

Chorus, Saginaw Symphony Adds to Holiday Festivities With Bach's "Magnificat"

A massed chorus of nearly 200 voices, five area soloists, a 75 piece symphony — all under the direction of Dr. Samuel Jones, will appear in the Christmas Concert to be presented tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. in Phillips Memorial Gymnasium.

The concert, second in the Jaycee-sponsored Alma Series of the Saginaw Symphony, will feature the Alma Choral Union, the Alma College A Cappella Choir, the Saginaw Choral Society, the Saginaw Symphony and five soloists in the performance of Bach's Magnificat in D.

The concert will also include the "Polonaise" from Rimsky-Korsakov's "Christmas Eve"; Corelli's Concerto Grosso in G-minor (Opus 6, No. 8) from "Christmas Concerto"; Brahms' "Prelude Opus 122, No. 8;" and "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Menotti.

The soloists appearing in The Magnificat are Maria Roumell, first soprano; Marcelle Smith, second soprano; Ethel Armeling, contralto; Joseph Mazzolini, tenor; Dennis Burke, Bass.

Miss Roumell, from Detroit, is one of the outstanding sopranos from the Detroit area. She sang the lead in the Detroit Opera Company's recent production of *Tosca*, and she has appeared frequently as soloist with orchestras in and

around Detroit. Her most recent appearance was with the Grosse Pointe Symphony last week.

Mrs. Smith is from Standish where she and her husband are engaged in music teaching. She performed with the Saginaw Symphony last season as soprano soloist in the Messiah and has appeared with the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Symphonies. The Smiths are particularly interested in Baroque music and own their own harpsichord—which, incidentally, the Alma Symphony used in its March concert last year.

Miss Armeling is on the faculty at Michigan State University where she also directs the Women's Glee Club. She appeared with Robert Shaw as the alto soloist in his performance of the Magnificat last summer. A performer of wide experience, she also sang the alto solos in last year's Alma Symphony presentation of the Messiah.

Mazzolini is recognized as one of Michigan's outstanding tenors. Like Miss Roumell, he sang the leading male role in *Tosca* last month with the Detroit Opera Company.

Burke is from Chicago, where he has had extensive oratorio and recital work.

Student tickets are \$1.25. Series tickets will be honored.

History's Great Couples Portrayed By Carradines

Tonight at eight p.m. the Lecture-Concert Series will present "The Carradines" in their "Theatre of Great Characters of History and Literature." This man-and-wife team will portray moments in the lives of Queen Elizabeth and Lord Essex, Elizabeth Barret and Robert Browning, Romeo and Juliet, Joan of Arc and Charles, Ann Boleyn and Henry VIII, and He and She, a scene portraying two newlyweds.

This last presentation of the Lecture-Concert Series for this semester will be in Tyler Auditorium. Tickets may be obtained in the Administration Building and are free to students and faculty.

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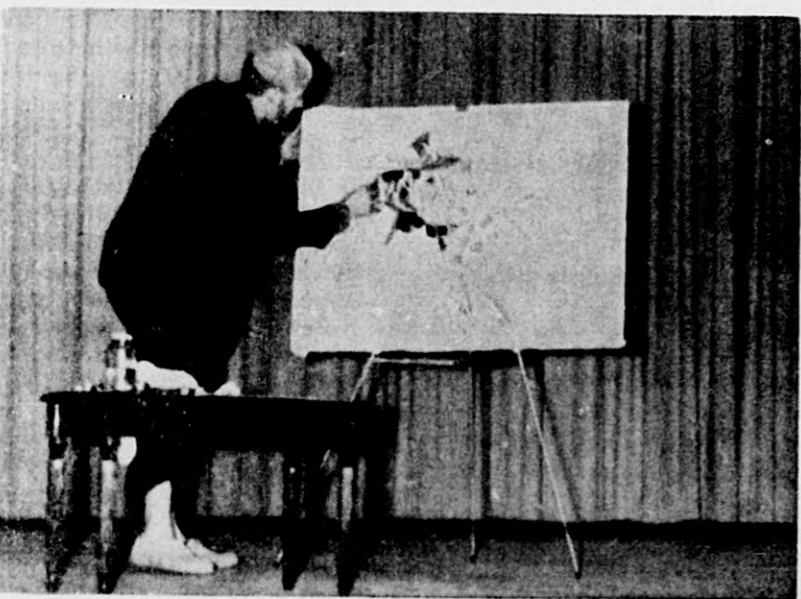
Dave Todd of the Campus Communication Committee announced that beginning Monday there will be three bulletin boards that will be used only for posting up to date notices of student activities.

These bulletin boards will be

located in the Dow Science Building, Van Dusen Commons and Old Main.

Any organizations wanting announcements of meetings or events posted on these bulletin boards are requested to turn them into the Tyler Office by 10:30 a.m. They will be posted by 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Bohemian Artist



Mr. Kent Kirby paints his on-the-spot portrait of auctioneer Dr. Louis Toller which was purchased for \$9 at the Faculty Auction last Friday evening in Dow. Altogether, \$200 was collected from purchases made by the large number of students and faculty present. Says Lolla Wells, chairman of the Auction, "I am naturally very pleased at the participation, and am overwhelmed by the number of faculty members present."

One of the highest priced purchases of the evening was by Bill Stewart who bought the typing of a senior thesis offered for sale by Dean William Boyd (included in the bargain was a month of chapel cuts). Also going for high prices were Kimball's dinner for two at the Embers and Dr. VandenBosch's steak for two at the Heather Room. The latter was bought by Allyson Hayward. The senior English majors purchased a reading by Samuel Cornelius of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" for \$10.

Defeat Scotsman Resolution By Only Twenty-Three Votes

About One-Third Of Student Body Vote On Assessment Election Committee Finds Thirteen Vote Discrepancy



Some of the more feminine members of the Campus formed the second string cheerleaders at Friday's Pep Rally.

Ionia Debaters Stand Judgment

The Ionia State Reformatory debate team was scheduled to meet Alma's debaters Wednesday. Dr. Robert Smith is unsure as to whether the debate will ever take place as two Ionia debaters escaped earlier this week while debating at Michigan State. They made their getaway in a faculty car.

Should another team be brought the debates will take place in Dow 212 and 134 at 1 p.m. Students are invited to hear and help judge the debate.

Last Wednesday, November 28, the Alma Debate Team was at Ionia. Representing the negative team were Lauren Pacini and Bob Cook and representing the affirmative team were Fred Sanford and Jim Sullivan. Dr. Smith, debate coach, said that the team did improve even though they lost. Smith said the live audience at Ionia was a real help.

This past weekend the team was at Butler University. Re-

Did You Know . . .

That the reading selection for next semester will be *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding. According to Miss Molly Parrish, registrar, the date set for the reading test is May 1.

That applications for admission to the Alma College teacher education program should be filed with the education department in December. Application Blanks are available in the education office.

That all students are invited to a mixer in Mitchell Hall Basement tonight from 9:30 to 11.

presenting the negative team were Pacini and Cook and representing the affirmative team were Dave Thompson and Cameron McNally. The affirmative team did win three out of its four debates.

Today the team is at the University of Illinois for one day of debate.

Plan To Raise \$10,000 Causes Some Interest

Within the past week a great deal of student support has been given to a movement which has as its goal a \$10,000 contribution to the Library Fund. At present, the leader of this movement seems to be Terry Davis.

Davis has indicated that the idea has created some fair amount of interest in the Interfraternity Council, Student Council, and several dorm councils.

How is this money to be raised? Davis says that to raise this amount of money would be simple. "If each student were to take upon himself to solicit from friends, church members, and other people interested in the college only \$10, we would be able to put approximately \$10,000 into the Library Fund by the first of the year."

Davis feels that this is not an unrealistic goal. He said that, "We do not expect there will be 100 per cent participation, but we hope that there will be a great deal of enthusiasm generated."

"We realize that not all students are in a position to easily solicit these funds. On the other hand, I know that a great many students could, without any difficulty, raise \$20, \$30, or even \$50.

Guile Graham indicated that a number of students have expressed to him an interest in participation in a drive of this type. In cooperation with Davis, Graham has arranged to have printed pledge cards and receipts for student use. These will be available beginning Friday from the Tyler Center Office along with brochures on the library, and business reply envelopes. "Students are urged to pick these up as soon as possible so we can see if more need to be printed," said Graham.

There seem to be advantages to this type of

movement besides the actual money raised. Graham claims that he could put this kind of story in many major papers of the state, thus increasing interest in the library and increasing the possibility of other donations.

During the week of January 20, the Presbyterian Churches in the Synod of Michigan are urged to encourage their members to contribute to the Library Fund. "If students were to go home," said Graham, "and talk about the importance of a new library, it would greatly aid this drive."

This type of student support for the new library would be a tremendous talking point for the college in trying to interest a major foundation in contributing to the library, according to Dr. VandenBosch.

Mr. Ken Wilson of Saga Foods has offered three free dinners for two in the Heather Room to be given to those three students who are able to solicit the most money.

Organizational details, such as arrangements for collecting the money, have not yet been finalized. Details will appear in next week's almanian.

As far as the almanian is able to ascertain, this movement was not begun by the Administration, but arose from a genuine student concern for the need for a library. It does have the full support of those members of the Administration involved in the raising of funds.

According to Graham, "Student enthusiasm would be a major factor in communicating the enthusiasm and the need to possible contributors; the alumni, Church members, and other individuals and foundations. If a significant spirit is demonstrated, nothing can stop construction in '63!"

The resolution was defeated Wednesday by a slim margin. The motion required a three-quarters favorable vote; the actual vote fell 23 votes short of this amount.

Three hundred-fifty votes were recorded; three quarters of this number is 263. 240 yeas votes were cast.

Mary Dinges, chairman of the election committee reported that only 337 names were checked off the roll of students. There was, thus, some irregularity that allowed 350 votes to be cast. Miss Dinges indicated that if any students really want another vote that the election committee will conduct a re-vote.

Gail Daines, Scotsman editor was contacted concerning her reaction to the irregularity of the election. In the light of the fact that if all thirteen extra votes were no's the resolution would still not have passed without them, Miss Daines stated that she would not be in favor of another ballot. She also indicated that she felt that not a great enough portion of the total student body voted favorably to justify an assessment.

Concerning the number of students that voted, Chip McClellan, Student Council President, said he felt that the turnout was "very poor."

Miss Daines stated: "We are glad for the interest that has been shown. We feel that we still can put out a very good book." The length of the book will be 208 pages.

Band Presents Christmas Concert

The Alma College Band's Christmas Concert will be held Thursday, December 13, at 8 p.m. in Dow Auditorium, under the direction of Dr. Edward Kottick.

The Band has already performed twice before this year, once November 11, at the Pops Concert, and November 3, giving a concert for visiting high school musicians.

The program includes "Overture to Iphigenia in Aulis," by Christopher Willibald Gluck, and arranged for band by Irving Cheyette. The overture has been called "Gluck's finest instrumental composition," and the opera from which it comes, "one of the most perfect emo-

tional utterances of the eighteenth century."

Also on the program is "Folk Song Suite," by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Vaughan Williams, an Englishman, is considered one of the outstanding composers of our time. The "Folk Song Suite" indicates his interest in the military band, an ensemble that his countrymen admire greatly.

The band will also play "Trauersinfonie," by Richard Wagner. This little known work indicates another facet of Wagner's versatility. It is scored lightly for military band and is unusually restrained for the composer, but the depth, majestic power, and emotional content leave no doubt that it is Wagner.

"The Devil's Footprints," is the work of William Presser, a 1938 graduate of Alma College, now with the University of Southern Mississippi. Musically the piece portrays a strange English story about mysterious footsteps that were found in the snow on February 8, 1855, covering a distance of 100 miles.

"Chester Overture" by William Schuman, is considered one of the outstanding modern works for the symphonic band. The hymn tune on which the overture is based was written during the American Revolution and "Chester" was so popular that it was sung throughout the colonies, becoming the song of the Continental Army.

Following an intermission, Sally Shepard, student conductor, will conduct two numbers, "Colonel Bogey March," by Kenneth Alford, and "Troika, from Lieutenant Kye Suite," by Serge Prokofieff, and arranged by Harold L. Walters. Alford's "Colonel Bogey," is one of the most frequently played marches in the world. Its popularity increased even more a few years ago when it appeared in the motion picture "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

"Troika" is the equivalent, in Russian, of our "Jingle Bells." The troika is an old Russian sleigh, and the piece captures musically the gaiety and animation of a sleigh ride, the sounds of the sleigh bells, the horses' See "Band Presents, p. 3"

all fired up . . .

Not only was it thrilling to see an Alma College team with more points on the score-board than its opponents, but it was also a fine sight to see Phillips Gymnasium packed with enthusiastic fans.

The opening game proved that there IS some school spirit around here — and nothing could have brought it out more than the way the team played ball. They

not only won the game, but they showed a little "class," a lot of ability, and most of all, high team spirit.

To the basketball team goes our thanks for creating the surge of enthusiasm around the campus — keep up the good work! It really looks like the saying, "Tis the season to be jolly" will finally apply to the Alma Scots and their followers!

low grades . . .

With all the recent furor over academic pressure, we might expect grades to be lower than usual this year. Apparently not so, according to figures released by Miss Molly Parrish, Registrar.

The marking index for mid-semester is exactly the same as it was a year ago—2.38. Nor has the distribution of grades changed in any significant degree. The percentage of "A's" remains the same, 12.8, and also the percentage of "E's", 4.1. The percentage of "C's" dropped from

last year, 36.8 to 34.0 and "B's" and "C's" remain about the same.

In spite of increased numbers of students, total class enrollments are up only 33 from last year. This is due, explains Miss Parrish, to the larger number of five and six hour courses.

All of which leads us to conclude that if academic pressure has increased, it has not affected grades. Therefore, the problem must lie in some other area.

beneath appearance . . .

Despite all the complaint about academic pressure, it seems there is genuine concern on this campus with actual getting-down-to-the-books studying. For many of the students have interested themselves in a project to raise \$10,000 for the new library. It is thought by these

students and by certain administrators whom they have approached with this idea that this project will make construction of the library in 1963 a certainty. Here is shown some real concern with learning; it deserves our serious consideration and support.

SEE'ING YOU ASK ME . . .

Superior St. And Vine

by D. Merit

With Hollywood feeling like a .01'er when it produces a film that hasn't cost many shekles and been made on location, and The College in need of that which makes libraries, why shouldn't it be that the two get together. Followingly, the way is paved for the cinemoguls of the world by outlining several basic types of film which could be adapted to Alma and suggesting stars for them:

The Crime Superama: Opening shot of Dean Boyd driving a 1938 Ford through the Dow Lobby. Documentary-like exploration of the narcotics ring which uses the basement of Dow as its headquarters. Mr. Skinner as the acid-throwing young hoodlum, Mr. Myhrum as the gang's front, and Dr. Allen as the Gelston Hall delivery-boy. Climatic gun battle between Dr. Potter and Dr. Toller. Dean Boyd is removed dur-

ing the first reel for not having a proper parking sticker.

The Monster Mash: Opening shot of thirty ton prehistoric monster rising from its hibernation in the Pine River. The monster will proceed to destroy Wright Hall and to bite off the top of The Chapel in one chomp. Finally a three sport man, played by Don Harden, riding a white horse, played by Don Harden, will defeat the monster with a well thrown Christmas tree bulb.

The Western: Opening shot of cattle baron Swanson surveying his domain. The fast moving plot includes a night chase across Bahke Field, Black Jack's Gang trying to rustle Mother King's stock, and the Pioneer Boys sneaking across the North border. Closing shot of Ken Wilson in buckskins shouting "Wait for me, Bill!"

ial: Open with a ten minute study of fog rising from the Pine River, followed by a five minute study of a brick on the east side of The Chapel. Cut to 28 minutes of television test pattern and then fade to a bleacher in the stadium. Scan the Reid-Knox court and then slowly dissolve to the Newberry cloakroom. Theme to be sung by Dean Vreeland.

Something For The Union Crowd: Theme song to be sung by Connie Francis with the A Cappella Choir. Dr. Ping will be cast as an entering freshman, with Mr. Kapp as his lazy, do-nothing roommate. Mr. Dykstra and Dr. Cornelius will do the Mashed Potato and Dean Kimball will Twist. Dr. Kirk will be homecoming queen and Mr. House the captain of the football team. The concluding shot will show the entire cast heading south along I-75.

Three To Four; What's It For?

Alma College has switched to the four point method of grading, in which four is equivalent to an A.

According to Miss Molly Parrish, Registrar, the change from the old three-point system is essentially "a matter of book-keeping" and of "communications and understanding."

Says Miss Parrish, most American colleges and universities are now using, or soon will be using, machines for the

processing of various registration materials. Because data processing machinery can not work with negative numbers, it becomes imperative to abolish any system which makes use of them. Under the three point system, failure was represented by negative honor points. This is eliminated by the new system.

Actually, it is not a new system, by any means. Miss Parrish estimates that probably 90% of all major high schools and colleges now follow the four point method of grading. Here is where "communications and

understanding" enter the picture. Alma is now uniform with other institutions. No translation of point averages will be necessary when communicating with the high schools of entering freshmen nor when Alma College students apply for graduate work at the major universities.

This summer the college found time to make the adjustment. What it entailed was adding one to each grade. Therefore a .7 average is now 1.7. Mid term grades this semester were recorded in terms of this new system.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Have you ever taken time to note
When standing face to face
With any man you've ever known
At anytime, or place,
That he has two open portals,
Some brown, some blue, some black as coal;

Two doors which lead, if you but wish,
To the very depths of his earthly soul.
No other portals in this world,
When opened, show as much
As eyes that cast the look of guilt,
Of anger, greed, and such.
Or those that show their kind-

ness,
Mirth, understanding, love,
Or the peace therein reflected
When raised to God above.
I give my thanks eternally
For my eyes these things to see.
I'm thankful too these doors swing wide
For you to see inside of me.
"Pete"

WE THOUGHT WE'D ASK

Faculty Members Quizzed On Academic Pressure

by Linda Lieber and Mary McGregor

We, of the almanian, in our second article concerning academic pressures, thought that the faculty should have an opportunity to air their opinions on this much-talked-about issue on our campus.

My belief is that students who carry a normal course load (15 or 16 credit hours) and are moderate in their extra-curricular commitments have a full time job on their hands — but not an unreasonable one. Unfortunately, there are many students who are over-committed in one or the other of these areas. Such students are naturally under considerable stress. Students who feel that this general assessment is incorrect should present evidence to the faculty for its appraisal. We have no wish to be unreasonable. On the contrary, we want the academic experience here to be attractive to students—not merely wearying.

William B. Boyd
Dean of the Faculty

I think that there are some instances of over work in the average schedule of classes but by and large the present talk on the matter has been an exaggeration of what should be considered a typical college program of vigorous learning effort. I say this partly because several transfer students of late have expressed their belief that Alma College students moan and groan during much of the time that they should spend studying.

Dr. Arlan Edgar, Biology

Recognizing that academic pressures do exist at Alma College, I question whether students encounter greater pressures here than they do in any good American liberal arts college today. Personally, I would like to see Alma College continue its upward climb; if that means graduating with a "C" average the student who a decade ago could have made "B", I am for it.

William M. Armstrong,
History

To over pressured students I say, "You are in the wrong courses. Take chemistry and enjoy your college life."

Charles Skinner, Chemistry

There are pressures and there should be. At any rate there can't be an academic collegiate life without them. But it is altogether possible that the pressures we're anxious about now are unreasonable in degree and inappropriate in kind. My readiness to agree that they are is tempered by a recognition of the likelihood that the problem is induced and exaggerated by all the talking we're doing about it.

Wesley C. Dykstra,
Religion and Philosophy

I think academic pressures are sometimes too severe. What to do? We can avoid "busy work" assignments or Mickey Mouse musings in our own courses.

L. R. Miner,
Associate Prof. of Eng.

I think they are about right. Some courses probably require too much busy work, but most students can still find an occasional "gut." Obviously the work is geared for an average student with an average load, that means very hard work for at least part of the student body. Right now I can't determine which is more upsetting to our students, academic pressure or restricted social outlets. As long as these are simul-

taneous sources of concern I can't get too upset about either one.

H. Klugh, Psychology

It is unfortunate that much of the time we look upon a course only with reference to the number of books read, the number of papers written, the number of problems worked, and the number of exercises assigned. This is fine if our sole concern is to keep both students and ourselves very BUSY.

E. F. Hayward, French

If all the pressures that immediately come to my mind academic pressures are the least painful.

Richard Allen—Biology

I do not know if academic pressures on students at Alma College are too high, too low, or approximately right. I suspect that they are not too high.

I should like to go on record as heartily endorsing a reasonable amount of pressure. Without it, I am afraid, very little progress would be made toward the acquisition of an education.

The question remaining to be answered is "What is reasonable?" There is, of course, no definite reply. I like the old rule of thumb used when I was a student. Two hours of outside work for every hour in class seems reasonable to me. I hasten to point out that this regimen should earn an average student an average grade.

With our presently recommended student loads, the above would require that a student invest from 40 to 60 hours weekly in his quest for an education. Even the higher figure requires only 10 hours six days a week, or possibly 10 hours for five days and five hours each on Saturday and Sundays.

I suggest that if students can spend fewer hours than these and still do well in their studies, they should complain that they are not getting full measure for their time and for their parents' money.

I am confident that, if a group of students, after keeping account records on their study time, would present evidence to any member of the faculty that he was requiring appreciably more than two hours of work outside of class for each hour in class, such faculty member would give a sympathetic hearing to such a complaint.

Louis Toller, Dept. of Mathematics and Physics
I think there is no doubt but

that we are living under pressure but I don't think it is limited to a college campus. The likely kind of pressure on a campus is academic pressure. I question whether it is any greater here than on any other campus of good standing. Students should be aware of the fact that faculty members are also under academic pressure.

Why Pressure? The nature of our world is such today that it requires our best. Knowledge is accumulating very rapidly. Perhaps we are erring at the present time in not doing an efficient job in selecting what the essentials are to read, study, etc., thus, assignments become lengthy. This is not an easy task but is a part of the pressure that a faculty member feels. Our goal, it seems to me, has to be to work for a proper balance in life; but at the same time the educational institutions must aim for its students to attain breadth and depth of knowledge and yet have time for reflection and creativity.

Irene Linder, Sociology

The question you pose suggests "pressures" are per se undesirable or unrealistic. I do not know whether you see pressures in terms of quality, quantity, or any number of other terms. I think it is important to remember several things. First, not all "pressures" are bad. Often pressures stimulate achievement. Second, there are many "pressures" which are non-academic but equally as real as academic pressures. Perhaps the problem, if one exists, is in adjusting successfully to a variety of hierarchy of pressures. Third, the adjustment to pressures is a function of each individual. No two persons feel exactly the same pressures or react in exactly the same way. I "think" a great many things about academic pressures. All pressures are complex and demand our constant conscientious concern.

Dr. Cornelius Eng.

The academic pressures at Alma are not so great but that the conscientious, college caliber student will survive and will benefit from having to put forth his best efforts. As faculty members we are attempting to provide challenging situations for all students, including the academically talented. I am sure that most college students would not want it otherwise. Those that feel that academic pressures are too great

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS			
December 7—Friday	7:30 p.m.	Film "The Long Grey Line"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Lecture Concert Series—"The Carradines"	Tyler Auditorium
	9:00 p.m.	Mitchell Hall Mixer Basketball, D.I.T.	Mitchell Hall
December 8—Saturday	8:15 p.m.	Saginaw Symphony and Choral Union Concert—"The Magnificat"	Phillips Gymnasium
	9:30 p.m.	Christmas Open House Basketball, L.I.T.	Tyler Center
	2:00 p.m.	Great Books Series — Mr. Miner "The Brothers Karamazov"	Tyler Lounge
December 9—Sunday	7:00 p.m.	ACCF — Mr. Crownfield, Speaker	Van Dusen Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Tau Kappa Epsilon — Report on Jamaica — Lou Ferrand	TEKE House
	8:00 p.m.	Basketball at Calvin College	
December 12—Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Faculty Meeting	Dow Lecture Room
December 13—Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Band Concert	Dow Auditorium
		Alpha Tau-Sigma Tau Christmas Party, Baptist Children's Home	
	7:30 p.m.	Film "King of Kings"	Dow Bldg., Room 100
December 14—Friday	8:00 p.m.	English Department Program	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Mary Gelston Open House	Dow Gelston Hall
	9:00 p.m.	TEKE Closed Christmas Party	TEKE House
December 15—Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Film "King of Kings"	Dow Auditorium
	9:00 p.m.	Fraternity-Sorority Dance	Tyler Auditorium
December 16—Sunday	7:00 p.m.	A Cappella Choir Christmas Concert	Dunning Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Alpha Sigma Tau-Sigma Tau Gamma "Holly House"	Sig Tau House

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With The Greeks

Tau Kappa Epsilon

There will be a breath of warm West Indies wind in the Teke House living room when Lou Ferrand will show slides of his summer in Jamaica. Those who like sunshine, beautiful scenery, and the excitement of a foreign land are especially invited, as well as those looking for a pleasant Sunday evening.

Some Tekes are wondering

whether Cupid will run out of arrows before we run out of this unseasonably warm weather, but some like Don Fullenwider, who is recently "lavaliered" to Klo Hartshorn, hope that this December - Spring will never end.

Alpha Sigma Tau

We are happy for our sister Gayle McKenney who was pinned to John Worthington of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, and for our sister Carol Holmgren, who was engaged Saturday to Lou Goecker, a graduate of Alma College and member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Alumna representative, Mrs. Schultz, was here Monday for inspection of the chapter. She spent the afternoon visiting with the individual members of the sorority and checking notebooks.

Tuesday morning the pledge

class gave us a breakfast as their pledge party. In the evening we celebrated their initiation by dinner in the Heather Room. New members are Marylou Botimer, Jan Cash, Sandy Gee, Nancy Haley, Nancy Gilbert, Diane Kovacs, Fran Look, Jill Marce, Carol Miller, Jan Noftz, Pris Read, Karen Roehl, Chris Verhulst, Karen Wagoner, Sherry Parker, Connie Richards, Judy Riba, Sue Bowen, and Gail Lynch.

A serenade was given for them by our brothers, the Sig Taus, in which they received the sorority flower, a yellow rose.

Sigma Tau Gamma

Sigma Tau Gamma, with the assistance of the AST's Leah Vorce and Jane Elsley, collected \$172.38 for the Muscular Dystrophy Drive.

Monday night nine new members were added to our present membership. The newest members are Glen Anderson, Bill Ashby, Don Klinger, Ned Lockwood, Dave Lyon, Jack McCormick, Richard Merson, Sia Negaron and John O'Dell. Welcome brothers!!

Wednesday night our first serenade was given for the AST pledge class.

Kappa Iota

The new KI's entertained their sisters on an exciting trip to Disneyland, held Thursday evening in Van Dusen Lounge. Humorous costumes added to the gaiety of the affair, as did the eye-catching decorations. Entertainment and refreshments were also provided.

What Are Prospects for Improvement?

by Terry Davis

The building which provided an adequate library in 1928 for 318 students can no longer be considered an adequate library facility for 900 students. The American Library Association describes our present library as "inadequate and archaic."

They estimate that a liberal arts college the size of Alma should have a library of 100,000 volumes. Alma presently has 57,000 volumes and little shelf space left.

Other library authorities say that a college library should have study stations for one-third to one-half of the student body. We have 87 study stations in the library. This is especially inadequate when you consider that the majority of the study area is in the reading room. Every person that enters the library must tramp across the squeaky floor in this room. This is hardly conducive to good study.

A trip into the library on a rainy day will show another problem. Not only does the cold wind come through the walls and ceiling but so does the rain. The roof in the processing room leaks so badly

that pans have to be put on the floor.

President Robert D. Swanson has observed: "The casual observer or the occasional visitor to the present library building is impressed by its inadequacy. To those more familiar with the College, the construction of the new library is not only of first priority—it has become a critical concern."

"Any further expansion to the campus must wait for the completion of a new library building. Enrollment cannot be increased; curriculum development depends on additional and expanded library facilities."

"In short, a new library is not only a pressing need—it is of pivotal and imperative importance."

Considering this need for a new building, why is construction being delayed? The answer is simple: money. The new library will cost \$850,000. We have at this point four major gifts totalling \$185,000.

There is also available an endowment fund to be used for construction if necessary.

According to Mr. Guile Graham, director of the community relations, the college hesitates to dip into this endowment fund. To do so would decrease

the income which is used to maintain the library. It would be most disadvantageous at a time when a building becomes available, to hold more volumes to take away the money which would buy these volumes.

What are the prospects for obtaining this money in the near future? According to Graham there are two possible ways of obtaining this money. There is a major foundation which is interested in the College. At this time last year they turned down a proposal to finance the building but stated that they would reconsider in a year if, during that time, other groups had made "substantial" contributions. Graham said they gave no indications as to what they considered "substantial."

The other possibility is in the form of numerous small gifts. The Synod of Michigan has approved an appeal to individual Church members to contribute to the library. On January 20 a major effort will be made to reach, by mail, as many church families as is possible asking for gifts.

For information on ways that students could help to raise this money see the editorial page. (P. 2)

World," "Deck the Halls," "God Rest Ye," "Good King Wenceslas," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," and "Jingle Bells."

Kottick, conductor of the band, feels encouraged about the band's performance. "The size of the concert band has been growing for the past few years, and now numbers 45 people. I also feel that the quality of the band has been growing."

Kottick also announced that plans are underway for a band tour during the spring vacation, the first time the band has ever made an extended tour of this sort. Arrangements have been made with various high schools throughout the state at which the Band will play. The Band will play in Reeth, at Puffer High School in Muskegon, at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores, and at Allen Park High School in Allen Park.

Band Presents

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hooves, and the rush of the wind.

The Band will also play "Suite from the Water Music," by George Frederic Handel, edited by Hershy Kay.

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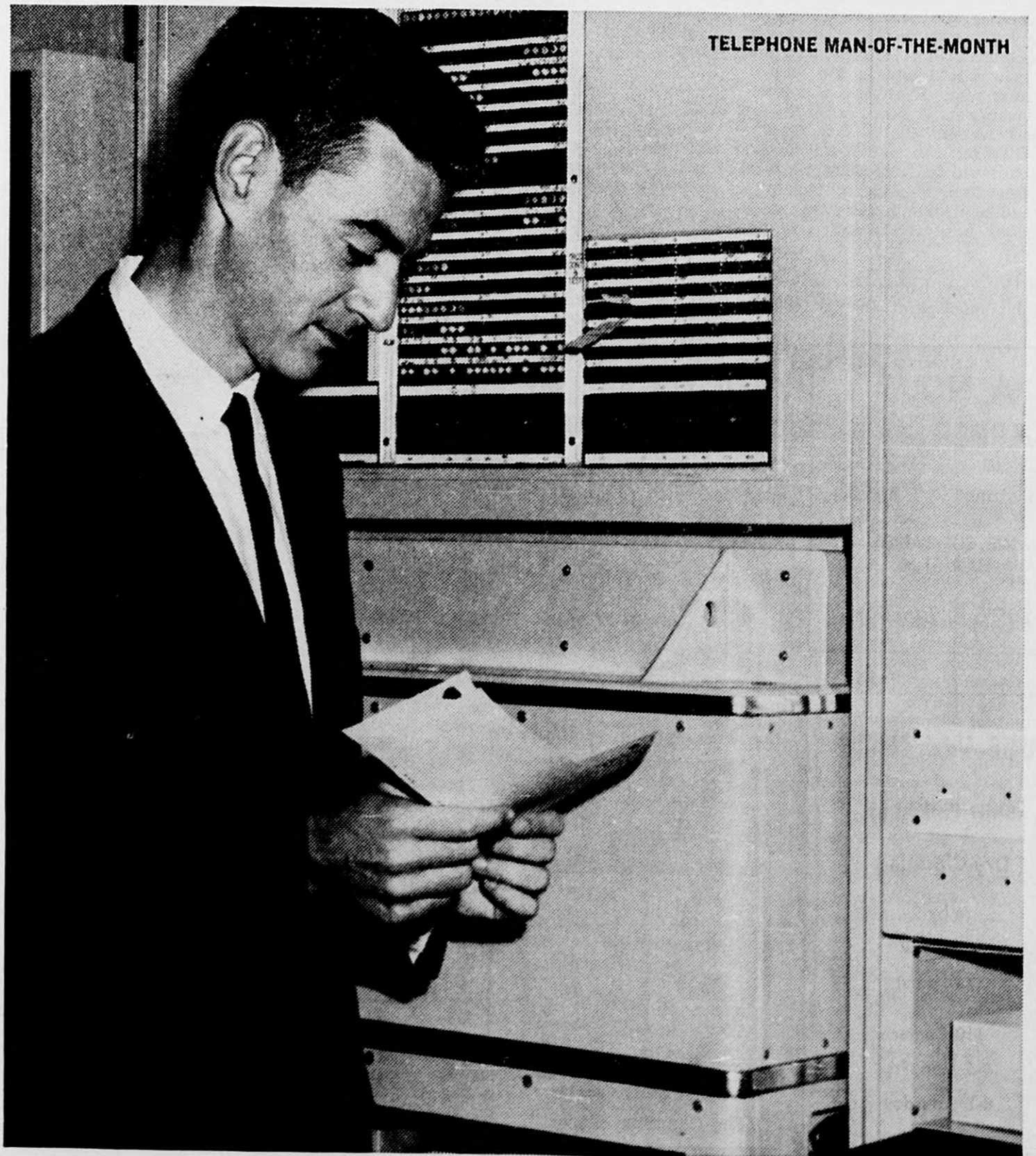
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Alma Fans Inspired By 74-58 Victory Scotsmen Bop'em -- Eastern Hurons First To Fall

by Jim Martz

Wraps were pulled off the 1962-63 Alma Scot basketball cagers last Saturday and the resulting 74-58 victory over Eastern Michigan University was encouraging to Scot fans. A large Phillips Gymnasium crowd watched the relatively young squad amass an early 22-3 lead and stay in command the rest of the game.

Inspired play and teamwork combined to send the Scots towards a possible winning campaign. No one player could be singled out as the game's star as the Alma cagers lived up to personal expectations. The predicted improved shooting, added speed, rebounding prowess, depth, team spirit all met in an ex-

citing opening game.

With defense and offense sparkling at times, the Scots accomplished two things which were infrequent last season: 1) they scored 74 points (only twice was this accomplished last year), and 2) held their opponents to 58 points (only once was this accomplished).

Four Scot cagers scored in double figures. The balanced attack was led by 6-5 sophomore Bill Pendell's 19 points. Eighteen points were drilled in by junior guard Ray Moore, with most shots coming from the outside. John La Rue followed with 15 points, hitting six of his eight shots. Bud Acton, also a 6-5 sophomore, added 13 points.

Eastern failed to muster any serious offensive threat as the Scots contained Huron guard Duane Lamiman to seven points. Lamiman was the key to Eastern's victory last year, scoring 26 points.

Acton, Pendell, and La Rue led the defensive battle, with Acton grabbing 24 rebounds. Pendell, last year's leader, hauled down 15 and LaRue, 9 rebounds.

Senior guard and team captain Don Phillippi played a smart floor game and set up his taller teammates for numerous shots. The plague of personal fouls which beset last year's squad were absent from the game. No one fouled out, and only one player was charged with four personals.

All told, the Scots shot 75 times from the floor and connected on 32 of them for a 43 percent average. Alma's cagers hope to keep their opening game finesse as they visit D.I.T. and L.I.T. this weekend.

Statistics:

	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	RB	PF	TP
Pendell	20	9	2	1	15	3	19
Hawley	5	1	2	1	3	2	3
LaRue	8	6	4	3	9	4	15
Peterson	1					1	
Acton	20	5	6	3	24	3	13
Moore	17	9	1	0	4	1	18
Phillippi	3	1	7	2	3	3	4
Schultz	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
	75	32	22	10	59	17	74

Basketball Quintet To Travel To Metropolitan Area; Detroit Tech, Lawrence Are Scots Weekend Foes

Alma College's basketball quintet moves south to continue competition this weekend. They are hoping to continue their opening night form, as they soundly defeated Eastern Michigan University 74-58 Saturday.

Detroit Institute of Technology will provide the competition on Friday night. The game will be played at Cathedral Central in Detroit. Lawrence Institute of Technology will close out the twin bill, battling the Scots at Troy High School on Saturday night. Both games will start at 8 p.m.

Coach Hintz remarked, "I'll be glad for a split with these two clubs, although it's always a morale booster to win on the road."

The Scots are pointing toward their league opener on December 11 with Calvin College, a team the Scots haven't beaten in a number of years.

Concerning Alma's opening game of the 1962-63 season Hintz commented, "I'm thoroughly pleased with the fine beginning; the team shows more promise than anticipated." Hintz also mentioned the excellent balance of the team which will help in the future, and the leadership capabilities displayed by senior captain Don Phillippi.



Up... up... and away. Alma won... for the first time in varsity sports this school year. Pictured here is John LaRue --42--going after a rebound in last Saturday's victory. (Photo by Dick Latty)

Great Scots!



by Jim Ralston

And the Scots are off and running! Overhearing several comments from the spectators, the game was a refreshing change from the varsity sports action of late. At last Alma may have a winner, and a BIG winner at that!

Who was the happiest man in town Saturday night? My first guess would be Coach Hintz. After eighteen losses last season, his patience has paid off with a high geared, fast moving basketball machine.

A major contribution to the victory over Eastern was Alma's domination of the boards. Star center Bud Acton swept off an unbelievable total of 24, while forward Bill Pendell grabbed 15.

One last note on the Scots football team before it is completely forgotten in the new enthusiasm over the cagers. At the banquet Saturday afternoon it was announced that Van Mulligan and Mike Ivan would captain the football squad next year. Mike Ivan was elected the team's most valuable player for this past season, and Walter, "Crazy-legs" Gierhart was voted the team's most improved player. Rick Munger, Mike Knowlton, Mike Ivan, Van Mulligan, and Henry Smith were recognized for making honorable mention in the league.

Also at the banquet, Coach Art Smith hit on a point in his farewell

speech which I felt was very significant. He pointed out "that losing eight straight ball games took a lot of courage on the part of those connected with the team," and he felt that "those players who went through it will be better men in life for it." He said, "losing eight games didn't mean a thing" to him "as long as the guys benefitted from the experience." I feel this is a fine attitude towards the value of sports, and that Coach Smith has done a good job in making a disastrous season in the won-lost column, a very worthwhile one otherwise.

This week in bowling Bill Reese of the Vets II team threw an amazing 617 total with his high game being 232. Stan Tapp of the Took-ems rolled a 210 game and a very respectable 522 series. Mike Tucker of the Vets II rolled second highest series for the week with a 514.

The Vets II team, although in third place is emerging as a real threat for the league crown. They have four bowlers in the top ten. Here are the standings as of last week...

Took-ems	11- 1
Delt Sig I	10- 2
Vets II	8- 4
Sig Tau I	8- 4
Vets I	7- 5
Spastics	5- 7
Sig Tau II	4- 8
Sig Tau III	4- 8
Take-ems	3- 9
Bowlers	0-12

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Party Time!!

The A. W. S. Christmas Party will be held Monday, December 17, at 10:30-11 p.m. at Newberry Hall basement. Both Newberry and Gelston girls will participate.

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more than the average student could handle adequately at the for them may need to take a good look at their present recreation schedule, their total academic work load, or both.

Doctor McCall Education The general consensus of the faculty seems to be that the stu-

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Tyler Board Lists Union Activities

In response to the numerous requests for more campus activities, Tyler Auditorium will be open every Wednesday evening from 7:30-10 for those wishing to play ping-pong, shuffleboard, or badminton. Card tables will also be set up and the juke box may be obtained for dancing if desired. at 9:30 p.m. Tyler Board will present its annual Christmas Open House. This festive party will include decorating Tyler's Christmas tree, games, dancing and singing. Santa will be there and refreshments will be served. All are encouraged to join in the fun. There will be no admission charge.

The Great Books Series con-

tinues December 9 when Mr. Miner presents a lecture of "The Brothers Karamazov." These talks are informal and are held on Sunday afternoons in Tyler Lounge. This Sunday the program will begin at 2 p.m. All interested persons are invited to come.

In the next two weeks Tyler Board will be organizing all-school tournaments in bridge and ping-pong. Anyone interested in participating in one or both of these should either sign up on the lists to be posted in Tyler Center or give his or her name to Sue Hecht or Bob Bogue. Prizes will be given to the winners of each tourney.

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