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GILBERT & SULLIVAN CONCERT HALL

Gilbert - Sullivan Concert Hall Is Fifth In Current Series

"The Gilbert & Sullivan Concert Hall" will be presented next Friday night at 8 in Tyler Auditorium. This is the fifth program in the Lecture-Concert Series.

"The Gilbert & Sullivan Concert Hall" presents various vignettes of the most popular of their operettas in full costumes and the basic plots. Though condensed, these are set forth by song and dialogue in the essential Gilbert & Sullivan flavor.

The company's expanded repertoire includes several ensemble quartet numbers as well as the amusing songs and dialogues of Buttercup, Ruth and Katisha.

The vignettes in costume are from the best known works of William Schwenk Gilbert and Arthur Seymour Sullivan, who, between 1871 and 1896, collaborated to write fourteen comic operas in what has been called the "most inspired and felicitous wedding

of words and music in the history of the English-speaking stage."

The singers of the "Gilbert & Sullivan Concert Hall" are John Carter, tenor; Sharlie Shull, soprano; Ruth Ray, mezzo; and Donald Johnston, baritone.

Student complimentary tickets for the performance can be picked up at the information desk in Reid-Knox Administration Building during the three days preceding the performance.

Faculty Auction Proves Success

The Faculty Auction held in Tyler Auditorium last Friday night proved a success, netting \$110 for the World University Service. Approximately 200 attended the auction.

Dr. Louis Toller provided sly humor as auctioneer. The highest bid on any item was \$16.55 which was paid for a pancake supper for eight at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Swanson.

Other high bids included \$12.50 paid for two hours' work of the Delt Sig pledge class as waiters in Van Dusen Commons. The Teke Pledge Class was purchased by Wayne Smith for \$7.25. Dr. Hawley's "lion hunt" was a high light of the evening, gaining participation from the entire audience.

Men RA Hopefuls May Apply Now In Dean's Office

Applications for men's resident advisors (R.A.s) for next year are now available from head residents and from the Dean of Men's office; the deadline for filing applications is March 30.

Applicants must have an over-all average of 1.25. After screening by the present R.A.s and the head residents, the final candidates will be interviewed by the Dean of Men. Appointments will be made by Monday, April 30.

R.A.s in Wright and Pioneer will receive approximately \$150 per semester. Mitchell R.A.s will be in charge of a larger group of men and will receive around \$300 a semester.

Next year advisors will be asked to spend more time in the dorms and to take more responsibility than previously. Men having jobs that require them to work nights, major officers in campus organizations, and basketball players consequently will not be eligible for the positions.

Complete information will be posted on bulletin boards and will be available with the applications.

What's Going On Here? What Else? Song Fest Contest Approaches!

Shhh ----- Mum's the word. "Heard tell, the Thetas are a sure thing to win." "Oh yeh? Well, I heard the Tekes are determined to beat them this year." "But have you heard the rumors about the Sig Taus' new-found talent?"

What's going on here and why all the mystery? What else? It's the symptoms and growing suspense of the approaching annual Song Fest Contest with its highly contested and sought-after prizes.

Any fraternity, sorority, clan, or corridor may compete in the contest to be staged next Saturday at 8 p.m. in Tyler Auditorium if they submit an entry accompanied by a list of planned song selections to Stu-

dent President of the Tyler Activities Board Wayne Smith today or tomorrow.

Groups can enter in either or both of two divisions: the trio-quartet section, restricted to 10 minutes or an ensemble section composed of 8-20 people, which has no time limit.

Since the Alpha Thetas have won in the ensemble division for the last two years and thus will be entitled to keep the trophy if they win again this year, many groups have been plotting extra hours in hopes of toppling the melodious giants.

Three judges from parts unknown will be in the audience a week from tomorrow to arbitrate the spirited affair.

ATCHOO!

Miner Names Cast Members For Hay Fever

Mr. Louis Miner, department of English, announces five members of the cast for the spring play, "Hay Fever," by Noel Coward.

Gail Sullivan, Connecticut freshman, will play the lead role, Judith Bliss, a retired actress and glamor girl.

Tom Fletcher, Hubbard Lake sophomore, will portray David Bliss, the novelist husband of Judith Bliss.

The part of Richard Greathan, a stuffy diplomat, will be acted by Dan Sweet, Detroit freshman.

Ted Millman, Detroit freshman, is Sandy Tyrell, an amateur boxer with a crush on Judith Bliss.

Lynn Duncan, Walled Lake sophomore, takes the part of Jackie Croyton, a nice young girl who attracts the interests of David Bliss.

Miner will announce the rest of the members of the cast at a later date.

Symphony Concert Marks Fifth Success Of Season

The Alma Symphony Orchestra with Dr. Samuel Jones conducting presented its fifth appearance of the 1961-62 season last Wednesday night before an appreciative capacity audience in Dow Auditorium.

The program featured, among other numbers, a composition by the orchestra's conductor, Dr. Jones, entitled "In Retrospect." The number, written in 1959, recalls the fantasy world of childhood. It is scored for small orchestra with one trombone and winds and brasses in pairs.

Although "In Retrospect" had been read at a Composers' Symposium in Rochester, New York, in 1959, the performance Wednesday night was the first one in public. It is scheduled to be performed next February with the Knox-Galesburg, Illinois, Symphony, the composer guest conducting.

Also included on the evening's program was the "Brandenburg Concerto No. 4" by J. S. Bach, which featured the orchestra's concertmaster, Robert Grey, and flutists Ronald Rowe and Ann Doty. Schubert's "Rosamunde Overture," Mozart's "Symphony No. 39," and Debussys "Marche Ecossaise" were also on the program.

A dessert buffet was held in the Heather Room following the concert.

The next Symphony appearance will be Sunday afternoon, May 6, at 3. This performance will be the final event of the Alma College 1962 Fine Arts Festival, and it will feature Paul Russell, member of the music faculty, as piano soloist.

Earlier performances of the orchestra this season include a November performance, the "Messiah" with the Choral Union in December, a Children's Concert in January, and a presentation of Wednesday night's concert in Lakeview on Tuesday, March 13.

The Alma Symphony Orchestra is a member of the American Symphony Orchestra League.

Council Elections Will Be Thursday

The election for next year's Student Council president and vice-president will be held Thursday, March 22.

Petitions have been submitted, interviews and mass meeting held, and campaigning by the candidates is now under way.

Candidates for president are Terry Felton and Chip McClellan. Vice-presidential candidates are Louis Ferrand and Bob Sherman.

Election of this year's freshman, sophomore, and junior class officers will be held Thursday, March 29.

Offices open in each class are president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and two Student Council representatives.

Petitions for these offices are due Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m. in Miss deLeon's office. Interviews will be held Tuesday, March 20, and the mass meeting will take place Wednesday evening, March 21, at 7 in Tyler Auditorium.

International Night Swings Into Action Tonight At 8 In Tyler Auditorium

Greeks, Foreign Students, Language Clubs Sponsoring Booths Representing Many Countries

Everyone is invited to attend the International Night festivities. They will swing into high gear tonight at 8 in Tyler Auditorium.

Booths representing various campus organizations will be displayed. The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will have its annual Teke-O-Gram telegram service booth. The Alpha Theta sorority will have a booth representing Germany and will feature our foreign student from Germany, Trudy Humbert.

The Spanish Club will have a booth selling pineapple slabs. There are also plans for a booth representing the French Club.

The Kappa Iota sorority will present Mitra Ashrafi representing Persian Countries. The Kappa Iotas will sell Persian pauch.

There are plans for other booths, but no information was available at press time. Interspersed with the informal International Night atmosphere of booths representing various countries and selling their individual wares, will be a program of entertainment provided by various campus groups.

Tau Kappa Epsilon presents its annual spring dance, "Teke on the Town," tomorrow night. The theme is "Tekestone Territory" and everyone is encouraged to dress WESTERN.

Charlie Skinner will be calling the square dances from 8 to 9:30. Then the "Gentlemen of Note" will take over with city-type dancing for the remainder of the evening.

Tickets may be purchased from any Teke member or pledge for \$1.75 per couple.

Pledging Rules, Drinking Problem Concern I. F. C.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) met in an emergency session Thursday, March 8, to consider action on three separate matters.

The first concerned drinking which was carried on in the Sig Tau house at a closed party. College policy places the responsibility for enforcing drinking rules on the individual fraternities. Both the administration and the IFC were satisfied with the action taken by the Sig Tau's in dealing with the situation. The men were fined and other action taken to insure that the situation does not occur again.

Dean Kent Hawley commented, "If the college were really trying to run the fraternities off the campus, we certainly had the chance here."

Due to a misinterpretation of the pledging rule prohibiting "rides," Delt Sig pledges took a number of actives on a ride within the Alma area. Hawley pointed out that this also broke the ruling stating that all activities excluding service projects must take place within the house on the grounds. The Delt Sigs were placed on IFC probation. The effect of this action is that if further breakage of pledge rules occurs, the fraternity cannot initiate their pledge class until next fall.

This action brought up the problem of just what the fraternities can do with their pledges. Hawley pointed out that all national fraternities recommend rules as strict or stricter than those in effect at Alma. The council is planning to write the national IFC for suggestions concerning substitute activities. It was also pointed out that if the IFC wished to draw up pledge rules different than those in effect now, they could do so, providing they were approved by the Student Affairs Committee.

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One feature of the variety show will be a limbo dance act performed by several of our Jamaican and American students.

The Spanish club will provide a singing group as will the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Climaxing the evening's entertainment will be the breaking of the Spanish Club-made pinata.

The proceeds from International Night will go into the Foreign Student Fund.

Three Students Enter Psi Chi

Three new members were initiated into Psi Chi, national honorary in psychology, on Wednesday, March 7.

The new members are Kay Colgan, Elkton junior, Gail Daines, Highland Park sophomore, and Terry Davis, Farmington sophomore.

The initiation followed a dinner meeting in Van Dusen lounge. Mr. Maes, visiting professor in psychology, spoke to the group concerning his research in the field of personality.

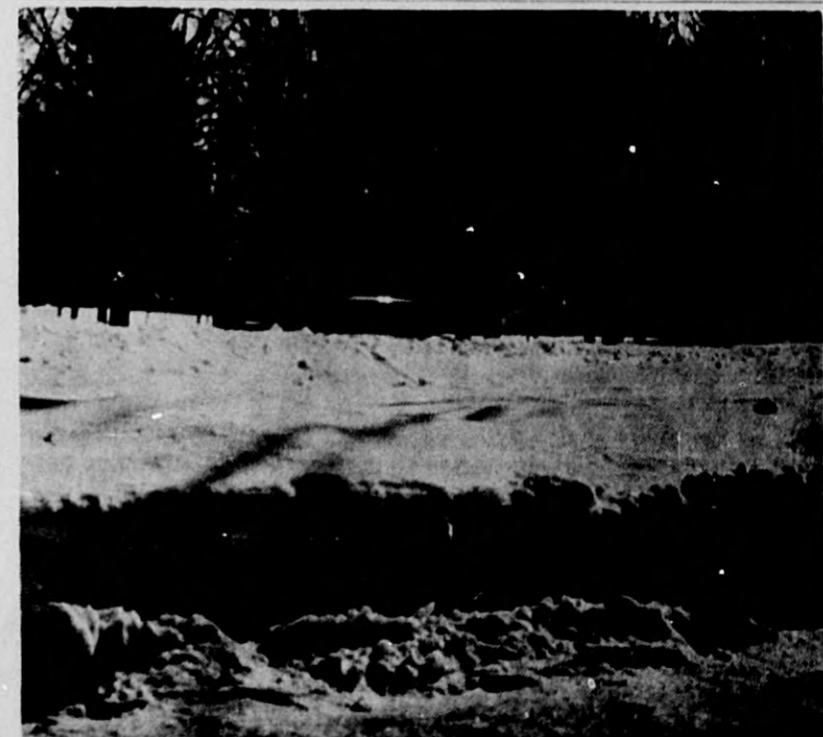
Psych. Seminar Open To All

All interested persons are invited to attend psychology seminars on Thursday afternoons at 3 in the basement of Old Main.

Yesterday Bob Matteson presented "Existential Analysis" and Jerry Olson spoke on "Prediction of change in Psychotherapy."

Next week Mike Pritchard will present "Value Judgments in Psychotherapy," on March 22. On March 29, Judy Smith will present "Psychotherapy With Children."

Present plans are underway to publish an eight-page issue next week. This will be published Saturday a.m.



Remember when — The snow was falling, the wind was blowing, and a typical Alma Student was howling. The snow is slowly disappearing but the typical Alma Student is still howling . . . come again another day.

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Seeing You Ask Me....

By D. Merit

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Life is really getting into a grim rut when the funniest thing I can find to write about is Brian Hampton.

Perhaps the person who is looking forward to spring the farthest is the one who put the sign "reserved" on the far corner of the football field.

Come on guys! You know I was only kidding when I said I'd pay a quarter for every letter you wrote to the editor about me.

Due to the pressure of class work, the basketball team was unable to accept a bid to a post-season tournament.

How many of you are going to avoid the rush and send your Easter cards early?

Did you know that Barry Lloyd has received an award for the most ingenious use of plastic?

Maybe the nice girls of Geiston hall should name one of their corridors Loch Ness.

All these parents of prospective students Dr. Kimball has been showing around the campus lately look just like a group of poodle owners looking for a new kennel.

If they raise the postal rates, I'll have to buy my stamps on the installment plan.

Woodrow Wilson's typewriter has been presented to the White House and they can have William McKinley's as soon as next week's almanian is written.

My roommate can't go to sleep after he drinks coffee; I'm just the opposite, I can't drink coffee after I go to sleep.

The person who wrote that long letter last week and I should join forces. That was one of the funniest pieces of writing I've seen in a long time.

Why don't they give savings stamps for chapel attendance?

Letters To The Editor

If you wish to write a letter and remain anonymous, the ALMANIAN will honor this desire. But policy dictates that the author of any published letter must be known to at least the editor of the paper.

It is requested that letters be limited to two double-spaced typewritten pages at the maximum and that the copy deadline of Monday, 7 p.m., be met.

Dear Editor:

The question has been asked, "What is this damn college for?" Though crudely stated by someone who evidently has not enough conviction in what he (or she) presented in last week's Almanian to back up the thoughtless comments with a name, it deserves a reply. This smacks of a lack of responsibility. Come to think about it, the entire letter smacked of a distinct lack of responsible thinking. Even more, our author said as much when he stated that he was "asking only what's owed me as a student." Well, enough of this, I'll pick this up later.

Let's start from the beginning again. What is the objective of an Alma College education? For a pretty good explanation I would refer you to the introduction to the Alma College Bulletin. Wait! Don't read any further yet! Open the Bulletin (May 1961) to page 8. Found it? Fine. Now, Read. Finished? Good! Let's continue. First of all I fail to find it mentioned anywhere on the page that the practical purpose is to "hand out our degrees." However, I do find the entire list of objectives is clearly centered around the student and his or her responsibilities. Have we as students been responsible? Have we really made our greatest effort to carry our own load in accordance with each of the objectives of this institution that we have just finished reading? I haven't. How many of you readers have? This campus community has either fallen into lethargy or possibly we have never really had a student body as a whole that could have answered affirmatively to each of the objectives. Maybe there never will be. At least there never will be if the students enter Alma expecting (since it is known as a Christian College) that Jesus Christ and the word of God will be handed them on a silver platter as well as an education preparing them for little more than a salary and the "security" that goes with it upon graduation.

The author of the letter to which I am in reply stated that this college assumes the Knowledge of God. This is not the time or place to argue the existence or lack of existence of God. For our purpose here it should be sufficient to state that behind the drive of this college lies basic convictions centered in the Christian faith. The college is publicized as such. I am convinced that the administration here is of sound Christian background and certainly of the intention of seeing that anything that could be done to further the atmosphere here on campus of Christian fellowship will be done. We have a very fine chaplain, a beautiful chapel and a real opportunity to make this a model Christian Campus Community—But not if the students will not support its efforts. How many would really go to chapel on Mondays or Fridays if it were not compulsory? How many of you are active in A.C.C.F. (or did you know it exists)?

The question has been asked—How do you discover God's will or Christian purpose? Well, I can tell you one thing. You do not discover it by waiting for it to come to you. It is hard to be Christian. It takes real endeavor, faith and commitment. If you are not willing to give of yourself, then don't complain about the "Christian situation" here at Alma. Further, in last week's letter it was asked, "Does Alma try to turn its students into scholars? Perhaps my best reply to this would be: Do Alma's students try to become scholars? Let's face it. We have the plant, the faculty, the library. These are the basics of any college campus. The faculty rightly sets the guide lines for study. This is what we are paying them for—and they are performing no small

service. We have the opportunities to go as far as our time and energies can take us outside of the classroom. Is it the faculty's fault that we don't capitalize on the opportunities?

As far as our testing system is concerned, I would like to know why last week's author thought it necessary to synthesize facts only on an examination? It seems to me that if he or she is intent on real intellectual activity they can certainly reflect on the facts they have learned without having an instructor lead them by the hand through an examination. Talk about nursery school stuff! You say that the faculty doesn't do enough. Perhaps you would like to be responsible for the Western Civilization program. Here is a course of study most other colleges are still dreaming about. Some people just do not know when they have a real diamond. Maybe it still is in the rough, but it is never going to be polished unless the student does as much or more than the faculty has already done to make it a success. And here we come right back to responsibility. Well, I guess we never left it. I'm not saying that it is up to the student to educate himself, but I am saying that if the individual is going to get the most out of an education he has to put in all his effort no matter where he is going to college, whether it be Albion, Alma, Harvard, or U.C.L.A. Let's all wake up.

Gary Miller P. S. The dearest body I can see from here is the author of last week's letter. In addition, if you think this college is a snap, why don't you take your 3.00 and go somewhere else?

Dear Editor:

This letter is to continue discussing objective versus subjective tests, that was brought out in the letter from "Anonymous." I would like to disclose a few interesting facts that I, (being a "serious as a thirteen-year-old junior high kid," and a "clod") read over enough times to enable my "idiot" mind to "memorize." Psychological studies that have been done on testing show that objective tests, specifically multiple choice are more reliable and valid than subjective tests. Essay tests are unreliable because:

- (1) Different grading standards used by different instructors over the same test. If the nine instructors of Civ. were to give the same essay test there would be constant bickering because one instructor's standard of measurement was lower than another's.
(2) An instructor often changes his standards as he is grading a test. For instance, all the instructors in Civ. have gotten together and decided on what they are going to look for on the test. One of the instructors finds that the standard is far above the pupils' answers, so consciously or unconsciously he lowers the standard, making the grade on the test now dependent on the chance position of the paper.
(3) In the sampling of content only a small number of questions can be used. Students' grades depend on luck as to whether they happen to understand the particular material that was on the test.
Multiple-choice tests are reliable because:

- (1) An instructor can give many items which will reduce the error due to guessing.
(2) There are set answers to the questions and an instructor cannot lower or raise his measurement standard.
(3) There will be only one grading standard for all instructors giving the test.
(4) A well constructed multiple-choice test can measure many different kinds of course content.
As far as the instructor's laziness goes, it is as hard to make up a multiple-choice test as it is to make up an essay test.
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Just A Dream?

A radio station for Alma College. What a welcome addition this would be to the existing communications and entertainment mediums on the campus. The almanian firmly places its support with those who are working for the establishment of a college radio station. We feel that it would be a needed supplement to the almanian (and, we hope, a substitute for such means as dining hall announcements) for publicizing campus events and releasing important announcements.

Although we can see the almanian's function changing somewhat—if, for example, news releases such as election results were made on the

college station instead of in our pages—and we would willingly welcome this for we feel that a college radio station could be a fine addition to the campus.

Disappointment with programming of area stations in addition to poor radio reception in the dormitories had provoked discussion at the almanian editorial board meetings on the possibilities of a campus station before we knew that there actually was existing equipment and a dream for expanding it.

We'd like to see this dream come true. We hope that there is enough interest on campus to push this project to fulfillment.

Vote!

The fact is well known that wholesome, honest government disappears and corrupt city bosses appear when the populace of an area fail to go to the polls and demand democratic representation.

A few short years ago a scant 95 Alma College students bothered to take the time to go to the "polls" and vote in a Student Council election. Does this mean that student government on Alma's campus is disintegrating, slowly being undermined by decay? Hardly. But something similar it not altogether impossible. It does indicate a widespread disinterest of students in the very organization that runs their affairs. Perhaps it reveals that students aren't really concerned about the decisions that affect their personal activities. Maybe students are afraid to render decisions and are resigned to letting others do their thinking for them.

However, let's look on the brighter side. In the last two years more students have made it their business to have their views counted in time of an election. Lately, more people are showing interest and giving support to the efforts of our Student Council.

But the average turnout in the last election, 65 per cent, was less than the national turnout of over 70 per cent in the 1960 election. Even with much simpler and more convenient voting techniques than those at the national level, Alma can't quite seem to muster the votes to match the record of the adult American population, of which students contend to be a part.

Those dates again are March 22 for the Student Council Officials contest and March 29 for the elections of individual class officers. See you then!!!

Old Vic

Response has been excellent to Tyler Board's selling of tickets to the Old Vic performances at MSU. 34 students have signed up for the two

plays to be given April 9 and 10. Thanks again. We hope you continue to offer such opportunities to members of this campus community.

What Is N. S. A.?

By Bruce A. Gleason

The fourteenth National Student Congress that convened at Madison, Wisconsin, last summer passed a resolution condemning the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). This was the most controversial, and to some people the most important, resolution that the Congress acted upon.

"USNSA strongly urges that the House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished." That was the stand that the fourteenth NSC took. The rest of the resolution expresses why the Congress thought that the HUAC should be eliminated.

The mandate on which HUAC functions directs it to make investigations of:

"The extent, character and objects of un-American propaganda activities in the United States, the diffusion within the United States of subversive un-American propaganda that is instigated from foreign countries or of a domestic origin and attacks the form of government as guaranteed by our Constitution (and) all other questions in relation thereto that would aid Congress thought that the HUAC should be eliminated."

This mandate is directly contrary to democratic traditions. No propaganda should be suppressed and Congressional investigation can lead to no legislation that does not violate the Constitutional provision that "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech..."

The functions of HUAC invade the areas of power that are rightfully the function of other branches of the government. The apprehension of criminals is the duty and prop-

er function of the executive branch, namely the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The process of determining guilt or innocence is the function of the courts. Congress also has functions in the area of internal security which have traditionally been by other committees of Congress. The most outstanding of these committees is the Judiciary Committee which is directed to conduct investigations that will lead to legislation concerning political crimes, the function of the Courts and civil liberties. The House Un-American Activities Committee has encroached upon and usurped all these legal areas of investigation. It will continue to do so unless it is abolished.

If the right of the individual in a democratic society to express without fear of recrimination any opinion that is not libelous, slanderous, nor constitutes a conspiracy or incitement of a criminal act, than the House Committee on Un-American Activities must be abolished.

Exchange Notes

by Susan Reed

Delta College may soon be a four-year degree granting college. A bill to that effect was recently presented to the Michigan Legislature. If passed, Delta "could be prepared to offer several Junior-level courses beginning next fall."

An ambitious and "one of the more artistic" Delt Sig pledges at Hillsdale College painted a full color replica of the Delta Sigma Phi crest on the wall of the fraternity house dining room.

From Sandy Yount's ex-

change column in The Campus, Oklahoma City's Collegiate Newspaper, comes the following:

Idaho State College will begin construction on its 10-watt FM radio station. It will be supported by Associated Students. Students are planning to include in their weekly broadcasts classical, semi-classical, jazz, and folk music, programs, shows, commentaries and college news. No advertising will be accepted.

Anyone for "blindman?" Jack Hollenbeck of Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, may have started a new campus fad. The idea of the game is to cross the campus between two specified points in a certain length of time, blindfolded of course.

The person is permitted to get his bearings before being blindfolded "to rule out the impossible." Hollenbeck said, "We were over in the Union after a flick, when Dave Lovette and several other guys told me about how nobody had ever been able to win at blindman during summer school. So I said that I could get from Belk to the church in 15 or 20 minutes. They said I couldn't, no matter what particular method I tried to use. It was a challenge, so I took them up on it."

And he did it too. He reports his secret was walking with one foot on the sidewalk and one foot on the grass. "Hollenbeck feels that the game of blindman is definitely more challenging than trying to jam 20 people into a telephone booth or wear out the line by keeping it busy for a hundred hours."

A word to the wise or perhaps to the none the wiser from the HILLSDALE COLLEGE

As It Appears

by Elliott Garb

Last summer as the despair and gloom settled around the Berlin crisis, there seemed to be a constant repetition of one question. Why are we always on the defensive?

It was a valid question and no one seemed to be able to supply a satisfactory answer. Berlin, Viet Nam, Cuba, the Congo and resumption of nuclear testing always placed us on the defensive. We were often able to react; and quite often this was done inadequately.

A couple of weeks ago, President Kennedy announced that the United States would test atomic weapons in the atmosphere. Once again this move was a reaction to the Soviets. However, it was done in such a manner that it forced the Soviets to take the defense. If the Soviets agree to a feasible test-ban treaty by April, we will not test.

This proposal places the responsibility on Mr. Khrushchev and us on the offense.

I would now like to endorse and urge the reading of The Ugly American. One of the common complaints of the reading program is that the selections are just another text book or two to read. The Ugly American is plain but interesting. The thought behind it is presented in such a manner that one runs a whole gamut of emotions, but boredom is not one of them. It is a book that can be read for both enjoyment and enrichment.

GIANT:

"Bring your feather pillow to Chapel; a disease on campus is becoming very contagious every Tuesday, called 'Fanny Fatigue'. Dr. Edwin Dike had a moral to his story, however, few students could tell you

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Workshop Called 'Unusual And Different'

Survey of Drama With Commentary Makes Fine Attempt
by Edythe Trevithick

Unusual and different was last Saturday night's Drama Workshop, given to some 100 persons gathered in Tyler Auditorium.

It was a fine attempt, in the words of Hal Waller, "to give the Alma College students an idea of the development of the dramatic arts in the hope that it will stimulate further interest in stage productions on the campus."

The survey presented excerpts from four periods in the development of the drama with commentary interspersed by Mr. Paul Storey.

Although the entire production was adequate, the high point was the Restoration piece, "The Rivals." Peggy Schreiber directed and dominated this sparkling comedy of the type that she does so well.

New faces to watch are Tom Allen, Richard Merson, Jim Miller, Sally Simone, and Dan Sweet, all of whom participated in this workshop.

Perhaps the most significant part of the entire program was the informal question-and-answer period held with the participants after the performance. Questions from the audience were invited; and although few were forthcoming, it showed the cooperation and concern of Alpha Psi Omega.

Idzerda Stirs Alma Students

Dr. Stanley Idzerda presented a thought-provoking discussion of a liberal education in convocation last Wednesday. The convocation was very well attended.

Idzerda said that a college should be a community of students, not a gathering of pupils. He defined true students as having pride in man, a developed rational sense, and a vigorous sensuality. They should study everything from the nature of men to the nature of good.

His most important point was that students should not only absorb but should share what they learn. "We have," he said, "a responsibility to one another."

He felt that students with this attitude will have a joy in learning.

His address was completed by asking if we could truthfully reply like a student in an earlier story who stated, "I am civilization."

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what it was, as too many of them were either writing letters to buddies back home or catching up on homework. They did do one intelligent thing. When the person next to them started to clap or laugh, they dropped their pencils and responded accordingly. The cause for their inattentiveness is understandable to an extent; one can't really hear much without straining his ears."

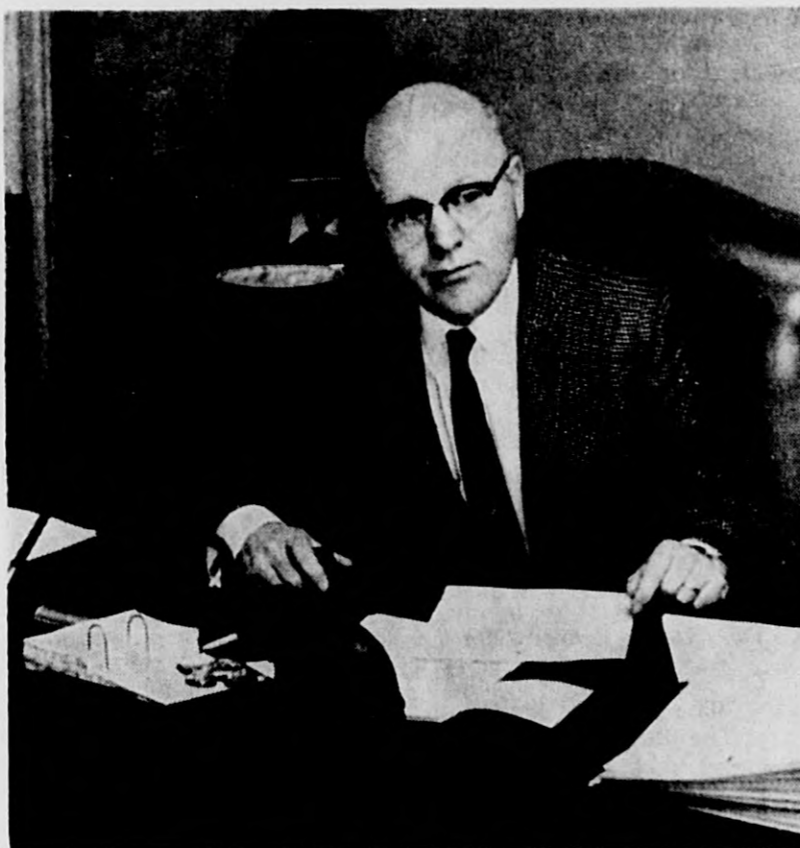
Somewhat I get the feeling this is a familiar story. . . (Maybe they should hand out pillows along with chapel cards.)

To Hear Speaker

Dr. Clark E. Bricker, Dean of the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, will meet with Alma College Chemistry students Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22. Dr. Bricker will visit Alma College Chemical Society program of Visiting Scientists in Chemistry.

He holds the Ph.D. degree from Princeton where he served as a professor until joining the staff of Wooster College.

According to Dr. Howard A. Potter, Dr. Bricker's specialty, which he will discuss with Alma students, is thermochemical methods of analysis.



Dr. Robert D. Swanson

A Big Word - Parnassians - For Writers and Critics

Parnassians. Pretty big word, huh? As with all big words, it does have a dictionary-type definition. Webster defines it as "one of a school of French poets of the middle of the 19th century, who emphasized metrical form."

There is in existence a group of Parnassian-type people on our campus, but it would be more than a slight exaggeration to call them French poets. Perhaps the second half of the definition would apply — "who emphasize metrical form."

It is true that many of the members of this group are interested in metrical form, but this is not the end of their interests!

Officially the Parnassian group contributes to the realization of *The Pine River* in the form of literary material and an editor, William Glass.

Unofficially this group is a group of students and faculty members who like to write and to constructively criticize the writing of their colleagues.

Membership in this group is anything but official. People come, or do not come, as they please.

Any student interested in literary criticism or creative writing is welcome to attend this week's meeting in Van Dusen Lounge, Sunday at 8.

Bill Glass will submit a short story and Charles Cross will bring along a group of short poems for evaluation.

Color Serigraphs Shown In Dow

The art department announces a portfolio of 14 Italian serigraphs now on exhibit until April 10 in the Dow Science Building. These colorful originals are on loan from Albion College.

Such artists as Severini, Soldati, Munari, Balla and Afro are represented in works which follow the time and influence of the Futurists in Italy. A rebirth of life and energy emerged after World War II in the abstract art as seen in this group of prints.

The public is invited to view this exhibit from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Gelston To Get Scottish Names

Following the lead of the men's dorms' Scottish clans, Gelston Hall has named its corridors in the Scottish tradition.

Previous to this time, corridors were known as first west, second north or third. The names now are Edinburgh, Ravenswood, Dumblaine, Balmoral, Berwick-on-Tweed, Brigadoon, and Kirkwald.

Originally these names were to be either all castles, all towns, or all shrines. Because of a mistake the resulting names included several castles, a mythical village, and some towns. Consequently, these names have been instituted only temporarily and will be used only until June.

A committee is now considering other names for the corridors which will be permanent. These will include only castles. Each corridor will know the history of its own castle, it is hoped. It is also hoped that these castle corridors will be as successful as the clans.

'Never A Dull Moment' Describes Swanson's Job

by Terry Davis

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of feature interviews with the members of our administration. Their purpose is to acquaint the students with them personally and to give them an opportunity to express their views on various subjects. As always we invite student comments in our Letters to the Editor column.

"I think I have the best job in the world. I wouldn't trade places with anyone. I have an opportunity to live and work with some extremely bright and interesting people and to help to make Alma a truly great college. There is never a dull moment." In these words Dr. Robert D. Swanson summed up his feelings as President of Alma College.

Dr. Swanson did undergraduate work at Park College where he majored in history. After doing graduate work at the University of Iowa he returned to Park as director of men's physical education. He left Park to study at McCormick where he received his B.D. His doctorate is an honorary degree from James Milliken University.

After serving as pastor and navy chaplain, he returned to McCormick as vice-president and Professor of Preaching. In 1956 he gained his present position as President of Alma.

Concerning his job, Dr. Swanson said, "I am the chief executive of a seven million dollar operation. My job is to make the operation run without squeaks." He said that he

must both coordinate the work of his staff and take the initiative. He emphasized that the college is not a one-man show. "The staff," he said, "includes a host of competent people. I have to harness that talent."

To do this job, Dr. Swanson meets with three or four staff members a day and almost as many students. He said he always welcomes students who wish to come into the office to talk with him. He also represents the college in many situations, helps in fund-raising for the college, and preaches nearly every Sunday.

When asked what he felt was the purpose of the college, Dr. Swanson replied, "The only reason we have to exist is to provide an opportunity for free inquiry, academic achievement, and personal growth and development. We are not an evangelistic arm of the Church. We do have a responsibility to make Christianity a live option, not to force it upon anyone."

Dr. Swanson feels that the college has changed greatly since he came six years ago. He is "extremely proud of Alma College" but feels that "we can always do a better job." He said that there is a lot to be done on curricula. There are problems involving the sheer numbers of students desiring an education. There is the perennial problem of making our teaching relevant to the age in which we live.

When asked to comment on the fraternity situation at Alma he stated, "I know there is a lot of scuttlebut about chasing fraternities off campus. We are evaluating fraternities in the same way we evaluate every activity. We ask, 'Do they contribute to the kind of

a college that Alma is trying to become?'"

He feels that the situation has improved greatly since he came. He stated that he would have to live with fraternities still longer before he could make a judgment of them. "We must realize that groups with such a long-standing tradition and which are such as integral part of the campus represent a social structure that you don't tamper with impetuously."

Concerning sports he said, "Next year the M.I.A.A. had better watch out for our basketball team. I am tremendously proud of our boys. They are a young team with great potential."

He feels that intercollegiate sports and intramurals are important because they provide physical exercise and develop an important "quality of courage."

A tremendous number of people are involved in sports in one way or another. About 40 per cent of the faculty attends home games. "This kind of interest provides a rallying point for the college. As soon as money is available, we intend to build a fine new physical education facility."

Although he has not spoken this anniversary year at opening convocations, Dr. Swanson does plan to address the college before the end of the semester.

Dr. Harry Means Crooks, former president of Alma College, died of a heart attack at his home in Hood River, Oregon.

Dr. Crooks held the position of president for the longest period of time. He served the College 22 years, from 1915-1937.

Artists, Writers May Submit Work For Pine River

It may be hard to believe, but spring will again come to our cold, wet campus. With the coming of spring will also be the annual arrival of *The Pine River*.

THE PINE RIVER is a collection of the more outstanding literary endeavors of the students and faculty of Alma College written during the recent year.

The publication date is set for some time in May. Any student or faculty member who wishes to submit poems, short stories, critiques, essays, plays, or any original piece of literary work for publication must do so before spring vacation.

This year's anthology will also include paintings and drawings from members of the art department.

Any student who wishes to submit art work or creative writings may give them to William Glass, Editor, or Dr. Robert Wegner, faculty advisor, some time during March.

'62-'63 Schedule To Be Prepared

The office of student personnel has sent notices to all organized groups requesting their recommendations for next year's social calendar. The Yearly Schedule of Events, which is under the supervision of the Student Affairs and Calendar Committee, is prepared in Dean Vreeland's office.

Insofar as possible, the requests made by the various campus organizations are honored, and a tentative schedule is made up. A meeting is then called to consider the calendar as it has been arranged, with the goal of achieving a balanced and interesting schedule of social and cultural events.

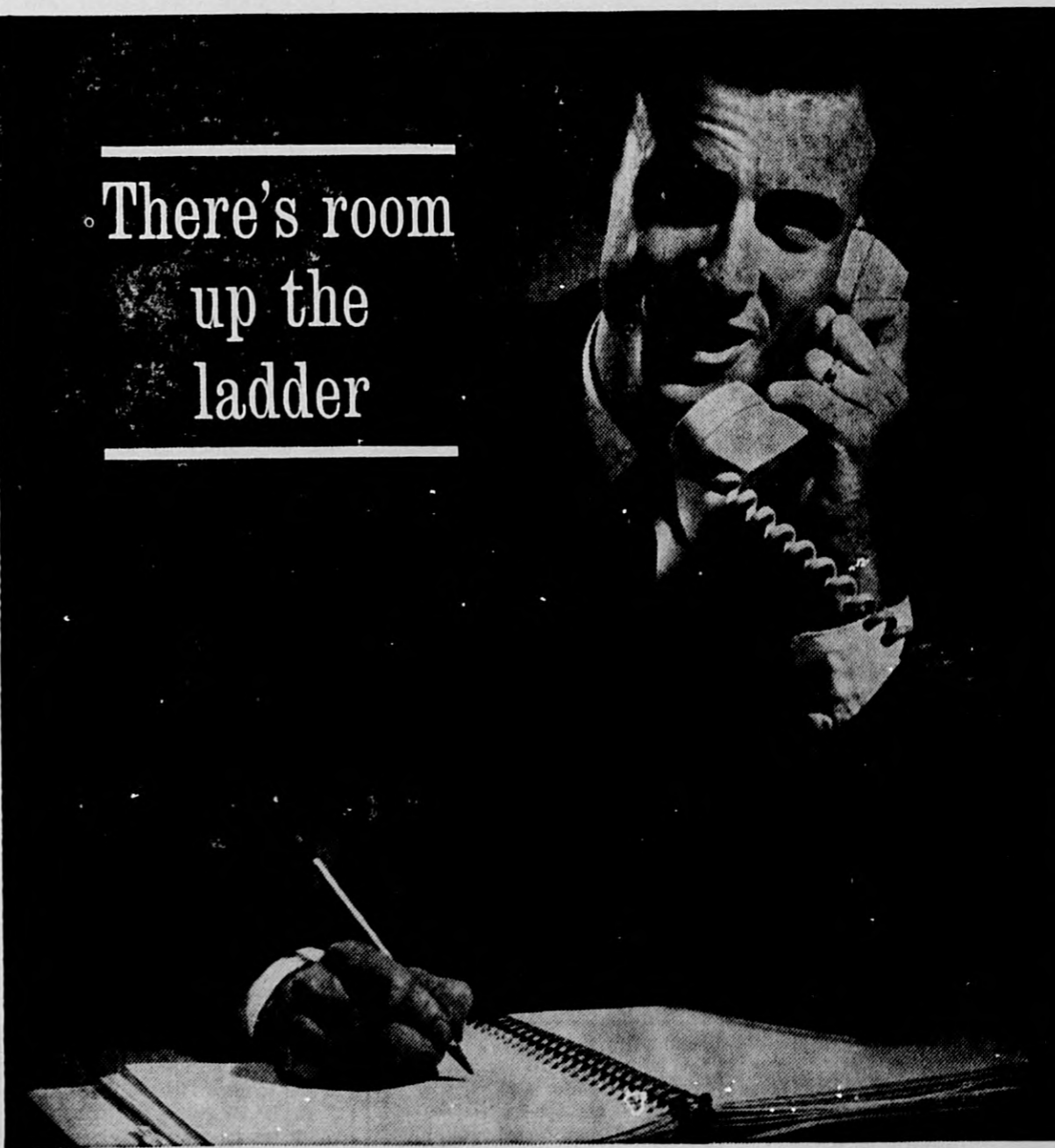
All organizations and committees wishing to have a place on next year's social calendar are requested to have their recommendations and requests in Dean Vreeland's Office not later than March 28.

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The third problem concerned a group of rushees who had decided which fraternity they wished to join and who went drinking with other rushees to influence their decision. Active members are prohibited from doing this. It was suggested and sent back to the houses for discussion that in the future men drinking for any reason during rush week to removed from the rush list.

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Three Teams Competing in B; Rebels Take A League Title

In intramural basketball competition the Rebels of the A League clinched their title Wednesday night with an astounding 83-43 triumph over the last place Take-ems. Unlike their big brothers, the B teams have shaped-up quite a tussle with the Hustlers and Pasties still unbeaten. Still very much in the race are the Trick-ems, though they have dropped one game. Perhaps the biggest game remaining on the schedule finds the Trick-ems and Pasties facing off next Monday night at 8:30.

Standings—A League

Team	W	L
Rebels	7	0
Dealers	4	3
Took-em	3	3
Sig Tau	2	4
McPherson	2	4
Take-em	1	5

Standings—B League

Team	W	L
Hustlers	7	2
Pasties	6	0
Trick-em	5	1
Vets	5	2
Lafferty	4	2
Celtics	4	2
Delt Sig II	2	4
Piddley Squats	2	5
Bruce	2	5
Spastics	2	5
Pygmies	2	6
Stuart	1	6
Raiders	1	6

PLACEMENT CASEMENT

Central foundry division of General Motors Corporation will have a representative on campus on Thursday, March 29, to interview college seniors interested in opportunities in production management. Sign up for interviews in the Placement Office.

The following schools will have representatives on the campus on the days specified:

Monday, Kalamazoo Public Schools; Tuesday, Dearborn Twp. No. 4 Public Schools; Wednesday, Lake Shore Public Schools, St. Clair Shores; North Branch P. S.; Thursday, Muskegon Heights Public Schools; Friday, Warren Woods Public Schools; Huron Valley Schools at Milford; Monday, March 26, Utica Public Schools; Tuesday, March 27, Romeo Public Schools, Caledonia Public Schools; and Wednesday, March 28, Algonac Public Schools.

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test as it is to grade an essay test. By the way, an essay test isn't hard to make up.

As to your own personality, Anonymous, I'm sure I would like to make your acquaintance, as you state between the lines that you have a high intelligence, a three point at least, and a wonderful, exuberant personality, all which are going to waste on this campus. I have never had the privilege of meeting a perfect person. Ah! to be a freshman again.

Brye Bonner

Dear Editor:

Yes, a letter to the editor in last week's Almaniac by anonymous did make me mad and it certainly goes to show that there is one person on this campus who can not be referred to as a "Dead Body." Here sits one coed who was stirred to write a comment on the article. Let's leave most of last week's article rest in peace—although, considering the vehemence in which it was stated I doubt if peace is the condition at which it will arrive.

Let's get to the most important thing that this college was established for—education of a higher level of learning in the light of the pursuit of excellence. Now, I ask anyone on God's green earth, what is education? Before you all answer at once I'd be so inclined to make the statement that not one of you is going to give the same answer—for the obvious reason that you are all human beings, and therefore you each have your own ideas on education and these are established a great deal on the basis of why you are at this college. Those of you who are here to broaden your knowledge of the world, past and present; and are constantly seeking higher levels of learning and are never satisfied with what little you possess; and are striving to become the best kind of Christian people—I take my hat off to you.

But, you, you people whose only motivation for a college "education" is to obtain a degree in four years so you can go

AST Still Ahead In Coed Bowling

The standings in women's intramural bowling are as follows:

Team	Total Pin Fall
AST	1815
KI	1592
Gelston 2nd	1456

Roz Fendler had the individual high game with 152.

Western Civilization 102
3/19—"Chaucer"—Florence Kirk.
3/20,21—"Expanding Horizons"—William Armstrong.
3/23—"Introduction to the Renaissance"—William Armstrong.
Western Civilization 202
3/19—Science in the Twentieth Century—Louis Toller.
3/20,21,23—"Science: The Einstein Revolution"—Louis Toller.

Tau Kappa Epsilon Leads In Men's Intramural Bowling As First Round Concludes

This week's action concluded the first round of bowling in men's intramural competition. The teams will bowl each other once more, to determine the champion of the league.

After five weeks of bowling, the standings look like this:

Tau Kappa Epsilon	16
Delt Sig No. 1	12
Delt Sig No. 2	12
Sigma Tau Gamma	11
Alley Cats	6
Strikers	3

In this week's competition, the TKE's continued their domination of first place by rolling past the Delt Sig No. 1 team. The TKE's took three points from their competitors. Delt Sig No. 2 took three points from Sigma Tau Gamma, and vaulted into a second-place tie. The Alley Cats took 1 point from the Strikers, to remain off the pace.

Bob Smith continues to lead all competitors with a high individual game of 228. Lou Icobell has rolled the high series with a 583, and the Alley Cats have the high team record to date with a 868.

The second round starting next week will pit Tau Kappa Epsilon against the Strikers, Delt Sig No. 1 against Sigma Tau Gamma, and Delt Sig No. 2 against the Alley Cats.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16—Friday	7:30 p.m. Film "The Oxbow Incident"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. International Night	Tyler Auditorium
March 17—Saturday	7:30 p.m. Film "The Oxbow Incident"	Dow Auditorium
	10:00 p.m. Tau Kappa Epsilon "On The Town"	Tyler Auditorium
March 18—Sunday	6:30 p.m. Lenten Vesper Service—"The Light of Men"	Dunning Chapel
	The Rev. Richard Anderson	
March 20—Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Faculty Social	Tyler Auditorium
March 21—Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Convocation	Dunning Chapel
March 23—Friday	7:30 p.m. Film "Treasure of the Sierra Madre"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. Lecture-Concert Series—Gilbert and Sullivan Concert Hall	Tyler Auditorium
March 24—Saturday	7:30 p.m. Film "Treasure of the Sierra Madre"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m. Student Council Song Fest	Tyler Auditorium
March 25—Sunday	6:30 p.m. Lenten Vesper Service—"The Servant King"	Dunning Chapel
	The Rev. Stephen Crowell	
	8:00 p.m. International Film Series—"The Mouse That Roared"	Dow Auditorium

out into the big wide world and take the highest paycheck, I pity. Since when is education categorized as the basis for qualifications for higher monetary substance? — and for that matter, who can venture to say that in a period of four years an individual can become qualified for a degree that accompanies graduation.

Graduation — graduation of what? — an education?

As far as I am concerned, after four years of college life and book learning, I have taken the dive off the spring-board into the pool of intellectualism—perhaps I shall never become an excellent swimmer, but I know that I shall strive to seek out all that is profound and pure, I shall constantly seek out all that is good and bad, and learn the whys, whats, hows, and wherefores of all that I can—but this will take my lifetime and even then there will be much that I will never know.

You know, I sincerely think that no one can isolate education and say exactly what it is and no one can be given education, he can only gain it by seeking. Education is involved in everything that this world is made up of and its elements are as numerous as the sand grains of the seashore. Education is a lifetime.

Can anyone on this campus say that they are getting an education at this college? It

would be better if they'd say that they are increasing and developing a part of their education—but they are not getting an education—as it were! !

"Alma certainly tries to instill a religious attitude toward life" said Anonymous. Oh no it doesn't! ! Alma certainly tries to instill a religious element in our lives. An attitude is something that is a position taken in reference to a situation and it is merely projected toward the situation; an element is a part of something and religion should be an active part of our lives. God help us all if we shun His ever present Being and if we become our own idols, ignoring Him.

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Hall, a concerned senior

My Dear Mr. Hampton,

I thought your article last week was quite amusing. However, I am confused. If the male "recoils, terror stricken"

from such "ogres" why does he ask for concessions to be granted with the "frequency and regularity of a Saturday night?"

Confused

Dear Mr. Merit,

I would like to tell you how much I really enjoy your column, "Seeing You Ask Me. . ." I was very pleased in reading last week's article. I'm glad you brought out the point that men plot and scheme to catch a mate, too.

I hope you will continue the excellent work you have been doing.

Sincerely,
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gort The question before us is: What shall we do about Rapa and those damned statues of his? They're cluttering up the place!

Yeah... and he always sculps the same abomination!

Gentlemen... I have the solution! There is an unpeopled island some miles out to sea...

...We shall exile the rogue there and enjoin him never to return! Thus can he...ah...create to his fill and bother no one!

AMEN!! It is your task, Gort, to conduct him there!

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