Single admission tickets are available at the college business office. They will also be sold at the door.

Vital Statistics

MARRIED

Ann Kreider to Al Zook x'56
Karen Martin to Clarence Basinger '52
Anna Rose Nafziger '56 to Peter Kieson
Patricia Ann Harris to Floyd Metz '56
Donabelle Spicher '57 to Dalton Hostetler

Norma Kornhaus '61 to Marion Mast

Rachel Bixler x'61 to Ruperto Guedea, Jr.

ENGAGED

Nancy Burkholder to Robert Lee '59

Delores Kauffman '59 to Alvin Graber '58

Angela Weng '58 to Chung Jong Chang

Catherine Schloneger '61 to Russell Hochstetler '61

Ann Sommer '60 to Kay Troyer '60



Mr. Schoenbrun

Y News

Six students from Goshen attended the Midwestern Missionary Conference at Wheaton College, December 5-7. Delegates representing Inter-Varsity Organizations from schools in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois attended. Inter-Varsity is a Christian association primarily for secular or state campuses with a missionary emphasis. Although the Y.P.C.A. is not affiliated with Inter-Varsity as such the aims and purposes are very similar.

The visitation group working in the East Goshen area on Monday evenings needs several more fellows to make the work more effective. Homes are contacted through the Light House and consist mostly of lower income groups who need encouragement. For more information contact Pat Belt or Orville Yoder.

The Service Commission of the "Y" under the sponsorship of the Elkhart County Youth for Christ has been assisting with ten Bible Clubs set up in various junior and senior high schools of the area.

The main objectives of the clubs are to present Bible training and to impress upon the students the present Christian witness they can impart.

There are obstacles to overcome but those from the "Y" participa-

Kreider to Visit Other Schools In Coordinating Program

The co-ordinator from the North Central Association of Accreditation was on the campus this week. Coordinator for Goshen College this year was Dean Milo Rediger from Taylor University. Tuesday, December 9, Dean Rediger spoke in the morning chapel and later in the day was engaged in meetings with several of the faculty and administrative committees.

Recently Dean Kreider also participated in the coordination program of the association and became acquainted with the programs at Taylor University, Marion College and Huntington College.

Dr. Kreider's secretary, Norma Nofziger, informs us that the Dean will be visiting several colleges again this spring. In Kansas, Dean Kreider will be at Baker University, Ottawa University and the College of Emporia. In St. Paul, Minnesota, he will study the programs of Augsburg College, College of St. Catherine and Bethel College.

This function of the North Cen-

tral Accrediting Board acquaints its colleges with the academic and administrative programs of the various schools belonging to the association.

Scottdale To Print 1959 Maple Leaf

On Monday of this week the 1959 MAPLE LEAF staff members escorted a professional photographer over the Goshen College campus. This photographer, Mr. Duncan Schiedt from Indianapolis, took most of the classroom pictures for the academic section of this year's book and various other group and activity pictures.

The Mennonite Publishing House in Scottdale will print the MAPLE LEAF. Mr. H. Ralph Hernley met with the editor and business manager several times in the past month to make plans for the actual production of the book.

The covers are contracted by the S. K. Smith Company. The book will be black with a sand texture finish. A "blob" will be featured on the cover as well as in other important parts of the book.

The staff work is divided by sections with each staff member responsible for scheduling pictures and writing copy for his section. The staff includes: Merle Geisel, academic; Lois Weaver, organization; Keith Schragg, club; Lynn Williams, sports; Doris Brunk, activity and Alice Lepley, album. Dick Boshart is student photographer with Stan Yoder assisting.

Calendar

Friday, Dec. 12—Science Club Field Trip, All School Christmas Party 7:30 P.M. (Union), Orchestra Program 9:00 (Union).

Saturday, Dec. 13—6:30-8:30, final Messiah Rehearsal.

Sunday, Dec. 14—Messiah, Goshen College Combined Choruses.

Monday, Dec. 15—Chapel, J. Robert Kreider, Language Arts Club, Social Workers Club, Student Nurses Association, Student Wives (Home Ec. Lab.).

Tuesday, Dec. 16—Chapel, Roy Umble.

Wednesday, Dec. 17—Chapel, Harold Bauman, Staff Christmas Banquet, A-V Public Program.

Thursday, Dec. 18—"Y" Chapel, Faculty Christmas Social.

Friday, Dec. 19—Chapel, Frank Bishop, Christmas Recess Begins 12:20 P.M.

Tuesday, Jan. 6—12:25 P.M., Christmas Recess Ends.

Wednesday, Jan. 7—Chapel, Harold Bauman, All-School Prayer Meeting 9:30 (Assembly Hall).

Thursday, Jan. 8—"Y" Chapel, L-M, David Schoenbrun.

Friday, Jan. 9—Chapel, S. C. Yoder, Mennonite Historical Society.

Saturday, Jan. 10—B. B., Huntington, here.

Monday, Jan. 12—Chapel, J. D. Graber, German Club, Spanish Club, Photography Club, Aero Club.

Tuesday, Jan. 13—Chapel, J. D. Graber.

Wednesday, Jan. 14—Chapel, Harold Bauman, Reading Period 14-16, Registration of continuing students.

Thursday, Jan. 15—"Y" Chapel, Reading Period, Voice Recital Harold Blosser, G.C. Men's Fellowship.

Friday, Jan. 16—Missions Chapel.

Student Forum

A current issue of discussion is that of an Honor System. This system has been discussed by S.F.C. and an article appeared in the last issue of the "Record" concerning the topic. The following are some opinions expressed by students.

Bernadine Beck—I think the plan is very good for the above average students. It will provide incentive because advancement will be dependent upon ability and willingness to work. However, will it give incentive to those who constitute the large portion of our school, the average student?

Darlene Mathis—The proposed honors plan, in my opinion, is an excellent idea. As I see it, a real need exists for such a program on the GC campus particularly on the junior-senior levels. Especially helpful and challenging in this type of program would be various seminar experiences, specific honors courses and creative, independent study. Among these I would consider independent study for a selected group of students as probably the most helpful and practical at this time until a more complete and comprehensive plan could be arranged.

R. Wayne Clemens—An honors program of this nature is necessary for a college as it grows from the small college status to that of a larger one. Since GC has apparently reached this situation the whole student body should definitely be positively affected by a move like this—the "average" student by being able to have small

student-teacher ratios and the above average by having more stimulating and challenging tasks to develop their potential to the fullest.

Louise Miller—The "honors program" provides independent study for the superior or enthusiastic student. The program has many advantages. However, before crystallizing and adopting such a system, several issues should be noted and avoided.

Segregation in the student body between superior and average students. An understanding of the honors program by all students should keep all barriers broken. (Of course, we as mature college students should recognize and accept our capabilities and be glad for classmates with richer endowments than ours.)

Overloading and underpaying faculty members. Individualized study demands more faculty time. Therefore, two logical alternatives would be: more faculty members or increased pay for extra faculty time.

Beth Hostetler—Having the qualified student do independent study seems like a good proposal to me. If it were successful, I would then like to see it tried on all students to encourage more interest and stimulation in courses. I purposely didn't use the term "superior student" because I don't like what it infers. A student labeled as "superior" might run into difficulty socially. Also, superiority is a relative thing.

Any independent study should

be a part of a regular load. I don't think it should be an additional load if the student wants to do justice to his studies and to participate in any other campus activities which, I feel, are very necessary for the well-rounded person.

Larry Landes—The establishing of an honors program here at GC is a good and much needed thing. There are probably a number of students here who would be able to work at a faster and more difficult pace under supervised independent work or in independent study during the summer, in place of sometimes wasted class attendance.

Since Goshen has adopted the policy of trying to accept all Menonite students who apply, regardless of their high school class rank or results of the college board entrance exams, it is her duty to recognize and fulfill the needs of the superior students studying here. This could be nicely accomplished by the new plan.

Ervin Beck, Jr.—It is impossible, of course, for a small school like Goshen College to set up specialized courses which will meet all the individual needs and interests of students. The proposed plans for individualized study should help meet this need.

J. L. Burkholder Making Progress

Professor J. L. Burkholder is reported as making excellent progress at the Goshen Hospital. As a result of his recent car accident, he received a cut on his lip and one crushed vertebra. A recent x-ray has shown that he is making satisfactory recovery. He is in a cast from his neck to his legs, and will have to wear it for several months.

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Huntington Trounces Maple Leafs

Goshen College was handed its second setback in four starts December 6, when the Foresters of Huntington College dumped the Leafs by a 95-69 score.

Huntington was forced to work the ball in for shots as Goshen was prepared for the fast breaking Foresters and held them quite well in this department. The Maple Leafs' 26% shooting from the floor was no match for the sharp shooting Huntington team. Good close shots were rare for the Purple and White as the Foresters' front line, composed of freshmen, averaged 6'4".

After the first 10 minutes of slag the hosts broke the game wide open and took a 47-30 half-time lead. Midway through the last half the Maple Leafs, after

being behind by as many as 21 points, closed the gap to 14 points. However, the Foresters once again took command and went on to win by 26 points, 95-69.

Goshen was led in scoring by John Ingold, Wayne Lambright, and Jim Fricke with 21, 19 and 17 points, respectively. Lowell Stouder, Huntington's crafty little guard paced his team with 22 points and Rollo Williams came up with 18 points.

Huntington won the thrilling Junior Varsity game by a 100-93 score in overtime. John Nafziger and Marlin Wenger each had 23 points.

Alumni Rally to Victory Over Varsity

The annual Goshen College Homecoming basketball game found the Alumni taking full advantage of their alma mater by whipping the GC Varsity 69-66. A last minute Alumni rally highlighted the second straight Alumni homecoming victory.

Goshen, led by Don Blosser's 5 first quarter field goals, jumped to an early 10 point lead which they held throughout most of the first half. Lewis Campbell's 11 first half tallies were not enough for the Alumni as the halftime

buzzer halted action with the 33-25 score favoring the Purple and White.

Lee Weldy paced the Alumni second half by taking his usual control of the boards and scoring 15 points. With Jim Fricke fouling out during the third quarter the Alumni, with the front line of Lewis Campbell, Don Bodager and Lee Weldy, took charge of the rebounding and scored many times on tip-ins. Excitement reached a climax when the Alumni aided by Bodager's three field goals in the last 4 seconds forged out in front.

The Maple Leafs, connecting on 38% of their shots, were led in scoring by Don Blosser and Wayne Lambright with 18 and 13 points, respectively. Lee Weldy and Lewis Campbell each hit for 18 points and were high for the Alumni who shot 41% from the floor.

Fans were entertained during the halftime intermission with a trampoline exhibition performed by Gary Lehman, Gerald Landis and Charles Best, assistant athletic director at the Elkhart YMCA.

Intramural League Race Tightens Up

As expected the "A" League has developed into a tight race. Via their victory over undefeated Frosh I, 39-35, Soph I is looming as a strong contender. Fricke's 13 points led Soph I in the low scoring battle of the unbeaten.

Junior I, a victor Tuesday over Frosh I, faced the high-flying Sophomores last evening which left only one team in the league undefeated. With three straight victories in the last two weeks, Senior I has moved into a challenging position with a 3-1 record. Frosh I posted victories over their intraclass rivals, Frosh II and Frosh III. These wins, combined with earlier victories, put Frosh I, at the time of this writing, in fourth place with a 4-2 record.

In the "B" League, Senior II is on top of the roost with 5 wins in 6 games.

By ESTEL NAFZIGER

The Auroras will again play the role of favorite as they go against their rival lit five, the Adelphians, next Thursday. The six men who have been in GC's varsity starting line-up will be in Aurora uniform Thursday night. Leading the Adelphians will be five men who have seen limited action as varsity reserves.

It is certain, though, that no A-V member will concede the game to the Red and Blue. Fans present at the three contests last year will remember that the Blue and White put up some good battles before bowing to the highly-favored Aurora powerhouse.

In college basketball this year Indiana prep product Oscar Rob-

ertson, whom many rated last year as better than famed seven-footer Wilt Chamberlain, is expected to top the All-American list this year. Robertson is the main reason why the University of Cincinnati has been almost unanimously acclaimed as the nation's number one team in pre-season polls.

In the Midwest, Michigan State, edged by Indiana last year as Big Ten champion, is generally rated as the team to beat in the Western Conference. However, this writer picks towering Purdue, which has everyone back from a 9-5 season in the conference last year. The Big Ten season gets under way after the holidays, and continues until its climax in mid-March.

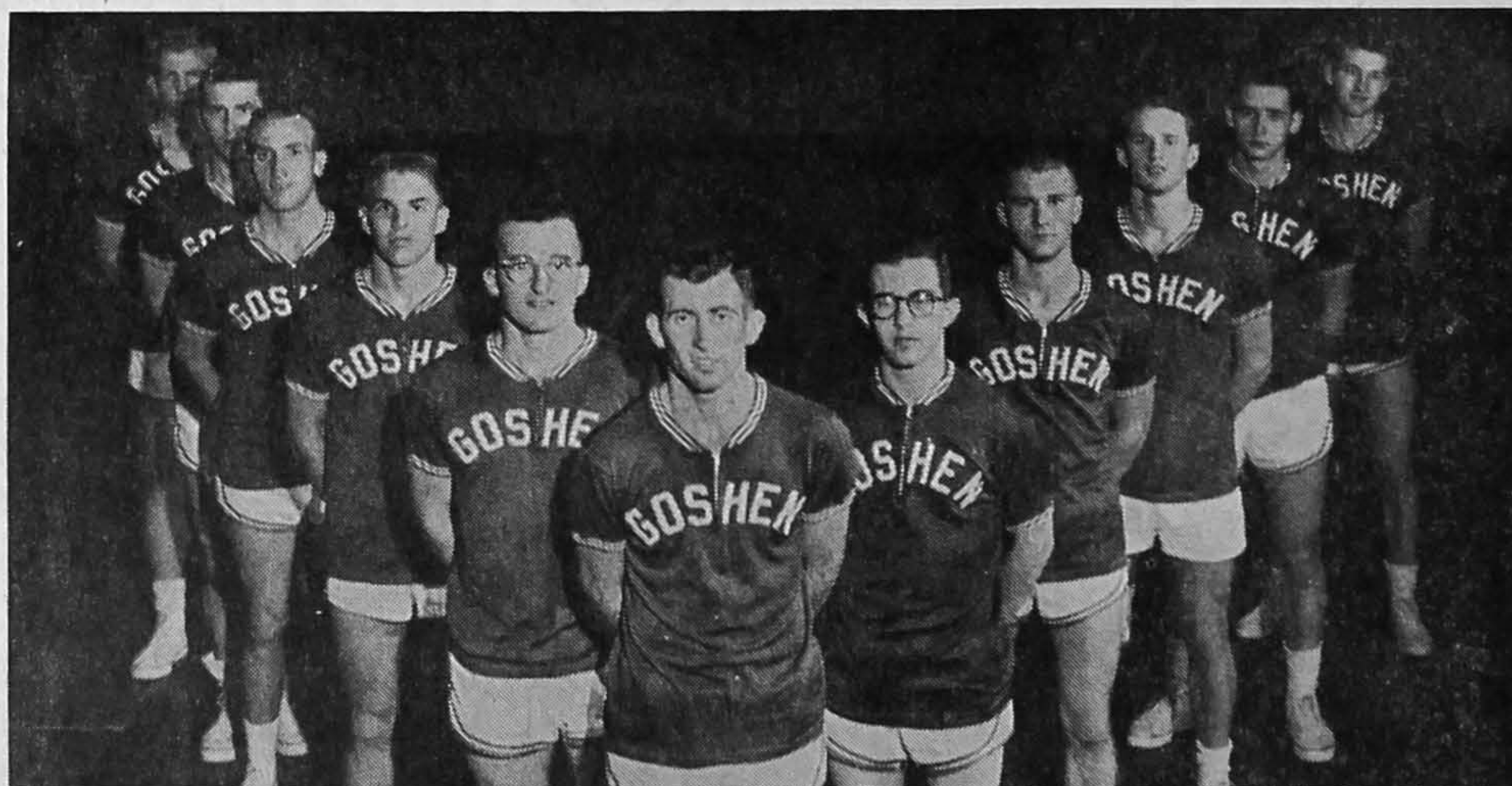
Ten "A" League Scoring Leaders

	G	FG	FT	TP	Ave.
Ingold, Sen I ...	3	21	3	45	15.0
Hostetler, Soph I	2	12	4	28	14.0
Roth, Jr I	2	12	3	27	13.5
Lambright, Fr I	3	17	4	38	12.7
Mast, Soph I ...	2	10	4	24	12.0
Birky, Frosh I ..	5	29	0	58	11.6
Martin, Frosh III	4	22	2	46	11.5
Nafziger, Frosh II	4	21	4	46	11.5
M. Litwiller, Jr I	2	10	2	22	11.0
Williams, Jr I ...	2	10	2	22	11.0

Gals Varsity Wins

The varsity women's basketball team limited the Alumnae winning streak to one year by defeating them 54-40 during the Homecoming week-end. Credit should be given to Ruth Gunden for ably drilling and directing the winners. Sharing high scoring honors were C. Clymer and R. Detweiler for the alumni and B. Helmuth and D. Yoder for the varsity.

Women's intramural basketball is now in progress with 11 teams participating in A and B leagues. Keen competition is predicted among the 90 women.



MAPLE LEAF basketball team for 1958-59. From left to right: Jim Fricke, Don Blosser, Lynn Williams, Keith Hostetler, Carlton Wenger, Capt. John Ingold, Kerm Roth, Wayne Lambright, Marlin Wenger, Merle Mullet and Fred Litwiller.