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## Sittler to Highlight Religion Week

### 61 Students Dismissed

**Enrollment Now Over 600 Mark**  
A total of 61 students were dismissed at the end of last semester, according to information released at a news conference Tuesday in Dr. VandenBosch's office.

Of the dissmisees, one-third were freshmen. Dean of Men Kent Hawley pointed out also that 53 were men and only 8 were women. In addition to these 61, Dean McKeefery disclosed that approximately 25 students had withdrawn from the college during the first semester of their own volition because of financial or academic difficulties or to transfer.

It was brought out at the conference, that two-thirds of the dissmisees did not meet present admission standards. "Everything we knew about the student was taken into consideration," said Dr. McKeefery, before decision to dismiss was reached. He mentioned such factors as out-of-school-labor, difficulty of courses, and stressed that in all cases the student received the benefit of any doubt. All borderline cases, he stressed, were considered with particular care.

The fact that many attempts have been made to help students in danger of dismissal is evidenced, it was revealed, in the fact that 46 students, previously in the "danger zone" are now out of probation. It was further mentioned that in no case was dismissal action a hasty, or surprise act. Those students dismissed have had the benefit of repeated counseling and aid, it was stated.

In commenting on the action of the committee, President Swanson said:

"The recent action of the Academic Standards Committee of the faculty is consistent with all that we plan and hope for the future of Alma College. As we strengthen our already competent and hard-working faculty; as we refine and put new life into our educational programs—so we must preserve the best of our student community. This particular hour in history demands and deserves the best minds and talents we can possibly mobilize. To be satisfied with anything less is to deliberately cheat the future. The Committee's action should not be regarded as punitive or threatening. Rather, it is a clear-cut, decisive affirmation of our dedication to the educational objectives before us."

In addition to dissmisees, the college lost about 10 students who have completed their studies prior to graduation in June. About 25 new, returning, or transfer students were added to the enrollment making the total enrollment Tuesday morning 601. The official figure had not yet been released as the almanian "went to bed", but after late enrollments are in, the total is expected to be around 620.

Dr. McKeefery noted that the number dismissed this year is somewhat greater than the number dismissed at this time last year, and pointed out that the long-range improvement in academic standards will narrow the range of teaching as well as reduce the remedial instruction program.

The dissmisals, he said, are not due to a higher grading standard, but, rather to a higher standard of retention.

## Smorgasbord Offered Jan. 30

Alma College presented its annual Smorgasbord January 30 at Van Dusen Commons.

Under the direction of Mr. Manion, Saga caterer at the College, service was swift and effortless. Appetizers were served first, main entrees second — and selections made from separate tables.

The Smorgasbord included choice meats, a fancy assortment of fish and a variety of other foods.

## Rev. Matthews Presents His Song Service

In chapel on Friday, Jan. 16th, the Rev. George Matthews presented his "Service in Song". His music included "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian", "All God's Children Got Shoes", "Steal Away", "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", and "Were You There".

Taking his texts from the Bible



Rev. Matthews

and often amplifying them with personal experiences, he chose his music to correspond with his spoken messages.

His experience in such programs includes services in many churches, colleges, and other groups. His service here, tho almost an hour long, was well attended, and, from comments heard afterwards, well received.

## Coming Events

- Feb. 7, Delt Open House.
- Feb. 8, Del Sig Carnation Ball.
- Feb. 15, Sigma Phi "Amo Te" Valentine Dance.
- Feb. 22, Kappa Iota Dime Dance.
- Feb. 27, Student Council Song Festival.
- Feb. 28, Sigma Phi Dime Dance.

Notice: Everyone is invited to any dance unless it is specified differently.

### KILTIE BAND

The Alma College Kiltie Band holds rehearsals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 4:00 p.m. in Tyler Auditorium. All Students with even slight musical experience are urged to attend these informal meetings.

## Hot Issues and the Goat Paper

Newspapers must appear pretty gullible at times, inasmuch as they, like a police department, must investigate all tips, must accept all clues as valid until proved otherwise.

Such a clue came to the Almanian Tuesday. It concerns what might be a courageous stand by a campus group — according to one set of informants. It concerns what might be a frightened knuckling under to authority — according to the other set of informants.

Where does the almanian come in? It doesn't. With the lack of cooperation from one side along with the "unofficial" rumors from the other, any stand we might take would be simply a "half-cocked" one which would aid no one.

Let this be said to those who will certainly understand: we are not through, for it is our intention to dig to the very bottom of the vital issues which affect our campus. We are a newspaper. That is our job. This is our mission.



Dr. Frederick Wyngarden

Dr. Frederick Wyngarden will keynote the series of Religion in Life Week worship periods with his talk at Monday's chapel. (See lead story).

## New Schedule For Almanian

Changed Format Gives More Space

Beginning the second semester, the almanian decided at its staff meeting Tuesday evening to depart from the bi-weekly category altogether and schedule, for all practical purposes, a weekly newspaper.

A total of 15 issues have been scheduled for the remainder of the year beginning with this one, and numbered consecutively from 10 through 24. In addition, the format has been changed to take advantage of a bigger sheet of paper and acquire more space for news and advertising.

The new format adds 1 1/2 inches to the column length and increases the space between columns. This, the staff believes, will aid in readability and also make the almanian a leader in make-up among college newspapers.

The revised schedule is as follows:

- February:
  - 7 ..... No. 10
  - 14 ..... No. 11
  - 21 ..... No. 12
  - 28 ..... No. 13
- March:
  - 7 ..... No. 14
  - 14 ..... No. 15
  - 21 ..... No. 16
  - 28 ..... No. 17
- April:
  - 4 ..... (vacation) no issue
  - 11 ..... No. 18
  - 18 ..... No. 19

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## Re-Evaluation To Be Theme; Sittler, Wyngarden to Speak; Morning Watch, Buzz Sessions Planned

Re-evaluation is the by-word in this year's Religion in Life Week. Next Monday will mark the start of another Religion in Life Week as two noted speakers will be on hand to address the student body, namely, Dr. Joseph Sittler of Chicago and Dr. Frederick Wyngarden of Grand Rapids.

Dr. Wyngarden, a trustee of Alma College, will open with the first sermon, "Sinners, Saints, and Satellites." Dr. Sittler will lead the balance of the week with his talks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with an all-student worship service on Friday, led by Dale Lake.

Throughout the week Dr. Sittler will meet with various classes and organizations to discuss a religious re-evaluation. Religion in Life Week is a challenge and an evaluation and re-examination of the quality of the individual's religion about which his reasonable service is designed.

**MONDAY**  
7:00 A.M. .... Morning Watch (Chapel)  
10:00 A.M. .... CHAPEL ..... Dr. Wyngarden  
Organ Prelude ..... Prof. Glen C. Stewart, Organist  
Call to Worship ..... Harold Turner  
Hymn No. 40 ..... "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
Introduction to Religion in Life Week ..... Conrad Ekkens  
Introduction to Speaker ..... Dr. Ross Miller  
Meditation ..... "Sinners, Saints, and Satellites"  
Dr. Fred Wyngarden  
Choral Amen ..... Choir  
Postlude

**TUESDAY**  
7:00 A.M. .... Morning Watch (Chapel)  
10:00 A.M. .... CHAPEL ..... Dr. Sittler  
Organ Prelude ..... Prof. Glen C. Stewart, Organist  
Call to Worship ..... Roy Fuentes  
Special Music ..... Choir  
Scripture ..... Genesis 1:28-29, Psalm 104:27-30  
Sharon Beardsley  
Introduction of Speaker ..... President Robert D. Swanson, D.D.  
Meditation ..... "How a Man Is Constituted"  
Dr. Joseph Sittler  
Benediction  
Postlude

11:00 A.M. Dr. Sittler will attend Dr. Miller's Religion 12 Class  
3:30 P.M. Buzz Session for Delta Gamma Tau members—  
Del Hahn, Host  
9:00 P.M. Mary Gelston Hall Buzz Session—Lenora Potter, Hostess

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00 A.M. .... Morning Watch (Chapel)  
10:00 A.M. .... CHAPEL ..... Dr. Sittler  
Organ Prelude ..... Prof. Doris Diefenbach, Organist  
Choral Introit ..... Choir  
Scripture ..... Luke 7:1-10  
Sue Edgar  
Meditation ..... "Faith, Phoney or Real"  
Dr. Sittler  
Hymn No. 211 ..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"  
Benediction  
Postlude  
9:00 A.M. Dr. Sittler will meet with Dr. Dick's Ethics Class  
11:00 A.M. Dr. Sittler will attend Dr. Chang's Physics 22 Class  
1:00 P.M. Dr. Sittler will attend Dr. Jellema's Religion 36  
3:30 P.M. Buzz Session for members of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity,  
Richard Heuschele, Host  
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## TO LEAD WEEK OF SELF-EXAMINATION



Dr. Joseph Sittler

## Religion in Life Week

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9:00 P.M. Intersorority Buzz Session in Alpha Theta Room, Gerry Sterling, Hostess  
7:30 P.M. Mixed Buzz Session at Wright Hall—Bud Sundeck, Host

### THURSDAY

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch (Chapel)  
10:00 A.M. CHAPEL Dr. Sittler  
Organ Prelude Prof. Glen C. Stewart, Organist  
Call to Worship David Ebert  
Hymn No. 196 "Lord, Speak to Me"  
Meditation "Love and Community"  
Dr. Sittler

The Lord's Prayer The Congregation  
Dr. Ernest Sullivan, Director

Prayer and Benediction Dr. Sittler  
Choral Amen Choir  
Postlude

2:30 P.M. Buzz Session for members Tau Kappa Epsilon  
3:30 P.M. Faculty Tea  
7:30 P.M. Communion Service

### FRIDAY

7:00 A.M. Morning Watch (Chapel)  
10:00 A.M. CHAPEL Dale Lake  
Organ Prelude Betty Metcalf, Organist  
Call to Worship Don Sinclair  
Anthem A Cappella Choir  
Dr. Ernest Sullivan, Director

Prayer Barbara Taylor  
Hymn No. 258 "Rise Up, O Men of God"  
Prayer Robin Butler  
Alma Mater  
Postlude

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Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.; 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

#### Committees

Interviews: Nancy Johnson, Chairman, Ran Kaselau, Jan McKenna, Gerri Sechrist.

Morning Watch: Hank Bova, Chairman, Donna Allen, Organist, Betty Metcalf, Organist.

Chapel Decorations: Jim Lawrie, Chairman, Bob Cotter, Judy Worton.

Buzz Sessions: Jean Molyneux. Literature: John Osbourne, Chairman, Bob Watson, Barnette Shepherd, Bruce Johnstone.

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Chapel: Bill Fuerstenau.

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Michigan's senior senator, Charles E. Potter, will open the series and will alternate with Senator McNamara on the first Tuesday of each month. Governor Williams will report on the last Tuesday of each month, live from Lansing; with Michigan congressmen, alternating Democratic and Republican representatives, scheduled for the remaining Tuesdays.

The senators and congressmen will inform the people of Michigan of the activity of the second session of the 85th congress and the actions of House and Senate committees.

As America enters the space age, these radio reports will also keep listeners abreast of latest congressional action affecting the field of rockets, missiles and space exploration.

## Pair Say Vows In Recent Rites

The Kalamazoo Church of God was the scene on January 2, when Miss Claudine Ann Crawford and Ralph William Shook, Jr., repeated their wedding vows before the Rev. W. D. Wood.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Crawford of Kalamazoo, and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph William Shook are the bridegroom's parents, also of Kalamazoo.

Music for the ceremony was

presented by vocal soloist Mrs. Dale Crawford, sister-in-law of the bride, and Miss Mary Hiltrop, organist. Attending the bride were Mrs. Jack Brady, the bridegroom's sister, as matron of honor, and Mrs. Timothy Peters, prompter.

John Shook served as his brother's best man. Seating the guests were Jack Brady, Timothy Peters and Dale Crawford, Coloma. A reception in the church parlors followed the ceremony.

The bride, a graduate of Central High School, attended Parsons Business College and has been employed by Consumers Power Co. The bridegroom, also a CHS graduate, is a senior at Alma College. The newlyweds will make their home in Alma.

MAN OF THE HOUR: One whose wife told him to wait a minute.

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# Sig Carnation Ball Tonight; Sig Phi's Amo Te Next; Theta's Plan Rushing Tea

**DELTA SIGMA PHI**

The annual Carnation Ball will be held this Saturday, February 8, from 8:30 'til 11:30 p.m. Heading the entertainment will be the crowning of the Delt Sig dream girl, and her court, after which there will be more entertainment and refreshments. Tickets cost \$1.25 and may be purchased from Delt Sig members or at the dance.

**SIGMA PHI**

The Sig Phis are busy making plans for the Amo Te, February 15th. Amidst pearls and clouds, and even the Angry Gates, there will be dancing to the music of the Clansmen. Girls, ask that favorite fellow now.

Also being planned are the Sig Phi Dime Dance, (February 28), the Song Fest, and spring rushing. See you at the Amo Te.

**ALPHA THETA**

New officers are Marge Hannah, president; Patti Wilson, veep; Pat Sweeny, recording secretary; Mary Lou Cross, corresponding secretary; Mary Ann Hagley, treasurer.

The Theta's are busy preparing for their rushing tea this month.

The song fest plans are also under way.

Congratulations were extended to Audrey Bartold and Bill King, Sue Richards and Stan Ruger, Sally Boyd and Ralph Springfield on their engagements, and to Karen and Spence Cordes on their marriage.

## Student Attitudes A Concern On Other Campuses

Concern for student attitudes on the Alma campus has shown itself both in faculty and student circles from time to time. Alma seems to be just one of many victims of the trend of the day, according to information received by the ALMANIAN about the problems of other colleges and universities. We pass this on to our readers as many of the remarks reiterate much of the thinking being expressed here:

(ACP)—Professors at University of Rhode Island scored that school's "anti-intellectualism" in a recent special seminar on the subject.

The BEACON recorded these comments:

From a speech professor—Blame for the "intellectual void" belongs to faculty, administration, secondary schools, homes and students themselves, with special words for administrators.

"The administration has encouraged social life in fraternities, muscle rather than brain, and a student-controlled campus," said the professor, Dr. Robert E. Will. (BEACON editors disagreed with his view.)

"Most students don't know what an intellectual pursuit is," he continued.

(Dean John F. Quinn noted, however, that scholastic averages of fraternities have been "substantially higher than the campus average, and sorority averages higher still.)

From an agricultural economics professor—There seems to be a lack of big ideas. And students do not mind memorizing facts, but they hate to think.

He offered two of his own tests as proof. Students excelled in a memory material test, but nearly all failed in a test requiring them to think creatively.

From an engineering department head—Have a tougher freshman year to weed out the incompetent, lazy or uninterested students.

Commenting editorially, the BEACON criticized the constant shifting of blame for "this letdown in our educational system" from taxpayers to faculty to student.

"The responsibility for this anti-intellectualism cannot be placed on any single group but should be borne almost equally by the American public, faculty members, college administration and students," said the editors.

# PHILOSOPHY SPEAKS

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Twenty-six centuries ago Philosophy arose in an attempt by "thinkers" to examine the tenets of Religion. Such thinkers were not satisfied to accept Religion merely because it was traditional but sought for reasons for believing. This did not mean that Philosophy was antagonistic to Religion. The History of Philosophy shows that all the great philosophical thinkers of the past have also been deeply religious. During the early centuries philosophy was rather independent of religion but with the coming of the Christian era philosophy was made the handmaid of religion and served in that capacity until the Renaissance. During and following the Renaissance Philosophy sought and won independence which it enjoys today, not antagonistic to but independent of Religion.

Philosophy and Religion at their best are very close together since each seeks the truth. Both fields stress self-examination, the theme of Religion and Life Week this year. Socrates, the father of philosophy is credited as saying "Know Thyself" and "The Unexamined Life Is Not Worth Living".

Self-examination is not an easy task for several reasons. It is difficult for us to see ourselves as other people see us. Some hesitate fearing what they will find—if anything. Oh yes, we have a finely developed technique to discern the faults in others, but what of ourselves?

One thing some of us will discover if we examine ourselves is that there is not too much connection between our worship of God and our serving God, as some politicians, business executives, administrators, committee chairmen, hide behind a smokescreen of democracy to control others autocratically, an old technique of which Hitler was the champion, so also many people use worship, Christianity, as a smokescreen to serve as a facade, behind which actions are committed which are neither intelligent, ethical, or Christian. It used to be called hypocrisy. As was suggested at convocation by our Dean, in prayer, there is no room on our campus for "relative" friendships and subtle devious.

Religion can have and should have a vital place in Higher Education. Education at its best, as

with Religion and Philosophy at their best, seek the good, the welfare, the development of not just a few "special" persons, but everyone. This means a personal relationship rather than impersonal relationships; where one would rather suffer than cause others discomfort. And this is in line with the 'theory' of modern Higher Education, where Instruction with the student-professor relationship is central, rather than a pawn, manipulated by unintelligent, inexperienced and untalented 'leaders' of education in many of our colleges and universities.

Thus we see that student, instructor, administrator, might well pause occasionally to examine rather closely not only actions but motivations as well.

## New Schedule

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23 (final issue)	.....	No. 24

Among the special editions planned will be one commemorative and one "Good-bye, Seniors" issue.

Deadlines for the coming semester will remain the same, that is, all copy is to be in the almanian office by 7 p.m. of the week desired for publication. The alman-

ian office is located on the first floor of old main, just to the left inside the doors. There is a slot in the door where copy may be submitted.

The staff is short typists, and the typewriters are short lots of things, it was expressed. Consequently, typewritten copy will be appreciated.

Openings on Staff

There are openings for cub reporters, sports writers, and photographers (with their own equipment) it was announced. Staff meetings will be held weekly each Tuesday in the almanian office at 7 p.m. The meetings will be divided into periods of instruction in journalism, staff planning and briefing, and critique of the previous week's issue.

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If, in expression of the living presence of Christ, in the pages of the ALMANIAN, each member of Alma College finds: (1) Some one thing to enjoy (2) Some one thing to interest (3) Some one thing to challenge (4) Some one thing to lead him more surely toward "life more abundant" (5) Some one thing to help him find and know himself more adequately—then we shall have just BEGUN to fulfill our obligation to Alma College—which is to help students realize that God is the very force of living and learning.

### Discrimination Is A Right?

(ACP)—Bowling Green, Ohio State university B-G NEWS headlines this editorial on fraternity discrimination "Incongruity".

The drive recently launched by the National Interfraternity Council to preserve racial and religious discrimination clauses in the constitutions of college fraternities definitely points out the inconsistency that exists between the fraternities' claims to brotherhood and furtherance of democratic ideals and their open practice of discrimination.

This is clearly brought out in the fact that the NIC lists 63 U. S. college campuses on which they claim anti-discrimination feelings are occurring. In the same respect the NIC openly chastises several institutions of higher learning for excluding fraternities which prohibit membership on the basis of race, color and creed.

The NIC heatedly defends their discrimination opinions by asserting that fraternities have a fundamental right to choose members according to their own standards and the right of free choice. They further support their position by drawing an even finer line between the right of social choice as contrasted to civil rights.

However, the NIC fails to realize that the educational system, of which fraternities are an integral part, is definitely not the place to begin fostering discrimination or to prepare students for membership in discriminatory clubs or organizations which they may decide to join in later life.

They further fail to realize that even if discriminatory clauses are deleted from the national charters a chapter does not lose its right of individual choice. It still remains with the individual chapters to select the members they feel best harmonize with their respective groups.

Still, action without deed certainly does not propitiate any situation. But, even though many local chapters will continue to practice discrimination, it is imperative that the stumbling block be removed so that those chapters wishing to rid themselves of the stain be allowed to do so.

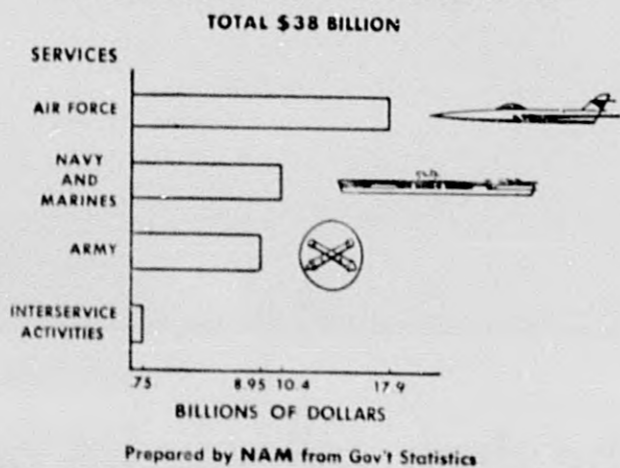
As is true with any new innovations as far as public acceptance is concerned, there is necessary the element of time. It is our belief that in time, as is true with the school integration crisis, now facing the country, a gradual and complete turnover will occur.

Yet, if the fraternities are to fully carry out their ideals and creeds, the governing body of the NIC must, if they are to continue to serve the needs of their undergraduate members, remove this stigmatism as soon as possible. This accomplished, the fraternity system will be in a position to take its place as one of our societies' leading institutions.

#### PLACEMENT CASEMENT

February 14—Firestone Tire and Rubber Company  
Wanted: Salesmen, credit and Retread Shop  
Managers and Credit men.  
February 18—Park Davis Company  
Wanted: Accountants and women for biologists and chemists.

#### DEFENSE EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 1958



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a member of the Alma (not Amla) student body, I would like to charge the Chapel Committee on our campus guilty of spoon-feeding us with a milk toast religion. The inquiring college mind should be challenged by men, of many faiths, with vigorous intellectual and moral ideas.

I don't believe that this sort of challenge can be made by "just anyone". I often wonder by what sort of merit our speakers are chosen.

Not only should our personal religion—not using this in a strictly spiritual sense—be questioned, but also our formal religion. I have heard Dr. H. H. Crane and Rabbi Rosenthal—both men from our own state—speak in college chapels and know the impact that they can cause on a student body!

I sincerely hope that the approaching Religion in Life Week will make me "eat my words", but, so far . . . your fires I've seen burning in the distance, have given little light.

Signed,

LaDeana Munsell

Dear LaDeana:

Your letter betrays an unusual insight into the correlated meanings of "Religion" and "Liberal Education." Whether or not you are to be disappointed in the coming Religion in Life Week program remains to be seen.

We have been concerned for some time over the mis-nomer "Religion in Life". If "Religion" is the keynote, why then, do our programs stress "Protestantism in Life?" As for being spoon-fed at other religious programs, we are inclined to agree with you there, also. We often wonder by what process of reason society has concluded that Christianity is an easy thing to come by, maintain, and understand!

Yours is one of many letters we believe we SHOULD be receiving regularly. Certainly college students are challenged by their studies—if they are learning anything at all—and it should seem just as reasonable to think that they are, or should be, challenged by their religion as well.

Remember, tho, before you re- judge Religion-in-Life Week that there are a lot of conscientious college men and women working hard to bring about the purpose this year—that of personal inventory, introspection, or challenge on the part of students. There will not be a Rabbi, nor a Priest, nor a Mohammedan, nor a Buddhist, etc. featured. These ideas are ones to be thoroughly discussed, weighed and acted upon in the future. It will come to pass, however, only upon the insistence of men and women like you, who want to sincerely find out just what is outstanding about personal religion. We are behind the program for next week 100%. We feel that the personnel involved have done a wonderful job with the facilities available to them and the authority vested in them. This does not say that all is "good enough", but it admits that progress is painful in any category—and usually slow. This also means that there is more room for more letters like yours—letters which question, and, yes, challenge the status quo. Alma College must accept the challenges being thrown at it if it is to grow into the kind of institution we all want it to be.

Thanks, and we hope we'll be hearing from you again.

The Editors

#### Addresses Youth Group

Rev. Charles House, assistant director of admissions, spoke during a Youth Group evening at Jefferson Avenue church, Detroit, on January 26.

Recently arrived at Alma from Westminster Presbyterian church, Grand Rapids, Rev. House spoke on activities and policies of Alma College.

#### Attend Workshop

Fiances Hughes and Mae Nelson Stewart, professors of Music, Alma College, attended a piano workshop, sponsored by the Battle Creek Music Teachers Club which presented Mr. George McNabb, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., January 20 and 21.

## New York Law College Offers Scholarships

The College of Law of Syracuse University announces a program of tuition scholarships available upon application to students who apply and are admitted to the three-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

A limited number of scholarships equivalent to full tuition will be awarded on the basis of outstanding promise and demonstrated financial need.

An additional number of partial tuition grants will be awarded to students of promise who have difficulty in meeting the entire tuition payment. These grants range from \$200.00 to \$500.00 per academic year.

While all tuition grants are made for the academic year, such grants are renewable in the student's second and third year of residence if the student's need continues and if his progress in the law curriculum is satisfactory.

Application forms for grants and loans for the academic year 1958-1959 must be filed on or before March 17, 1958. Upon inquiry, information will be furnished concerning the required interview and the Law School Admission Test. The bulletin of the College of Law and information forms are obtainable by calling or writing: Dean Ralph E. Kharas, College of Law, Ernest I. White Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse 10, New York.

#### Campus Hosts Workshop

Alma College will host a Music Workshop today, Feb. 7 from 3:30 to 8 p.m. All Michigan high school string instrumentalists have been invited.

Featured in the Workshop will be the Fine Arts Quartet, notable ensemble who have gained renown for their contribution to the standard concert sphere.

Two sessions will be held, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The only fee involved will be \$1.00, which will cover the cost of dinner in Van Dusen Commons on campus.

Egotist: One who knows a good thing when he says it.

## From Swallowing Goldfish to Russian Roulette

(ACP)—Fun and games on campus get some editorial consideration. This from the Fresno, Cal., Junior college RAMPAGE:

The youth of today is probably the group which is most heavily attacked by public criticism and censure. The younger college generation is not excluded from this category.

Looking at the college students of today and making a comparison with those of the past, however, can result in a rather startling conclusion.

During the 1920's and 30's college campuses in this country saw widespread outbreaks of radical behavior. Communist groups were springing up on various campuses along with the soapbox speakers who voiced their radical opinions. Also, bathtub gin parties and swallowing goldfish were the rage in college life.

Today's college student is far less apt to express himself or his inner turmoils through such unconventional methods as those practiced 20 and 30 years ago.

While it may be good that the college student of today has become far less explosive in his mannerisms, the aura of conformity he has assumed may be considered lethal.

This situation may be considered far more dangerous than a riotous student outbreak over the outcome of a football game.

With today's stress on social acceptance and security many students have been rendered either fearful or incapable of formulating opinions and ideas of their own.

They receive information from their teachers and text as if they were in a vacuum. No attempt is made to question an authority, information is accepted as completely factual and beyond memorizing it, no further thought is given to it.

Very few people are ready to criticize this lack of mental activity on the part of so many college students. A seemingly insignificant act by a group of students, such as stealing a bell from a campus tower, is much more apt to receive widespread public attention.

As a result of the era in which they live, college students have become almost puppet-like. They are members of a regimented class, much like one in a communist state. An authority is never questioned but always followed.

The end result of this situation is that all college graduates are college trained but very few are truly educated.

Those who can do the most to remedy this situation are the students themselves. They can do this by removing the cloak of indifference which surrounds them and attempting a more inquisitive and thorough pursuit of their studies.

And this from DUKE at Dubuque university, Pittsburgh, Pa.

News reached the editor's desk recently of a crazy campus innovation that has sprung up at some Eastern colleges. It is an old game with a new twist called Russian Roulette.

Well, now these crazy, but lovable, college kids are using blanks. There is one chance in five that the loud exploding blank will go off and shatter your nervous system. Or it may be worse if the gun doesn't go off. But that is mere conjecture and so forth. (By the way, if you are going to run out right now and try it without reading further don't forget to use SPECIAL blanks. The regular ones may tend to blow a slight hole.)

The crazy, but fun-loving, college kids determine who is going to pull the trigger and when by a match of wits card game. This is thrown in for those who would match their wits rather than scatter them.

Its founders claim that RR is the first new college fad since gold-fish swallowing and record- eating in the 1930's.

College students should have a certain devil-may-care attitude. It often helps to gain different perspectives. But streetcar strikes, sputniks, traffic jams, tuition, and examinations are sufficient to jangle any one's nerves and then some. You don't have to explode loud noises in your ear to have a nervous breakdown. You can do it being an ordinary student. (Well, you think you are ordinary, don't you?)

