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Council Distributes Campus Funds

At its meeting last Monday evening, the Coop Council took up the matter of allocating funds to various campus activities. A committee composed of Dr. Seifert, Bruce Mellinger, and Robert Kirby, which had investigated the respective needs of the various activities, made its report. Bruce Mellinger reported on the percentages allocated by the Student Council last year.

Although there are fewer students in school this year, the total fund to be distributed is slightly larger, due to the contribution of \$150.00 by the Faculty group and \$200.00 by the college administration. This, added to the \$3450.00 student activities fee gives a total of \$3800.00 for this semester. This was distributed as follows:

	Pct.	Fund
Athletics (Men and Women) (plus gate receipts)	52	\$1976.00
Publications	17	646.00
Music	7 1/2	285.00
Public Speech & Dramatics	7 1/2	285.00
Religious Life (Chapel speakers & programs)	6 1/2	247.00
Student Council (Social Life)	6	228.00
Public Occasions	3 1/2	133.00
	100	\$3800.00

Sociology Students Visit Detroit Social Agencies on Three-Day Trip

(by Kenneth Peterson)
"Sociology's answer to the nation's need for total defense" was the keynote of the trip to Detroit made by the sociology department Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week. With our nation nearing war-time activity the social workers of our nation, changing with a changing scene, are adjusting themselves and their programs to help individuals meet the new and difficult problems which the defense boom has created.

Caravan Set For Friday, Oct. 31

Come on, all you loyal Almanians who are anxiously watching Alma shoot closer and closer to the MIAA championship! The caravan to Bay City for the Lawrence Tech game is all set for Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31.

The committee in charge requests that all students who are planning to go will please sign up on the bulletins in dormitories and fraternity houses as soon as possible in order that they may arrange for adequate transportation. The transportation is being provided by privately owned cars and the cost is only 25c per student. Anyone who has an available car may contact either Jack Heimforth or Miss Smith.

Tickets are being sold by Lenore Meyer, Wayne Dorsett, Harold Hartt, Dave Kinney, and Jack Heimforth. Get yours today!

Dinner will be an hour earlier than usual as the caravan will leave Wright Hall at 6 p.m.

You'll be sorry if you don't go because plenty of fun is in store. The annual caravan has become an Alma tradition and is thought to be the highlight of the football season, so come on, Scots, hurry and get your tickets! This Halloween it's football—not witches.

Dancing at 8:30 No Corsages

Annual Frosh Frolic Semi-Formal

NOVEMBER 8

\$1.00 Couple No Stags

CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 27—Chapel. Dr. William P. Lemon of First Presbyterian church, Ann Arbor.

Tuesday, Oct. 28—Chapel. Vocal recital by Mrs. Fred Mehaffie, contralto soloist; accompanist, Mrs. Gladys Walker.

Wednesday, Oct. 29—Chapel. Mr. Johnson.

Thursday, Oct. 30—Chapel. Dr. Frederick Olert of First Presbyterian church, Detroit.

Friday, Oct. 31—Caravan to Bay City. Leave Wright Hall 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1—Phi Phi Alpha open house.

Friday, Nov 7—Zeta Sigma open house.

Saturday, Nov. 8—Albion at Alma, football game. Frosh Frolic.

Pi Sigs Plan Dance

The Pi Sigma Nu sorority is making plans for an informal girl-bid dance to be held in the recreation room of the new chapel in the near future.

Co-op Council Sets Up Committees

The Co-op Council has been busy at its last two meetings, setting up committees to regulate the various activities of the college community. These committees will be composed of equal numbers of faculty and student members, and will range in size from 4 to 8.

The first committee to be organized was athletics. This is to be a committee of six, and it was recommended that the Director of Men's Athletics, the Director of Women's Athletics, and the faculty M.I.A.A. representative be the three faculty members on this committee. The student M.I.A.A. representative and two other students will be selected by the Student Council to complete the committee. Its duties will be to control and supervise all regular intercollegiate athletic activities (including baseball), intramural sports, women's athletics, and all athletic awards (including A-pins and senior awards).

A second committee, namely publications, will also be composed of six members. This committee would regulate the activities of the Almanian and Scotsman, and it was decided that if the editors and business managers of these two publications were not on the student half of the committee, they will be able to attend all committee meetings as ex-officio members.

A Social Life Committee of six members was also set up, which will supervise the social life and program of the campus. It was recommended that the campus Social Director and the Dean of Women be two of the faculty representatives, and that the Student Council Social Chairman be one of the student members.

Three committees of four each were set up in the fields of music, public speech and dramatics, and public occasions. The Music Committee will have charge of the music activities of the campus, and it was recommended that the mu-

NEW RECREATION ROOM WELCOMES STUDENTS

One of the finest features of the new chapel building is the recreation room in the basement.

The main floor is 59 by 63 feet, while a spacious foyer on a raised level is reached by the front entrances. There are lounges and rest rooms adjoining the foyer for men and women. To these are added a kitchenette adjoining the foyer and a conference room adjoining the main floor.

The walls are ivory white and the floor covering is in blocks of red asphalt tile, with black borders. Lighting is indirect from the ceiling. Several paintings by Miss Katherine Ardis of the art department, adorn the walls, and vases and a table lamp are on the maple table.

A new piano and a new victrola furnish the music for informal parties, while 100 folding chairs are arranged for seating along the sides of the recreation floor. Ping pong and other game equipment are added on the recreation floor for social evenings. Six card tables are placed in the foyer for games and serving.

The foyer has colorful furnishings with three davenport and 15 chairs upholstered in red, green, blue and yellow leather. Additional chairs and colonial benches are in the lounges. These furnishings were planned by Mrs. John W. Dunning and Miss Adeline Simon, interior decorator of Kalamazoo.

In the kitchenette are a hot water heater, gas stove, sink, tables and a refrigerator. A soft drink dispenser is being placed in the room by the W.A.A.

In these pleasant and colorful surroundings, students will spend informal hours during the leisure period following dinner on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and informal occasions on recreation nights which will be planned by the recreation committee.

14 Alma Students Listed In "Who's Who"

Who's who on the campus was the subject of the debate settled last week by the five remaining senior members listed in last year's publication "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." They are Bruce Mellinger, George DeHority, Jack Crittenden, Robert Kirby, and Lee Clack. With the Registrar, Professor R. W. Clack, acting as chairman, the old members nominated for the awards those junior and senior students ranking high in campus activity and scholarship and offering the most all-around leadership to the college.

Nine were chosen to fill Alma's quota of fourteen, six seniors and three juniors. The seniors are Blanche Bahlke, Keith Carey, Vic-

tor Fox, Jack King, Bruce Lindley, and Frieda Volpel. The juniors are David Kinney, Elizabeth Miller and Dona Peterson.

Bruce Mellinger presides over the Student Council and is student chairman of the Cooperative Council, a member of the Phi Sigma Pi honor society and Phi Phi Alpha fraternity, and is a fervid forensier. George DeHority ably manages all campus athletics, is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi honor society and Delta Gamma Tau fraternity. Jack Crittenden, also a Delta and for two years editor of the Scotsman, is sports editor for the Almanian and Alma Record, correspondent for the Associated Press, United Press, and Detroit Free Press, and fulfills his duties as Public Relations Manager for Alma college. Robert Kirby, vice president of the student council, has been especially outstanding in track, football, and basketball. Lee Clack is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi honor society and an associated member of Delta Gamma Tau fraternity.

Blanche Bahlke heads the Senate, the governing body of Wright Hall and is a member of Kappa Iota sorority. Keith Carey, a member of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity, was voted the second best basketball player in the state last year according to the Detroit Free Press coaches' poll and in football was named all MIAA end. Vic-

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Complete Alumni Fund Committee

The appointments for the alumni fund committee have been completed with Don B. Smith, '19, President of the Consolidated Freight Lines of Detroit, being named as chairman. The vice chairman in charge of special gifts is Dean James E. Mitchell, '97, of Alma. The other vice chairman is Miss Constance Kingan, '26, of Royal Oak. Chester R. Robinson, '17, of Alma, is treasurer.

The other members of the committee are Mary Forshar Crawford, of Detroit; Russell Wilson, Superintendent of Alpena schools; Ruth Malcolm Brown, Detroit; and Herbert Estes, of Dearborn. Dr. John W. Dunning, Attorney A. H. Lindley of Detroit, and Robert L. Oakes of Alma are ex-officio members of the committee.

The alumni fund is used in over four hundred colleges in the United States as a vehicle for giving the alumni a way of participating in the program of their alma mater. The committee appeals to each alumnus to contribute to the fund which is turned over to the college to be used for those improvements on the campus in which the alumni wish to take part.

The annual appeal to be launched in November stresses everyone giving something regardless of how small the amount. The competition between each class is based on the number of people who contribute, not on the amount.

Faculty Recommendation

The Faculty has recommended that \$4.00 a semester be the sum set as the individual Faculty contribution to the Activity Fund.

PROFESSOR'S LAMENT

Animadversions on the Frailty Of Human Nature

By W. M. SEAMAN

For three days I sit all afternoon waiting for new students to come in to have an identification photo made, while outdoors the finest sunshine of the fall goes to waste. They troop by my door but do not come in. When I try to round them up in the hall they back away bashfully with "I dowanna," or "I'll be in tomorrow," or "I don't have time."

One hundred thirty-five people received a notice to have the picture made. It costs them nothing, they cannot get out of it, and the time required is less than one minute—just long enough to write a name on a slate, sit in a chair and snap. Why don't they come? I could do fifty in an hour, and no more than twenty showed up the first day.

At the end of the third day after nine hours of sitting and fidgeting, forty people still have not heeded the summons. They get a

second notice. The fourth day I sit and wait. Where are they? Some of them, whom I do not as yet know by face, pass me without a sign of recognition.

Next day twelve names remain to be rounded up, by phone and by personal visits to their rooms. Hotly I say to myself that I shall demand an apology for their wasting my time; but they look so innocent and are so nice about it that I end up by apologizing to them for being so much bother. Guess I'm a Casper Milquetoast. At last the job is done for another year. But I cannot help wondering about the future of these irresponsible people. How far will they get if they cannot meet a simple appointment? How can they succeed if they are thoughtless of other people's time? What is our duty to them in college? Had we better not train them to assume responsibility? Well, maybe it's just human nature, after all, and you can't do much about it. Or can you?

Alma Matter

Don't the funniest things happen? Campuses are the craziest places, not forgetting dorms, frat houses, and biology buildings. And some things go on you'd never guess. For instance, DO YOU KNOW WRIGHT HALL BOASTS . . . car thieves . . . (But confidentially don't you think Alles flatters himself when he has the police out hunting for that thing and calling it a car) . . . various of the lower forms of animal life . . . a Gestapo, Fifth Column, or what have you . . . a very efficient system of government (the leaders of the gov't lead the mischief so they can always be sure to know who are the culprits) . . . new fountains . . . an open house to be held in the middle of November . . .

But if you think those things are peculiar . . . JUST IMAGINE WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW. . . Lee Clack a famous chemist . . . Kinney the master political tactician . . .

Bill Prescott—well, still being Bill . . . George DeHority president of a large women's college . . . Al Pears a big league ball player . . . Rama Kirkwood a successful career woman . . . Don Allured a famous organist . . . Jean Beckwith a devoted social worker . . . Bruce Mellinger, leader of a great reform movement . . . Bob McDonald the national leader of the Boy Scouts . . . Jerry Duvendeck donating the Duvendeck Memorial Home for Boys to replace the venerable Pioneer Hall . . .

But, getting back to reality, HAVE YOU SEEN A SHOW LATELY . . . "Blondie in Society" . . . Shirley Sharpe . . . "You'll Never Get Rich" . . . any student while going to school . . . "The Reluctant Dragon" . . . the men of the sophomore class . . . "Mabic in Music" . . . Tobin's orchestra . . . "In the Navy" . . . Vera Pitcher's Al . . . "Manhunt" . . . any Wright Hall woman on the loose. WOULD'N'T IT BE FUN IF . . .

Keith would Carey . . . Robert could Reed . . . Andrew might Horne in . . . Charlie could Ford the Pine . . . Virginia tried to Frank her mail . . . Beulah would Brace herself . . . Bettie Jane were charge a Fee . . . Hannah came Bach . . . Paul would Hurrel . . .

BUT, DON'T WE ALL PREFER THEM THE WAY THEY ARE . . . Sally Reed . . . charming . . . Marie Montieth . . . talented . . . Mary Jean Coley . . . amusing . . . Ed Baklarz . . . an intelligent football player . . . Blanche Bahke . . . stately . . . Warren Heitman . . . suave . . . Marge Croft . . . just "Myrt" . . . Bill Carr . . . a member of the faculty . . . That's all folks! (as they say in the cartoons) Times a wastin' . . .

Sociology Students

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eager, and the building is being used 24 hours a day 7 days a week as democracy prepares to defend itself against despotism.

The same theme was carried over into Thursday when the group visited the Dodge Truck Plant. Here they watched a truck from the time it was a mere frame on one end of the assembly line until it was driven off under its own power at the other end. Here also they really realized how much a part of a huge machine the man in the factory has become.

Later, at the Dodge Community House through a talk by Director Henry Jones and a tour of the building, the group learned something of what that institution is trying to do for the laborer and his family.

After lunch at the International Center the group went out to Eloise Hospital. Here a great many examples of common types of mental illnesses were shown by a local psychiatrist. He also discussed them, explaining the causes, symptoms, treatment, and possibility for cure of each. The group was then conducted on a tour of a number of the buildings.

Friday morning the group visited the North End Clinic. Here persons in need of medical care but unable to pay for it, receive that care after the latter fact has definitely been established by the social workers of the clinic. Although established by Jewish philanthropists forty years ago and still bearing a Jewish emphasis, the 150 volunteer doctors and 35 paid professional workers yearly responded to 81,000 visits by people of all colors, races, and creeds for medical aid.

Lunch was served at the Tau Beta community house and a tour was made of the buildings. Because it is located in a different type of neighborhood than Dodge Community House, Tau Beta has different techniques and equipment. But it too is serving the place of a second home to people of all ages in the community.

That afternoon the last visit of the trip was made when the group made a tour of the Detroit League for the Handicapped. Here work is provided for 250 blind and crippled people in the plant and at their homes. The goods made are sold through wholesalers to the public. Thus the League has some income, but like the other institutions visited on Friday, it must depend for most of its support on the Detroit Community Fund.

Those who made the intensive and enlightening trip to Detroit's social agencies were: Randalyn Parsons, and Kenneth Peterson, co-chairman; Kay Peshke, Gloria Albinana, Lionel Gibb, Beverly Hopkins, Lois Hawkins, Dona Peterson, Virginia Reiberg, Ruth Reed, Donald Press, Hannah Bach, Joe Morse, Ruth Kolvoord, Bruce Mellinger, Maryhelen Connolly, and Bill Crimmins.

Co-op Council

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sic director be one of the faculty members and that the two student members be the officers of the band and choir respectively.

The Committee on Public Speech and Dramatics will have charge of the activities they represent. It was recommended that the two faculty members consist of the Director of Speech and Dramatics and that the student speech manager be one of the student members.

The Committee on Public Occasions will have charge of "homecoming, campus day, freshmen days, commencement, and any other similar activity which seems rightly to fall within its sphere."

The Religious Life Committee of eight members will plan and coordinate the religious activities of the campus. One of its main duties will be to aid in planning chapel programs and securing outstanding chapel speakers. The recommendation was made that the acting temporary committee be made permanent.

Faculty members on all these committees are to be selected by the faculty, and student members are to be selected by the Student Council. It is hoped that they will be completely organized by the end of this week.

Dr. J. A. Pierce of Harvard reports that when a meteor or shooting star passes through the atmosphere many miles above the ground it leaves behind it a trail of broken atoms which may last for many minutes.

UNIVERSITIES A PART OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

(Associated Collegiate Press)

"It has been well said of universities that they are among the true immortals. They have out-lived nations and forms of government. Their task is essentially the undramatic and long-range task of diffusing light and leading among mankind. Without them democracies are crippled. They are themselves as integral a part of the national defense as our arms and soldiers. They deal with the ideals which we must defend and all that strengthens them strengthens the foundation of democracy itself." Harry Woodburn Chase, chancellor of New York university, sees the universities as beacons in times of distress.

"National defense and education are close kin, for both of them are plans to preserve the way of life to which we Americans have dedicated ourselves and our children. That way of life, which we call democracy, is held together with the idea that every man is

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