

"This Is The Christ"

By Dale Lake

John 7:37-53

"Others said, this is the Christ. But some said, shall Christ come out of Galilee?"

When God sent His Son into the world to save the lost, He had in mind not only the rich, the educated and the wise; but also the poor and the plain everyday people. He made the requirements for salvation low enough for the lowliest of mankind. The way into the Kingdom is open for the smallest child. The common people who heard Him gladly were the first to say, "This is the Christ." Others said, "Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hasn't the Scripture said, that Christ shall come of the family of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem?" By this question they showed that they were well acquainted with the Word of God, and were not without learning. With but very little effort they might have learned that Jesus was born in the city of David according to the word of prophecy. The Pharisees reasoned against Jesus on the same ground: "Search and look; for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet." Yes, these early peoples were very well acquainted with the Word of God, but the relationship between the Word of God and the world has always been one of enmity. This is true because of the constant opposition on the part of God's Word to the sinfulness of the world and because of the equally constant opposition on the part of the world to the Truth which is God's Word. Christ, the Word in the form of human flesh, was a perfect living testimony to the evil which characterizes the world, and so was a natural enemy of that world.

If we would test our spiritual connections, whether we are related to God or the world, we need only note our reactions to God's Word. If we are honest enough we will admit that much of what we read in Holy writ awakens resentment within us because it condemns us. Then we can know that we are to that extent worldly and need more of Christ's saving power. The Word and the world are conheart. So let us in this lenten season seek our knowledge tinnally fighting it out on the battlefield of the Christian's with a new enthusiasm remembering that Education without the Spirit of God will shut out the true light.

I would like to acknowledge the Stewardship Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America, for their ideas on Education and the Word of God.

Alma to Host Panel of Nat'l Sororities

Eight Groups to Be Represented; Topics Include Nationalization

Alma's three sororities have extended an invitation to a selected list of national sororities to participate in a Panhellenic Panel on the subject of national sororities, on the Alma campus, on Saturday, March 22, according to a release made this week by the Inter-sorority council. Eight national sororities have accepted the invitation. A coffee hour for the visitors has been arranged preceding the panel which is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Nancy Erber, president of Inter-sorority Council, will preside at the panel meeting, and Mrs. Rebecca Mickle will be moderator. The afternoon session will provide an opportunity for the office-

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Botto Appointed Stage Manager

It was announced by the Tyler Board that Al Botto, freshman, is to be in charge of the stage and auditorium at Tyler. His duties will include maintenance of the sound equipment and supervision of the auditorium.

The movie "Away All Boats" will be shown tonite at 7:00 in the auditorium.

Monday night, March 24, there will be square dancing at 7:00 and social dancing at 8:00 in the auditorium.

Chess, bridge, and ping-pong tournaments will be held soon. Announcements are to made on the Tyler bulletin boards soon after mid-term exams are over.

ALMA COLLEGE LIBRARY

The Library will be kept open on a restricted service basis until 10:30 P.M. on Monday through Thursday evenings, beginning Wednesday, March 12. Reserve books will continue to be issued after 8:30 P. M. for overnight use; periodicals will not be available during the extended hours.

The extended hours are on a trial basis.

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50 Students on Dean's List with Point Standings Over 2.5; 11 Hold 3.0 Avg.



Carleen Fernstrum

Carleen Fernstrum Voted Glamour Leader

Possible Trip to New York In Nation-wide Campus Contest

From the glamour leaders on the Alma campus, the student body picked a candidate, Carleen Fernstrum, as the best dressed girl on campus to represent Alma in a nationwide contest.

Carleen, a blonde freshman, will be photographed in a campus

Ratio of Honor Students On Campus Now About 1:15; Junior Class Lead with 15 Honorees

A total of 50 students are included in the Dean's list for Semester 143.

Information released this week by the Registrar's office listed nine honor seniors, 15 high juniors, 13 exemplary sophomores and 13 "off-to-a-fine-start" freshmen, all with academic point standings of 2.5 or more.

Carol Blanck, Carl Hall and Jean Molyneux lead the seniors with a 3-point each. Bob Freeman, Dick Heuschele and Bob Rhodes top the juniors with the same. Leading the sophomore 3-pointers are Mary McCall and Peter Pape, and Kay King, Sheila Peacock and Nancy Raker carry 3-point averages for the freshmen.

Listed in order of point standing, the Dean's list also includes:

SENIORS—Marie Boyce 2.86, Henry Bova 2.75, Robert White, 2.69, Wendy Smith 2.68, Mary Ann Hagley 2.64, and Thomas Conlin 2.50.

JUNIORS—Lynn Church, 2.86, Frances Erickson 2.81, Mike Leonard 2.81, Kei Lee 2.73, Gary Clark 2.68, Margaret Williams 2.64, William Fuerstenau 2.62, Richard Marzolf 2.62, Clessin Martin 2.60, Elizabeth McQueen 2.55, Helen Olson 2.53, and Sue H. Ridder 2.52.

SOPHOMORES — Nancy Lee Erber 2.82, Morris O'Brien 2.80, Elizabeth Janssen 2.77, Keith Needham 2.76, Robert Wollard 2.75, Priam Singh 2.70, Edward Castetter 2.68, John Goodenow 2.66, Marilyn Lippert 2.64, Dian Russell 2.63, and Margaret Hostetter 2.62.

FRESHMEN — Linus Frevel 2.88, Elizabeth Crick 2.82, Jean Saint 2.81, Frederick Libbing 2.64, Alan Hileman 2.63, Larry Lowe 2.56, Allan Martin 2.55, Janette McKenna 2.52, Jean Baughman 2.50, and Peggy Ringe 2.50.

Gen'l Assembly Head to Speak

Dr. Harold R. Martin, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U.S.A., will speak in Dunning Chapel on March 24.

Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Ill., Dr. Martin was elected Moderator of the 169th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., at Omaha, Nebr., May 16, 1957.

Moderatorship of the General Assembly is the highest honorary office in the gift of the church. In addition to presiding at the assembly at which he is elected, the Moderator presides and preaches the Moderatorial sermon at the opening of the succeeding assembly. He is chairman of the General Council, spiritual and financial.

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outfit, a date dress, and a off-campus daytime outfit. These three pictures and a description will be sent to GLAMOUR MAGAZINE, where a panel of GLAMOUR editors will choose ten from the nation-wide entrants. If Carleen is one of these ten, she will be flown to New York, where she will stay at the Waldorf Astoria, participate in a College Fashion Show, and be interviewed and entertained by Glamour editors.

S. R. Ostler To Discuss Advantages Of Federal Service Commission

To Give Examinations On Campus March 27

Stanley R. Ostler of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will be on the Alma campus Thursday, March 27, to discuss the advantages of Federal Employment and to take applications from both seniors and juniors who desire to take this Federal Service Entrance Examination. A meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 102 of the Old Main building. All interested students should check their calendars with this date.

To further improve its position in the competition for talented college people, the Federal government is opening its Federal Service Entrance Examination this year to college juniors in addition to seniors, college graduates and others of equivalent experience, the Civil Service Commission announced today.

Also, job appointments, effective after graduation, may be offered the juniors if they pass the examination and their names become available on the lists of eligibles to be established. As in the past, such job offers may also be made to seniors.

The fifth Federal Service Entrance Examination to be held since the change is scheduled for

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Gamma Beta Installs Eleven; Slides Shown

On Thursday, March 6, the Gamma Beta Chapter of Beta Beta Beta held its installation ceremony and banquet. Eleven new members were installed in a ceremony conducted by Bernie Brisbois, President and other officers. The new full members are: William Betts, Marie Boyce, Barbara Busby, Tod Gambino, Christ Goutis, Ken Hutchins, Ronald Kapp, Janette McKenna, Edward Pitts, Joseph Roe, and Prain Singh.

After an enjoyable banquet in the small dining hall, and a break for the Songfest, our speaker, Dr. LaVerne Curry of the Department of Biology at Central Michigan College showed Kodachromes and described the work he is currently doing on "The Use of Radioactive Isotopes in Biological Research." An informative question and answer period followed.

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MERCHANTS!

Your ads have not been appearing in each issue of the Almanian because we are now a "weekly" publication. At the time of your contracts, we anticipated a total year's publication of 17 issues, or one every two weeks. Since going "weekly" we have not felt it fair to charge you for more than your contract, hence your ads will appear over the year a total of 17 times. If, however, you desire to have your ads appear each week, please contact Stuart Chook, our business manager.



The cleanup squad from the 4th east wing of Wright Hall policed up the grounds around Wright Hall are shown after a job well-done. Pictured from left to right: Paul Melstrom, Don Olde, Don Nussdorfer, Paul Mosher, Roy Dettmer, Bill Taylor, Ed Pitts, Jerry Heberlein, and Tom Jameson. Absent from the picture are Spence Cordes and Dick Vinceguerra.

WITH THE GREEKS

DELTS "20 Fathoms" Tomorrow Sororities Add Sisters

KAPPA IOTA
Rushing activities for the KI's ended with the dessert last Tuesday night, when all received corsages and hankies.
Now that the bids have come out and have been received, the KI's are very proud to welcome the following girls to their sisterhood: Lenora Potter, Ruth Kin-kema, Carolyn VanCura, Kasey Murray, Sally Werner, Myrtle Cuellar, Sharon Duff, Nancy Vogan, Joy Beedell, Mary McCall, and Nancy Russell. After the bids came out Tuesday morning, the KI's and new pledges ate as a group in the commons, with the sophomores serving.
The KI's would like to congratulate the Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Gamma Tau fraternities, and the Sigma Phi and Alpha Theta sororities on their fine pledge classes.

SIGMA PHI
Last week rushing for the Sig

Phi's was climaxed with their rushing dessert.
Tuesday morning they added seven sisters to the sorority: No-reen Ahrens, Judy Arft, Barbara Kemerer, Kay King, Shelia Peacock, Aleda Price, and Judy Wed-ler.
Congratulations to the other sororities on their fine pledges.

DELTA GAMMA TAU
This week was spent with the Delts preparing for the annual Spring Swing. All their efforts will reach a climax tomorrow night when Tyler Auditorium will be enveloped in a deep-sea atmosphere in keeping with the theme "20 Fathoms." Tickets may still be purchased from a Delt member.
The Delt pledging period was started last Monday and will continue for five weeks.
The Delts extend their congratulations to Sigma Phi, Alpha Theta, and Kappa Iota sororities on their fine pledge class.

Alma Host

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ial visitors to meet with the individual sororities.

Groups represented include: Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Theta Upsilon and Tri Sigma.

Among the questions to be considered are:

1. What are the advantages to be gained from nationals over locals?
2. What are some of the responsibilities that follow nationalization—that is what do national sororities expect of the local groups?
3. Do all sororities have altruistic projects—if so what are the projects of the various groups represented?
4. Do all the groups represented have a scholarship program? If so, of what does it consist?
5. What are the approximate costs of membership?
6. What are the approximate costs of obtaining a charter?
7. How important is it that there be alumni members in the community in which a national is to be formed?
8. What are the other steps to be taken in proceeding toward nationalization once a decision has been made as to the choice of group to be with?
9. What follow-up program does the national organization provide?
10. Are there any other matters which it is important to consider before deciding upon nationalization?

MEN'S CHORUS FORMED
A men's chorus is being formed to present an old Gershwin Pop Concert on May 9. The group meets every Tuesday night at 8:30 P.M. in Clizbe House. Three numbers, all from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, are to be given: "It Ain't Necessarily So," "I Got Plenty of Nothin'," and "I'm On My Way." Tenors are needed, and anyone interested is welcome to attend, stated Miss Hughes, sponsor of the chorus.

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ACA Sends Deputation Teams to Work

The Alma Christian Association has been sending deputation teams to various churches throughout a great part of Michigan since early fall. These teams, varying from four to eight members, do different kinds of work. Some lead a special service with one member of the team giving a meditation, another reading scripture, and another providing special music. Other deputation teams arrive at churches early in the morning for junior and senior high Sunday school classes, take charge of the morning worship services, show slides or teach classes in the afternoon and in the evening moderate a young people's meeting. Sometimes a deputation team goes out for an entire weekend. Generally, the churches supply meals and, if necessary, a place to stay over night. They also pay the traveling expenses of the team.

Deputation teams are planned in this way. The pastors or youth groups of the various churches wishing deputation teams contact the deputation team chairmen of ACA. The chairmen then contact those who have had experience in previous deputation teams and they in turn select the members of their team and plan with them and with the church the deputation team program.

Early in September, members of ACA who were interested in deputation teams attended small group discussions with Dr. Miller, Mrs. McKeefery, and Mrs. Woods. These people gave them helpful suggestions and advice for their use on deputation teams.

The deputation teams enjoy doing this kind of work and evidence indicates that the churches enjoy having them come.

"Rectangular" Table Discussion At Phil. Club

Members of the Philosophy club heard Miss Doris Deifenbach speak at their March 5 meeting. Her topic was "Art Speaks in Philosophy."

Her main suggestion was that perhaps the topic title might have been "Philosophy Speaks in Art." In order to clarify this point several paintings and replicas were used to show where changing attitudes and trends in society are reflected.

Miss "Dee" intended to hold a "round table" discussion but resorted to a "rectangular table" discussion as no round tables were immediately available.

Chapel

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cial coordinating body of the church, during his term of office, and is a member of the council for three years. Also he is in wide demand as speaker for the church and as the church's representative at conferences, meetings, and other occasions of a religious nature. In recent years it has become the custom for Moderators



Dr. Harold Martin

to itinerate the entire church, speaking before congregations, counseling pastors, and addressing meetings of groups of churches and church organizations.

Emphasis in Dr. Martin's ministry in addition to prayer has been on evangelism, youth and music. There are close to 20 prayer groups in Second Church.

In April and May 1956, Dr. Martin and his wife Alice visited the Holy Land, Middle East, and Europe. The trip was a gift of Second Church in honor of Dr. Martin's 25th year as pastor.

On June 9, 1957, Dr. Martin received the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D) from Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill. On June 10 he received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.) from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. a United Presbyterian-related college.

Dr. Martin has served as Moderator of Synod of Illinois and Presbytery of Bloomington. He is chaplain for Illinois Synod of Presbyterian Men. He is a trustee of Illinois College.

Dr. Martin was born at Lima, O., Aug. 18, 1894. He was graduated from La Porte, Ind., High School, and Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. He was enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., in 1916-17, and was graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, in 1919. During World War I, he was chaplain in the military services of the U.S. A., following a secretaryship of a few months in the Y.M.C.A. He was ordained by Presbytery of Logansport, and his first pastorate was at Winamac Presbyterian Church, Winamac, Ind. Early in his ministry his exceptional abilities were recognized. He became superintendent of Gary, Ind., Neighborhood House, and while superintendent organized and became first pastor of Gary Forty-third Avenue Presbyterian Church. In 1930 he was called to the pulpit of Second Church, Bloomington.

Wabash College, at its centennial in 1932, conferred upon Dr. Martin the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In 1955 Dr. Martin served on the committee of five Presbyterian bodies which jointly published a new hymnal called *The Hymnbook*, which has been widely popular in all the denominations which shared in creating it.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin have three children: Rev. James Payson Martin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. John S. Shew, wife of Rev. John S. Shew, associate pastor of Second Church, Bloomington; and Mrs. Robert Dyer, of Indianapolis.

RECITAL IN CHAPEL

Margaret McLeod, Soprano, and Douglas Johnston, pianist, presented a recital on Sunday afternoon, March 16, 1958 at 3:30 in Dunning Chapel. Donna Allen was Miss McLeod's accompanist. Judy Gay and Phyllis Moreen, violinists, joined Miss Allen in the accompaniment for the Schuetz work, "Singet Dem Herrn."

Alma students and townspeople heard a varied and balanced program of works from the seventh to the twentieth centuries.

Bore: For which there is always room for one.

Almanian Receives Letter from M-P Students In Detroit

To all students at Alma:

Things are going well at Merrill-Palmer, and we are really enjoying every minute of it. We think most of you are wondering—"What is Merrill - Palmer School?" First of all it is, a school dedicated to the study of human development and family life. It teaches through a series of living laboratories, covering the life cycle, and provides educational services for families and individuals in the community.

Merrill-Palmer is unique because it provides supplemental education at the college and graduate levels of a kind never available in a typical college or university curriculum. The school feels that the complexity of modern living makes it increasingly important to gain understanding of people—with whom we live and work. Such social problems as juvenile delinquency, disintegrating family life and personality maladjustment can be basically affected only by preventive and positive approaches through greater understanding of individuals and their families.

In the main, Merrill-Palmer educates its students for a better and more comprehensive understanding of people and how to work with them. Undergraduate and graduate students who attend M-P may be preparing for or working in careers in teaching, nursing, the ministry, and other guidance courses.

Classes at M-P are taught in various ways. The usual methods of lecturing and discussion are based on experience in real life laboratories. Individual staff members relate their subject matter to the students' actual experience with families and individuals from infancy through old age.

For example, lectures may be given at different times by a variety of professional people. All lectures are woven together and related to the central theme of the course by the staff leader. This method is employed so that students may learn their subject matter from specialists in the various fields which may have a bearing on the subject being taught.

All undergraduate students are selected by the college or university from which they come. These students come from a list of 53 cooperating colleges and universities, and Alma is one of the most recent to establish cooperating relationship. In our undergraduate class there are 25 students, with 61 students in the whole school. These students represent 22 colleges and universities and 7 foreign countries.

It has been a great experience for both of us and we only hope that people who are interested will look into the program, and take advantage of it.

Lou Ada Bouquette and Nancy Hopson

Cancer scientists have found that a blood vessel which appears as a bright red patch on a baby's skin usually disappears in from six to eighteen months. They have devised a dry ice treatment which hastens the disappearance. Help support research. Give to the American Cancer Society's April Crusade.



The Old Timer
"Some people boast they can trace their ancestors back for centuries, yet they don't know where their kids were the night before!"

S. R. Ostler

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May 10, 1958, the Commission said. Applicants will have until April 24th to file for the May 10th written test, which will be given at approximately 1,000 examination points throughout the country.

The examination, first given two years ago, is designed to help fill the Government's yearly need for more young people of college caliber who can be placed in jobs at the entrance level and who have the potential to develop into the top managers, technicians, and specialists of the future. Positions filled through the examination are in almost every kind of work. During fiscal year 1957 more than 7,500 job appointments in 175 different occupations were made of persons who passed the examination. The Commission estimates that during the next 12 months at least the same number of entrance level jobs, at salaries ranging from \$3,760 to \$4,525 a year, will be filled from the FSEE lists of eligibles.

The Commission emphasized that Government needs for college-caliber people are increasing each year despite any overall reductions in the Federal work force that may occur at any one time. Although turnover in Government compares favorably with that of private industry, its effect on the large work force needed by modern government is such as to require that from 200,000 to 300,000 job appointments be made each year. In addition, the increasing complexity of many of the jobs to be performed is requiring that each year a greater number of them be filled by college-caliber people.

THE CYNIC'S CORNER
by
Bruce Johnstone
A Student's Day

Promptly at 7:55 Joe arises happily, brisk, and full of life to start a new day. Who knows what a brilliant insight to life and academic studies will he gain today?

Arriving at his first class Joe carefully chooses a seat in a back row near a radiator—these mornings are pretty cold, you know—and starts an intellectual discussion with his neighbor on the up coming chapel program. Not letting an annoying monologue coming from somewhere near the lecturer's area bother him—one must be stoical about such inconveniences—he continues his conversation until his fellow student signifi-cally sits close by falling asleep. Joe promptly follows suit.

Leaving this class Joe arrives at Tyler where he enters another such thoughtful discussion involving topics as "Who's got that—king of clubs? and What's trump, Cecil?"

Thus it goes, day in and day out one brilliant and enlightening talk after another. Of course classes must occasionally be sacrificed and sometimes one or another member of these groups must leave because of an old-fashioned administration but he will carry with him into the world happy—if brief—memories and a true sense of companionship.

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Have A Long Look

As of this writing, congress is poised to legislate anti-recession measures. To many people this seems to be wise. The breadlines are again prevalent in America. Some are having difficulty in meeting their monthly bills; many foreclosures are noted. The "chins up" speeches of the President seem to have failed in the eyes of congress and, perhaps, rightly so. What then is left but to immediately signal an end to this financial woe of America with some positive action. But what kind of action is needed?

The two parties are divided only on the type of legislation needed, not on whether or not we need any legislation at all. The Democrats seem to think that a building program is the answer and the Republicans, backed by the Administration, are in favor of a tax cut.

The Democratic proposal of a federal construction program is an interesting one. Should this be enacted it would mean that many of the jobless could be put back to work and their resultant pay would put more money in circulation, not to mention the permanent effect of post offices, new roads, and housing. In turn the Republican request of a tax cut also is worth noting. Assuming that there are now fifty five million people on their jobs, a ten dollar tax cut would mean that the economy would have an additional half billion dollars in circulation each week.

The above is just a brief synopsis of what each program will do for the American economy. The final decision will be difficult, indeed. However, a suggestion to counter those of the two parties might be to request that Capitol Hill delay their final decisions for there may be no need of any economic stimulus.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia suggests that we may be in an inter-cyclical period, not in a true slump period but only shifting to more prosperous times. They make mention that the initial demand for such commodities as television sets is now over, not to mention automobiles and some types of construction. The bank suggests that new items such as boats, high fidelity, and prefabricated housing may lift our economy to new prosperity. It might also be worth noting that the economy usually is behind the stock market by thirty or forty days and a quick look at the financial page tells us that the market is on the rise, some issues up four or more points over a few weeks ago.

It might then be suggested that the government delay any action until indicators point to another turndown in the economy, should that happen, and give this "thing" a chance to work itself out. An inflationary period is as bad as a deflationary one and much more difficult to reverse.



POLLY QUIPS

(Political Quips)

by RALPH BURNEY

I'll never poke fun at a prof again (see last week's Almanian) Now I know how Pharaoh felt when Moses got mad.

The U.A.W. claims that the union has a right to take pictures of strikes but management doesn't. That's about as silly as the "we can do it but you can't" sales pitch some guys try to feed their gals.

The only way the Republican Party will ever end their squabbling is to hire Ann Landers as intermediary.

Harry Truman is about to become a grandfather again. That's the only bit of Truman's long range planning that worked.

Self Government?

Are the students of Alma College ready to accept the role of true self government? Do we students feel that we are willing to take the complete government of the Alma students in our own hands?

If we are, and I believe that we are, now is the time to step forward and take our stand.

I feel that on the campus there should be three main bodies, the administration, the faculty, and the students. The role of each of these bodies are concurrent and also separate. The administration should handle the duties of running the college at the over-all level. The faculty is to teach and act as a counseling group. The students should deal with all problems which are pertinent to the student body.

Now we may ask, "What problems would the student handle?" I feel that the students should handle all matters ranging from social calendar to disciplinary problems concerning the students. There are many divisions of student governmental bodies on campus. The dormitories have, or will have, their own governing bodies to handle matters which come to life in the individual dorms. The fraternities have their inter-fraternity council, and the sororities have their inter-sorority council. The student council has representatives from nearly every organization in its membership and could deal with every important matter that arises. I feel that it's about time all students took an active part in their government. Many committees are set to handle campus activities. There is a place for every student to take some initiative in handling student matters.

If you feel that the administration is running the life of the student here on campus, it is because we students have not made any effort to show our abilities in handling important decisions. The administration has given us the opportunities to take a major part in matters concerning students by giving us representation on various faculty committees. We can go farther and take over all matters which concern us and have a government which really is a government for the people. I'm sure that the administration would back us 100% if we took the initiative to go forward and show what we can do in the line of self-governing ourselves.

It's up to us! We students must take that big step on our own initiative if we are to do the job right. We can do it! All that we have to do is to show that we are interested in student self-government. Take an interest in voting for your representatives on your campus groups. Be active when called upon to take some part in some form of your community government. Let's get out and bring real student self-government to the Alma College campus.

By Denny Collier

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear P. C.,

I wish to congratulate you on your **brave** and **courageous** stand against society in your recent letter to the ALMANIAN. It was an exceptionally fine job of "passing the buck" on to nothing. Pin all of man's difficulties on that marvelous scapegoat, society. You gave a fine anti-conformity type speech but leaped completely over the fence to support a weakness just as great, individuality-for-the-sake-of-individuality.

We must avoid being merely anti-conformist because too much time is already wasted fighting for things of little importance. We must crusade for the truth of our Christian principles rather than answering every YES of the group with a NO. The attitude you are pursuing is really not too difficult because the individual is actually supported by a new crowd. Individualism is coming into favor and everyone would like to have it.

True, there are cases in which the majority or authority is not right and must be opposed. Education wherever it is found is somewhat restricted to a certain pattern of basic and fundamental principles. These may seem arbitrarily set by the powers that be, but we find many instances in which our education could never progress to new heights unless some old authority was accepted. Authority. This is a dirty word to you because many times authority conflicts with your precious opinion. You object and loudly voice your personal view but we must be very careful that whenever we speak we say something. Talk for the sake of talk is useless. It is ridiculous to suggest that in an institution of higher learning that a logically oriented opinion will not be honored if presented in an intelligent manner. This brings us to the basis of our difficulty. The heart of your letter, P. C., seems to be persecution.

The poor individual is pounded, beaten, and hammered in to submission and conformity at every turn. The beast known as society is doing this, you say. But have you completely forgotten just

who makes up this beast? You and all people are society and any changes must be made by you, not by some intangible mechanism called "society."

We must have a constant awareness of the danger of always dealing with generalities or vague concepts. Such thinking is unreal and lifeless. Why do we always discuss principles in foggy, distant terms, which should govern our lives? When Dr. Jellema spoke on "Campus Dieties," he was injecting some life into the lofty principles that are supposed to influence our lives. He was challenging us to stand up for right. But he wants us to stand up within society as a part of it not merely against society.

Signed: Anti P.C.

Don Sinclair Heads Planera Group at WMU

The State Discussion Festival, held at Western Michigan University was attended by the Alma College forensic group under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Mickle. The topic under discussion was "How Can the colleges and universities best meet the demand for higher education." This meeting was attended by 150 students representing seven colleges. In the morning, group discussions were held; with a Planera discussion in the afternoon. Alma student, Don Sinclair was a group leader and chairman of the Planera.

Attending the meeting from Alma College were: Don Sinclair, Isabel Coubrough, Mary Jane Beck, Bob Clark, Bob Hill, Dick Ulrich, Bill Rankin, and Bob Watson.

Enthusiastic agent: "Now here is a house without a flaw."

Collegians Urged to Join Migrant Work

In June of this year over 600 migrant workers, mostly Spanish-speaking Americans, will arrive in Gratiot County to help in the local harvest of beans, sugar beets, and cucumbers. Obviously, their economic conditions are unstable, their educational, religious, and social opportunities limited, and their futures—full of question.

Probably every resident of Gratiot County is aware of the presence among us of these summer neighbors, but it would seem that only a few have come to know them personally and have extended to them a semblance of Christian community life and fellowship. For several years now, the Alma Council of Church Women has sponsored an organized project called "The Harvester," which is similar to 20 other such projects in the state, but adapted to the specific needs of our own migrants and their families.

The Gratiot County Harvester Project has a four-fold emphasis; worship, recreation, health, and education. A trained Spanish-speaking staff leads volunteers in conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools for the children and a series of Family Night programs for everyone. Counseling and "friendship sales," where necessary articles may be purchased by the migrant people at reasonable prices, are also vital parts of the program. "Underlying these activities is the desire to share with our short-term neighbors the joy of the Christian life and to make real to them the faith we profess."

Planning for this year's project was begun over a month ago. Committees are at work, and the main emphasis of the moment is the raising of a workable budget. Letters have gone out to the church and civic groups and interested individuals who have contributed to the project in the past.

"It has come to our attention," a spokesman said, "that there are project-minded groups on the campus of Alma College who might be interested in knowing more about the Harvester Project, and who might be interested in making a contribution to it."

This year's—1958's—needs are briefly the following:

- Money** is needed for these expenses:
 1. Salaries for trained workers (three full-time) \$1200
 2. Car (operating expenses; the car will be donated) \$475
 3. Health and contingency (for needs which arise which cannot be met except by Christian action) \$150
 4. Milk (for the children's mid-morning snack) \$110
 5. Literature and materials \$50
 6. Maintenance and supplies \$175
 7. Contribution to Michigan training school (for the full-time Spanish-speaking workers) \$50

- Total \$2210
- Equipment** is needed, such as the following:
 1. For worship: Bibles, hymn books, pictures
 2. For recreation: balls, bats, gloves, games, toys.
 3. For music: records
 4. For health: simple home remedies, first aid kits
 5. For education: story and picture books, craft materials
 6. Other equipment: used clean clothing, bedding, household utensils, toilet articles, furniture

For further information on "The Harvester Project," or to make a contribution to it, contact Mrs. Rex King, 520 W. Superior St., Alma, phone 217.

