

EDITORIAL

Issues Met Head-On Are Often Solved

"Outstanding progressive developments" we feel, are beginning to take place. Dr. Harold VandenBosch, vice president, in meeting with the almanian's editorial board Monday evening, discussed with us the problems being faced by campus organizations in the administration of their budgets.

Although disagreeing with some of the "phraseology" used in our editorials of the past two weeks, the Veep admittedly recognized that a "problem exists."

He strongly felt that the problem was not due entirely to the new methods instituted this year in the college business office, nor to the administrative procedures of the business manager, Dr. Steve Meyer. Rather, he expressed concern over what appeared to him to be basically "... a breakdown in communications."

We are agreed with this theory. Certainly when community communication fails, the fault cannot be attributed to any ONE particular agency or individual.

On the other hand we have had it demonstrated to us this week that the editorial voice of the almanian is rather effective in re-establishing that communication...

Dr. VandenBosch and the editorial board agreed on three important points of improvement:

1. Campus organizations which need it should have control over a "petty cash" or contingency fund so that emergency expenses could be met without the delay of excessive red-tape. The organization would be expected to turn in a periodic accounting of this fund to the business office.
2. Most normal and small-order purchasing should be left in the hands of the organization. That is, after the necessary forms are approved and the purchase order issued by the business office, the organization should be capable of making the actual pick-up of goods itself rather than expecting the college business office to "... assume the added burden of making miscellaneous purchases for every group on campus," as one editor stated it.
3. Each organization should have a break-down of

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Gary Clark and Dave Cadwell giving the "come hither and gamble" pitch to the car racing fans at the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity Monte Carlo held October 25 in Tyler Auditorium.



Taking a break at the Delta Monte Carlo bar are Dick and Ruth Ulrich. Dick is the president of Delta Gamma Tau. Also pictured in the foreground, right, is Dan Reish.

Meaning Of Halloween Has Origin In All Saints Day

Smith, Bonner Win at Carlo

Monte Carlo came to Alma College for three hours last Saturday night. It was complete with roulette wheels, chuck-a-lucks, horse racing, card games and millions of dollars in circulation. Even though the money used was only "make believe" the gamblers were dead earnest. The earnestness of Temple Smith, Holt sophomore, and Sharon Bonner, freshman from Detroit, paid off as they managed to build the original 25 grand issued to them, up into the millions and walked away with the gut certificates to local clothing stores. The winner of the general raffle was Doug Bartlett.

An annual event put on by the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity, this year it was under the direction of Dal Knapp. The customers were lured into the casino by "Leather-lunged Lynn" (Jim Lynn), while inside "Knuckles" O'Toole (Brad Randall) kept things stirred to a feverish pitch with his honky-tonk piano.

Marg Campbell Is New Nurse At Gelston Hall

Margaret Campbell, a sophomore from Onaway, Michigan, is the new night nurse for Mary Gelston Hall. She is here on a scholarship sponsored by the Woman's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek, Michigan.

Margaret has taken three years of nurse's training at Highland Park General Hospital. She plans to study here a year and then to continue her studies at Wayne State University for her Bachelor of Science Degree.



"Tomorrow's assignment will be the chapter on probability," states Dr. William Deterline, as he takes his turn at the dice at the Monte Carlo. Students interested in the psychology professor's luck are, left to right, Paul Melstrom, Jim Lawrie, Spencer Atkins, and Ken Burchett.



Dead earnest is the expression on the face of Bill York as he concentrates on his hand of cards. "Hoping" is Joan Chapman.

"Nutcracker Night" Was Time Of Superstitious Mate-Picking

by Jennie Smith
Feature Editor

Halloween, October 31, originally the vigil of the Church festival of All Saints Day, is a contraction for "all hallow even"; hallow derived from the Anglo-Saxon, meaning holy. However, though this feast is still held, its celebration nowadays is mostly pertaining to merriment.

Associated in popular imagination with the prevalence of supernatural influences, halloween is purely a relic of pagan times. Most of the customs associated with this feast are now obsolete, but a few are still honored, especially in England, where the night is known as Nutcracker Night.

In Scotland it was customary to crack nuts, duck for apples in a tub of water, and perform other harmless fireside revelries. Robert Burns' poem "Hallowe'en" gives humorous, enjoyable insight into the usual ceremonies performed in Scottish rural districts in his youth. One of the most popular beliefs was the attribution of the faculty of perceiving and communicating with supernatural beings, to those born on hallowe'en.

In other parts of England it was the time, of all others, when spirits roamed free, and anyone who desired to do so could rouse a spirit from sleep. Grim as well as happy tales have been handed down through the years in commemoration of this tradition.

In Illinois a young woman wishing to know if her lover was true, placed three nuts upon a plate, naming them after the two lovers. If the nuts cracked or jumped, her lover was unfaithful. The lover had regard for her if the nuts blazed or burned. And two nuts burning together meant they would marry.

Another custom involved suspending a stick horizontally by a string, a candle on one end and an apple on the other. The stick was then twirled rapidly. The aim was to jump up and catch the apple with one's teeth, before the candle swung back, scorching or anointing the participant with grease.

Another Scottish custom applies to kailstocks or stalks, whereby a blindfolded youth pulls the first stalk he comes upon in the kailyard or garden. Examined by the fireside, the shape and size of the stalk indicate the shape and size of one's future spouse; the quantity of earth adhering to the roots represents the fortune or dowry involved in this marriage; and the taste of the pith determines the temper of one's mate. Finally, this stalk is placed over the door, and the Christian name of the next to enter will also be that of the future partner.

Among the weird superstitions concerning halloween, this was a favorite. A young girl, wishing to know her future husband ate an apple while peering into a mirror. His face was supposed to appear over her shoulder. However, authenticated investigations have proved that many suffered severe shocks to their nervous system, imperiling their health, either from the effects of their own imaginations or a thoughtless practical joke.

In America today, as well as most English-speaking countries, Halloween is a time of goblins, masquerading, merry-making and fortunetelling. So, on Friday, October 31, have fun!

NOTICE

Dr. Parkinson, scheduled speaker at the Tyler Assembly this evening, will not be present due to schedule conflicts.

Guarantee Funds for Student Loans

"Go Now—Pay Later" is the advice given more and more college students, according to a study published today by The College Life Insurance Company of America.

The study concerned itself with student guaranty funds recently created in Massachusetts, Maine, and New York, and concluded that the establishment of private and governmental funds to guarantee long-term, low-cost, unsecured bank loans to college students is a new and revolutionary development.

The Massachusetts Higher Education Assistance Corporation, which did not begin operations until March 1957, has now guaranteed more than \$1,463,000 in loans of 3,365 students. The maximum loan in any one year is \$500 and the maximum total \$1,500. The New York plan, which did not become effective until the current school year, by October 9 already had guaranteed 2,311 loans for \$1,370,000. It permits up to \$1,000 in annual loans in both states are made directly by participating banks.

Loan repayments under the three plans typically begin

rather soon after graduation and may be spread over a three to six year period. Interest rates range from 3 1/2% to 5 1/2%. Special legislation enacted in these states gives minors full legal capacity to act in their own behalf and to be bound to their debt.

Commenting on the study, John Burkhardt, president of College Life, stated that borrowing for a \$4,000 car is widely practiced and widely accepted, while borrowing for a \$4,000 education is relatively new. He interpreted the trend toward loans as a desirable lessening of exclusive reliance on scholarships and as providing correspondingly larger sums for payment of faculty salaries and improvement of educational service.

Kilties Dance At Olivet

Alma's Kiltie Lassies traveled to Olivet, Michigan, last Saturday for the Scotsmen-Olivet game. The Lassies left with the Kiltie Band, and, on their arrival at Olivet, marched onto the football field with the combined bands.

Miss Carol Kohler, freshman, led the seven Lassies in the traditional fling during the half-time show.

Due to the absence of regulars Mert McKim and Betsy McQueen, alternates Peggy Emmert and Ginny Hickey joined Sandy Hail, Nancy Hopkins, Mary Ellen Nickel, Ruth Ann Tower, and Miss Kohler in dancing the fling.

Hold High School Recital

The Junior and Senior High school recital, under the sponsorship of the Alma College Music Department, presented a piano and voice recital at 4:30 Wednesday, October 22, in Dunning Memorial chapel on campus.

Students participating were Norma Chapin, Judy Haskett, Phyllis Eyer, Sue McCarthy, Sue Simon, Linda McCarthy, Sandy McKenzie, Keren Tedhame, Douglas Mernitz and Sue VandenBosch.

All participants are students of Miss Margaret VanderHart and Miss Frances Hughes.



Apparent approval of the entertainment is expressed by the students at the Tau Kappa Epsilon Halloween house held on October 24. At this function the new TKE housemother, Mrs. Zane, was also presented to the students.

PLACEMENT CASEMENT
The Detroit Public Schools will have representatives on the Alma campus Wednesday, November 12, for interviews with prospective teachers. All those qualified seniors who are interested in teaching in this area can sign up for interview appointments in the Placement Office.

Choir Goes To Ferndale

On Tuesday evening, November 4, the Alma College A Cappella Choir will appear at the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in Ferndale, Michigan. The occasion is the meeting of the Detroit Presbytery. Over 100 churches will be represented.

There will be a worship service at 8:00 p.m. which will feature as guest pastor, Dr. Theophilus Taylor, Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A dinner precedes the service which will feature an address by Dr. Swanson and musical selections by the Alma Singers, Alma College's own madrigal group.

Council of Churches to Hold Service In Chapel

The Alma Council of Churches will hold a Reformation Day service in Dunning Memorial Chapel, Sunday, November 2, at 4 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Harold Englund from Midland, Michigan. The topic of his sermon will be "If Luther Were Alive Today."

Rev. Englund is a prominent speaker and writer on theological and international matters. He has traveled in Europe and the Near East in recent years, and has done graduate study at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is a writer of a weekly column in the denominational paper, "Focus on the World."



THE CYNIC'S CORNER

by Bruce Johnstone

Slaves-oops! I mean Students of Alma, arise! The Prophet, who until now hath been overly patient and forbearing, biddeth thee to fashion thy Rulers into Bows and thy Pens into Arrows. From thy Books make ye Shields and from thy Pencils construct ye keen-edged Swords.

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its **ACTUAL** (not estimated) expenses. This might be accomplished by having all bills to be charged against a particular group, **go through that group** prior to disposition by the business office.

The latter point is one dear to the almanian—as well as to other organizations. If this is accomplished it would allow the group's treasurer (or business manager) to keep an accurate record of the actual cost of operating that organization, and subsequently, would give officers and advisors a solid basis for submitting realistic budgets each year.

Concerning the break-down of expenses, Dr. **VandenBosch** said, "... I will insist that this be done."

The almanian editorial board learned the value of meeting a problem head-on this week. Out of it all may come solutions to further the establishment of a true liberal-arts community here. The administration, in Dr. **VandenBosch**, has certainly met us half-way, or more, in answering to the situation. Our only disappointment lies in the fact that other student organizations for whom we presume to speak, and will continue to presume to speak, have not summoned the initiative to meet their problems in community responsibility "head-on" also.

Various subterfuges have been resorted to in order to meet contingencies — by some groups. Though this **finagling** is honest in intent and application, it does nothing toward a permanent solution. Frankly, we wonder at this point, if other organizations have done **ANYTHING** to constructively alleviate their gripes?

If the matter of communication is the basic problem, and we are inclined to go along with that idea, then the almanian is, among others, at fault. As for practical examples of the assumption of responsibility by the students themselves, there are others who share the blame for the breakdown in communications, most important of which is the Student Council.

The almanian will not be an organization to lag behind any. We feel that there is a good probability that the student's relationship with the business office and the administration as a whole is little understood by the average student. Is this the administration's fault? Certainly not.

Beginning next week we will begin a series of features on the functions of the college administration — starting with the business office. These will be strictly objective stories with the aim to inform.

In the meantime, the full establishment of "community" on the campus is not yet realized, so our job is by no means ended. But for now, we gill get off the horse and walk awhile.

Seminarians Quick to Learn Undergrad Weaknesses

We received a letter this week from Conrad Ekkens, class of '58, who is presently enrolled at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, along with Gay Brunelle and Barbara Taylor, also of the last graduating class.

In the letter, Ekkens makes note of the three "Almaniacs" reaction to their seminary studies, in relation to the preparation they made while here at Alma.

"In the short time that we have been students here," Ekkens writes, "we can certainly see some things that we can be grateful for. 'B' (Miss Taylor) is particularly thankful for a course she took from Dr. Jellema . . ."

The three alumni would also make some concrete suggestions concerning the pre-theological curriculum.

"One (suggestion) is a solid six-hour course in both the Old Testament and New Testament," says the letter. "Then again Greek, because if one is not prepared here he must plan to spend his entire three years taking some language. This materially reduces the electives that a person can take."

Unfortunately New Testament Greek was not offered this year following the resignation last year of Dr. Claude Dicks. It seems that the offering of Greek for pre-theos should be an expected service of the college, but then, Greek professors are not a dime a dozen. Still, we feel that the curriculum of the ministerial candidate could bear a re-evaluation on the Alma campus.

The effectiveness of the Alma four-semester-

of-religion requirement is debateable. Does it really contribute to the over-all scheme of liberal education? Does it serve a practical, preparatory function for pre-theos? Are the lasting effects of the requirement sufficient to justify its retention?

Frankly, we feel that colleges requiring but two semesters of religion are a great deal more realistic. Usually these two semesters consist of 3 hour courses in both testaments.

Alma's two-hour courses in New and Old Testament are undoubtedly enjoyed by many. It is also safe to assume that some lasting influences are gained by many students in the process of fulfilling the requirement. But is it worth it? Considering the immensity of the Bible, how effective is a mere two-hour course in it?

We have heard it said by teachers of religion that "if you want a broader picture of the Bible, you'll get that in seminary." But most of us are NOT going to seminary! That, in the first place; and in the second place, is that the best justification for the requirement that educators can come up with?

We recall to the reader's attention our late Dr. Molyneux's constant insistence upon a re-evaluating of the concept of liberarts in relation to the word "liberal." Surely we have not forgotten so soon!

Mr. Ekkens' letter, and the thoughts and comments of students and alumni, lead us to sincerely urge a re-examination of Alma's religious curricula, as well as the sciences, and humanities, less the latter become the only things people think of in connection with that word "liberal."

Observations...

... by harvey

I was just sitting here deciding whether or not to do my homework when I began to think about my professors. The more I thought about them, the more I could see just how different their personalities and general appearances were.

One is a friendly, good-natured man who has a soft voice. He is well-educated and obviously knows what he is teaching. It is not hard to see how he got his position as head of the department. He has a quick wit and a good sense of humor. Sometimes I wonder how he can face such a large class as mine five times a week right after lunch and still keep his meal down. Maybe he doesn't eat . . .

Another of my professors is a German who likes to recite poetry. He has a reputation for being a tough grader and unfortunately lives up to it. He has a talent for explaining things in class in the clearest and most interesting way, and I'm sure he simply delights in trying to teach a bunch of idiots like us.

My two gym instructors (we never see the faculty instructor) are two of the nicest guys you would ever want to meet—but not in a physical education class! One is a well-built football player, and the other is . . . well, sort of short and fat. They're not too hard on exercises; they give us a break after the first 15 minutes. For some reason they get very angry when we cannot succeed in counting off by fours, and get even by having us play (to a reasonable degree) some of the strangest games ever invented. Well, they're always good for a laugh!

Another of my profs is an ex-football player from the South who must be practicing for his degree in hypnosis. When I woke up to leave the other day, I saw that almost half of the class was still asleep. Although very courteous and friendly, he gives me the impression of being somewhat self-conscious. Naturally, we always hold him with deep regard—at least when we're awake.

I do have one woman teacher. The class is small, and rather informal. I've noticed she has a big heart, for we always get out early on Saturday. Five minutes early, that is. She is very nice, and I believe she wants to go to Hollywood, as I see her everywhere with dark glasses on. Of foreign birth, she speaks English with amazing skill.

The last professor I have is from the South, but he disclaims anything to do with Governor Faubus. His greying hair is cut quite short and he wears distinguishing glasses. He is working towards his doctorate and sometimes I wonder if he isn't writing his thesis on "The Psychol- See OBSERVATIONS Page 6

Letters . . .

Anglo-American Pen Club
 Dear Sir:

May I introduce myself? I am a Scot, (hometown — Edinburgh) now a Civil Servant in London. During the war I was a radio operator in the British Merchant Navy and I visited America many times. I was always impressed by the kindness and hospitality shown to the Britons like myself who were thrown up on your shores by the war.

I now have a lot of spare time and so as a hobby, in America I have started the above Club to enable young people in America and Britain to get to know each other better, exchange ideas, magazines, etc.

I already have a long list of Britons who are eager to make pen friends in America but my difficulty is putting them in touch with young Americans of similar interests. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of writing to you in the hope that you will bring the Club to the attention of your readers.

I am sure you will agree that only good can come from such a flow of correspondence across the Atlantic and if any of your readers are interested would you please advise them to write to:

MR. H. HENRY,
 38, Crawford Street,
 LONDON, W. 1.

Trusting to hear from you shortly,
 Yours sincerely,
 H. Henry

Mr. Editor,
 On Saturday, October 18, I took a seat with hundreds of other Almanians, past and See LETTERS Page 6

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT



Women Can Win N. Y. Trip

20 Winners Brought To N. Y., All Expenses Paid, For Month of June

Mademoiselle Magazine is now accepting applications from undergraduate women for membership in its 1958-59 College Board.

The magazine's College Board offers all college women a chance at winning one of the twenty Guest Editorships—a month on the staff of Mademoiselle. Those who are accepted on the Board do two assignments during the college year. These assignments give the Board membership a chance to write features about life on their campus; to submit art work and fashion designs, as well as feature, fiction or promotion ideas for possible use in Mademoiselle; to develop their critical and creative talents; to discover their own abilities and job interests; to win cash prizes and possibly publication for outstanding work submitted during the contest.

The top twenty Guest Editors will be brought to New York next June to help write, edit and illustrate the August COLLEGE issue. They will be paid a regular salary for their month's work, plus round-trip transportation to New York City.

While in New York each woman takes part in a full calendar of activities. She interviews a celebrity in her chosen field, takes in the theatre, parties, fashion shows, manufacturing houses, stores and advertising agencies, besides working daily with the Mademoiselle editor to whom she is assigned. The twenty Guest Editors get help in finding positions in their special fields, and each year several join Mademoiselle's own staff.

To enter the contest, submit only one of the following suggestions:

1. What do you consider to be the hottest issues or great causes of our times? Of these, choose the one you would soonest think of demonstrating over, fasting for or writing a letter to your newspaper or congressman about. Write an article analyzing it objectively or taking a stand—or both. You may quote from anybody.

2. Write a sketch of a college town, campus, hangout, departments, organization, professor, student or tradition with which you are familiar.

3. Write a critique of Mademoiselle as a magazine for the college girl. Base your criticism on the January through June issues of 1958.

4. Pick a short story or article from any issue of Mademoiselle and interpret it in any way you like through drawing, painting, cartoons, photography or collage. It doesn't matter whether the feature you choose is illustrated in the magazine or not.

5. By using either drawings or photographs for the before-and-after views, show your dormitory room as it is now, and how you would redecorate it if you had \$100 to spend.

6. Comment in essay or any kind of illustration on one of the following: formal dances, hazing, the honor system, social rules, chapel, unwritten laws or taboos.

7. What are the common wardrobe mistakes at your college? Show through photographs, clippings or your own design how you would like to see these corrected.

8. Outline a promotion campaign to introduce a new fall color in fashions and accessories. Suggest ideas for fashion features and describe how they can be developed into store-wide promotion, window and interior displays, newspaper ads, local publicity, radio and TV tie-ins and fashion shows.

9. Outline a promotion campaign for your college to:

- 1) promote study
- 2) discourage marriage during college.

10. Write or illustrate with drawings or photographs (yours or another student's) a shopping column of wedding gifts for college students to give to other college students.

If you are a woman undergraduate at an accredited college or junior college, under twenty-six, and won't be graduated before June, you are eligible to enter the Contest. To be a guest editor you must be available to work in New York in June.

All entries (art, too) must be no larger than 8 1/2" by 11". All copy must be double-spaced and typed on one side of the page only. Put your name, class and college address on each sheet of copy or art. On a separate page give your name, class, year, college and home address, major activities, jobs.

All tryouts must be post-marked by midnight, November 30. Mail your entries to: College Board Contest, Mademoiselle, 575 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Successful candidates will be notified of acceptance on the College Board during Christmas vacation; the first College Board assignments will appear in Mademoiselle's January issue.

Chorus Works On "Messiah"

The Alma Choral Union is working steadily on the *Messiah* by G. F. Handel for presentation on December 14th. The group has also begun work on the *Requiem* by Johannes Brahms for presentation in the spring. All members are urged to maintain their regular attendance to the weekly meetings in the chapel from 7:30 until 9 p.m.



Participating in the formal initiation of the A.W.S. officers last Sunday night were, left to right, Betty Metcalfe, chairman of the program; Mrs. Esther Vreeland, Dean of Women; Sharon Beardsly, president; Sue Edgar, vice-president; Pat Sweeney, secretary; Mary McCall, treasurer; Nancy Vogan, I.A.W.S. co-ordinator, and Kay King, the I.A.W.S. publicity chairman.

A.W.S. Installs Officers

The officers of the Associated Women Students of Alma College were formally installed in their various positions Sunday night at 10 p.m. in Dunning Chapel.

Taking their oath of office in a candlelight ceremony conducted by Betty Metcalfe, Fairgrove junior, were 14 women.

The A.W.S. officers were Sharon Beardsley, senior from Lapeer, who as president heads all the women of Alma College; Sue Edgar, vice-president, junior from Detroit; Pat Sweeney, secretary, Detroit senior; and Mary McCall, treasurer, Alma junior.

The officers of Mary C. Gelston Hall are Pat Voska, president, junior from Flint; Janice Howarth, vice-president, sophomore from Northville; Mary Onapu, secretary, sophomore from Frankenmuth; and Ruth Kinkema, sophomore from Grand Haven.

Pioneer Hall officers include, Lauralee Shaft, president, senior, Holt; Betty Metcalfe, vice-president, junior, Fairgrove; Kay Patton, secretary-treasurer, junior, New Baltimore.

Officers of Bruske House are Barbara Bushy, president, junior, Detroit; Sue Farrington, vice-president, junior, Paw Paw; Sally Smith, secretary-treasurer, junior, Howell.

The AWS Board which carries on the functions of the as-

sociation is composed of the A.W.S. officers, plus the presidents of the respective residence halls, and an Intercollegiate Associated Women Students coordinator and publicity chairman. The last two positions are this year occupied by Nancy Vogan, sophomore, Saginaw, and Kay King, sophomore, Algonac.

The organ music for the service was provided by June Mitchner, sophomore, Kawka-lin.

"Ignorance is so hard to conceal because people always try to hide it in a public place."

K.I. Sock Hop Saturday

The Kappa Iota Sock-Hop will be held Saturday evening, November 8. Admission to the dance will be at the rate of 2 cents per inch of the foot size.

The K. I. Father Daughter Banquet has been set for 3:30 tomorrow in the small dining room of Van Dusen Commons. It is expected that many fathers of the sorority members will come to the campus to attend the banquet. Following the banquet, group singing and entertainment will be held in the sorority room.

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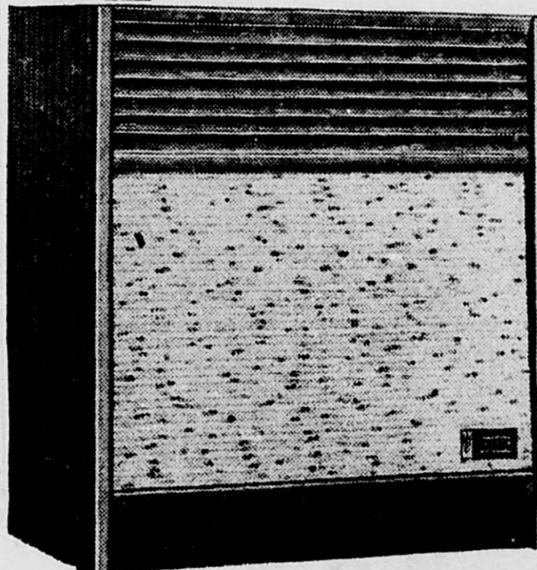


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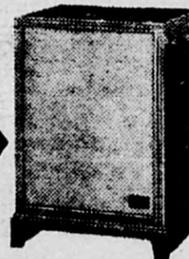
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Discussing politics, left to right, are Jim White, president of the Alma College Political Club; Alfred Fortino, Republican County Chairman, Professor Roy McClintock, faculty advisor; Herbert Pinter, Democratic County Chairman, and Spencer Atkins. Fortino and Pinter met with the campus organization last week.



A part of the program at the first Sunday night Vespers service last week was the quartet of Chuck Molyneaux, Ann Harris, Margaret McLeod, and Dave Ebert. The student conducted vesper service will not be held this Sunday night, announces Ebert, due to the Reformation service which will be held in the chapel at 4 p.m.

Advisory Pgm. Makes Additions

The student's advisory program, which in past years has been handled by the Registrar's Office, is this year handled by Dean Boyd's office.

The advisory program assigns each student to a faculty advisor. If a student has decided upon a major then he is assigned to a professor in that particular department.

A few additions have been made this year. They are: each advisor has a folder for every student giving academic information concerning the student; the number of sessions between the student and advisor was increased for freshmen during Orientation week; each instructor is required to report to the office the name of any student who receives a grade of D or F. The name of the student is then handed over to the advisor, who in turn schedules a conference between the student and himself. The purpose of these conferences is to help the student, according to Dean Boyd.

"Money talks, but about all it ever says is 'Good-bye'."

Woods Guests Parnassians

Parnassians meeting will be held at Thell Wood's house on Sunday November 9, 1958 to listen to Hi-fi recordings of poetry. The group will assemble in the Tyler lounge at 7:00 P.M.

The last meeting was held in the south lounge of Tyler Center on Sunday October 26. Critical discussion of four poems was held: three by Maggie Shaft, freshman, and one by Bill Shilson, sophomore.

birth of enthusiasm. What happened to good old school spirit at Alma College? Is it that we don't realize our terrible shortcoming? Or maybe we just don't care.

There have been at least two explanations for this glaring failure. Perhaps we were too widely scattered to cheer effectively. But two men in a crowd can rouse the entire crowd. Maybe we were too disappointed in the tide of the game. It could be, however, that we never imagined how disappointed the team was in our lack of co-operation and support.

People came from far and near to see us—Alma. They had forgotten the cheers, but we hadn't. They left pretty saddened by our spirit. What's happened to "maroon and cream, fight, fight?" It means not only you, but you, yes, and you too.

And just to insure that these difficulties are repaired "on the double", watch the bulletin board for information on our newly organized "Pep Club."

Let's join it! Support it! Tell the world "we're with you, team."

—J. S.

To the Editor:

In reference to the articles you have been running on the "lassies", and are going to drop, according to last issue, "in view of the concern of the student council." I would like to know if **Student Council** is concerned or if it is the administration who is concerned.

Signed,
Clarence Darrow

Dear Clarence:
Why don't you ask?
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Observations

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ogy of the Alma Student". His classes begin at 9:00 sharp and (despite bleary eyes) I can always tell if I'm in the right classroom

by his cheery greeting "Is everybody happy?"

These then are my professors. If I am so fortunate as to last the semester I will look back on this experience and say to myself: "Why ME?"

Start Remedial English Classes

Remedial English courses for "needy" freshman and others, are now in progress on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights at 5 and 8 o'clock. The sessions include laboratory work in the mechanics of English and are handled by the English department.

Helping with the program are three students: Pat Wilson, senior, Royal Oak; Jackie Giar, senior, Charlotte, and Fran Erickson, senior, Flint.

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Letters

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present, to view the Homecoming Game. Did we stomp, yell, or otherwise cheer our team to victory? Did we support our Queen and her court, or our cheerleaders? The answer is a big, fat NO! Most of us merely sat and twiddled our thumbs, occasionally exploding a loud

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The Ghost's Walk

by Ceaser

I saw the light was on in his office, and I thought of what he had said a day or two before: "Despite anything you may have heard or read about education as a democratic process, the academic side of college is clearly and correctly a totalitarian arrangement, with the faculty in power." How, I wondered, do students penetrate through the mist of classroom and campus furor? And how do we appear to the professor who stands behind the lectern, or who sits half buried under a mass of papers?

So I asked him. It was quiet and light inside, and too warm. Outside there was nothing but blackness. And under the light, in the tobacco-smoke-filled little office, his voice rolled unceasingly on, softly modulated, careful, a little clipped in speech.

"Students are, in the beginning," he said, "a throng of faces almost indistinguishable one from the other. Some have even before they come here, set around themselves a ring of renown — of interest, perhaps, or of talent, or of dullness. And it is surprising how quickly this renown is established and how easily it is maintained, partly because of an educational tradition which makes students of you rather than learners, and partly because you are sometimes judged by the quantity rather than the quality of what you do. Whatever the reasons may be, once you have established these renowns they are difficult to negate. But even before you create these individual effects, in fact, almost immediately, you set yourselves up as closely related to Shakespeare's schoolboy who goes unwillingly to school, or, on the other hand, as closely related to Chaucer's Clerk, who preferred a new volume of Aristotle to anything else in his world. Those among you who thirst for knowledge and who have an overpowering desire to experiment, to discover, to question, to grow, are almost immediately recognizable. Those who are satisfied with a tiny, neatly packaged and cellophanned capsule of knowledge (cellophanned to remove all danger of infection) instead of the fullest treatment you can uncover, those who mistakenly assume that the degree after four years of college is an end, those who fail to feel deeply, to hold firm convictions with an open mind, to grapple with abstractions, to hunger for mental and spiritual stimulation and experience (even when the source is outside the already known pattern of your life), soon seek a level above which it becomes increasingly difficult to climb."

He knocked the ash out of his pipe and smiled that crooked, but warm, half-smile at me across the room. I opened my mouth to speak, but no words appeared, and I heard his voice again, a little more positive now.

"These attitudes suggest, too, that many students see college life as an inherited right rather than a responsibility. But as only a privilege or an inherited right, college life becomes purposeless and results in a diffusion and dispersal of valuable energy and initiative in directions perhaps more adequately in other institutions. As a responsibility to one's culture and to one's individual potential as a "thinking man", however, college life becomes

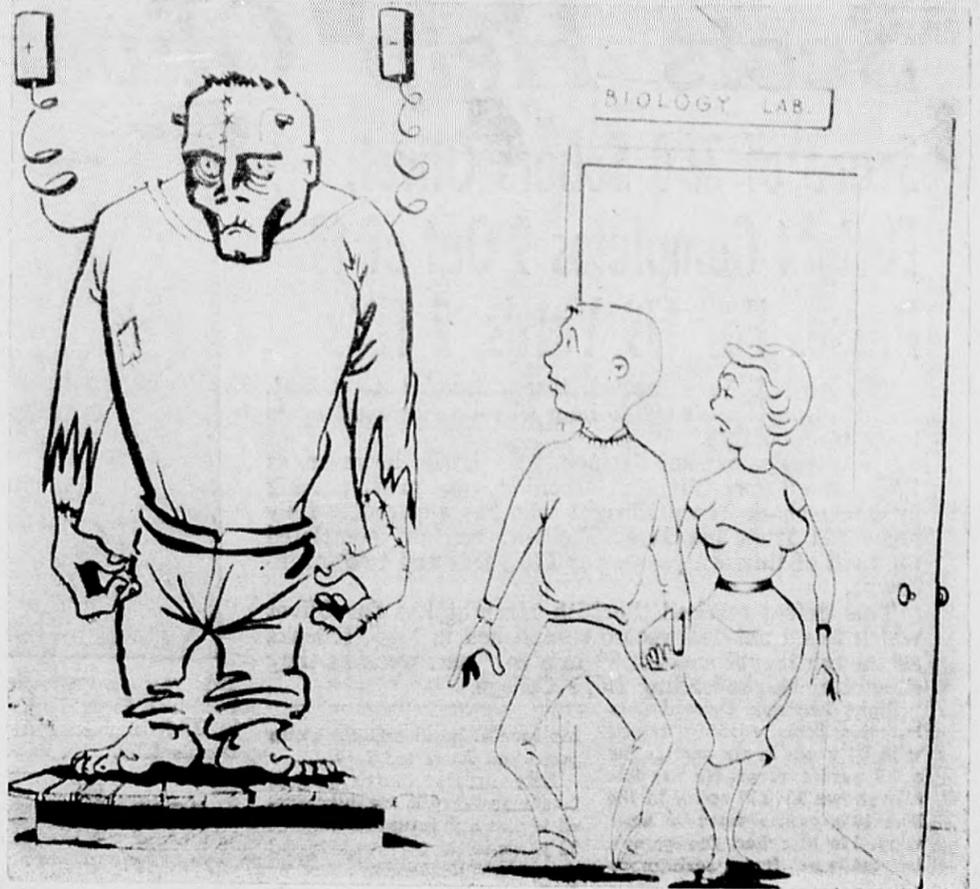
meaningful. Only minimum skills and commands are necessary if your life here is a privilege; none but the highest possible skills and commands satisfies if this life is a responsibility. Some few of you pick your instructor's minds clean. Some of you parrot information, often inaccurately, out of a desire to have done with it all. Some of you burst with curiosity, with wonder, with academic vitality. Some sit through classes eager only for the clock to drag you, reluctantly, to the week-end."

The room was getting hotter, and in some ways I wished I had not asked the questions which had started this discourse. But I was a captive audience of one. Another match flared, and from behind the cloud of smoke came still again what had become an inexorable voice.

"We see you, of course, in other activities: in dating habits that may make successful marriage more difficult; on fire over issues which hardly seem of prime importance to the highest efficiency of college life. But we see a growing maturity in you, too. We see an increasing awareness of the need for a rich and stimulating academic life. We see a growing awareness of the place this college is destined to fill in the cultural life of the community. We see your interest in drama, we hear fine music, we are aware of your interests in painting and sculpture. And we watch for these skills to become arts. From the front of the classroom, or while making rather foolish and inaccurate marks in grade books, we see emerging eventually out of the mass of faces individuals, each stimulating or dull in his own right, each growing or standing still, each a valuable member of the responsible element of the academic society or easily expendable. There are those who seek only cash; there are those who merely lay bricks; there are those who help build cathedrals."

The voice stopped. It was almost as if I were alone in the room. But even as I excused myself and stepped out into the blackness now filled with falling rain, the last word, "cathedrals," rang in my ears. And from a distance, through the eerie black pouring of the rain I could see the light, still burning, though dimly, through the window.

"Wives often lead double lives—their own and their husbands'."—Charles Ruffing.



"That's Professor Kapp's latest experiment."



Dr. Scouza and Dr. Jellema discussing the work of the Old Testament professor.

The latest, and possibly the greatest, find is the discovery of an almost completely perfect scroll of Leviticus which was found in cave No. 11. Due to the insistence of the government of Jordan the scroll cannot be thoroughly examined until a very large sum of money is paid for its release from the department of Antiquity of the country of Jordan.

This is why the discovery has not been publicized very much because the colleges and universities who will donate the money for the scroll are waiting for the price to be lowered. "We are sure", said Dr. Scorza, "that we will not run out of material to study because already there is 50 to a hundred years of work ahead of the scholars."

The lecture ended with questions by many students of the class. The talk and the following discussion were very interesting and enlightening for all who had the privilege of attending.

Scrolls

(continued from front page) among which Christ is thought to have spent many years of his life. Theirs was a monastic community of about two to three hundred people. They lived in caves around the Dead Sea and devoted their lives to the study of the law and the prophets. They believed that they themselves were the sons of life and that all the rest of humanity were the Sons of Darkness.

These people sometimes did not live in harmony with the Orthodox Jewish faith. Many of their customs, such as the scheduling of the feast days on their 13 month calendar, created much ill feeling because of the difference with Jewish belief.

Each person within this monastic community had a particular rank in the group. The ranking was settled in a community meeting once a year. Any disagreement with this system of rank meant some sort of personal punishment, sometimes even banishment for a time, from the community.

The scrolls, which have created such a fervor in the relig-

icus world since their discovery in 1947, were found in the caves in which the Quemran people lived. These discoveries are of great importance because of the authority that they bring to the translation of the Old Testament.

So far, parts of every Old Testament book except Esther have been found, but many of the findings have only been fragments.

One strange thing about the discoveries of the Scrolls is the fact that none of them have been discovered by the Archeologists working in the area. All have been found by the Bedouin tribesmen who have wandered endlessly around this area since the time of Christ.

NOTICE

The SMEA All-Campus Party will be held on Saturday, November 1st. It will be a combination movie and dance, all for the bargain price of ten cents. The movie is "The Second Greatest Sex" and begins at 8 o'clock.

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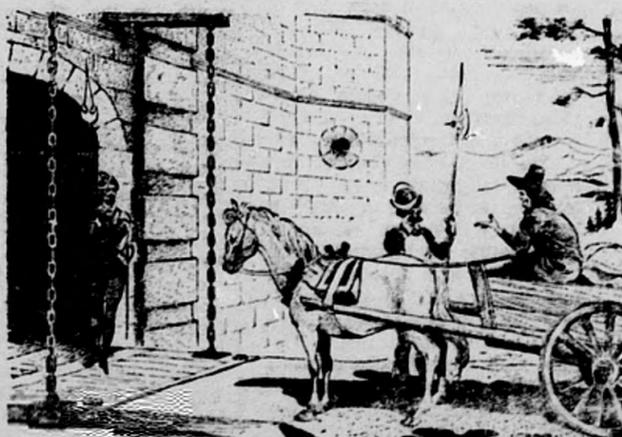
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