FOREIGN STUDENTS VIEW CANDIDATES

There has been much talk on Alma College, on television and in the newspapers about the importance of foreign policy in the coming national elections. Therefore the almanian has taken advantage of the opportunity offered by her own foreign students of finding out firsthand what some of the people from other lands think of the two major candidates and their proposed foreign policies.

Thus a survey was taken in which each foreign student was asked the following question: "Which candidate for the presidency do you think would provide the best foreign policy for

your country and the world?"

Shima Murakami, a junior from Japan, replied that she definitely prefers Kennedy to Nixon. Among are reasons for this preference Miss Murakami stated that "Nixon's 'we-loveyou' policy toward Africa, Latin America and Asia invites more misunderstanding than anything else, while Kennedy seems to have more constructive ideas such as sending better-qualified ambassadors, exchanging more students and providing more information to foreign countries through radio and the press."

Miss Murakami also stated

that "No one, not even Nixon, can convince me that America's prestige is 'at an all-time high' abroad."

Agreeing with Miss Murakami's choice was Euripides Nittis, a senior from Cyprus. His support for Kennedy comes from his staunch support of the Democratic party, which he feels has had in the past a better foreign policy than the Republican party.

As evidence of this superiority he cited many instances, among them the times the Republican administrations have failed, he said, to uphold the dignity and rights of man upon which this very country was founded, such as the fights for Cyprus and Algerian independence.

"Also," pointed out Nittis, "itwas the Republican administration which pledged support for Egypt's Aswan dam and then withdrew that offer for financial aid a few months later, thus causing the president of Egypt to retaliate to uphold his prestige by seizing the Suez Canal.'

"The Democratic administrations have," said Nittis, "on the other hand, helped the former colonies of India, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Indonesia to

achieve their independence.

On the other side of the matter there is Fritz Schulz, senior from Brazil, who expressed the opinion that Richard Nixon would provide the best foreign policy for the world and for Brazil.

Nixon's experience, especially in South America, where he has visited many of the nations and realizes the situations down there, is the main reason for Shulz's preference. Said Shulz, "Rather than working with the Latin American situation from 'cold' facts, Nixon, I think, would better understand the See-CANDIDATES-page 4

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LaPalombara Expands Views For Group After Speech.

Students attending the discussion group with Joseph LaPalombara, last Thursday's convocation speaker, were able to hear further explanation of the speaker's points and his ideas on various other topics relating to foreign policy.

In answering a question about his statement that the Civil Defense Program is a "hoax," the Michigan State University professor explained that the Civil Defense program depends on evacuation, but does not take into consideration that an enemy attack would not give us enough warning time to evacuate even one third of the inhabitants in a city the size of Milwaukee, for example. Also, he stated, the evacuation program has not taken into con-

sideration the sentiments of farmers if city people were to invade their land. The only solution to the Civil Defense problem, said LaPalombara, is a system of deep shelters throughout the country.

LaPalombara gave his views on the idea of exchange programs. Although he didn't want to go on the record as opposing such programs, he said that he did feel that in some cases the programs hurt the U. S. more than helped it. For example, if a group from one of the "have-not" nations were whisked through the United States, seeing only the better examples of our prosperity, he said, they would go home with the realization that they could never reach this level, and love would not necessarily

UN Day "Success" Says Sue Little

'United Nations Day was held Monday, October 24, and was a general success, according to Sue Little of the Student Council.

Climaxing the day was a fine international dinner in Van Dusen Commons. "A great deal of credit," said Sue, "should go to Tom Manion and his staff, who went all out to provide authentic dishes from the countries of our United Nation's friends around the world."

The international menu included Italian spaghetti, Swed-French meatballs, and ish bread. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the Student Council sold items in Tyler Center to supply funds for United Nations projects. Any left over items will be sold later; the time and place will be published.

Profs Gather on Postpone The Reading Alma Campus For AAUP Meet

by Ethel Fay Smith

Seventy professors from Michigan colleges and universities met last Saturday on Alma campus for the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference of the Chapters of the American Association of University Professors.

Arriving between 9:30 and 10:10 a.m., the professors registered and had coffee in the Reid-Knox memorial room.

At 10:15 the plenary session was opened by the President of the Michigan Chapters, Sheridan Baker, of the University of Michigan. At this time President of the College Robert Swanson welcomed the group of men and women to Alma College.

The first address was given by Professor Russell B. Nye, See-AAUP Meet-page 3

Canvass and Caravan: Young Republicans Have Busy Week

The Young Republican Club took part in a canvass drive in Detroit and opened a Republican Headquarters in Alma last week.

Test To After Mids Boyd Gives Reason For Postponement; Petitions Didn't Do It.

Dr. William B. Boyd, Dean of the College announced Wednesday the postponement of the reading test until sometime after mid-terms.

However, the Dean wishes to clarify the reasons for the decision made.

"It was detinitely not made," said Boyd, "because of the petitions which had been signed by such a large number of students. Had this been the only factor in the decision, the test would not have been postponed," he said.

THAT'S THE LIMIT

New Cut Policy Is Explained By Committee

A cut policy approved by the faculty last spring has been put into effect this semester. According to the school regu-

The test was postponed for purely educational reasons, said the Dean. He stated that he had found most of the faculty of the opinion that students this year have been seriously working at their studies. Had the test remained as scheduled, he stated, many of these students would have found it necessary to only superficially read the books, thus destroying the whole objective of the reading program.

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Americans for this realization.

LaPalombara expanded his statements on the idea of increase in money for the defense program. He stated that the only solution he can see boils down to increasing taxes geometrically, not just arithmetically. This will increase the national debt, he added, "But what if my grandson has to See-LaPALOMBARA-page 2

Choir To Sing In Jackson Sunday

On Sunday, October 30, the A Cappella Choir will be participating in the worship service sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Jackson, Michigan.

The service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the First Methodist Church of Jackson.

Sunday, October 23, the Choir participated in the worship service at the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Robert D. Swanson.

Included on the program for the Jackson churches will be songs by composers of the Reformation period. The program will include two chorales and the chorus "Now There Is No Condemnation" from the motet, "Jesu, Priceless Treasure," by J. S. Bacn. Other numbers will be "O Come Let's Rejuice" by the 16th century composer John Amner, and "O Sing Unto the Lord" by Hans Leo Hassler. Also to be sung will be an arrangement of Martin Luther's great reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Sue said, "We hope that United Nations Day has made Alma College more aware of the U. N. and that in our own small way, we have helped its cause."

The club joined a caravan of 125 cars and canvassed for Alvin Bentley, Saturday, October 22.

Last Wednesday the club opened a Republican Headquarters at 230 W. Superior in Alma. This headquarters is under the direction of the club. Roger Anderson, club member from Detroit, has been appointed chairman of the headquarters by the members of the Young Republican Club.

Mark Twain Lecturer An "Actor at Heart"

George William Smith, who will present "An Evening With Mark Twain" in Dunning Chapel Friday, November 4, is a close friend of college president Dr. Robert Swanson.

Says Swanson. "I think the student body and faculty will really enjoy this evening." He added that although Smith is a professor now, "he is an actor at heart."

Smith had a number of successful seasons in summer stock at Martha's Vineyard (Massachusetts) before becoming a professor, said Swanson.

Swanson and Smith were colleagues for ten years on the faculty at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Smith is still a member of the faculty there, but will visit Alma on a tightly-scheduled tour which takes place during a "reading week" at the Seminary, during which no classes are held.

According to Swanson, Smith's portrayal of Mark Twain has been proclaimed all over the country. He was a part of the Mark Twain centennial celebration in Missouri in June of this year.

Smith's performance promises to be "a night of top-flight entertainment," says Swanson.

Complimentary student and faculty tickets for this Lecture-Concert Series event may be picked up at the switchboard in Reid-Knox, Wednesday through Friday, November 2, 3, and 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

lation, any cut, excused or unexcused, over the number of credit hours of the course, is subject to penalty.

The object of this policy, according to an Academic Affairs committee report, is not simply to restrict the number of cuts, but to protect those students who have to miss classes on an activity function such as choir tours.

Professors may interpret this policy as liberally as they wish to, says the report, but they will not enforce any rules concerning cuts that are stricter than the policy set by the college.

However, a student has no grounds for complaint of penalty if after taking the limit of cuts for unofficial reasons, he then must cut class due to illness.

Dean Boyd, advisor to the Academic Affairs Committee, wishes to point out, however, that a student might be penalizing himself by a class cut.

Miss Foley Recovering From Minor Accident

Miss Margaret Foley, head of the Language Department, is recovering from a fall which took place Saturday, October 23. According to her doctor, she has torn some mucles, but will be able to come back to teaching after a period of convalescence.

Miss Foley and Mr. Earl Hayword, language professor, were attending a Meeting of Professors of French in Haven Hill, Michigan, when the accident occurred.

THE CAMPUS

On Saturday, October 29, the Alma College Music Department will host the Michigan School Vocal Association Vocal Clinic.

Approximately 175 selected high school students from the Central Michigan area will rehearse under the direction of Maynard Klein, choral director from the University of Michigan and the National Music Camp at Interlochen.

College students are invited to observe the program which will be given in the Dunning Chapel from 9 to 12 a.m. and in Dow Auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Alma Area Unitarian Fellowship is sponsoring an Alma "Great Debate" on Sunday, October 30. Debating at 3 p.m. in Dow Auditorium will be Lester Allen, Republican candidate for State Representative, and Ronald Wilson, Democratic candidate for the same office.

On November 5, Alma College Speech Department will host the Third Annual High-School Debate. High schools from every district in Michigan will be represented at the meeting. Mr. Harold Mikle of the speech department will head the meeting.

Mary C. Gelston Hall elected supplementary officers last week to replace two of the officers elected last spring who did not return. The officers are Judy Smith, presideni; Peggy Emmert, vice-president; Carol Fleagle, secretary; and Valorie LaPiner, treasurer.

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Deadlines All news items, Monday, 5:30 p.m. except by prior arrange-ment with the Managing Editor. All photographs to be used in the paper must be in by Tuesday Noon of the week of publication desired,

Apathy or Good Food?

Perhaps the reason there is so much so-called apathy on this campus is because we're too well fed.

It is a well known fact that student opinion on other campuses is often shown through such action as food riots. This will probably not happen on Alma's campus as long as Saga Food Service is in

Prophecy or Progress

Students viewing the Great Debate Friday evening heard some utterances from Senator Kennedy which sounded very familiar.

These utterances should have left no doubt in anyone's mind of the party preference of Mr. LaPalombara, the convocation speaker of Thursday morning, as the two gentlemen seemed to carry very much the same message.

The statements of the needs of American policy of the men included quite similar points in several instances.

We would point out, for example, their statements on the loss of American prestige abroad, on disarmanent, and on the summit conference. In these matters both men felt that the U.S. should try to make gains, even if only in small amounts.

The very phrases used by these two dynamic speakers also showed a great degree of sameness. Both spoke of underground atomic testing and the superior "thrust" of Russian missiles.

And similarity of the two speakers in "America-is-standing-still" the urgent

operation here, if past experience is any indication.

After such a pleasing meal as the International Dinner of Monday evening, served in VanDusen Commons in honor of United Nations Day, who has enough ambition to rise in revolt against anything?

tone seemed in each case to underscore the points made.

This was in contrast to Nixon's generally calm, "America-is-not-standing-still" tone.

And LaPalombara's speech had pointed out great illusions prevalent in America today. Nixon seemed to at least illustrate one of these, the idea that is giving economic aid the U.S. must stress that it's not for our own good, but because they're our fellowmen.

The almanian does not wish to show any signs of political preference by these statements-We didn't outline these illusions. But we do point out the similarity between these two young Democrats (a phrase itself which is a scarcity on this campus) and their messages. This coincidence provokes the thought that either LaPalombara is the prophet he hinted to be or, as wary Republicans might believe, he was sent to Alma at the optimum moment to prepare students here to receive the debate with Democratic indoctrination.

LaPalombara

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settle this-I want to make sure my grandson will be born and live."

Asked to comment on recent news stories saying that Castro will lose power within a year, LaPalombara named this "wishful thinking." Castro may be a poor ruler and may be ruining Cuba, he said, but he has as good a chance to stay in power as any other Latin American revolutionary leader.

particular administration, and that it began around the time of World War II, if not earlier. He said that our Latin American policy has been almost solely based on the Monroe Doctrine, for example. And in a more recently important area, the Middle East, he pointed out, out of approximately 6,000 foreign service officers, only two speak Arabic. As for Africa, he added, we are just starting to develop a policy, "or at least we should be."

policy is not the fault of any

peasants, LaPalombara said, he saw a picture of King Humbert, a picture of the head of the Communist union, and a painting of Christ. The peasant said the king knew the needs of Italy at its best, 1910-1912, the Communist knows the needs now, and Christ will take care of one's needs after death. "This," said LaPalombara, "is a beautiful representation of the logic of peasants in

Letters To The Editor

NOTE: Our policy concerning letters to the editors makes it mandatory 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 anonymity. The editors do not guarantee publication of letters which exceed the bounds of decency and reasonable courtesy. Whether or not letter-writers take issue with THE ALMANIAN in no way disqualifies their letters for publication.

To the Campus Family:

The 1960 Homecoming is now past and indications are that there was general approval of our efforts. A successful and satisfying Homecoming is dependent upon the participation of the whole college family; students, faculty, adminisiration and the local Alumni Association. This cooperation was experienced on campus at Homecoming time in the preparation and final accomplishment of a genuine welcome to our guests, the Alumni. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

WE UNDERSTAND that we have INSULTED THE INTEL-LIGENCE of some of you by the use of CAPITAL LETTERS for EMPHASIS and AESTHE-TIC, JOURNALISTIC BEAU-TY in editorials. Even though your COMPLAINTS have not reached our EARS through PROPER CHANNELS, (see heading above) we hope to solve your problem by VOWING to de-emphasize this type of EMPHASIS, beginning with THIS VERY LETTER.

Dear READERS,

The editors.

F. Roy Phillips Director of Alumni Affairs

REB's yell

I don't know what to think about all that flowery stuff which headed my column October 7 in the almanian, except to insist that any influence I personally have had on the life of the almanian was due IN MAJOR PART to the esprit de corps and just plain hard work OF THE STAFF, not me. I say that in all honesty, not in psuedo-humility, for those who know me know also that I am not humble.

The letter from "A Rebel Myself" (see October 7 issue of the almanian) has been a very thought-provoking one indeed. I do not feel that Alma College or the almanian owe me anything (in fact, it's the other way around) and I am confident in the ability of the editors to pick and choose the material for the paper, so that as they may decide, REB's yell may cease at any time. In fact, it is my hope that REB's yell will be supplanted by the superior comments of active positive rebels, there on the Alma campus. I have always believed, and still do, that the potentials of far superior journalism than mine, exist abundantly there. I think "A Scotch Voice" is one of the most excellent features the almanian has ever published and I note with increasing happiness the potential nobility of "Oh Podkins."

Perhaps I am naively conceited in thinking that REB's yell may yet serve a definite purpose-a purpose for which I have often been criticized for not spelling out in black and white. It is a purpose, however, that must be perceived, for if it must be spelled out, it no longer serves as a purpose. I have received enough feedback from other positive rebels of the Alma family to believe that this purpose is being served, and I have faith that as soon as the time arrives when this purpose is better served by on-the-campus writers, the almanian editors will eagerly put an end to REB's yell.

Respecting the almightiness of organization, I seem to recall what some of the campus agnostics would call a "pleasant myth" of the Old Testament, when Moses came down from the mountain and, with reverent shock, asked Aaron about the golden

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LaPalombara further stated that he believes that the United States' move in cutting exports to that country last week was unfortunate. This act can only push Castro farther away from us, he said, and we are hurting ourselves economically.

He added that the Cuban situation has "extremely longrange implications for the United States," and that the situation has taken away from the United States' prestige in other countries. A reader of several foreign newspapers, La Palombara states that most of them are extremely unfavorable to the U.S. on this subject, feeling that U. S. action has been "undignified and ludi-crous."

LaPalombara stated that decline in United States foreign

LaPalombara expressed the thought that U. S. policy is "shackled by middle-class values." The American public, he said, finds it hard to sympathize with workers. Surveys have proven, he pointed out, that most Americans tend to place themselves in the middle class.

But abroad, he added, many people think of themselves in the lower class; "workers are and feel oppressed." Many European peasants who feel this oppression, he said, "don't know Lenin or Marx from Lincoln."

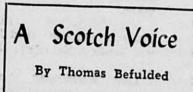
LaPalombara then told an interesting story of his experience in Sicily in 1952, where a group of peasants, about to occupy the land of a Baron, were celebrating with a parade. In this parade were various Christian, Italian, and Communistic flags.

In the home of one of the

PLACEMENT CASEMENT

Mr. T. F. Shiels, representative from the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation will be on campus Friday, November 4, from 8:30 to 5:00 to interview prospective candidates for positions in Accounting, Finance, Production and Material Control, Production Supervision, and Liberal Arts Graduates for various fields. They are particularly interested in Business Administration, Physics and Chemistry majors. After interviewing graduating seniors who are seeking permanent positions with the company, Mr. Shiels will be happy to talk to students with the above backgrounds for summer employment. Please sign up for your interview appointments in the Placement Office; literature and application blanks are available.

Europe and Southeast Asia."



To beauty or politics seems to be the choice for us of the former who have been threatened with proselytizing by advocates of the latter. Of course, we will admit that the ephemeral, the transient, the fluxy things in our environment are fun to be concerned about. Rome was wonderful gossip while in, centurians, togas, orgies etc. But now, pity, it's but a place for romantics in Italy. Elizabeth's burgeoning Britain must have been ripe meat for ladies on the continent to buzz about across canals, alps, tais, hedges, dusty placas. But now we've only a pleasant isle for reminiscences, well mostly anyway. And great Nappy certainly must have had his name and deeds prevelantly the wind of gentlemen in beer parlors, cafes, chocolate houses. But now the breeze is shot with other titles, less colorful perhaps.

This summer, while awing through the Louvre, I, like probably many Greeks plus, strolled with sudden amazement and ecstasy into the realm of Winged Victory, and the burst was not from appreciation of the historical, but from bumpy fresh aesthetic impression. Also this summer, several friends and I burned most of an afternoon and evening discussing the fine poetry we had heard

calf. Poor Aaron! All he could say was: "I cast the gold into the fire and this calf came out." Aaron is still with us. It is so much easier to blame the circumstances of the day than to admit our actions and attitudes honestly. "I asked the upperclassmen about the efficacy of AWS and this came out." "Behold, I put myself into the fire of required chapel, and this is the re-

"It is the conformity of this evil day," we say. "Can you blame me for being a rebel?" "The 'organization' has so pervaded the souls of men that they must conform, be it with the organization itself, or the anti-organization that conducts its business at the snack-bar. I am in this society, I can do nothing about it, I had no choice, can I be blamed, then, for what I am?"

Fools that we are! We deceive no one but ourselves. No true rebel places himself in the current of circumstances for the mere excuse of justifying the result-which is what is desired all along! How proud of his mastery of circumstances was Mac-

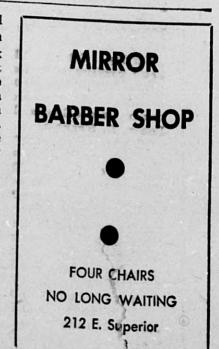
"If chance will make me king, well, then chance may crown me, without a stir."

How stupid our excuses sound if they come from the lips of others in our behalf: "He could not be a vital force on this campus because he had more important things to do."

It isn't my fault-I didn't do anything-I just tossed my life into the fire of life and look what came out!"

earlier in the day during a regal performance of King John. In our home ticks a Louis 15 clock with a little porcelain inset with an eternally just off to the hunt horse and horseman upon and a delicate gold trim that glitters every morning. Kennedy and Nixon will be Buchanan and Fremont to our grandchildrens' sons and daughters at Alma College, but the signless pretty buildings will still be strongly appreciated. After all, a thing of beauty is a joy forever, and Keats saw fit to ode on a Grecian urn, and how many gentlemen, foregoing even the plan of the good church, have attempted to sonnet their way into eternity?

VOTE NOVEMBER 8TH



COMING EVENTS October 29-November 3

29 Sat.	2 p.m.	Football—Hillsdale Cross Country—Hillsdale
	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	Kappa Iota Father-Daughter Banquet Tau Kappa Epsilon-Kappa Iota
3 Thurs.	10 a.m.	Halloween Open House ALL-SCHOOL READING TEST

WILL USE "WAGONS"

Play's Technical Director Gives Explanation About Set

I stopped backstage at Tyler the other day and talked with Phil Barrons. Phil is the technical director for the "Solid Gold Cadillac" and was busily engaged in building a "wagon." I didn't know what a "wagon" was either so I asked him. A wagon is a moveable set which is rolled on stage complete. There is no carrying of sets on stage or excessive noise behind curtain. There will be four of these wagons bolted together to form one of the sets for the play.

"Wagons" are not the only inovation in this play. This production will take place on the Dow stage, and Phil is taking full advantage of the facilities offered there. I was amazed to find out that there is an elevator stage

connected to the main stage. This stage, the lower one in front of the full stage, can be raised and lowered by merely pushing a button backstage. This will be used in the play and will be at about threequarter height.

Phil stressed that this play is a contemporary comedy. In his estimation comedy is the hardest type of theatrics to present, for the exact delination of the characters is of great importance.

'Solid Gold Cadillac" will be presented on November 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available before the production and at the door. Professor Ray Miner is the director.

Morris and Lucy Are WAA Heads

In an election held last week, the Women's Athletic Association elected their officers for the 1960-61 year.

The officers are Ponny Morris, Orchard Lake junior, president; Linda Lucy, Flint sophomore, vice-president: and Ovanah Blanchard, Richland junior, secretary-treasurer.

The managers are Marcia Mc-Wethy, Grand Rapids junior, Willa Knapp, Lansing sopho-more; Judy Benson, Sturgis freshman; and Klo Hartshorn, Rochester freshman.



ucation do the most for the Michigan people.

Nye discussed the main problems the committee had found facing Michigan in the field of higher education. They were as follows: Michigan's rapidly expanding population, which when added to the factor of increased demand for a college education among those persons of college age, means a rapidly increasing number of collegeage persons who will be applying for admission to the state's colleges; the lack of adequate facilities, and no prospect for these facilities ever catching up with the demand; and the grossly insufficient number of qualified staff members, and simply no chance at all of that already insufficient number increasing proportionately to the increasing demand.

Thus, said Nye, the committee recommended such things as these: increasing the studentprofessor ratio, making more use of such qualified persons as retired professors or professionals in other fields, looking into the possibilities of teaching machines, adding more clerical help for the professor, having week-round and/or yearround classes, changing the retirement age for the professor, and placing much more responsibility on the student for his own education.

Another problem the committee found, according to Nye, was the whole area of the admission of students.

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Halloween Customs Began With Druid "Sun God" Festiva terns from turnips and illumin-

Scotch Gave Payola to Fairies To Ward Off "Death Sentence"

Halloween customs had their beginning when the Druids celebrated their New Year with an October 31 festival of the "Sun God." On October 31, the lord of death gathered the souls of the condemned dead together to decide which animal forms they would take for the following year. From this harvest time celebration of death come many Scottish Halloween customs.

During the 18th century each family, on Halloween day, would carry lighted torches into the fields and march sunwise (right to left) about the fields to insure good crops for the following year. That night they put the torches into a bonfireinto which each member of the family would place a stone. It was believed that if a stone was found misplaced in the morning, or if there was a footprint found near it, the person to whom the stone belonged would die within the year.

It seems that the Scotch thought quite a bit about death in those days. They believed that fairies met at cross-roads where three roads come together. If some laddie should hap to be sitting on a three-legged stool at such a cross-roads at midnight October 31, he could hear the fairies discuss the names of those to die within the year. By giving gifts to the fairies-his chances were good of working the "death sentence" on some unlucky person.

In another part of Scotlandit was believed that witches stole milk and harmed cattle that fateful night. Boys with peat torches carried them from left to right across the fields to scare away the witches.

Of course, many witches attended the devil's party rather than raid fields. These witches were women who had sold their souls to the devil. That night these women would go to sleep

the University of Michigan, spoke to the group on "The Professor and Higher Education." Dr. Heyns organized his address around the reasons for the resistance among most educators to the idea current in American thought today that the best education is the cheapest. Heyns gave the following, among others, as reasons for this resistance on the part of himself and his colleagues: the fact that there is a discrepancy between what those who advocate this cheapest education say they want and what they give their own children; the doubt by the professor of the validity of all the research done which supposedly proves that cheaper education is just as good as the present kind; the disregard by this idea of the motivation and reward of the majority of professors; and the basic inconsistency of a society which spends so much on entertainment, for example, or tobacco, but cannot afford to properly develop the minds of the developing generations of the country.

As all good spooks know, most with a stick beside them, annointed in the fat of murdered babies. This stick would take their form, while they flew up the chimney on a broomstick, black cat and all, away to the devil's party. The devil played the bagpipes while the revelers, by the light of a torch, danced from west to east until the witching hour.

Oh, yes, the ashes from the torch, composed the potent formula of witches' brew.

In case you're leery of witches and fairies-the Scotch have some tamer customs and beliefs regarding the fatal night. Scottish children carve jack-'o-lan-

OH PODKINS

The somewhat austere silence that falls about the Reid Knox Administration Building lobby was beginning to permeate my soul and lull me into drowsiness. I was waiting to talk to someone about my monthly check from my old newspaper route local 112, (The unions are everywhere, Hallelujah!) when I noticed a figure crawl onto the skylight over the lobby. Well, my typical nose for news and pipesmoking-college-man curiosity prompted me to walk up to the brunette receptionist and ask her if she could tell me how to get to the roof. I received the receptionist-type smile and was told I could find a rope and scaling ladder at the end of the hall. I walked down the passage catching collegy types of remarks like, "Our latest survey shows Cancer is just an imaginary disease thought up by doctors to stimulate business," and many others of no concern to anyone. As a matter of fact, I don't even know why I mentioned it, but I thought you might be interested in something collegy, for we're all collegy students.

Well anyhow, I got outside and saw that I didn't need all my Sir Lancelot equipment, for a ladder was already against the wall. I climbed up the ladder and was just going to drag my left leg over the roof's edge, when my typewriter slipped from my fleshy little hand and knocked the ladder to the ground. My means of exit was blocked. I was stricken! But after the wave of emotion had subsided I did the only sensible thing, and composed a telegram to Dag Hammarskjold.

ate them with a candle. Oh, yes, and we musn't forget the cabbage-which is chuck full of romantic potential. Children believe that if they place cabbage stalks about the doors of the house, the fairies would bring them a new brother or sister. Older kids had their fun Young people would go too. blindfolded into the fields in pairs and pull cabbages. The size and shape of the cabbage would indicate the appearance of a future husband or wife. The stalks were then placed inside a door and numbered. If a youth was the third person to enter the room-he was supposed to wed the girl who had stalk number three.

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How grow your cabbages, girls?

it was not important and that I wanted something big. He spoke ashamedly while stirring his tar pot.

"Well, sir, I thought it was important. I felt it was important because it shows a (whisper) I don't give a damn attitude, that some people have." I assured him he was totally in the dark and wrong. For he is I'm sure. Melroy looked at me and said, "I've watched some of the people (even Melroy says, "some" which is vague and safe. That's my protege for you.) on this campus who are called the "Big Heroes." These Big Heroes are the people that have that certain something about them. It's sort of an angellic 'something for nothing' look." It was clear that Melroy was going Left wing freshman. He went on, "I talked to one of these Big Shots (scorn)," and he said "I was born a slob and had to stay one."

I said, "Oh, I see, Melroy." (So now, you sweet-talking psychology majors can see rejection in action. Isn't it beautiful.) Not being up on Big Hero party doctrine (And I feel free to mention it for Big Heroes don't read the almanian anyhow.) I asked Melroy what a slob was.

"Oh, I can't remember exactly what the Big Shot said, but he mentioned something about somebody that's interested in life and people and likes to work as being a slob,"

I sat there dumbfounded. So

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chairman of the Department of English at Michigan State University. Professor Nye, who served as chairman of Governor William's Committee on Higher Education, spoke on the report of recommendations recently listed by the committee.

The committee, said Nye, was one of several committees appointed by the governor to study various state institutions. It was composed of representatives from the big state universities, the small colleges, and the institutes.

The purpose of the Committee on Higher Education, Nye stated, was to study the problem of making the Michigan tax dollars available to higher ed-

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Closely tied to this problem, said Nye, is that of defining much more clearly the whole concept of what higher education is.

The final conclusion of the committee, said Nye, was that it believed that all institutions must examine all aspects of the problems mentioned in the report and that the state of Michigan should also very seriously re-examine its policy as regards the junior or community colleges. For, said Nye, it is the belief of the committee that in the improvement of this area there lies the "best ray of hope for the Michigan system of higher education."

Following a coffee break Professor Robert A. Blume from Eastern Michigan University addressed the group on "Teacher Certification." Blume had been authorized by the State Department of Public Instruction to describe the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Teacher Certification, a committee on which he served as a member. His report was the first public discussion of the new recommended code. (The almanian will present in detail the main points of this important code in the next issue).

Leading discussion on Professor Blume's report was Mr. John Chandler, Jr., headmaster at the Grosse Point University School.

After luncheon in Van Dusen Commons, Dr. Roger W. Heyns, Dean of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, at

Heyns pointed out that the whole problem is "one of value, not economics."

The basic problem, concluded Heyns, is that society has not accepted its educators as the experts in matters of education. It is therefore up to the educators, said Heyns, to make themselves considered as experts. For responsibility for learning could not be put in better hands than those of the educatorsthere will be no problem then, he said, of this difficult area ever becoming stagnant.

After a business meeting, the conference adjourned at 4 p.m.

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After my composition was done, I crawled over toward the skylight, and you know who, except a janitor, was there and he asked me what the devil I was doing on the roof. Just as a was about to speak, a frail voice said, "Mr. Benson, (not the same one) that's a friend of mine; it's okay."

I thanked Podkins for his defense of my position and asked him how he liked his job in the maintenance department. A yuk, then a luvit came from his lips, and I felt the old assurance that when people of my era pass on the reins of the world to the younger generation, everything will be okay.

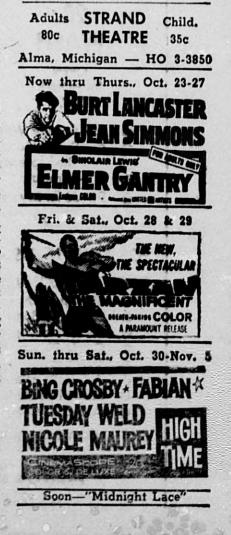
"Say Melroy," I said, "I haven't got anything new to talk about in the column this week; anything new?" (I hope you noticed I violated the first rule of the interviewing reporter by saying "anything new" but of course I live by the nationalistic and high ideals of all you fine young American leaders and can say, "I don't give a damn," too.

I prodded him again. "Got anything big, Podkins?"

"Yes," he answered, "I'm alarmed at the cheating that goes on." I turned white. How dare he mention something so inconsaguenti . . . incanse . . . unimportant to me. I told him

what are you going to say to the kid? He seems to be a bit disillusioned. But even Ike is. (Not a political stab, so all you young Republicans can cool off.)

Maybe we should forget this whole thing. By the way, if you go by the Reid-Knox Building, would you please put up that ladder? It's getting cold up here.



SPIRIT HAILED

Scotsmen Crush **Adrian Bulldogs**

Alma College beat the Adrian Bulldogs last Saturday 13-0. Displaying tremendous desire and spirit all week in practice, the Scotsmen carried this high spirit to the gridiron at Adrian. Outfighting and outplaying the Adrian eleven, the Scotsmen reigned victorious.

Alma scored the first touchdown of the afternoon in the first quarter when Fullback Paul Kozumplik carried the mail 1 yard through a hole on the right side of the Alma line. Terry Ebright kicked the extra point. Alma gained their yardage the hard way almost all afternoon, through the line with short gains.

The rest of the first half was spent tearing up the middle of the field. Alma was in command and had possession of the football most of this time. Adrian was able to gain only 5 yards rushing against Alma's fired-up defense in the entire first half.

Adrian began to move the ball midway in the third period. The backfield men were finding holes in Alma's line, and they drove to the Alma 1 yard line where they had the ball first down and goal-togo. Alma's line refused to give up. When the four downs were completed Adrian was on Alma's 2 yard line.

Alma scored the final touchdown on an 11 yard pass play. With fourth down goal-to-go on Adrian's 11 yard line, Lyn Salathiel rolled out to the left, faked a run, and hit Dave Peters, who was waiting alone



in the end zone. Ebright's try for point was wide.

Dave Peters, playing his first ballgame in three weeks, intercepted two Adrian passes. Bob Norris and Lyn Salathiel also intercepted enemy passes, bringing the total of pass interceptions by Alma's alert defense to ten. Only two touchdowns have been scored by passing against Alma this year.

High points for Alma was the brilliant line play, both on offense and defense, and the strong blocking of the team on Quarterback Ebright's end sweeps. Terry carried the ball 5 times around Adrian's ends and gained 49 yards.

Invades Alma Hillsdale

Hillsdale College will bring their football machine to Alma's campus tomorrow. The game will start at 2 p.m. at Bahlke Field.

Hillsdale has won 29 of their last 30 MIAA football games, and 7 straight conference championships. Last week they beat Albion 20-14, a team that was previously unbeaten.

In recent years Alma has given Hillsdale a tough battle, and last year the Scotsmen gave Hillsdale a real scare. The final score was 28-3, but the game was much closer than the score indicates. Alma was leading at one point in the game 3-0, but finally succumbed to the massive reserve strength of Hillsdale's squad.

If the spirit on the Scotsmen squad remains as high as it was for the Adrian game, this year's game will be a tough battle for Hillsdale also.

Alma will be at full strength as far as numbers on the football field go, but various minor injuries will be hampering key players. Dave Peters is still favoring his badly-torn left hip. Terry Ebright injured his shoulder in the Adrian game, and it is doubtful whether he will be playing. Bill Johnston also went out of the Adrian game with a knee injury, and his presence in the lineup is doubtful. Further injuries will definitely be a contributing factor in the outcome of tomorrow's game.

Delt Sig, TKE's Tie In "A" League

The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity defeated the TKE Fraternity 26-24 Tuesday in an intramural football game.

The win enabled the Delt Sigs to tie the TKE's for the intramural championship of the "A" League.

In the two previous games with the TKE's, the Delt Sigs had been beaten in the first, the second resulting in a tie.



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Dr. Howard Potter, head of the Chemistry Department, has just returned from a weekend in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he attended the 9th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Chemistry Teachers in As any survey, this does not Liberal Arts Colleges. The meeting was co-sponsored by four colleges in the St. Paul area: St. Thomas, St. Catherine, Hemline, and McAlnext President will be applied. lister colleges. Friday night featured a banquet and distinguished speaker, Dr. Stuart Fenten of the University of Minnesota's Chemistry Department. The balance of the two days was spent in numerous discussion groups where each individual went to the area of his own personal interest. The Midwest Meeting is open only to Chemistry teachers from Liberal Arts colleges and those from the states of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. Of particular interest to almanian readers may be the fact that in 1962 the annual meeting will be held here at Alma College. Officers were elected by the Alma College Panhellenic Association Monday, October 24. They are president, Joyce Grover; secretary, Sue Keck; treasurer, Ruth Kinkema. On October 20, 21 and 22, Miss Doris Diefenbach, of the art department attended the Midwestern College Art Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The three day program was varied. All college teachers in the Midwest were eligible to attend the conference. There were speeches and discussion on television as a medium of art, as well as symposiums on the history of art. Professional

Left End Chuck Mires Is Asset to Scotsmen



CHUCK MIRES-Chuck, a Port Huron junior, is the regular left end on offense for Alma this year.

Both he and Jim Greenlees will be back for next year's season. Experienced ends are a valuable asset to any ball club. Coach Smith is thankful for these two men he has returning. Chuck is 6'0" and weighs 180 pounds. He played high school football for Coach Bob Hayes.

designers spoke on the application of art in the commercial fields.

According to Miss Diefenbach, highlights of the conference were the speeches by art critics who tore apart modern abstract art, branding much of it as mere blobs of color.

One of these men was John Canaday, an art critic from the staff of the New York Times. He spoke on "The Selection and Criticism of Contemporary Art." Selden Rodman, an author and collector, spoke on "The Bankruptcy of Modern Art."

"These two men and their comments caused quite a stir at the conference," stated Miss Diefenbach.

Marteri to Play for **Big Name Dance**

The Student Council Committee on the Big Name Dance announced Tuesday that the band of Ralph Marteri has been engaged to play this year. The cost of his band is fourteen hundred dollars and there will

representatives to the regional meeting of the National Student Association at Kalamazoo on Nov. 4, 5, 6. Those members who will be attending the meeting are Dick Boughton, Bill Lockwood, Sue Little and Mary Clouse, Nola Hatten will also attend.

Acting on a petition, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Council has extended the Christmas recess. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 3, instead of Monday, January 2, so that students will not have to travel on New Year's Day."

Dave Smith has been appointed head of a committee to study the possibilities of starting Omicron Delta Kappa Fraternity on campus. This is an honor society for men. Other members of the committee are Kurt Frevel, Bill Wilson, and Harold Kirkpat-

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temperament of the people and the threat of Communism to the Latin nations. Kennedy with all of his knowledge and army of experts couldn't top the actual 'in training' experience of Nixon."

Balancing the scale of the survey was Tony Taylor, freshman from Jamaica, who, although not stating a personal preference, said that he believes the people in Jamaica favor Nixon. Although, said Taylor, the two candidates have "nearly the same foreign policy," he feels the people of Jamaica would choose Nixon because they like him personally. Two reasons for this lik-

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