



Three Entries in Beauty Contest

Lucky Storey Will Be A Judge

Three Alma College girls will enter the Beauty Contest Saturday, May 3 at Central Michigan College.



MUNSELL

They are Marilene Handy, Coleman sophomore; LaDeana Munsell, Alma senior and Carlene Fernstrum, Menominee freshman. Miss Handy was elected queen of the Chesaning showboat in 1957; Miss Munsell was the Alma College Homecoming queen in 1957 and Miss Fernstrum is Alma College's candidate in Glamour magazine's nationwide contest, "10 Best Dressed College Girls in America."



HANDY

The girls will meet with coeds from Central Michigan and Ferris at noon in time for the parade through Mt. Pleasant. At 3:30 they will dine with the judges, one of whom will be professor Paul Storey, Alma College, and at 5 they will participate in the beauty and talent program in the Central Michigan College auditorium.



FERNSTRUM

The winner of Saturday's contest will go on to Muskegon for the Miss Michigan title and she, in turn, will travel to Atlantic City to compete for the Miss America award.

Admission to the public will be 90 cents.

Alma College souvenir plates are available at the Publicity office in the Reid-Knox Administration building at a cost of \$1 each.

Alma's buildings are traced in red over an off-white background. Measuring 10 1/2 inches in diameter, the plates are large enough to be used as a snack tray and attractive enough to be used as a wall plaque.

"Churches-Take A 2nd Look" Says Stromberg

Churches Oppose Look at Individual Psyche

Warren H. Stromberg, Detroit Free Press reporter, was the speaker at the Dunning chapel last Friday. Stromberg spoke wittily about his experiences as a reporter on a Chicago newspaper during the era of Al Capone and the Purple Gang.

For more than 20 years, he has seen a great cross-section of American society. Because of his storehouse of worldly knowledge, he has been able to sensitively touch the needs, problems, and desires of American society. He is a man deeply interested in paraplegics and the mentally ill.

During his speech, he mentioned that the churches of America were opposed to scientific investigation in the form of peering eyes which look into the individual psyche. When asked if the churches of America were afraid of the truth, Stromberg said, "the churches of America need to take a second look at themselves."

Seniors Receive Honors Assistantships, Also Fellowships Awarded

Pop Concert Is Duo-Piano Feature

An All-Gershwin pop concert will be presented by the Alma College duo-piano class of Professor Frances Hughes, assisted by the Alma College Music department, May 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Tyler auditorium on the campus.

The program will include "Rhapsody in Blue," "American in Paris," "Short Story," the less familiar "Second Rhapsody," the famous "Concerto in F," and a concert arrangement of "Porgy and Bess," featuring the Women's Glee Club and a men's chorus.

The public is cordially invited to attend. No admission charge.

Announce Third Polio Shots

Polio shots will be given in the nurse's office at Gelston Hall at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, according to information released by the college health service this week.

Anyone who received the second polio shot prior to November 15 is urged to get the third shot this May. Those who received their second shot after November 15 should get the third shot in the fall.

The polio inoculation program will be carried out again next fall, stated Nurse Klugh.

11 Delts to Attend Graduate Schools; Lee Hollingsworth Gets Dow Prize

To date, 11 out of 20 seniors of Delta Gamma Tau fraternity, Alma College, have been accepted at graduate schools throughout the nation.

Lee Hollingsworth, Pinckney, will attend the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin. Lee has been awarded a \$2,000 a year scholarship by the Dow Chemical Company. While at Alma during his junior and senior years he also had a \$500 a year scholarship from Dow.

Alma Papers At Tri-Beta Regional Meet

3 Students Read Papers at BBB Convention at Mich. State.

On Saturday, April 19, Alma's Gamma Beta Chapter was proud to have three of its members present papers at Beta Beta Beta's district convention at M.S.U. in East Lansing. The papers presented at the scientific session were by Christ Goutis on "Blood Clotting", by Pat Nonhof on "Intermediary Metabolism of Iron-Chelates"; and by Phyllis Moreen on the "Genetic Effects of Radiation."

The presentation of these papers and three others from Michigan State was followed by a short business meeting. Delegates present at this convention were from such schools as Albion, Hope, Western Michigan, Bowling Green, University of Toledo, Pennsylvania State Teacher's College and M.S.U.

After lunch, Alma's nine representatives joined the other delegates for a guided tour of the biological-sciences facilities of M.S.U. Four of Alma's delegates were able to attend the banquet that evening and heard Dr. R. H. Baker, the guest speaker. Alma's newly established Gamma Beta Chapter was honored to play such an active role in the first district convention in which they participated.

Dr. Kirk, Friend Meet After Many Years

Two friends who once taught together in the Orient, met again after many years on Alma's Campus last week. The meeting took place when Dr. Chau, of China, came to campus to visit Dr. Florence Kirk. This was the first time the two, who taught together at the same school in China for about 6 to 7 years, have seen each other in the last ten years.

Dr. Chau, a psychologist, is on a six month sabbatical leave from the University of Taiwan (Formosa). She has been in the States since January visiting friends, teachers, colleagues, and former students. She is also taking an auditing course at the University of Michigan and visiting clinics to find out what the latest developments and trends in psychology are.

The charming Chinese professor received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan where she studied for four and a half years under the Barbor Scholarship. Her special interest lies in experimental and pure psychology. She visited Dr. Deterline's experimental psychology lab and explained that in Taiwan the psychology department had not been established un-

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LATEST FASHIONS?

Chemise, Comments Sweep Nation



BY DIANE RUSSELL

The controversial chemise, which is sweeping the United States, has likewise hit Alma College with a bang.

Examples of the chemise are pictured on this page. Designed by Mr. Mort of New York, the first dress is called the "Chemise Coup." Spring takes on new life with this basket weave wool chemise, with a deep V neckline, long cuffed sleeves and a pocket full of smartness. Beneath the chemise is a perfect blending silk surrah print blouse. Note too, the newly shortened hemline that focuses attention once again on leg art! It comes in colorful tandem in green, beige, or navy with compatible-color printed blouse. About \$55, sizes 5-15.

The "Chi Chi Chemise" is the newest shift in pure silk shantung—the chemise in sand beige, new navy, and city black. Drawn with feminine flattery, Mr. Mort shapes the chemise where it should be shaped . . . gently at the hips. Contrast stitching accentuates the subtle contours, and big-as-life bow of black silk organza high-lights this wonderful new way of dressing. Best of all, buttons from neckline to hemline add a new designer touch to a dress of completely simple elegance. Retail, about \$45, sizes 5-15.

Mr. Mort's "Night Shirt Chemise" is no day dream, but a new and refreshing version of the old night shirt, with crisp cotton checks, wonderfully detailed and handsomely matched. The chemise

is cut with body following lines, buttons almost all the way down and skirt boasts two leg-art slits. Tab buttons at the sleeves give the look of dress-maker details. In brown or grey with white, this is one of those versatile little dresses that will be worn and worn and worn comes warmer weather. Retail about \$35, sizes 5-15.

PARADE MAGAZINE, supplement to The Detroit Free Press, had an article on the male population's opinion of the chemise. Nine out of every ten comments were unfavorable. Among the remarks made were:

"How crazy can a gal get? I married a woman—not a flour sack."

"Any red-blooded American judge should consider them sufficient grounds for divorce."

"The good Lord created the difference in male and female form and who are we to defy His taste?"

"Makes a potato out of a tomato."

The dresses were also called barracks bags, perambulating tents, textile camouflage, and Paris potato sacks. Women who choose to wear them are accused of trying only to attract attention, or of trying to camouflage the figure that needs it. Designers are blamed for simply increasing their sales, rather than flattering the female figure, and of trying to lift women's spirits at the expense of the anger of the male population.

Yet, these new styles restore a generous display of something whose loss men were mourning not so long ago: the female leg.

Duane Aslyn, Detroit, will attend the Louisville (Ky.) Theological Seminary; Jim Orr, West Branch will study law at the University of Wisconsin; Jim Hempstead, Saginaw, will enter the Episcopal Seminary, Alexandria, Va.; Robert Bierley will do graduate work in psychology at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.; and Bernard Brisbois, Saginaw, will enroll in the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan.

Other members of the fraternity are Henry Bova, Garden City, who will attend the University of Wisconsin on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship; Ed Pitts who will study medical technology at St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica, Calif.; Gay Biunelle, Wayne, who will enter McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, to complete study for the B.D. degree and Ken Magnuson, Manistique, who received an assistantship to do graduate work at Michigan State University.

James Fox, Wayne, also plans to attend graduate school upon graduation from Alma in June.

Other Alma College students who will attend graduate schools are Barbara Taylor, Detroit and Conrad Ekken, Bay City, who will enter McCormick Theological Seminary; Patricia Nonhof, Holland, who will be a graduate assistant at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.; Phyllis Moreen, Chicago, who has an assistantship at the University of Michigan; and Jean Molyneux, Alma, who has a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to study at the University of Wisconsin.

The number of Alma College seniors who are candidates for graduation in June are comparable to the preceding year, but the number of seniors who will enter graduate school exceeds preceding years.

Meet Attended By 4 Almanians

Four Alma students attended the Michigan College Personnel Association's spring conference on April 25 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. This is the first time students have been invited to this annual conference. Representing Alma College were Henry Bova, student council; Jim Lynn, freshman class vice-president; Grace Sala and Mary Onapu, Almanian.

Also attending the conference were deans Vreeland and Hawley. Dean Hawley served as a resource person in one of the discussion groups.

The program included a coffee hour from 9 to 10; discussion groups from 10 to 11:30; a 12 o'clock luncheon with Dr. Algo Henderson, of the University of Michigan, as the main speaker, and a short evaluation meeting at 2 o'clock.

The topic of Dr. Henderson's speech was "Student Personnel Service as a Positive Force in the Total Educational Program."

APOLOGIES

Last week we credited the Delta Gamma Tau pledge class with assisting in the Cancer drive, exclusively. Our apologies to the other Fraternities, sororities and campus organizations who also participated, but of which we had no knowledge at press time. Figures given to us this week indicate that nearly 300 students participated in the Cancer drive this year. Certainly this speaks well for Alma College and we offer our humble apologies for not being able to "feature" everyone.

WITH THE GREEKS

Sig-Phi's Honor Actives; Alpha Theta's New Members T K E's Plan Formals

SIGMA PHI

The new members of Sigma Phi honored the actives at a pledge party at Aleda Price's home. After a thirty-mile drive, they were fed all sorts of goodies, hunted in the woods for their favors, which turned out to be hand-made stuffed animals, had a business meeting and were served dessert by Mrs. Price. After a fabulous evening, the Sig Phi's motored back to the campus.

Congratulations to Barbara Keme'er, one of the new Sig Phi's, upon receiving her engagement ring.

Plans are being completed for the Tri-Sorority Hollywood Breakfast which is to be held on Campus Day, May 21st. This is a new idea which is being inaugurated on the Alma Campus and all girls of the college as well as townspeople are invited.

Sorority weekend is just around the corner, and the Sig Phi's will soon be seen marching out of Gelston Hall with maps, etc. One of the sorority's patronesses, Mrs. Sullivan, is letting the girls use her cottage at Crystal Lake this year.

Softball season is in full swing now, and the Sig Phi's won their first game against the Thetas, 15-8. Tuesday's game was met with a freezing defeat against the Cardinals.

ALPHA THETA

The following pledges were initiated on Monday, April 21: Sally Bay, Cappy Booth, Liz Crick, Judy Fetzer, Carlene Fernstrum, Beverly Gould, Nancy Gray, Jan Harrington, June Mitchner, Lynne McHugh, Jan Howarth, Sue Spriggs and Marilyn Henry. A dinner at the Hess Park Hotel followed. Afterwards the new members held a "circus" pledge party.

Theta, Carlene Fernstrum, is competing for the Miss Central Michigan title this Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

Congratulations to Jean McClure and Dick Ayling upon becoming pledged, and to Joyce De Luca and Ken Burchett on their engagement.

The Theta Strike-Outs beat the Ki's in a close baseball game Tuesday, 11-9.

The Theta formal will be held this Saturday at the Winona in Bay City.

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TKE

As this week draws to a close Tau Kappa Epsilon will be stronger by 23 men. The informal initiation will be tonight; the formal initiation will be held early Sunday morning.

Tuesday night the members and pledges worked for the American Cancer Society by doing house to house campaigning. It was considered a success by the members.

Preparations for the upcoming TKE formal are just about complete.

Congratulations are in order for frater Chuck Zampich who was pinned last week. The TKE's traveled to CMC last Wednesday night to do a joint serenade with the TEKE chapter at Mt. Pleasant.

"Shutter-Bug" Contest Offers Valuable Prizes

The Intercollegian
Offers \$850 In
Equipment and Cash

A contest for college student photographers is being sponsored by The Intercollegian, a magazine covering the college field and published by the National Student YMCA-YWCA. Theme of the contest is student life and education in America, and \$850 in prizes in equipment and cash are offered.

The contest will close November 1, 1958, and judging the entries will be Jacob Deschin, Photography Editor, New York Times; David Linton, President, American Society of Magazine Photographers, and Grace M. Mayer, Curator of the Museum of the City of New York. Prize-winning pictures will be published in The Intercollegian and exhibited at the YMCA-YWCA National Student Assembly in Urbana, Illinois, December 28, 1958 to January 3, 1959 with the mounting courtesy of Compo Photo Service, Inc., specialists in photo murals, New York City. For complete contest rules and an entry blank students may write to Intercollegian Photography Contest, 291 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.

Top equipment prizes are as follows: Konica III MXL Camera, case and flash, courtesy the Konica Camera Co.; DeJUR Eldorado III 8 mm. Movie Camera, courtesy the DeJUR-Anso Corp.; Argus C44 Camera, case and flash, courtesy Argus Cameras; Graphic 35 Camera, courtesy Graflex, Inc., and Anso Memar Travel Outfit (camera, case and flash), courtesy of Anso. First prize winner will receive \$150 and first choice of one of the pieces of equipment, and second prize winner \$50 and choice of one piece of equipment. Third through fifth prizes will be equipment, and sixth prize will be a 3.5 Flash Flex Capacitor; Flashgun, courtesy Burleigh Brooks, Inc. Honorable Mention awards will include: six prizes of \$15 in cash; No. 2 Nikor Stainless Steel Developing Tank for 120-620 Film, courtesy Burleigh Brooks, Inc., five copies of *Picture*, the American Society of Magazine Photographers Annual, courtesy ASMP; five copies of *The Family of Man*, courtesy Simon and Schuster; six super-slide kits for Rollei Cameras, courtesy Burleigh Brooks, Inc., and ten Anso 35 mm magazines of Super Ansochrome, courtesy of Anso.

It's a Girl!

Dr. and Mrs. Claude Dicks became the parents of a seven-pound, two-ounce daughter Saturday night at 8:45. The new addition to the family has been "tentatively" named Candis, according to the proud father, who also said that he "favors Marilyn as a middle name."

The new Miss Dicks' most outstanding characteristic at this early age is that she is NOT a redhead!

Want to Write For Television?

\$1000 Paid If
Script Is Produced

Ever think you would like to write for TV? Got an idea for a short story that demands writing?

Writers' Showcase is looking for you. The new educational TV program will give you \$1000 for the privilege of producing your masterpiece on the air nationally if it is better than anything else that is submitted in any given month.

Each TV script or short story submitted to *Writers' Showcase* will be reviewed by either a magazine editor or a professional TV critic. Constructive written criticism will be given plus suggestions for strengthening your chances of writing marketable material.

Editors of *Writers' Showcase* will judge entries on the basis of originality, characterization, plot, atmosphere, vitality. Knowledge of TV studio stage directions and lingo will not be a determining factor. If you think you can write for TV, go to it, and let the production staff of *Writers' Showcase* worry about camera angles, microphones and dissolves.

Writers' Showcase goes on the air in September. The hour-long TV program will be broadcast over most of the nation's thirty educational TV studios from coast to coast.

Every month on alternate programs either the award-winning play will be produced or the award-winning short story will be read by a professional actor. On each program the author of the best entry will receive an award of \$1000.

Writers' Showcase will also, with the author's approval, forward to appropriate publishing and television agencies all entries that the editors consider outstanding. In every case the authors of entries will retain all rights to their entries and will receive the full sum of whatever the marketing of their entries might bring.

TV scripts should be written within a half-hour format. Short stories should be from 2500 to 4000 words.

During the hour-long educational TV program the winning entry will be presented and the author will be interviewed. Viewers will also be given a comprehensive look at what goes into producing TV programs. You will watch the cameraman in action and talk to the audio man who rides the mike boom. You will become aware of the problems and opportunities of lighting and shadows, and you will watch the director at his exacting job.

"The staff of editors, all of them professionals in their own field, look forward to uncovering exciting new talent," says James MacRae, director of *Writers' Showcase*. "There has never been anything like this program in either educational or commercial television. It will be the big chance for thousands of writers in their chosen career."

Each entry submitted to *Writers' Showcase* must be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. Each entry should be mailed flat in a manilla envelope enclosing another manilla envelope stamped and self-addressed for the return of the entry to its author.

Entries postmarked in April will be eligible for the September TV program. Mail entries to *Writers' Showcase*, Box 1220, Chicago 90, Illinois.

Dr. Kirk

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til 1950, and that previous to that she had been teaching freshman English.

Dr. Chao grew up in mission schools and stated that without the help of these she would have never been able to get an education. In China it is difficult to get into college. There are stiff competitive exams and not too much freedom in choice of schools.

On Wednesday, April 23, Dr. Chao lunched with the foreign students on campus. This international group was composed of Kai-an Lee and Henry So of Korea; "Rip" Nittis of Cypress; Fritz Schulz of Brazil; and Mary Onapu, originally of Estonia.

In the delightful table conversation Dr. Chao was asked what the position of women in the Orient is. She stated that as long as women had the ability they could do almost anything. She thought that Oriental men were much more generous towards their women than other countries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In a crypt, of steel and stone

There lies a soldier, name unknown

Interred with care, beneath the sod

Identity known but to God.

Chosen he to pay the cost

The hells of war, life's sweetness lost

Not just he, but many more;

How long, my God, 'twill be before

Man shall learn the meaning of

Fellowship, and Christian love,

How long, my God, must it yet be,

Must we be blind, eternally

Blind by greed and needless pride

For which so many men have died.

I hope and pray, that somehow we

The truths of life, may some day see

Then peace on earth shall surely be

And reign throughout Eternity.

—Pete

"Copey" of Harvard-- A "Most Unforgettable Character"

Most students are forced to undergo the ordeal of reading their work aloud in class, only to have it "torn apart" by tiger-bright fellow students and a caustic professor. Well, if you're one of these unfortunates, cheer up—you're in good company!

Such literary notables as T. S. Elliott, Walter Lippman, John Dos Passos, Gilbert Seldes and Brooks Atkinson were once flailed by the whiplash comments of probably the greatest exponent of the stinging critique — Professor Charles Townsend Copeland of Harvard.

Memories of "Copey", who hated to be called "professor", are recounted in the May Reader's Digest by J. Donald Adams, editor of "Speaking of Books," a column in the New York Times Book Review section.

Many a fledgling writer, Adams recalls, left a critical conference with Copey carrying murderous resentment in his heart. But there was also the "seething resolution to write just 20 pages which would show the beggar he was wrong."

As one writer put it, Copey used "the same hardness, absoluteness, lack of sympathy which the writer must later encounter, and which no friends or relatives will ever give him in judgement."

Copeland's imperious manner even cowed such writers as the late Heywood Broun, who called on his old professor unexpectedly one day after he had achieved fame as a columnist. "Go away,

Psych's Convene

The Midwest Psych. Ass'n is holding its convention in Detroit at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel on May 1st thru 3rd.

Reports will be given at the convention on the previous year's research in clinical, social, comparative, and experimental psychology. There will also be several discussion groups, mental health exhibits, and other demonstrations.



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Baseball Statistics

Table with columns AB, H, R, RBI, Ave. for players like Clay, Murray, Graham, Hill, Taber, etc. Includes a PITCHING table with columns IP, SO, BOB, W., L., ERA.

Campus Drinking Found in Ark.

College students who drink did so before college. Drinking behavior is 'largely cultural.' These were two points uncovered by two senior sociology majors at University of Arkansas. The ARKANSAS TRAVELER reported their findings.

Softball Play Continues

Men's intramural softball continues to be popular as two games are played nearly every night. Some fine games have been played and special mention should be made of Bill Pugh's no-hit no-run game for the Northernaires over the Barbarians.

Alma Splits Adrian Series

Freshman Terry Ebright, pitching a very fine game and allowing only one hit, shut out Adrian in the first game 6-0 in the first home game of the season Saturday.

Scot Tracksters Show Good Form

Alma's tracksters were nosed out by the U of D track squad last Friday on Alma's course by the score of 65 1/2 to 61 1/2. The Scots scored six first places compared to nine for U of D.

Table with columns R, H, E for First game and Second game, listing stats for Alma and Adrian.

Art Exhibit

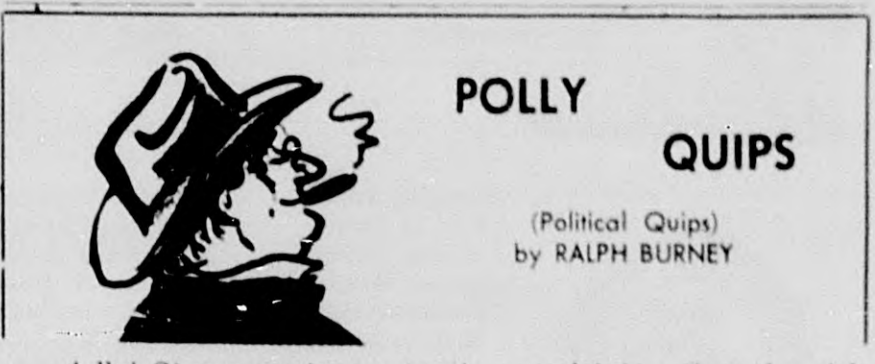
Tyler Auditorium will be the scene of the annual student art exhibit this weekend. Young Van-Goghs and Michealangelos of Alma will get a chance to display their talent in art.

Scots Sweep Twin-Bill

In spite of very adverse weather conditions for baseball, the Scotsmen bested the Albion Britons in both games of a double header Tuesday on Albion's home diamond.

Pioneer, Gelston In Cancer Drive

Wednesday night, from 6-8, 181 girls from pioneer and Gelston canvassed their section around Alma for the Cancer Society.



POLLY QUIPS

Adlai Stevenson is constantly complaining that the rich are getting richer in America. Stevenson should talk. With all his loot, the only worry he has is receding hair line.

The United States attempted and failed to send a satellite into orbit carrying a mouse. Too bad. We then would have had a counterpart to the Russian Mutt尼克 called the Mickey Mousenik.

Last week, one of our well known U. S. Senators predicted that this nation will again adopt prohibition before the next decade is over. Just think, a nation wide Alma College.

Coming Events in the Field of Sports

- Baseball May 6, Genara Michigan Here May 7, Hope There Tennis May 7, Hillsdale Here May 9, Albion There Golf May 6, Adrian There

Music Festival This Sunday

The Music Department of Alma College will present a Spring Festival of Music this Sunday afternoon in Dunning Chapel. The concert will feature students in various instrumental and vocal groups on the Alma College Campus.

English Episodes

A young lady found herself for the long week-end with a notoriously strait-laced country family in England. Fearing that the pajamas she wore instead of a night-gown might be considered improper, she carefully hid them every morning when she got up.

While she was feverishly hunting for them, looking vainly through closets and drawers, a dour, elderly maid appeared at the door and surveyed the scene. "If it's the pajamas you're looking for, miss," she said, "I put them back in the young gentleman's room."

Prof. In Hospital

Mr. Donald Bangham, instructor in the business department, became ill Sunday morning with a heart condition and was taken to Gratiot Community Hospital.

My Neighbors



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A gangster rushed into a saloon, shooting right and left, yelling, "All you dirty skunks get outta here." The customers fled in a hail of bullets — all except an Englishman, who stood at the bar calmly finishing his drink. "Well?" snapped the gangster, waving his smoking gun.



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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.

Patching Friendships

With an apathetic country yawning a discouraging, "so what", Vice President Nixon has undertaken a South American good-will tour. The press hasn't given much attention to what may be one of the United States' most important projects in diplomacy: rather this same press seems to be pre-occupied only with the encouragement of a summit meeting with the Soviet.

Unlike a meeting with the Communist countries, the South American tour by Nixon could very well be a successful venture in world diplomacy. Granted, conferences with the leaders of our neighbors to the south do not have the glamor of give and take politics with militarily hostile nations, but these same conferences should prove much more valuable to the United States.

The United States has never endeared itself with South America in the past, due to imperialistic blunders. Too often we have been pictured as the villains in world politics by these peoples, and rightfully so. Past Administrations have passed off any possibility of any other country extending its sphere of influence in that part of the world because of the so-called Monroe Doctrine. This is no longer true. Russia has recently made trade overtures to Uruguay, giving Uruguay an opportunity to rid herself of surplus wool and meat products. At the time of this writing, the Vice President is in Uruguay attempting to repair strained relations and he is going to have to do some fast talking.

It is no secret that Brazil and Argentine have fast-growing communist sympathies in underdeveloped areas. The United States needs no reminder that many of these people in South America have lived under totalitarian governments before, and they may not be hard to convince should Russia offer another of their full belly plans. Nixon may be able to convince the leaders of these South American countries that Russian influence would be disastrous but it will be short lived unless the United States becomes aroused and, in teen age jargon, "gets on the stick".

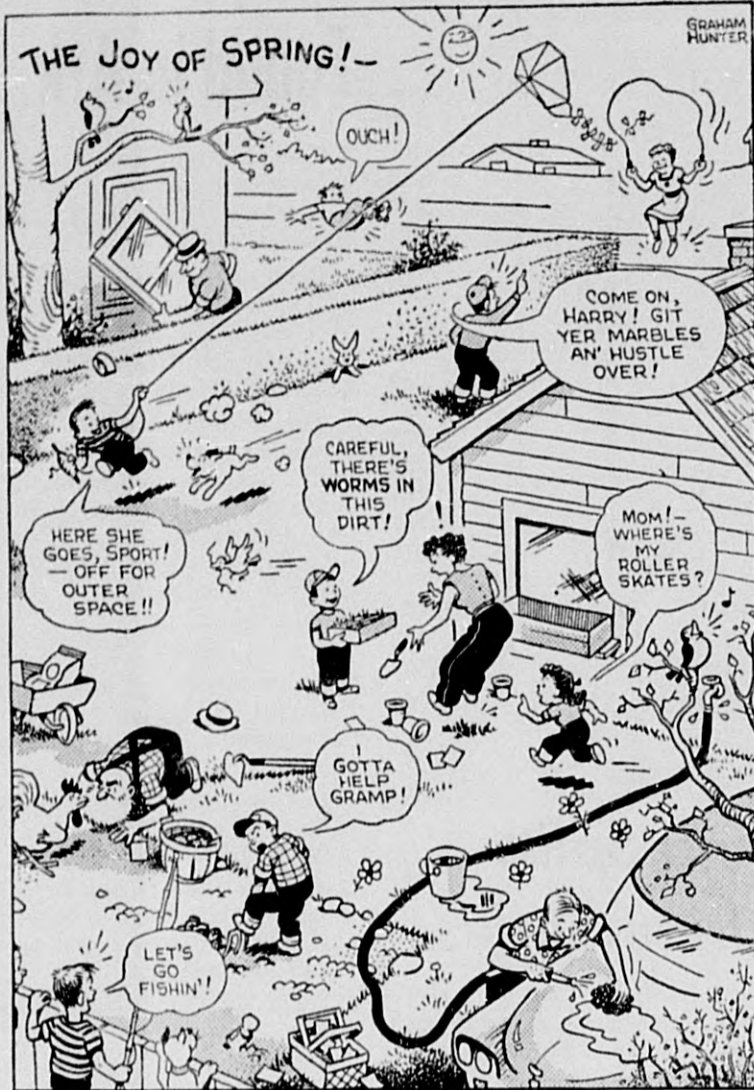
Education Mix Up Dangerous

(Editor's Note: The following editorial is unique in that it is written in the first person. The reader will recognize the effectiveness in this particular material. Written by a member of the Almanian staff, the editors felt that taking it out of the first person singular would have destroyed much of its authority.)

I have become concerned, in the past few months, with the problems of education which our country now faces. My concern is natural, because I have an infant son who will soon be of school age. As a parent, I feel responsible to fight my son's battles, with the adult world, until he is old enough to swing his own club. I am not going to leave my offspring with the residue of an I-don't-like-the-public-school-educational-system-but-there's-nothing-I-can-do-about-it attitude.

The other evening I attended a meeting of the Student Michigan Education Association which is—here at Alma College—a future teachers organization. During this meeting, we watched a film entitled, "Not by Chance". The film put a great deal of emphasis on the technique and the psychology of "modern" teaching. It showed a boy of about fourteen squirming in his desk and throwing his arms over his head. The narrator of the film mentioned, at this point, that the teacher should not pay any attention to the little boy's lack of self-control because he was going through the stage of puberty. This means that the boy can carve his initials or

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HONOR (?) SYSTEM

I've heard some nasty rumors of an honor system to be started on this campus. HORRORS!! How do they expect us to graduate? They even say that the profs won't need to be in the room when an exam is being given. All the student would have to do is to write and sign a little note saying he'd neither given nor received any unauthorized help. The note would be there; the signature would be there; but would the truth? somehow I doubt it. Just who do we think we're kiddin'? It takes a MAN to honestly write such a test as that. That fact alone lets this campus out. Too bad, too. Oh-well, I guess ideals are impossible by definition—especially here. Anyway: our consciences are having enough trouble without that!

Council to Pick Editors, Bus. Mgrs.

Editors and business managers came under discussion at the Student Council meeting Tuesday, as time draws nigh for the appointment or verification of these offices for the Almanian and Scotsman. The positions are open to any student applying who is qualified in these areas and who has, preferably, been a resident student for at least one year. Interested applicants are asked to submit their petitions to the Student Council or turn them in to Dean Vreeland by Tuesday noon, May 6. Officers of the Scotsman were not available for comment, however, Robin Butler, editor of the Almanian, expressed his intention of renewing his petition. Butler will be a senior next year.

Grackles Make News; Dr. Eyer Gives Paper

Dr. Lester Eyer, head of the Biology department, Alma College, presented a scientific paper to the Wilson Ornithological Society in Wheeling, W. Va., April 24-27. On the program with Dr. Eyer were such nationally-known figures as George M. Sutton, artist, author and lecturer and Frederick C. Lincoln, director of Migratory Birds, U. S. Dr. Eyer's paper was entitled "Growth and Development of Young Common Grackles." This summer, Dr. Eyer will accept a National Science Foundation Grant-in-Aid to attend the University of Minnesota Biological Station to do research.



"The dictionary is the only place that 'Success' comes before 'Work'."

anything else into the top of his desk or go home and kick the slats out of the piano. Daniel Webster said: "Educate your children of self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future lives and crimes from society."

What has happened to the old-fashioned teachings of the Little Red School House? Where is the character and virtue that was found in America's cultural heritage and tradition? William P. Faunce puts it this way, "We have in America the largest public school system on earth, the most extensive curriculum, but nowhere else is education so blind to its objectives, so indifferent to any specific outcome as in America. One trouble has been its negative character. It has been aimed at the repression of faults rather than creation of virtues."

Some "modern" teachers are more interested in controlling the atmosphere of the class rooms and peering into the psyche of a fourteen year old student, than teaching the subject material. This is not true of all educators. Many students who plan on going into education cannot go as deep as they would like to, because they have to take "Education" courses in order to teach. These "education" courses amount to nothing more than a lot of gobbledygook canons.

It is the responsibility of every parent and every teacher of children (because a teacher of children is a foster parent with an even greater responsibility than the parent in the forming of virtues, morals, values, and ethics) to give the children of this world the best education which is possible.

The late Albert Einstein once said, "It is essential that the student acquire an understanding of, and a lively feeling for, values. He must acquire a vivid sense of the beautiful and of the morally good. Otherwise he — with his specialized knowledge — more closely resembles a well-trained dog than a harmoniously developed person."

The doors of education can lead a child to happiness or a life of misery, to virtue or a life of vice. Without the essence of God, virtue, and the idea of "culture", the children of this country would become nothing more than "well-trained dogs." This is my fight, and I will not sit back and let my son be trained like a dog. I want something more for him and the world he will have to live in.

I do not propose that there should be a revolution in the educational system, but I do believe that there should be some changes. We can start off by abolishing our state teachers' colleges and convert them to liberal arts colleges. Many of the changes such as the educational standards will have to be gradual. It has taken 40 years to create these lopsided standards, and we will not be able to get rid of them over night.

I would also like to suggest that educators start thinking about the true ends of education. I believe that the educators should run their own affairs in the same way that businessmen run their businesses and admirals run their navies. If the educators are incapable of doing this for themselves, someone will do it for them, and that will be a sad day for America.

PLACEMENT CASEMENT

A representative from Prudential Insurance Company of America will be on campus May 7 to interview any seniors interested in a sales position with them. See the Placement Office if interested.

