

Dedication

By Jean Molyneux

Lent is a time for remembering the life and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It should also be a time of examination of our lives and of dedication of ourselves to Him who died for us.

Christ, the Son of God, came into the world that through Him we might know God's love for us. One cannot read the stories of Jesus' life without being struck by the love he showed to everyone. Jesus cured the blind, the lepers and the mad, was merciful in judgment on the women taken in adultery, sat at supper with cheating money lenders and tax collectors, and called little children to sit on his knee. Even amid the pain and grief of His death Jesus showed compassion on a penitent thief who was being crucified on the cross near him.

Christ, the Son of God, died for us that through Him we might have eternal life.

Christ is the only answer to our needs. Through him only can we find a deep meaning and purpose in our lives. This is a world that seems topsy-turvy. Yet we long to be secure. Though we desire above all else to base our trust, our hopes, our very lives on something; we can only come to the conclusion that there is no human, nor human thing, on which we can ultimately depend. Only in Christ can we find this ultimate security.

Christ is our comfort in times of need. One cannot expect in these times, nor any other to lead a life of quiet and peace. Troubles come and it is Christ that brings the greatest comfort. In the realization of His love and care for us we can turn from despair, heartache, and bitterness to faith in His eternal plans . . .

Christ gives us the deepest values. His concern for all individuals as individuals, His commandments to love even those who persecute us, His example of service and concern are standards so great that we can never completely attain them. And yet there are the lights that shine through the dim darkness of our daily world.

Christ calls us to his service. We who believe on Him and accept Him as Lord of our lives must serve Him. One cannot truly say one believes deeply and yet not show it in his life. Christianity is not a beautiful philosophy to think about but a dedication to Christ and an endeavor to live as he would have us live.

Christ calls us to go out into the world and show forth His message by our words, deeds, and very lives. Whether we do it as ministers, teachers, engineers, salesmen, or scientists, we all as Christians have this obligation. God does not give us all the same talents and interests but he loves, saves, helps and commands us all.

Why dedicate ourselves, our lives, our talent and abilities to Christ? Because He loves us, died for us, answers our deepest needs, and calls us to His service. And so for us for His first disciples the risen Christ speaks:

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Mark 28:19

Italian Guitar Artist in Chapel



BONETTI

Dario C. Bonetti one of the world's foremost electric guitarists played in chapel this morning. Among his selections included: blues, fox trots, waltzes, novelties and folk dances.

Mister Bonetti is an Italian who recently became a naturalized American citizen and is at present touring the nation with his guitar.

To All Students Who Have Cars on Campus:

You are requested to register your car with the office of dean of men. Those who have registered their car are requested to let the office know your 1958 license number as quickly as possible.

Ken Hawley
Dean of Men

Choir Sings at Grand Rapids Festival Tues.

The Alma College A Cappella Choir will sing at the 4th Biennial Michigan Intercollegiate Choir Festival on Tuesday, March 18 in the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium. Other schools to be represented are Albion, Adrian, Hope, Kalamazoo, Immanuel Missionary, Hillsdale, Olivet, and Calvin.

Following afternoon rehearsals an evening performance will be given under the direction of Mr. Cy Swets from Calvin. Of the five numbers to be performed by See—CHOIR SINGS—page 3

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Glamour Candidates Picked by Committee Students Ballot Winner

Nine Students Chosen After Much Deliberation; Votes To Be Placed in Almanian Box in Tyler

Now is the time to choose Alma College's best dressed girl for GLAMOUR MAGAZINE's contest, "10 Best Dressed College Girls in America." Three pictures of this winner will be sent to the GLAMOUR editors, who will choose ten girls from nation-wide entries. If an Alma coed wins, she will be photographed on the campus, and will in June be flown to New York as GLAMOUR'S guest. During this visit, she will

stay at the Waldorf Astoria, participate in GLAMOUR'S College Fashion Show, and be interviewed and entertained by its editors. Not only will this be an honor for the girl, but also for Alma College.

A committee, consisting of Miss Doris Diefenbach, Dave Grainger, Jacquie Giar, Sue Bristol (Alpha Theta), Shirley Colby (Kappa Iota), and Diane Russell (Sigma Phi) chose nine girls from the Alma campus. This decision was hard to make—many girls would have been excellent candidates except for one particular point that was not quite up to standards. The final decision will be left up to the student body to make, by filling in the ballot below, and placing it in the ALMANIAN box in the social director's office in Tyler Center.

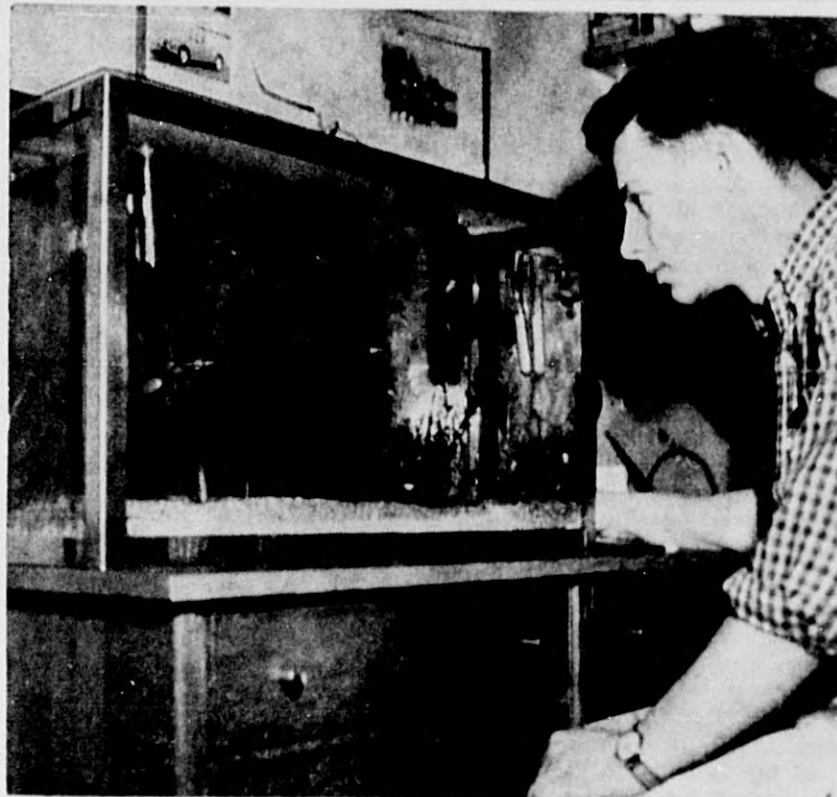
After much deliberation, the following girls were chosen to be candidates for this office: Linda Alexander, Bev Charlesworth, Sharon Duff, Carlene Fernstrum, Janet Folkman, Jacquie Giarm, Lynne McHugh, Nancy Russell, and Panet Schuetz. One of these girls will be the representative from Alma in the national contest. It is up to the student body to decide which one.

The reaction of many students is: "The winner will be the girl with the most or most expensive clothes." The name of the contest, "10 Best Dressed College Girls," is somewhat misleading, because it isn't only limited to See—GLAMOUR—page 2

Piano-Soprano Recital Sunday

The Alma College Music Department will present Margaret McLeod, soprano, and Douglas Johnston, Pianist, in a Junior Recital in the Dunning Chapel on campus, March 16 at 3:30. Donna Allen will accompany.

Douglas Johnston, junior, from Auburn, N. Y., began his piano training in high school, and played See—RECITAL SUNDAY—page 3



BOB BELTZ returns a watery stare in the process of becoming acquainted with his recently acquired fine-finned friends.

President Declines Action Until After Nat'l Frat Conclave

Last Monday in chapel, Dr. Swanson spoke on the topic: "The authentic quality of a second glance."

He applied his topic by referring to the discriminatory clause under consideration by the local Delta Sigma Phi fraternity (The clause is of national origin and the local fraternity chapter has expressed its concern over such a national policy. See story in Almanian of Feb. 14.)

He said that his first goal had been to have the situation cleared up immediately one way or another—i.e. fraternity to change its policy, or fraternity to leave the campus—but, on reconsideration, and after receiving further information, he decided to hold off final decision until after this August when the local chapter would See—PRESIDENT—page 3

Turner Is Guest Speaker In Buffalo

Arthur E. Turner, Director of Admissions will be the speaker at the Central Presbyterian church, Buffalo, N. Y., March 23 at 3 p.m.

Mr. Turner will talk on "Education That is Christian, Post-Sputnik."

Fish Fad Fancies Fellows

Fads change practically as fast as the wind and the newest fad is fish raising. Yes, true, quite a change from the latest beard fad, but it has taken over and taking up slack time and spending money. Interested fans travel as far as Lansing, Owosso and Shepherd for their supplies; also there is a local supplier.

Bob Beltz went all out in his fish venture and has over \$90 tied up in equipment which includes a 25 gallon aquarium which weighs over 170 pounds with just water in it, not including the 40 pounds of sand and gravel in the bottom. He has a petrified log, with a pump and filter system, plants, thermometer, heating system, breeding tank, viewing lamp, snails and of course an occasional fish.

Interested fans vary their interests from angelfish, guppies, zebras, to sword tails. Monroe Bel-lar, Bob Beltz, Al Botto, Knight Fee, Pat Kaufman, Jim Rowland, Bill Wilson and Bill Wilson have aquariums and have started the latest fad.

Gen'l Assembly Head to Speak

Dr. Harold R. Martin, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U.S.A.,



Dr. Harold Martin

will speak in Dunning Chapel on March 24. He is coming to us from Second Church, Bloomington, Ill., where he has served as pastor for 27 years.

Born in Lima, Ohio, 1894, he received his BA from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1919. During W.W.I. he served as chaplain in the armed services.

BE SURE TO VOTE

WITH THE GREEKS

Fraternities Hand Out Bids; Pledging Begins Promptly

TAU KAPPA EPSILON
The Zeta Delta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon would certainly like to extend a welcome to the men that accepted their bid, namely: Spencer Adkin, Alan Burleu, Tom Conlin, Phil Davis, George DeVries, Burt Dugan, Terry Ebright, Tod Gambino, James Gellig, Dave Hubbard, Mike Ivan, Bruce Johnson, Terry Knowles, Larry Lowe, Stuart McDougall, Jerry Maxson, Jack Nash, Jim Northrup, Dave Peters, Fred Pollard, Ron Rowe, Lyn Sathiel, Stan Smith, Walt Zardt.

They would also like to congratulate Delta Gamma Tau on their fine pledge class.

On the intramural scene the TKE basketball team, with a recent victory over the Northerners, are still in first place. In bowling, they are presently in the first two spots.

Activities the next six weeks will of course be with the pledges, but they encourage any independent man to come over to the house at any time.

DELTA SIGMA PHI

At the Delt Sig meeting Monday night, after a realistic appraisal of their chances of existing on campus in the fall, they voted not to extend any bids. The brothers felt that this was the only fair and just recourse. Had they taken pledges they couldn't have been active members of our chapter for more than a week. In fairness to all concerned this was their only course of action.

They would like to thank all the fellows who expressed a desire to go Delt Sig. They wanted to extend their fellowship to you, but the interests of "Christianity" prohibited this.

The Sigs will go through the formality of petitioning their other chapters for an anti-discriminatory local option clause in August. But, they are aware that this is just a formality. Judge Samuel Smith, the National Fraternity President, stated when he was here last week that "we would need a 90% concurrent vote for a national wide local option clause." This is the type clause President Swanson demands. Twenty-five percent of the chapters of Delta Sigma Phi are located in the South. They have resolved themselves to the fact that Delta Sigma Phi, through no fault of their own, will be extinct on this campus by the end of summer.

Congratulations to the Thetas on the very fine dance they held Saturday night.

The Sigs would also like to congratulate brother Dean Pappin and Sandy Shaw on their recent marriage. Brothers Bob Beltz and Bob Lucke were appointed fraternity historians Monday night.

DELTA GAMMA TAU

The Spring Swing will be coming up next Saturday night, March 22. Dancing will be done in the depths of the ocean at "20,000 Fathoms" with the music supplied by the Modern Men. An enjoyable evening is assured for all, so come on fellows and ask that favorite girl for an evening

of fun. Tickets may be purchased from a Delt member.

Their voices were at their peak last Thursday night at the Song Fest with the Delt Ensemble taking first place in their division. We wish to thank both Betty Metcalfe for her job of accompaniment and Jack Forbes for his fine job of directing.

The Delt wish to welcome their new pledge class. The new pledges are: Randy Anderson, Dave Cadwell, Dave Eldred, Jerry Flynn, Lew Jacobel, Tom Jameison, Bill Johnson, Bill King, Jim Lynn, Dave Smith, Bob Tarte, Bill Wilson, and Bob Wollard. The Delt wish to congratulate Tau Kappa Epsilon for their fine pledge class.

ALPHA THETA

Rushing is reaching its climax with the annual rushing dinner given on March 13. Judy Juilleret and her committee are busy making the final arrangements. Now all the rushees are eagerly awaiting Tuesday morning when bids come out and each girl finds out if she has gotten her choice.

The Thetas were quite pleased with their Top Hat. Everyone seemed to think it was a success.

The Thetas plan to take an active part in the Pan-Hellenic Conference being held at Alma College on Saturday, March 22.

They extend their congratulations to the Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Gamma Tau fraternities on their fine groups of pledges.

SIGMA PHI

The regular Monday night meeting was held at Mrs. Eyer's home. Final plans for the dessert were made and this will close the rushing period for this spring.

Congratulations are in order for brother Jim Hempstead upon receiving a grant for his forthcoming years at seminary.

To the members of Delta Gamma Tau, the Sig Phis send heartiest congratulations on winning the ensemble division of the Song Fest. Needless to say, the Sig Phis are very proud of their trophy also.

Thanks go out to Jim Hempstead and Harry Turner for finishing some new furniture recently purchased by the sorority.

International Night was a big success and the sorority feels happy to have helped for such a worth-while cause.

Congratulations again to the Delt on their fine pledge class: wishing all fraternities and sororities the best of luck throughout the rest of the year.

Choir Sings

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a massed choir of 500, three will include orchestral accompaniment. These three are "Hail Bright Abode," by Wagner from the opera "Tannhauser"; the "Coronation Anthem," by George Frederick Handel; and an arrangement of "The Doxology," by Gustav Holst. The two to be sung A Cappella will be "So We May Sing in Zion" and "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grief."



Jan Folkman



Carleen Ferstrum



Janet Schuetz



Linda Alexander



Bev Charlesworth



Nancy Russell



Lynn McHugh



Jacquie Giar



Sharon Duff

Glamour

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clothing, but all the other features that go into making an attractive, well-dressed lady. Actual clothes were not the criteria that the committee used in choosing the group. The first thing considered was grooming—not just neat, but impeccable. A good figure, good posture, well-kept hair, and individuality were considered next. The actual clothes were important only in that they were at all times appropriate, neat, showed originality, and looked good on the girl.

GLAMOUR MAGAZINE sends these points to look for in a well-dressed girl:

1. Good figure—good posture.
2. Clean, shining, well kept hair.
3. Carefully used make-up.
4. Good grooming—not just neat but impeccable.
5. Imagination in managing a clothes budget.
6. A good wardrobe plan.
7. Appropriately dressed according to the customs of the campus.
8. Appropriately dressed off-campus.
9. Unmistakable individuality in color, accessories, looks.
10. An understanding of her fashion type.

Because the committee felt that it could not pick just one girl on the campus to be a representative, it has left the responsibility of choosing this girl up to the student body. The ballots are to be filled out, cut from the paper, and put into the ALMANIAN box in Mrs. Phillip's office in the union. The deadline for voting is noon, March 18. The winner of this contest will be announced in next Friday's ALMANIAN.

Swell Wedding: One using puffed rice.

Mrs. Howe Laid to Rest

Mrs. Marguerite M. Howe, 56, wife of Dr. Henry Howe, head of the history department of Alma College, died Monday, March 3, after a long illness at Gratiot Community hospital, Alma.

Mrs. Howe was a cashier at the business office.

She was born in Mancelona Dec. 1, 1901. She and Dr. Howe were married in 1921 in Otsego.

Mrs. Howe had been a resident of Alma since 1938.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian church, the Order of Eastern Star and the St. Alma shrine.

Surviving are the husband; three sons, Jack of Alma, Robert of Ann Arbor and Dr. Richard Howe of Alma; a brother, Carl O'Dell of Kalamazoo, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was Thursday, Mar. 6, at the Alma College chapel with Dr. Robert Swanson and Rev. Bernard Didier officiating.

Burial was at Riverside cemetery.



GRAB YOUR PROP! Deeply engrossed in the process of taking pictures for the Scotsman, the Almanian photographer was hardly noticed "What do you want for a prop?" one student was asked. "Kim Novak will do." was the reply.

WHO IS SHE????

GLAMOUR magazine wants to know. Cast your vote for the best dressed girl on campus. She could be one of the

10 Best Dressed College Girls in America!

I vote for _____

Signature _____

Return this ballot to _____ the Almanian

Thinclads Prepare for Season

Track season got underway this week with a general meeting Monday. Approximately twenty responded to the call and signed the roster. Some of the men are Tom Sanders, Ken Hutchins, Sim Acton, and Pat Brady in the Acton, and Pat Brady in the Worm, distance men; Larry Essemacher and Dave Eldred, shot-putters; Bob Ludtke in the hurdles, Dave Peters in the high jump as well as hurdles, Lyn Salathiel in the 440 and also Fred Pollard and Spence Cordes. The squad

started conditioning workouts this week under Coach Wayne Hintz and should be ready to roll by April 19 when they have their first meet at Grand Rapids.

Track Schedule

Sat., April 19 — Grand Rapids, away.
Tues., April 22—Kalamazoo, away.
Fri., April 25—U of Detroit, home.
Mon., May 12—Hillsdale, home.
Sat., May 17—MIAA Field Day, away.
To be arranged—Ferris, away.

Six Lettermen Return to Start Baseball Practice

Coach Carr
Pilots Squad

The Alma Scots baseball team began their first spring practices about a week ago under the guidance of Coach Carr.

Using the six returning lettermen as a core to build around, the outlook for the oncoming season seems bright. The returning lettermen are Les Woodruff, pitcher, Danny Jakubiszyn, second base, Bob Hill, third base, George Dice, catcher, Bruce Johnson and Pat Brady, outfielders.

Coach Carr hopes to get some pitchers out of a good looking group of new comers which include Terry Ebricht, Jim Northrup, Ralph Ederer, Karl Jacob-

son, Butch Cantill, and Ken Clay. Carr also has high hopes for infielders Tom Tabor, Rod DeYoung, Ray Graham, Ron Murray and outfielder George Edgar. Alma's first game is with University of Detroit on April 18th. Then the Scots will face Olivet and Calvin before opening the home season against Adrian on April 26th.

Two Undefeated Teams Remain In Intramurals

TKE's I;
Blue Devils
Lead Legues

After two thirds of the intramural basketball season, only one undefeated team in each league remains. One of the top games of the season was played Monday evening when the Tekes I beat the Northerners 55 to 54 to take the lead in league no. I. Both teams played for the championship last year with the Tekes winning. There remains the possibility of them to meet once more in the playoffs, which are scheduled during the week of March 24-28. The standings of the two leagues following games as of Monday, March 10, are as follows:

League No. I	W	L
Tekes I	5	0
Northerners	5	1
Almanians	3	2
Delt Dodgers	2	2
Jumbos	2	2
Barbarians	1	3
Fat Five	1	4
Delt Dubbers	0	5
League II	W	L
Blue Devils	5	0
Reds	4	1
Dunkers	4	1
Vets	3	3
Tekes II	2	3
Globetrotters	1	3
Delt Seniors	1	4
Spartans	0	5
GP	P	
Leading scorers are		
Herman Hill-Northerners	5 79	
Ron Hill-Northerners	5 73	
Bob Ludthe-Dunkers	4 69	
Dennis Collier-Dunkers	4 69	
Lee Hollingsworth-Delt Seniors	5 66	



Bob Hill (right) and George Dice (left) will spark the Scots' diamond crew this spring as the returning lettermen.

Alma College Baseball Schedule—1958

April 18	Alma at University of Detroit	1 game
April 19	Alma at Olivet	2 games
April 23	Alma at Calvin	2 games
April 26	Adrian at Alma	2 games
April 29	Alma at Albion	2 games
May 2	Alma at Wayne University	2 games
May 3	Hillsdale at Alma	2 games
May 6	Central Michigan at Alma	1 game
May 7	Alma at Hope	2 games
May 10	Kalamazoo at Alma	2 games
May 13	Alma at Central Michigan	1 game
May 19	Alma at Ferris Institute	2 games
May 21	University of Detroit at Alma	1 game

President

(continued from front page) have an opportunity to consult with other chapters in a full convention in an attempt to get a local option, which is simply permission for a chapter to set its own membership standards. The final decision will probably be given about the end of October or the first of November.

WJR Announces Music Highlights

Fanciers of concert music may enjoy a schedule of nine and one-half hours of programs by outstanding symphony orchestras each week on WJR.

The Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by George Szell, performs the works of contemporary American and European composers with outstanding soloists each Saturday at 3:05-4:00 p.m.

The New York Philharmonic, under the direction of Rafael Kubelik, features noted guest soloists in its weekly programs of the accepted classic and contemporary concert music on Sunday broadcasts at 3:05-4:30 p.m.

Walter Poole, associate conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, presents the recorded works of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, in addition to other symphony orchestras, plus live interviews with concert artists on the Sunday Symphony program, 10:05-11:00 p.m.

Symphony Hall, heard Monday through Friday at 10:05-11:00 p.m., and Starlight Symphony, broadcast each Sunday at 11:15 p.m.-1:00 a.m., present the recorded works of the premier concert orchestras of the world.

Dasef Wins State Contest

Joan Dasef, of Grosse Pointe, a junior at Alma College, was the winner of the State Oratory contest, women's division, held at Eastern Michigan College, Ypsilanti on March 7. The title of her address was "The Measure of a Man".

Joan's father, Thomas Dasef, an alumnus of Alma, also was an orator as a student in 1923 and won the title with his address "The Marks of the Man".

Joan is the first woman from Alma College to win the state oratorical contest since its origin in 1912.

On April 25, Joan will go to Michigan State University, with 15 other state winners, to compete for the Interstate Oratory honors.

She was coached by Professor Rebecca Mikle and Professor Harold Mikle, Speech department.

Recital Sunday

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the baritone horn in the high school band. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at Alma, and is a member of the French club. He plans to teach music in a college upon graduation.

Margaret McLeod, Roseville junior, is a member of the A Cappella Choir, of Alma Singers, of the Spanish club and the Choral Union. She is president of the student chapter of Music Educators National conference. She sang with the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit; was graduated from Eastland High School, Roseville, and studied voice with Russell Skitch at the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

The public is invited. There will be no charge.

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Honor - - Fact or Fancy?

"Honor System"—is there a more benign term in collegiate environs? Mention the name and some look upon such a possibility as a tool for a particular group or members of the administration. Others see an opportunity therein to extend their customary chapel cuts from the occasional to the perpetual. To the possibility that such a situation could exist whereby one could drop a hundred-dollar bill on the floor and retrieve it 12 hours later, untouched, there are those who sadly shake their heads and murmur, "Ya off ya rocker," then proceed to give the floor a quick once-over, just in case...

Of course, there is the "sportsman" philosophy which exists on our campus in various degrees—a philosophy which is not intrigued with such talk of "honor systems." To the "Sportsman" it's quite a game, cheating on exams, parasitically perceiving his point standing. Of course, the professor is a kill-joy, unwilling to observe the "rules" of the "game" when he deposits the cribber's paper in the round file. Doing 70 in a 35 m.p.h. zone makes poor "sportsmen" of State patrolmen, too. Analogous, eh wot?

Fortunately, for Alma College, there are some students who consider it an "honor" to be here. There are some who consider it an "honor" to be accepted as men and women, not boys and girls. Others consider it an "honor" to KNOW the subject and answer the test questions FIRST HAND. Still others consider it an "honor" to recognize a nickel on the floor just as valuable as a hundred dollar bill...

The question still remains: Just what is an honor system? And this arouses more questions: What can an honor system mean to Alma? Why should (or shouldn't) we have one? What's "honorable" about "ratting" on your roommate? Would this mean more or less control on student freedom? What would an honor system mean to ME?

Perhaps we can answer these questions—in time. At last week's Almanian meeting, the staff voted to investigate the idea of an honor system on the Alma campus. It is already established that the honor system can and does "work" on other campuses, and there is a growing body of students and faculty who believe that it can work here, also.

There are many prerequisites demanded by an honor system, not the least of which is a well-structured student government, with TEETH in it—not isolated experiments in group dynamics which by-pass the student council in their responsibility to the administration.

But, let us not be hasty! Alma IS suffering somewhat from "growing pains," opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. Many of the prerequisites to an honor system are, in reality, just beginning to show above the wall of tradition, and when one learns to walk, it is at first on wobbly legs.

Let's keep our eyes on this "honor system" concept! But, at the same time, let's keep pumping vitality into the "wobbly legs" about us.

Honor demands something solid to stand on.

Those D - - Independent!

As a rule, we find fraternity and sorority folks "a bit of all right." Unfortunately there are one or two of the brothers or sisters who prefer to ASSUME something which doesn't exist here.

Not too long ago someone posted a newspaper picture on the board at Tyler, showing something of a scuffle on the steps and in the doorway of a house in the background. Across the top was scribbled the caption: "Get those d - - independents out of this house!" Frankly, we fail to see the humor.

Let it be pointed out to those few who would irresponsibly sully the otherwise good names of their Greek-letter societies, that the minimum academic requirements for remaining on the campus as an "independent" is a one-point. Pray tell, what is the minimum academic requirement for remaining active in a fraternity or sorority?

Many fraternity men and women on our campus are concerned with the problem of raising standards, both aca-

ademic and social in their own chapters. Out of this concern will come positive and praiseworthy action. Until then it behooves the majority of level-headed frats to explain to Mr. Tyler-cartoonist that broadcasting a lowered opinion of the "Independents" will not raise the prestige of the fraternity.

Freedom Vanquished

Herein is contained an enigma — a defensive editorial. This is necessary because the integrity of one of our writers has been questioned by a member of the faculty of Alma College.

It may be recalled in last week's Almanian, mention was made of the meeting of the political Forum and the speakers present. The report stated that Michigan Secretary of State James Hare admitted that Socialism is present in our economy and the people want this. It is also reported that, in reply to persistent questioning by our writer on any difference between labor and the Democratic Party, Mr. Hare retorted, "Ask Walter Reuther". Let us dissect these two points of controversy and present them for what they are worth.

The first, regarding Socialism, was brought out in debate by a guest of the Forum. The questioning pursued the lines of "whether or not our governmental controls are Socialistic." Mr. Hare said that they could be called that although he said that he preferred other descriptive wording. Russia is governed by a dictatorship of the proletariat—see "The New Class" by Milovan Djilas—but they call their same government Communism. Why not call a spade a spade and get it over with?

The second point of argument by the professor was in regard to the "ask Walter Reuther" statement. The objection was whether we should "interrogate" a guest and ask him for specifics, if that nomenclature be proper for the questioning that ensued. We maintain that the truth should prevail regardless of the consequences. Hare made the statement and the public has as much right to know as a reporter has an obligation to present the news.

The time has come to stop "pussyfooting" with the politicians of both parties in the matter of issue evasion and require the absolute truth. Phillip Wylie has stated that "controversy is the core of freedom, including the freedom to argue, heckle, criticize, and expose." We cherish our freedom only second to our trust in God and defend it we will!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter to Mr. Kent Hawley, Dean of Parking Violators:

Due to the lack of parking space on Alma College campus, and due to no city ordinance to the effect that students can not park in school parking zones, I feel you have no right inflicting a \$5.00 fine on students who habitually park in the same parking place.

I suppose you issued notices to "all" faculty and administrative personnel, if you didn't you should have. They are more habitual users of "visitors" parking zones than are students.

Students pay good money to come to Alma College and should therefore be classed as visitors or guests. Faculty and administrative members are employees of this great institution and should be made to park "out behind."

As a student I am not alone on this issue, there are other students whose cars were adorned with these so-called "notices."

Any cooperation that we get from the administration which we receive on this issue will be appreciated.

A Violator

Dear "Concerned Student,"

Who is responsible for the enforcement of the Alma College policy against the use of alcoholic beverages? The answer is simple: we are all responsible, as members of the college community—students, faculty, and administration. The policy is not so much a rule as it is a standard of conduct to which students signify their agreement when they make application to Alma College and state their willingness to abide by its objectives.

No doubt you see the evidence of students' drinking. Somehow Alma's standard of conduct has not become a part of the lives of these students. How do we develop a college community in which students will accept such a standard?

There are ways in which compliance could be achieved. Students' rooms and the local bars could be raided. Thus, a police

state would be created and the responsibility of conduct would be shifted from the individual student to the raiding officers. A "crackdown" of this kind is not the answer in an educational community.

It takes patience to work with responsible individuals and student leaders to bring about a recognition of the college standard. Things may get worse before they get better, but when the change comes it will be because students have taken the responsibility upon themselves and not because a police force of deans and chaperones are chasing down offenders.

Disciplinary action is taken whenever the facts of a drinking incident are brought to our attention. We do not go out of our way to hunt down offenders. We try to take a positive approach toward developing individual and group responsibility.

Your letter asking, "Who is responsible?" sharpens the issue. We hope that students who are concerned about this matter will serve as the "leaven in the loaf" which eventually will convince the student community that drinking is out of place at Alma College.

Kent Hawley
Esther Vreeland
A flower that didn't bloom? Dud bud.

An agile secret agent? Spry spy.

THE 13th FILE

A psychology class was recently informed that it would not meet on Monday of the ensuing week. This announcement was met by vigorous sighs which resounded throughout the room. "It won't do you any good," commented the firm Dr. Deterline, "We aren't going to hold class on Monday!"

All of us have relatives, but not all of us have uncles, fewer still of us can avow to the fact that their uncle was at one time in the employ of the late (assassinated) Mr. Fisk a gangster-millionaire. Es Verdad, Mr. Huyler?

What perplexes some Greek students is to have to look at their new possession—a Greek New Testament. The cover is in Latin, the introduction in German and Dutch, not to mention the text which is in Greek.

This year's Religion in Life Week Leader, Dr. Sittler, told of an instance in Chicago when he was stopped by an officer of the law for excessive speed (while driving). Being quite honest with himself he asserted that he was reasonably certain that he was innocent of the charge. After a bit of discussion the representative of the law decided that Dr. Sittler should explain his feelings to a judge. However, Dr. Sittler mentioned that he had acquired some knowledge of law and, as a matter of fact, could not be taken in (arrested). He further said that a warrant could be issued for which he was to appear later. This perturbed the officer still more. The whole matter came to an abrupt end when Dr. Sittler said that he was a professor of law at the University of Chicago. He neglected to say that it was the "Canon Law".

The sadistic attitude of some students was rather well put at an early meeting of the Ethics class. A problem was stated in reference to the ethicality of telling the truth or resorting to a lie. "A woman and her husband were the victims of a car accident. The husband was dead and the woman in critical condition. She needed all of her strength to recover. When she asked about the condition of her husband what should she be told?" A low voice from the back of the room responded "A joke!"

Story Hour Is Initiated By Education Dept.

A Story Hour for children from four years to the third grade will be initiated at Alma Campus in Old Main, room 100 on March 15. There will be no charge, and classes will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Story-tellers will be Alma College students from Miss Enna Pigg's class in Children's Literature, who are preparing for elementary teaching.

Girls participating as teachers are Audrey Bartold, Joan Dasef, Dorothy McLeod, Patricia Miller, Beverly Orr, Geraldine Stirling, Joan Sterner and Caroline Wood.

PLACEMENT CASEMENT
Teaching Positions
March 17—Highland Park Schools
March 18—Lakeview Schools — St. Clair Shores
Corunna Schools
March 19—Monroe Schools
Battle Creek Schools
Wall Lake Schools
March 20—Wayne County Schools
Stanton Schools
Algonac Schools
*March 25—Van Dyke Schools
General Placement
March 21—U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare: Communicable diseases

