

# Paris, 1843; Alma, 1960

Don Pasquale, a comic opera written in the Italian by Gaetano Donizetti, was first performed in Paris in 1843. Tonight it will be done in English by the Turnau Opera Company here on Alma's campus.

The setting of the opera is nineteenth-century Rome, in the home of Don Pasquale.

The action begins with Don Pasquale wanting Doctor Malatesta to seek a bride for him.

The finale of the opera brings us to the moral: The man who takes a young wife in his old age is inviting nothing but trouble and confusion.



The Turnau Opera Players pictured above will present "Don Pasquale" tonight in Tyler Center at 8:00.

# To Present Opera Tonight In Tyler

Don Pasquale 1st Of L-C Series:  
Company Has Varied Background

The Turnau Opera Company arrives on campus today to present the season's first Lecture-Concert Series event tonight.

The company, consisting of four cast members, a musical director, and a stage director, will present the opera Don Pasquale, at 8 p.m. in Tyler Auditorium.

Tickets for the performance may still be acquired at the Administration Building switchboard desk. Students and faculty may also attend a reception for the opera company in Van Dusen Lounge following the performance.

Cast members are Ray DeVoll, tenor, who plays Ernesto; Carolyn Chrisman, soprano, portraying Norina; Malcolm Norton, bass, as Don Pasquale; and Alan Baker, baritone, playing Dr. Malatesta.

Musical director is Melvin Strauss, music professor at Rutgers University. Barbara Owens, stage director, has directed productions of the Turnau group for the past five seasons.

Total experience of the cast members includes television opera work, backgrounds such as Eastman School of Music and Juilliard School of Music, Carnegie Hall recitals, recording, college opera work, concert engagements, and association with several opera groups.

The company began in 1955 by converting a skating rink in Pine Hill, New York, into a theater and naming themselves in honor of a former professor of theirs, Joseph Turnau.

Since that time the company has staged over 200 opera performances, offering experience to numerous singers and staff.

The company is presently touring the Great Lakes region, the Midwest, and the South. The company spends the winter season at the Asolo Theater in Sarasota, Florida.

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## Dag Hammarskjold Is 'Deeply Grateful'

UN Secretary-General  
Sends Quick Reply

Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations, responded within a matter of hours to the telegram sent him from Alma College on Tuesday.

The Secretary-General's answer, which was sent to President Robert Swanson, read as follows:

"I am deeply grateful for the message from the faculty and students of Alma College expressing warm support for the United Nations in its efforts to maintain peace."

Students and faculty members had previously sent Hammarskjold a telegram stating:

"We the undersigned students and faculty of Alma College, Alma, Michigan, wish to express our full support and confidence in you as the Secretary-General of the United Nations. We believe that the UN under your leadership has worked in the past and will in the future work diligently and effectively for a universal peace and a better life for all men throughout the world."

Signatures of 228 students and 24 faculty members were on the telegram. Signers contributed \$11.58 toward the \$12.82 cost of the telegram.

The idea for this telegram was born among Mrs. Luida Alssen, Mr. Nicholas Alssen, and Thell Woods.

## New High Set In Enrollment

The fall semester enrollment of Alma College is at an all-time high of 754. This year's figure is 10% above that of last year, according to Molly Parrish, registrar.

The freshman class numbers 303, which is the second largest in the history of the school. This is a 45% increase over last year's freshman class.

Sophomores number 181; juniors, 140; and seniors, 112. There are 16 part-time students and 2 special students.

The school's all-time high in enrollment for the Freshman class was the second semester of 1946-47, when a large number of veterans were admitted and the freshman class numbered 338, with over 250 being men.

The freshman class represents 142 Michigan high schools and 21 out-of-state schools. It includes foreign students from Jordan, Jamaica and Iran, and students nationwide from as far afield as New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and California.

Twenty-two of the class are high school valedictorians and salutatorians. A third of the freshmen hold academic scholarships. Of the 100 scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen, 85 are Alma College honor scholarships. The class includes one National Merit Scholarship holder.

According to John Kimball, director of admissions, there are four times as many men holding scholarships this year as last year.

The college ability tests have done very well.

The biggest share of the class are headed for the professions. A large part of the group plans to enter the field of education.

Many different religious denominations are represented in the student body with the Presbyterians (45%) forming the single largest group.

## Daley, Smith Boughton; Are Elected

Results of Tuesday's elections show that 321 students voted for freshman class officers, residence hall Student Council representatives, and new Student Council and senior class presidents.

Kent Daley was elected president of the freshman class. Vice president is Dale MacFarlane, secretary is Treasurer, Mary Dinges, and Student Council representatives, Beverly Campbell and Judy Gabel.

Residence Hall Student Council representatives are as follows:

Gelston — Mary Clouse, Bonnie McBane, Shima Murakami, and Rexalee Westhauser.

Wright — Bob Madison, Bruce clan; Bill Lockwood, Stewart clan; Thomas Cowan, McPherson clan; and Bob Hackathorn, McDougal.

Mitchell — Bill Jacobs, MacBeth clan; Jim King, Sutherland clan; and a tie between Gene Henderson and Douglas Wilson for the MacKenzie clan, which will be voted out by the clan.

Dick Boughton and Dave Smith, unopposed candidates, were elected Student Council president and senior class president respectively.

Of the 321 who voted, 177 were freshmen and 144, upperclassmen, including 32 seniors.

The number voting from the living units were as follows: Gelston, 97; Wright, 92; Mitchell, 88; Pioneer, 13; Town, 12; Bruske, 4; and Clizbe, 2.

## Sorority Pledging To Begin Sunday

All eligible girls interested in pledging a sorority this fall are asked to sign the necessary form in the office of the Dean of Women by 5:00 this afternoon.

To be eligible a woman must have been on campus for one semester and must have an over-all 1.0 grade average.

Pledging teas will be given by each of the sororities Sunday.

Alpha Theta's tea will be held at 2 p.m. in Reid-Knox. Kappa Iota's tea will be held at 2:45 in the Kappa Iota Sorority room in Gelston Hall. At 3:30, the Alpha Taus will hold their tea in Reid-Knox.

## Mitchell Open House To Be This Sunday

Mitchell Hall will hold an open house Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m., October 9, for the people of the community of Alma and the surrounding area.

## Pat Gilliland Will Reign At Homecoming

Pat Gilliland, Alpena junior, was chosen in yesterday's elections to be 1960 Homecoming Queen.

Miss Gilliland, a tiny brunette affiliated with Kappa Iota sorority, will be crowned during the halftime ceremony of the Alma-Kalamazoo Homecoming game Saturday, October 15.

The queen's court consists of Carlene Saxton, senior; Carolyn Keyes, senior; Liz Creek, senior; and Linda Ross, junior.

The girls were elected by the student body out of a list of 21 juniors and seniors.

The election results were announced at 7:00 last evening in Gelston lounge, with many students there for the cheering. Pat was too overcome with tears of happiness to make a statement for the almanian.

Queen Pat and her court will ride on the queen's float, to be constructed by the freshmen, in the Homecoming Parade.

Miss Gilliland will also take part in other Homecoming customs such as her presentation at the Homecoming Dance Saturday evening.

The 1959 Homecoming Queen was Jean McClure, a 1960 graduate.

## Young G.O.P. Survey Results Tabulated

A political survey was taken during registration by the Young Republicans Club. Thell Woods, president of the club, compiled the results of the questionnaire.

The total number of students who were interviewed was 418.

There were 301 Republicans and 65 Democrats. The number of students who declared themselves without a preference, not sure, or independent, numbered 52.

Among the students interviewed were 70 who are of voting age. Of these, 49 declared themselves Republicans and 14, Democrats. The other 7 declared themselves without a preference, not sure, or independent.

One hundred-five students indicated a desire to join the Young Republican Club. Seventeen students indicated a desire to join the Young Democrats. Two hundred and forty-six stated that they would like to receive the literature of the Young Republican Club's publications.

Concerning the survey, Woods said: "We realize that the survey may have been slightly biased due to the fact that it was a Republican Club booth. However, in the future we hope to finish the poll, giving us an even more accurate picture."

Any person interested in working on the almanian staff is invited to the next staff meeting which will be held Monday at 5 p.m. in the basement of Hood Building.

## 'Cadillac' Star To Be Dodge

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28 and 29, tryouts were held in Tyler Auditorium for parts in the comedy, "The Solid Gold Cadillac."

Interest in the production is high, according to Ray Miner, the director; nearly thirty students tried out for parts.

A tentative cast has been chosen. The female lead is to be played by Judi Dodge, a freshman. She portrays Mrs. Laura Partridge, a lady in her late fifties. Gary McCampbell, a sophomore, is to play Big Ed McKeever, a man also in the late fifties, the male lead. Mrs. Partridge's secretary, Miss Shotgraven, is to be played by Mary Dinges, a freshman.

The role of Mr. Blessington, a corporation executive, is to be played by Thell Woods, a senior. Still another executive is Mr. Gillie, played by Pete Thosteson, a freshman. Phil Barrons, a junior, has the role of Mr. Snell, another corporation executive. Phil is also the technical director of the play.

Anyone who would like to work backstage should contact Barrons. Any help will be appreciated.

The first rehearsal was scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, at 7 p.m. in Tyler Auditorium.

"The Solid Gold Cadillac" will be presented November 17 and 18, the Thursday and Friday before Thanksgiving vacation.

Although the cast is nearly decided upon, there is still one part which an aspiring actress may fill if she has the proper qualifications, that is, measurements of approximately 36-23-36, or a reasonable facsimile. The part is that of a photographer's model who appears briefly in several scenes.

The character appears in several costumes and has a minimum of lines. Any girl who feels that she can literally measure up to the part should see Mr. Miner for an audition.

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## Alma's In It - - At Least Some Of Us

Alma isn't really isolated from the world.

Throughout the world's history, college students have voiced an interest in current events. Finally, we have joined the ranks.

The almanian wishes to commend those who originated the telegram to Dag

Hammarskjold, and those who supported the idea with their signatures and pen-  
 nies.

But what of the student body mem-  
 bers who didn't sign the telegram — per-  
 haps typified by an upperclassman who  
 asked, "Hammarskjold? What's he run-  
 ning for?"

## Blessing In Disguise

It could seem to be a blessing in dis-  
 guise—to live in Wright Hall, which in  
 some opinions is regarded as non-modern  
 because of its sometimes leaky pipes,  
 broken radiators, and falling plaster. You  
 may ask, "What, according to our defini-  
 tion, is the blessing?"

On the other hand, every man living  
 in Mitchell, the new residence hall, is so  
 pleased that the only cry which could be

heard is, "Why don't we have a pencil  
 sharpener?"

The tiny slave arrived last week.  
 With this addition to the dorm it  
 would seem that nothing more could be  
 desired. But, humans being such as they  
 are, the acclaim may well become, "What  
 a long line — just to sharpen a pencil,"  
 while on the other side of the campus  
 those ducking falling plaster may count  
 their blessings.

## Don Pasquale Or "Please, Mr. Custer."

Tonight there will be another "first"  
 for Alma College—at least a "first time  
 in quite a while," as the Lecture-Concert  
 Series presents a New York opera com-  
 pany and their performance, Don Pas-  
 quale.

It promises to be an evening of good

entertainment for those who enjoy music,  
 drama, and comedy.

But there is a certain hazard in al-  
 lowing such an event to take place in Ty-  
 ler Center—what lives will be wrecked if  
 the operatic strains or audience applause  
 should drown out the nickelodeon melo-  
 dies next door!

Experience  
And Depth  
Bolster Debate

"Close to thirty students have  
 joined the Alma College debate  
 squad this year," stated Mr.  
 Harold Mickle, debate coach.  
 The turnout numbers twenty-  
 six with the possibility of a  
 few more reporting soon.

"This," said Mickle, "gives  
 Alma one of the largest debate  
 squads in recent years, and  
 shows that interest is very  
 strong in debating this year."

The experienced debaters re-  
 turning this year are Harold  
 Cook, Marshall; Dick Baldwin,  
 Grand Haven; Linda Lucy,  
 Flint; Gary Miller, Pontiac; Ed  
 Powers, Fremont, Nebraska;  
 Dick Luke, Hillsdale; and Jim  
 White, Bay City.

The beginning debaters are  
 Allison Amstutz, Ludington;  
 Roger Andersen, Grosse Pointe  
 Park; Charles Bodmer, Water-  
 ford; Ronald Bricker, Crosswell;  
 Stephen Colladay, Manistee;  
 Robert Cook, Belding; Tom  
 Cowan, Muskegon; Dan Curry,  
 Detroit; Terry Davis, Farming-  
 ton; and Louis Ferrand, Rock-  
 ford.

Also, there are Michael Ham-  
 ilton, Farmington; Terry Kaper,  
 Hamilton; Bill Malpass, East  
 Jordan; Roger Marce, Franklin;  
 Thomas Pinter, Alma; Jim  
 Plutschuck, St. Clair Shores;  
 Jim Pyle, Monroe; John Sala,  
 Marion, Indiana; Hal Waller,  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota; Rexa-  
 lee Westhauser, Sawyer; and  
 Joan Wilson, Alma.

The new debaters will pre-  
 pare for competition by wide  
 reading of pertinent material,  
 finding and outlining the issues,  
 and by extensive discussion of  
 the topic. They will prepare for  
 the novice debate tournament  
 scheduled for November 19 at  
 Albion College.

The national debate question  
 which has been selected for this  
 year is: Resolved that the Uni-  
 ted States should adopt a pro-  
 gram of compulsory health in-

Shades Of Julius Caesar,  
Robinson All-Round Man

Many recall Dr. James  
 Robinson who was on our  
 campus during Religion In Life  
 Week last year. We remember  
 him as one of the few speakers  
 who made us think. Perhaps  
 we wonder what Dr. Robinson  
 is like away from the life of a  
 busy speaker. One of the best  
 qualified persons on this sub-  
 ject is Bob Barlowe, New York,  
 freshman.

His home church is the  
 Church of the Masters. Dr. Rob-  
 inson is the head pastor of this

church located in Harlem.

One of the projects of the  
 church is a building program  
 for a new Community Center  
 next to the church. Dr. Robin-  
 son is the head of the building  
 committee.

To raise money for the fund,  
 Dr. Robinson went on a popular  
 quiz show where he won a large  
 amount of money for the build-  
 ing fund with his category of  
 Julius Caesar.

Patient, brilliant, good, lov-  
 ing and forward is the opinion  
 of Dr. Robinson held by Bob.  
 Bob says that the greatest les-  
 son that Dr. Robinson taught  
 him was that being humble does  
 not make one a lesser person,  
 that in fact, it often makes a  
 better and bigger person.

Dr. Robinson recommended  
 Alma to Bob because of its fine  
 science department.

A man, an idea, the means,  
 the result.

This is a look into the life of  
 a man who influenced this  
 campus to do a great thing, the  
 Books For Africa project.

## PLACEMENT CASEMENT

There will be a representative from the Social  
 Security office on campus Thursday, October 20, to in-  
 terview all seniors interested in ANY type of civil ser-  
 vice employment. Seniors seeking jobs with the govern-  
 ment, no matter what their major field, should make  
 arrangements in the Placement Office, Room 101, Old  
 Main, for an interview appointment.

Any seniors interested in careers with the U. S.  
 Treasury Department as Revenue Agents, Revenue  
 Officers, or Special Agents should sign up in the Place-  
 ment Office for interviews with a representative from  
 that department who will be on campus on Friday,  
 October 21. One must be an Accounting major (24  
 hours) to qualify for the Revenue Agent position, but  
 majors in any fields can qualify for the position of  
 Revenue Officer. Special Agents must have a Business  
 Administration major or a combination of Business  
 Administration, Economics, Education, Law, Police  
 Science, Police Administration and 12 hours in Ac-  
 counting.

## Letters To The Editor

NOTE: Our policy concerning letters to the editors makes it man-  
 datory that the writers of all published letters be known either  
 to the Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor. THE ALMANIAN  
 takes upon itself the responsibility for publishing letters, hence  
 it will not reveal the identity of any writer who requests anonym-  
 ity. The editors do not guarantee publication of letters which ex-  
 ceed the bounds of decency and reasonable courtesy. Whether  
 or not letter-writers take issue with THE ALMANIAN in no way  
 disqualifies them for publication.

Editor  
 The Almanian  
 Dear Editor,

I am writing the enclosed  
 concerning the three editorial  
 comments made in the Septem-  
 ber 30, 1960 issue under the  
 titles of:

"What Do You Think?"

"I Don't Have To Go To  
 Chapel!"

"A Dollar's Worth Of???"

Your three articles in the  
 September 30th issue were mag-  
 nificent. I am speaking of the  
 three editorial comments entit-  
 led "What Do You Think?", "I  
 Don't Have To Go To Chapel,"  
 and "A Dollar's Worth of ???." Although I would defend the  
 value of A.W.S., I can't help  
 but see a connecting link be-  
 tween all three stories and say  
 that they are a masterpiece  
 whether they were intended to  
 be linked together or not. Look  
 closely at the three articles. We  
 are faced here with what cer-  
 tain members of our adminis-  
 tration call "anti-intellectual  
 forces" and what might be de-  
 emed "anti-extracurricular  
 forces" which may in the long  
 run prevent us from becoming  
 well-rounded citizens.

The fellow who first said  
 "don't knock it 'til you've tried  
 it" would have a heyday here  
 in Alma. We will never like  
 chapel, enjoy campus organiza-  
 tions, or get anything for our  
 almighty dollar unless we give  
 it a chance. We all too quickly  
 say, "Let the other guy handle  
 it. I am too busy to get into  
 that." The future doesn't look  
 very bright for an America and  
 her government when we look  
 at a youth that isn't even half  
 interested in the functions of its  
 campus governing bodies. But  
 watch us jump when the group  
 does something we don't like.

Your AWS comment might  
 more likely have been directed  
 to the 200 or more girls that  
 were not at Sunday's meeting.  
 A good portion of them were  
 probably sitting over a coffee  
 cup and cigarette in Tyler Cen-  
 ter while wasting the better  
 part of an afternoon loafing  
 around and making caustic re-  
 marks such as: "I am too busy to  
 go over there." The person I  
 mythically quote is probably  
 the same one that the writer of  
 your articles has mythically  
 quoted as saying, "What do we  
 get for our dollar?" He or she  
 may be the same person who  
 secretly looks with envy upon  
 the holders of the more impor-  
 tant campus offices but doesn't  
 have the gumption to try to get  
 one for himself and ends up  
 complaining about the job that  
 is done. He probably does his  
 homework during chapel and  
 then complains about how unin-  
 spiring the chapel speaker was.

Or maybe he analyzes the chap-  
 el situation as worthless while  
 enjoying his cup of coffee in  
 Tyler Center at 10 a.m. on a  
 bright and clear Tuesday morn-  
 ing.

Wait! A light dawns on the  
 horizon. An Almanian writer  
 soon to become a famous philo-  
 sopher has come up with the  
 cure-all. "Required Tyler Cen-  
 ter" indeed! Do you suppose  
 they will excuse Protestants and  
 underclassmen from that one?

Sincerely yours,  
 A. Anonymous  
 Dear Anonymous,  
 Bravo!

the editors

Dear Editor,  
 Since I was one of the objects  
 of disapproval in last weeks'  
 editorial concerning the poor  
 attendance at the A.W.S. meet-  
 ing, I thought you might be  
 interested in my defense.

The first I even heard of this  
 meeting was when I read of it  
 on the calendar of events in this  
 paper the Friday before the

meeting. Since I had already  
 made tentative plans for that  
 time, I consulted several upper-  
 classmen on the importance of  
 attending. Their attitude was  
 one of little enthusiasm—most  
 that I asked hadn't even gone  
 last year. I would suggest that  
 in the future the success of this  
 meeting might be enhanced if  
 proper advance notice were  
 given and the enthusiasm of the  
 girls were excited.

A Freshman

Dear Freshman,  
 You were NOT the main ob-  
 ject of last week's editorial con-  
 cerning the AWS installation  
 service. But, the second para-  
 graph of your letter strikes  
 home. We refer to upperclass-  
 men enthusiasm.

Editorials are oftimes written  
 to spark a little life into some-  
 thing which is either dying or  
 JUST EXISTING, or to help  
 put something out of its misery  
 if it is on the road to death.

We would have hoped that  
 our editorial of last week con-  
 cerning AWS was of the former  
 category. But with NO RE-  
 SPONSE FROM THE ORGAN-  
 IZATION, what are we to as-  
 sume?

Sincerely,  
 the editors

Dear Editor,

This is probably one of those  
 letters you never print, but I  
 would be very gratified if I, and  
 several others who are wonder-  
 ing about this matter, could see  
 an answer to this question in  
 black and white:

Why does the Almanian  
 continue to waste space on the  
 antiquated column, "Reb's  
 Yell?"

A Rebel Myself

Dear Rebel,

We will try to answer your  
 question "in black and white."  
 The almanian will not take  
 issue with personalities (which  
 we are sure you did not intend  
 to be the case).

However, we wish to state  
 that the almanian will continue  
 to run REB'S Yell as long as  
 the column relates in some way  
 to life on our campus. (Note this  
 week's yell.) REB has had 17  
 years of experience as a news-  
 paperman, and his column is  
 most often wonderfully expres-  
 sive, thought-provoking, and  
 very well written.

We can, however, think of  
 one question which you might  
 well have asked, "Is there not  
 some other rebel on campus  
 with the ability to express his  
 spirit of rebellion in writing?"

Sincerely,  
 the editors

Invite Alumni  
 To Join Program

Alumni are now invited to  
 join the campus-wide reading  
 program and to test their read-  
 ing comprehension along with  
 the students.

The program, inaugurated  
 last year, provides a balanced  
 selection designed to stimulate  
 an exchange of ideas, to inte-  
 grate relationships between  
 myriad fields of study, and to  
 encourage reading.

Two or three books are as-  
 signed each semester. The cur-  
 rent semester's requirements  
 are The Hidden Persuaders by  
 Vance Packard, All the King's  
 Men by Robert Penn Warren,  
 and The Painter's Eye by  
 Maurice Grosser.

After reading the books,  
 alumni may send for the pre-  
 pared examinations, composed  
 of multiple choice questions.  
 Upon completion of these ex-  
 aminations, they should be sent  
 to the Director of Alumni Af-  
 fairs for scoring and a report on  
 where the individual stands.

## COMING EVENTS

October 7 - October 14

Friday	8:00 p.m.	Lecture-Concert Series—Don Pasquale	Tyler Auditorium
	9:30 p.m.	Reception for Guest Artists	Van Dusen Lounge
	9:30 p.m.	Tau Kappa Epsilon Open House	TKE House
Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Football at Hope	
	10:00 p.m.	Alpha Theta-Delta Sigma Phi Free For All	Tyler Auditorium
Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Sorority Tea for Prospective Members	Sorority Rooms
Tuesday		Sorority Pledging	
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel—Rev. Charles House	
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Alumni in Education Banquet	Van Dusen Commons

## OH PODKINS!

I was walking down the stairs of Wright Hall, engrossed in thought, after saying good-bye to a friend of mine who was leaving to work in a brewery. "Each to his own," I always say. Anyhow, I drove the philosophical implications of life in a brewery out of my mind and concentrated on the job at hand—which foot proceeds which while going down steps. I finally had it right and was doing just fine. Left, right, left, right, left, right,—BLAM! I bounced up against a big furry blob of a guy who had on three pairs of pants, four sweaters, mittens, and a skiing cap pulled down to his eyes. Around his neck was a bright red scarf and clutched in his hand was a half-eaten banana with uneven teeth marks where the last bite had been taken.

I apologized, not knowing what future statesman, American president, or rocket launcher, might be under all the garments. I received a "Blaz offay bubby," from the voice beneath the scarf. I gazed into the eyes and was going to begin figuring out which foot goes first, when I recognized him.

After my loud "Melroy" stopped echoing off the walls, I shook his head and asked how he was.

"Oomm, Aehm joose fimm," is what I heard. I gently asked him to take his RED scarf off and he did. I asked him if he was going to a dance or something because of the way he was dressed. He asked me to hold his banana, and adjusted his skiing cap and told me he was cold. I handed him back his banana and asked him why. Podkins had just stuffed his banana into his mouth and was in no mood to answer silly questions. He just looked at me as if I were dumb and chewed.

Let's not kid ourselves. Podkins was cold because the heat in the dorm wasn't turned on. I don't want to drag this sort of hack stuff out you know! Some-

body in this group is playing dumb and I'm getting sick and tired of it, see!

I had noticed that Melroy wasn't making his usual keen and sophisticated observations on life and I wondered if he was feeling well. He also seemed to have developed some sort of a strange twitch in his chin, so that when his chin would give a shake, his left leg would bend at the knee as if he were doing a step some big-shot drum major would do at a football game between the Rocky Mountain Ticks and the Bavarian Umbermuks. (My Bjnetzke Pronouncing Dictionary tells me that the last syllable of that words rhymes with trucks.) But it didn't really seem worth mentioning, so I let it pass and scratched my nose instead. Podkins asked if he could be excused because he had to go down to the laundry and wash some of his dainties. I assured him that it was perfectly all right with me and said good-bye.

I turned up the collar of my trench coat, dangled my cigarette from my mouth, assumed the reporter's look of scorn, dug my hands into my coat pockets, pretended to be thinking, and went down those darn steps. Left, right, left, right, left, right.

Fernstrum, Saxton  
Speak Vows

Carlene Fernstrum and Ferris Saxton were united in marriage Saturday, October 1, at 2 p.m. at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Alma. Carlene's matron of honor was Mrs. Ron Stolz of Alma; the best man was Ferris' brother.

Following the ceremony there was a reception for the friends and relatives attending the service. After a brief honeymoon in Northern Michigan, the couple returned to Alma.

## A Scotch Voice

By Thomas Befuled

Hitchhiking is a sport now largely taboo though rather widely practiced. Previously it was the accepted thing for the adventurous collegian to don thumb and hit the shoulder. And motorists were fully in the spirit. They gladly pumped her down from sixty, sizzled off and let you duck aboard. Then all that exhilarating olfactory contact with somebody new, somebody with the smell of a turkey coop or sand dune or paper plant or big, perfumy mansion or little, dusty hut could take place with the resultant expansion of knowledge of foreign fellows which the UN always insists is beneficial and will facilitate peace and understanding, etc.

But presently, after some unscrupulous fellows—definitely non-collegian—donned a bit more than thumbs and made bloody holes in the strangers from far lands who christianly stopped for them, made holes then dumped the hosts pel mel on the gravelly side to be skinned and chewed as though the lions had got to them, and had a new ford and likker money, public favor of the gentle sport wained. Laws got passed in favor of everyone's having his own car to ride in his own stale breath for as many miles as were, or supporting the transit company to drowse the distance in an all too air conditioned bus. And articles were written in all the prominent magazines for prominent citizens warning all sensible, safety-minded motorists absolutely never even to look in the horrible direction of one of those because they are, beyond question, all perverted so dangerously that even psychiatrists shudder. And just think of the things they could do to your money, car, wife, children and you!

Still, in spite of the fact that waits between rides are now many minutes and pretty up-nosed drivers of shiny detroits apart, there are a few who—I suppose because they have nothing to get shot and rolled for but themselves and perhaps a '46 bright yellow shockabsorberless chevy and a pile of frayed laundry or the like—will rattle off the cement and gladly offer up their smells to you.

Swear In Members,  
Elect Officers  
At S.C. Meeting

The new members of the Student Council were sworn in at the Tuesday night meeting and then the officers for the year were elected. The new president of the council, Dick Boughton, took the oath of office and proceeded to the election of the other officers. Elected in the council meeting were corresponding secretary, Judy Gable; recording secretary, Bonnie McBane; treasurer, Bob Madison; publicity chairman, Diane Cardew. The president appointed Bob Sawyer chaplain and will appoint the parliamentarian at the next meeting.

Dean Boyd spoke to the council on the purpose and responsibilities of student faculty committees. He said that the committees united the students and the faculty in an ac-

## REB's yell - - -

Robin E. Butler, writer of REB'S Yell and former editor of the almanian is continuing to write his Yell from Dubuque Seminary where he is in his first year.

Robin was editor of the almanian for two years and has been working in the newspaper field for approximately 17 years. In his position as editor of the almanian, Robin did much to strengthen the reputation of the almanian on the Alma campus.

THE GREATEST BOON to the Alma student's liberal education in years was the institution of the "new" curricula to continue in graduate study. This is especially true if the Alma grad desires to continue in graduate study. As the new curricula reaches a more complete operation with incoming classes, this should become even more apparent with the returning remarks of alumni engaged in graduate and post-graduate study. If I were to pass along any suggestions at this time on the current educational philosophy at Alma, they would be these: Promote it, strengthen it, broaden it, improve it, and above all KEEP IT!

Take the matter of academic freedom, for instance. One has simply no idea of the meaning of such a much-banded-about phrase until one sees the graduate student struggling out of an undergraduate tradition that might correctly be called "the academic mold." To the student who has been stuffed, stamped, and stereotyped at his alma mater, the apparent diversity of seminary professors in their approaches to education give the distinct impression that the institution is coming apart at the seams. Only under an education which is experienced in the atmosphere of academic freedom does one grasp the significant difference between disunity and diversity.

It is only under the aura of academic freedom that the student becomes inspired to question tradition, textual material, and the professor himself—for it is the constant question that educates—not the constant answer.

To the "molded" student even the thought of questioning the professor becomes the stimulus for a major personal conflict and one can see the attempts to compensate for this in operation at the seminary. Unused to such freedom of expression, the anxiety-filled student opens up like a gaping funnel and attempts to absorb all. This only produces further conflict as the professor's opinion of an academic "blotter" makes itself known to the desperate student.

Or, the student who comes to graduate school as a perfect image of the faculty or administration of Podunk University suddenly finds his retarded adolescence and rebels. It is not a positive rebellion, though, and its results only intensify the conflict—as with the mechanism of the funnel-brain.

So many of the students here have no idea of the real meaning of liberal education. They seem to think the highest mark of the college graduate is the B.S. (Bachelor of Specialization), and many of them have received the B.S. over the B.A. merely as a matter of choice 10 days before commencement!!

All over the state of Iowa one finds a tremendous movement at the college level to re-define the concept of liberal arts and to reconstruct the college curricula in these new insightful directions. The University of Dubuque still follows a liberal-arts program much the same as the one discarded by Alma, but one can sniff the nuances of inevitable change.

The public colleges and universities on the other hand, seem to be somewhat ahead of the church-related schools here in this task of re-definition, yet the very essence of a successful liberal educational system, the concept of academic freedom, is constantly endangered by the political footballs which are made out of every page of recommendations passing from educators to legislators. For a political scientist to make a public statement of fact concerning the political subdivisions of the state, makes his position as a public educator immediately suspect. Some of them preach their political views as guest speakers at church-related colleges, possibly because the intoxicating air of prevailing freedom on the church campus may act to lower their inhibitions... (this is relative, of course, since church colleges are also known for their academic molds...)

Beyond the academic freedom enjoyed by professors and students at Alma (and at the Dubuque Seminary), the new curriculum inspires (or forces) by its high standards and insistence on individual scholarship, a certain discipline, the value of which is immeasurable on the graduate level. There are some brilliant students at the seminary here who will never complete the course—for no other reason than that they cannot discipline themselves to the responsibility of individual study. Their undergraduate days provided them with skills of research, and tedious preparation the same as Alma's curricula. They, too, were introduced to the immensity of study and planning required by an individual's attempt to answer questions designed to stretch the finite mind. The difference lies here: At Alma, under the "new" era, we are only provided with skills and introduced to great efforts, we are required to USE them. That one factor, if nothing else at all, develops the successful student.

ademic community. He urged that membership in these committees be taken seriously since they are instrumental in running the college.

Dean Hawley discussed the governmental set-up of the college, from the board of trustees through the various committees of student council.

Reports were given by the homecoming committee, elections committee, and the honors system committee. Kent Daley will investigate the inter-school mail system. Harold Cook will probe student opinion of a series of Student-Faculty debates on the great issues of the day.

## SEA Meets Wednesday

Mr. Jack M. White, Director of Public Relations for the Michigan Education Association, will be the guest speaker at the first meeting of the Alma College Student Education Association. The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12, at 7 p. m. Everyone interested in teaching should plan to attend.

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# First Loss For Scots; Ferris Wins 33-0

The Ferris Bulldogs were too much of a match for Alma last Saturday night as Ferris walked off with a 33-0 victory in the Ninth Annual Red Feather game.

The old football adage which says "you can only go as far as your line goes" rang true for both teams. Ferris' line was nothing short of spectacular, ripping holes in Alma's defensive line, and shooting through the offensive line as if they owned it. Alma's line, on the other hand, appeared dead as Ferris' backfield men continually rolled up long gains.

Ferris opened the scoring on the last play from scrimmage of the first quarter when Bill Skidmore carried the ball into the end zone from Alma's six yard line. Five minutes later Skidmore was again in Alma's end zone, this time on a 31 yard jaunt around left end.

The third touchdown was scored when Alex McInness picked off an Ebright pass and ran it back 35 yards.

R. A. Stephens took up where his teammates left off, scoring the fourth Ferris touchdown on a 13-yard run. Ferris scored its last touchdown in a unique manner. Don Munger blocked Lyndon Saathiel's attempted punt from the Alma 7 yard line, and followed the bouncing ball into the end zone where he dropped on it for the fifth Ferris score.

Final statistics show Alma a poor second also. Ferris gained 409 yards total to Alma's 110 yards total. Bill McNally, sophomore from Battle Creek, led Ferris' ground gainers with 122 yards gained in 10 attempts. A bright spot for Alma was the continued fine defensive play displayed by Ken Renaud and Bob Norris on the Scotsmen line.

Alma sustained several injuries during the game which may hamper the Scots in future contests. Lyn TerBush was rushed to Saginaw General Hospital with an eye injury shortly after the second half began. The doctor said he will have to miss this Saturday's ballgame.

Dave Peters was also taken out of the ballgame at half time because of an injured hip. Several other players received minor injuries, but will be expected to play against Hope tomorrow night.

# Alma To Face 'Dutchmen' In Opener

Alma will travel to Holland tomorrow night to face the Flying Dutchmen of Hope. It will be the last night game of the season for Alma, and the first MIAA contest of 1960. The game starts at 8 p.m.

Alma carries to Hope a 2-1 record, with aspirations to improve this record. Hope has a record of 1-2 for the season, but have had to cope with some tough competition, playing DePauw (Ohio), Ohio Northern, and Albion.

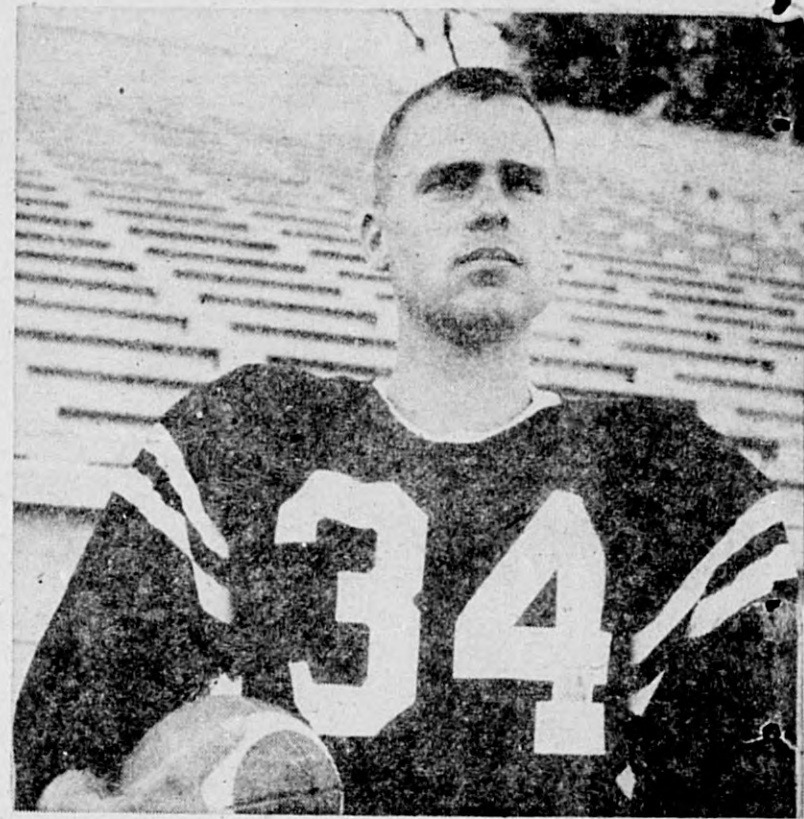
Hope beat DePauw 21-10, but lost to Ohio Northern 15-7; and last Saturday Albion squeaked out a 14-12 win over the Dutchmen.

All of the ballgames have been close however, and the Hope team will be a real test for Alma.

# Four Foreign Students Among Freshman Class

Among the 395 freshmen enrolled for semester 149 are 4 students for foreign lands. They are: Siauash Negaran Larudee, from Tehran, Iran; Khodadad Mazdai, also from Iran; Sharaf Mohammad Falal, from Jerusalem, Jordan; and Anthony Ewart Taylor, Jamaica.


# Halfback Fase Is Swift Man



Probably the swiftest man on the team this year is this halfback from Ada, Michigan. Len is 5' 7" and weighs 175 pounds, and is a great broken-field runner.

Two years ago fans delighted to the touchdown runs produc-

ed by this fleet back, and have cheered his efforts again this year as he has scored three touchdowns, thus leading Alma's scorers. Len also leads the team in the pass-receiving department, having caught 8 passes for a total of 142 yards.



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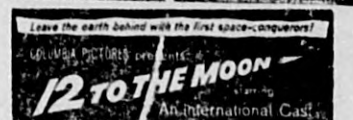
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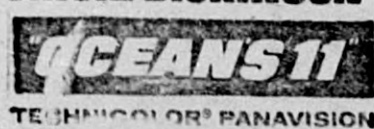
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Tom is also a junior this year. He hails from Sturgis where he played high school football under Coach Harley Pierce. Tom is 5' 7" and weighs 220 pounds; he is one of the heaviest men on the team this year.

While in high school Tom played fullback. He has exceptional speed for a tackle in the MIAA. He plays right tackle on offense for Alma, and is as rough as he is big. Tom will be seen in the Scotsmen line again next year.



Jerry is one of the few men that Coach Smith uses both on offense and defense nearly 60 minutes every game. Jerry is 5' 10" and weighs 200 pounds, and is one of the finest linemen in the MIAA.

He was moved from left guard to left tackle this year to give the tackle spot added power. Jerry is an aggressive blocker, and a powerful tackler. He played high school football at Alpena under the direction of Coach William Beach. Jerry is one of fifteen juniors that Coach Smith will welcome back to the gridiron next year.

# Eleven Men In Tennis Tournery

Eleven men have begun play in the fall singles tennis tournery held here. Play began last weekend, and should conclude this weekend.

The purpose of this tournament is to find new members for Alma's hard-hit tennis team. Alma lost 5 out of 6 starters from last year's team, and needs new men to fill in these vacancies.

Dave Turner, from Chicago, is the only man from last year's team who will be playing again this year. He and George DeVries are running the tournament.

The following men are participating in this tournament:

Mike Mulligan, Algonac; Darryl Steinart, Trenton; Greg Carmouche, Ludington; Bruce Brintnall, East Jordan; Dwight Lowell, Short Hills, New Jersey; Robert Davis, Midland; Kent Daley, St. Johns; George Moore, Trenton; Louis Ferrand, Rockford; Robert Sherman, East Jordan; Bill Dean, Alma.

# To Hold Open House

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will hold an open house Friday, October 8, immediately following the Lecture-Concert Series program.

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