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## To Clarify Convocation

The Academic Affairs Committee called the class meetings yesterday to attempt a clarification of the college policy regarding convocations.

Dr. John Kimball, Dean William Boyd, Mr. Paul Storey, and Mr. Wesley Dykstra read a written statement from the Committee to the respective classes.

After a review of the objectives of the convocation series, the statement contained the following points:

The penalties for absence during the semester now ending have been set aside.

A total of three cuts will be allowed each student for the year. (No one is now credited with more than three.)

Convocation overcuts will be penalized by the deduction of honor points from the student's record, one for the first overcut, three for the second, five for the third, etc.

The statement also contained the reminder that there is no distinction between excused and unexcused absences.

A part of the confusion stemmed from communication difficulties, the statement emphasized. Two things were said. First, a schedule of convocations will be announced at the beginning of next semester, stating who is required to attend what. (The almanian will carry this in the first issue after vacation.)

Second, the student is responsible for keeping informed about his obligations.

Questions were answered following the announcement.

## Convo Talk Develops Topic Of 'Madness'

"Peaceful Coexistence with Madness" was the topic of Dr. William Jellema's convocation talk Tuesday.

Jumping-off point was the reading from Luke of the story of Jesus casting out demons. After the legion of demons had been driven out into a herd of swine, the herd stampeded off a cliff and drowned. But not until the people came and saw the newly healed man did they ask that Jesus leave the country.

The concept of demon possession is illustrated by this incident, said Jellema. The people had learned to live with madness and its loss was more alarming to them than its presence.

College, he said, is a place where madness is exposed. Our responsibility is to drive out demons.

Take, for example, the area of race relations. Sane people have adjusted to the situation in Dixie, he pointed out.

At first they recognized the madness but tried to confine it to keep it from wrecking society. And the exorcism of the South, said Jellema, will take away the people's security. Unraveling one thread threatens the whole cloth.

College holds many threats and the challenge of physical science is not the first nor the last, he went on.

"If the biologist creates life, does this mean the death of God?" he asked. "Or can we then define life?"

Christ said that he came that we can have life, added Jellema. Can we now see that God became man so that we can become men. We are distinguished from beasts and life in a test tube by the quality of life offered to us, he stated.

Another point he made was that we cannot direct rational questions to madness; it only adds to the confusion. Using



Keith Bird, Flint freshman, and friend, Otsigo, are pictured here in the biology department. Keith caught the raccoon way back in Indiana, his former home state, and kept him in the Dow Greenhouse for a couple of weeks before Christmas vacation. (Photo by Kerr)

## Kimball Announces Applications Up 10%

Dr. John Kimball, dean of students and director of admissions, announced this week that as of December 31 the number of admissions applications are 10 per cent higher than last year at this time and the acceptances are 13 per cent ahead of last year.

The students who have applied to date are generally the brighter students in their schools. Sixty per cent of the applicants to date are women. The majority of applicants are from Michigan—only 26 per cent are from out of the state and almost half of these are from New York.

Over the past five years the college has become more selective in its admissions policies. Five years ago 75 - 80% of the applicants were admitted—now only 60% gain acceptance. Kimball pointed out that these figures do not fully reflect the increased selectivity, since better high school guidance systems and an increasing number of junior colleges result in fewer applications received from poorly qualified students.

Kimball also pointed out that 40% of the students accepted never come to Alma—this was only true of 18% five years ago. He attributes this to an increasing pressure to get into colleges which causes more students to apply to two or more colleges.

Most of Alma's multiple applicants also apply to either Albion or to the University of Michigan. Those who choose between U of M and Alma are obviously making their choice mainly on the basis of the small college-large university distinction. Kimball said that he is not sure what factors cause a

the Mad Hatter's tea party, Jellema pointed out that by Alice's acceptance of one mad answer, she was overcome by the whole mad story of the three sisters living on treacle at the bottom of the well.

"Ignorance is bliss but not yours to enjoy again," he concluded. The antidote lies in the end of the story in Luke. The cured man was told to return to the people and declare how much God had done for him.

student to make his choice between Alma or Albion, but that many do not make their decisions until after they have been accepted at both places.

Other big competitors for our acceptances are Kalamazoo and Michigan State University, both of which have more and larger scholarships to offer students.

Although Kimball sees some increase in the rate of application in the next few years as a result of the post war baby boom, he thinks that the majority of the increase will be absorbed by state universities and junior colleges where costs are lower.

## Politics Come Live to Campus; Martin, Republican Committeeman, To Speak in Dow Auditorium

Mr. John B. Martin, Republican National Committeeman for the State of Michigan, will give a talk at 2 p.m. in Dow auditorium. It is open not only to the students and faculty of Alma College but the general public as well.

Martin has a broad background in politics and government. In 1948 he was elected senator from Grand Rapids and Kent County and served in the Michigan Senate until his election as Auditor General in 1950, an office he held for four years. He was the Republican candidate for Secretary of State in 1956, was elected Republican National Committeeman the following year and reelected again in 1960. He was not only a delegate to the Constitutional Convention but also served as Chairman of the Committee on the Executive Branch. At the present time he is also serving as liaison for Governor Romney with Congress.

Born in Grand Rapids, he graduated from public school in that city, later from Dartmouth and Oxford Universities. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan and is presently a partner in a law firm in Grand Rapids

## Music in the Air Heralds Concert Annual Winter Event Is Sunday; Band Will Welcome New Year

This Sunday at 8 p.m. in Dow Auditorium the Alma College Concert Band conducted by Edward L. Kottick will provide the first musical event of the new year when it presents its annual Winter Concert.

Included in the program will be the March Festa by Luigi Zaninelli, an unusual contemporary Italian march; The Gods Go A-Begging by George Frederic Handel, an arrangement of several pieces by Handel into a ballet suite by the famous British conductor, Sir Thomas Beecham; The Prayer and Dream Pantomime from Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera, "Hansel

and Gretel"; Musical Highlights from the motion-picture, "Exodus"; Bolero for Band, a modern, rhythmic work by Glenn Osser; In the Cathedral, by the great French composer Gabriel Pierné; Selections from the Pulitzer-Prize-winning musical comedy, "Fiorello"; and the Second Suite in F for Military Band by Gustav Holst, one of the great classics of the British band literature.

This concert will mark the last appearance of the Band for this semester. The past months have been unusually busy, but also unusually rewarding for the members of the group. The semester began with a trip to Grand Haven, Michigan, to assist in the dedication of a new

Consumer's Power Plant. The Kiltie Band received state-wide publicity from this performance, for featured on the cover of the November issue of The Consumer Power News was a picture of piper Ed Baird, trumpeter Bob Miner, and glockenspieler Glenda Galovics. Several articles in this publication praised the contribution of the Kilties.

The Band also performed at five football games (four home, one way at Olivet and three parade engagements).

The program of the concert is a little different from the musical fare the Band usually offers at one of its "Formal" concerts. According to Kottick, the program is designed to welcome the students back to the campus, and to welcome the new year with enthusiasm. For this reason, the audience will find that the accent is on "musical exuberance," both in the lighter, popular music, and in the more serious offerings, he said. It promises to be a fast-paced, enjoyable evening that will provide a fitting capstone to the Band's outstanding performances of this semester, concluded Kottick.

## Register Now!

The registrar's office has announced that pre-registration for Semester 156 will take place January 6 through January 18, 1964. Students may make an appointment with their adviser to fill out election cards for classes for next semester. The election cards will be returned in the mail on Sunday, February 2, along with other materials for registration and final grades for this semester. Town students should pick up these materials at the Registrar's Office in the Reid-Knox Building.

Class cards for Semester 156 will be prepared ahead of time on the IBM machine and will be distributed to the student along with the election card for registration on February 3. Departments will be asked to man tables in the Dow Science Building lobby if difficulties arise with over-enrollment in certain sections. Students who have questions about this may inquire at registrar's office.

Notification of time of registration in Tyler Auditorium according to alphabet and classes will be placed in registration packets.

The schedule for classes for Semester 156 is now available at the registrar's office.

## Actors Invited To Workshop

Mr. Albert Katz invites all interested students and faculty to attend the newly formed Actors' Workshop. It meets each Wednesday evening at 7 in Dow Auditorium. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

January 8. Attendance every week is not a requirement, nor is experience. Anyone who has an interest in learning about the theater is welcome.

The success of "Our Town" and the enthusiastic student response led Mr. Katz to set up the workshop. It is beginning as a means of maintaining theater interest on campus, while establishing continuity between the fall and spring productions.

The advantages of an informal workshop are many. Areas can be included for which there is no time in classes or in the plays themselves. There is no responsibility to an audience. This leaves room for experimenting freely.

If the workshop is a success, it may even open the pathway for an additional production during the year.

Emphasis is first being placed upon sense memory, pantomime, and improvisation. The main goal, explains Katz, is "to learn to understand and communicate."

Sense memory, pantomime and even improvisation were essential to the successful performance of "Our Town." These basic forms of acting will be dealt with before work on actual scenes begins.

Those interested in the technical aspects of the theater will find an opportunity to learn about lighting, make-up, costuming, and scenery. A student may desire to involve himself with any one or all of these, in lieu of or in addition to acting. Here again, interest is the key word.

The workshop should prove to be a valuable and worthwhile addition to campus activities. It will not only fill a need for more variety in campus life but will also provide more extensive contact with the medium of theater.

## Dr. Held To Lead Music Workshop

The Alma College Church Music Workshop will be held tomorrow. The meetings are open to choir directors, organists, ministers, church music committee members, students and others interested in church music.

The day-long program will feature Dr. Wilbur C. Held as guest workshop leader. Held heads the department of organ and church music at Ohio State University School of Music.

Miss Miriam Bellville is the workshop director. Mr. Dewey Camp and Dr. Edward Kottick will help with workshop sessions. Mrs. Kathryn Loew of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Louis Lantz of Mt. Pleasant will work with Miss Bellville on a special session for persons interested in junior and youth choirs.

Registration will take place in Reid-Knox Administration Building at 9 a.m. tomorrow. The opening session will be at 9:30 a.m. in Dunning Memorial Chapel. The closing meeting, concerned with "Music in Worship and Music in Christian Education" will be at 3:30 p.m.

## Library Flames

Two fire trucks were called to the campus last Tuesday evening when flames were seen inside the shell of the new library. Ann Roberts turned the alarm.

Dr. Steven Meyer, college business manager, explained that one of the small oil heaters used to heat the building so that the concrete will dry more rapidly, flared up. According to Meyer no damage continued on page 3



# a new spirit . . .

Come basketball time Alma takes on a new spirit. Certainly the reason for the spirited reorientation lies in the fact that the college is given a respectful second look by other institutions throughout the state and also that the students are finally given a chance to cheer for a winning team.

One of the more worthwhile additions to the basketball scene is the pep band. There are a lot of students even yet who

still consider leaving the dorms for an hour and a half to see the Scots venture onto the b-ball court a waste of time, but when a group of students is willing to lug musical instruments down to Phillips Gymnasium we feel a 'thanks' is in the offing.

So come late February when the Scots' chances for that championship are made or broken we still hope to see and hear the pep band adding to the commotion.

## Seeing You Ask Me

# And It's Tax Deductible

by D. Merit

Something that very few people notice around here are the many fine and upstanding deeds performed by the various and sundry living units. You know, like dormitories.

Like, take for instance Mitchell Hall. I finally got around to reading the pre-Christmas almaniac and did you know that Mitchell Hall donated its money ordinarily spent for Christmas cards to a charity. Five dollars. For charity. Charity—that's a nice sounding word.

But, anyway, I wish that a little more time and effort were put forth to get the word to the various members of the campus community about all these fine deeds.

Maybe the almaniac could spur this movement. Like "D. Merit gives 6c to the United Fund" or maybe, "All College drive nets \$5.87 for Antarctic missionaries."

The possibilities are unlimited. Maybe the in thing to do will be to wear signs around your neck which say "I helped an old lady across the street" or maybe "I spent \$41.64 for Christmas presents" or "I put \$1.00 in the collection plate this Sunday."

If a movement like this begins, other vistas are sure to open up. Like for instance profs may be required to keep two grade books; one for test scores and the other for brownie points. You then could find out your grade with a conver-

sation like this: "You have 210 out of a possible 250 points on the exams and 45 out of a possible 67 browns." "What, only 45 out of a possible 67," "Yeah, I just don't like your style, kid."

But then, that's beside the point. What would really be worthwhile is the formation of "Charities Advertising, Inc." It could do things like "Don't give and not be known" or, or, well, you get the idea.

And to think that Mitchell Hall started the whole thing by ending a tradition of many years of sending Christmas cards and donating the money ordinarily spent for them to a charity. About \$5. I wonder if the lucky charity is still rejoicing, or was the money split among several charities?

dents is a visit to the campus. Visitors always seem to be favorably impressed with the appearance of the campus and with the wonderful attitude of students and faculty members toward visitors and guests. The fourth reason given by students for their interest in Alma can be summarized as personal contacts coming through Alma College students, alumni, ministers and college representatives. Students then have indicated that they choose Alma as their college because it is a small school with a fine academic reputation, recommended to them through personal contacts.

Since we believe that we know some of the reasons why students choose Alma as their college, we know what kinds of information will assist them in deciding whether or not they will make application to the college. Much of this information is gathered in college publications such as the catalogue, and various brochures. The admissions office mails information to approximately 2,000 high schools all over the nation and to several hundred churches and libraries. Many students write to the office requesting information and each inquiry receives a personal answer. An average of about 3,000 inquiries of this type are answered each year. We have already mentioned the fact that many prospective students and their families visit the campus for a first-hand contact with the college.

Another major portion of admissions work is visiting high schools, churches, and with individual students in their homes. The staff will travel over 50,000 miles by car each year and will log additional miles by air travel.

It has been very interesting to note the increased reputation of Alma College on the national level during the past few years. In response to this interest the college has attempted to make personal contacts with schools and students in many states. One effective program has been through an organization called the Midwest College Council, a group of ten liberal arts colleges with similar programs and admissions policies working cooperatively to contact large numbers of guidance counselors and students in many states. Programs sponsored by the Council have

been staged in such areas as New York City, Boston, Washington, D. C., Hartford, Philadelphia, Rochester, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Wilmington, and northern New Jersey. In February the Council carries its program to Colorado and California. The long-range policy of our college is to enroll 30% of its students from states other than Michigan.

The philosophy of admissions is then, to present interested students with an enthusiastic, but honest picture of Alma College. Once the student has applied for admission to the college, we administer admissions policies as established by the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee of the faculty. If a student is admitted to the program it is because he appears to have the qualifications, both academic and personal, to succeed in the program. Approximately 65% of the students who apply are admitted and of those admitted 60% eventually enroll. While a withdrawal rate of 40% of students accepted may appear high, it is fairly typical among colleges who practice selective admissions standards. Students admitted have good enough academic records so that they are accepted at several colleges and Alma is not always their final choice.

Alma College has chosen to combine the functions of admissions work and student personnel work. This is tangible evidence of our concern with the success of the student once he has enrolled. After all, being admitted to college is probably the least important part of a student's college career, although it may appear from all the articles and general commentary currently in vogue, that it is the most important. The whole program of Student Services of which Admissions is a part serves to assist the student in every possible way to have a successful academic, social and personal experience while a student at the college. No college has yet discovered a magic formula whereby it can guarantee success for the students it admits. However, the attitude of most colleges today is that they must do everything within their power to assist the student to succeed always recognizing that final responsibility rests squarely upon the individual student.

Next Week: Dr. Richard Allen.

# letters to the editor

Editor's Note: This letter was of course received before the class meetings held yesterday. For further information, see story, p. 1.

Dear Editor,

It has come to the attention of the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee that you have been absent from convocation . . . and so it goes. I'm thoroughly, and I mean thoroughly ticked off at the higher echelon. This latest incident in the straw which has broken the silence which has thus far been upon my lips.

In my freshman year I was a good little boy and went to at least one convocation, BUT I went to chapel regularly the first semester (like I said, good little boy.) Second semester I didn't go to chapel for a long time. Then one day I received a letter very similar to the one I received recently. The only difference was that one concerned chapel. It said that I had better go to chapel or . . . Or what? I didn't find out because I started going. What was said about convocations? You guessed it. Nothing!

My sophomore year the same thing happened. Chapel attendance was O.K. but convocation was completely out again that year. The only one that I attended was the one by Dr. Crane. I didn't get any letters at all that year. I wonder if Alma College had abolished convocation attendance but just forgot to notify the students? Then all of a sudden POW!

This year we really got shocked. No longer would we be held captive in pseudo worship before our Father. "Compulsory Chapel Abolished" beamed the almaniac and along with it beamed the student body. At the bottom of the page was a little column titled "Convocations Programs Expanded". Nothing whatsoever was said of the requirements concerning convocations. The date was September 20, 1963. The student was left to decide for himself as to what the stated policy was going to be. "It has always been required," say the people who know. O.K., I guess my freshman and sophomore years were just a dream. Maybe I am only a freshman.

Then on November 1 there appeared another front page story. "Convocation Policy Clarified by Recent Announcement." Wasn't that sweet of them to let us know so soon? Their promptness and consistency in keeping with policy over the past two years makes me extremely happy that I attend such an institution. October 3 had come and gone and now so has my week's allowance of five dollars. October 3 was the date of the very interesting lecture by L. A. White on culture. I know it was a good lecture because so many students told me that I had missed a gem.

Just one more thing before I visit the Varsity Shop and buy a book by Leslie A. White, the world famous expert on culture. I am in favor of returning to a compulsory chapel system be-

cause I knew that I was expected to go and I also knew when to go. There was a special time and day. Under the present system if you don't happen to read campus communications or fail to go to the union after dinner you are just out of luck, buddy. Those are the only places you'll be able to find out.

Since no distinction is made between excused and unexcused absences, I would like to know what is meant by the following sentence which appeared in the December 19 issue of the almaniac:

"All students who were required to attend but missed the October 3 convocation delivered by Leslie White and who have an additional UNEXCUSED convocation absence are required to take the exam on the date indicated."

L. L. H.

Students,

Does your life lack adventure? Do you yearn to add spice and variety to an otherwise suspenseless life? Perhaps you didn't know it, but the answer is just around the corner. For spine-tingling excitement and pulsating drama (with real live people) nothing surpasses or can even approach standing next to the cashier's office on the 10th of the month observing students requesting their pay checks.

I was there last month; maybe you saw me there. The first case I saw was rather drab; just a girl who claimed she worked at the Gelston switchboard—an ordinary case—there was no check at all for her. Next and a little more entertaining was

that of a hapless senior who had a job with the kitchen crew. Clipped to his 80-some dollar check was a statement of his indebtedness to the college. I quivered with anxiety as he meekly requested to keep \$10 for his very own. My excitement knew no bounds when he was refused. Little did I know that the Business Office had secured court orders to garnish student wages—just to insure my fun.

The third victim, a senior on maintenance and the kitchen crew, was glowing with confidence. By George, he got a check—but wait, he was paid for one job and not the other or at least he thought. It turned out he got paid for between 20 to 25 less hours than he had calculated he should.

The fourth, a student librarian (whose case was a little anti-climatic, I thought), was paid 20 cents an hour less than he was supposed to receive.

The fifth student I had an opportunity to observe ask for a check was a little sophomore girl who just stood there trembling between hope and despair—she got it! What suspense! A mounting thriller with a Alfred Hitchcock surprise ending.

So once again I implore you, today, January 10, is the day. Fortunately unlike state schools, our payday doesn't lose its wonder by being held every two weeks. The variable-interval schedule of reinforcement promises to stave off extinction for years.

I am sincerely yours (quaking with anticipation),  
Brian Hampton

# from the faculty

Dr. John R. Kimball received his B.S. degree from Alma College and his M.A. and Ed.D. from Michigan State University. He joined the Alma staff in 1959 and is presently serving as director of admissions and dean of student affairs.

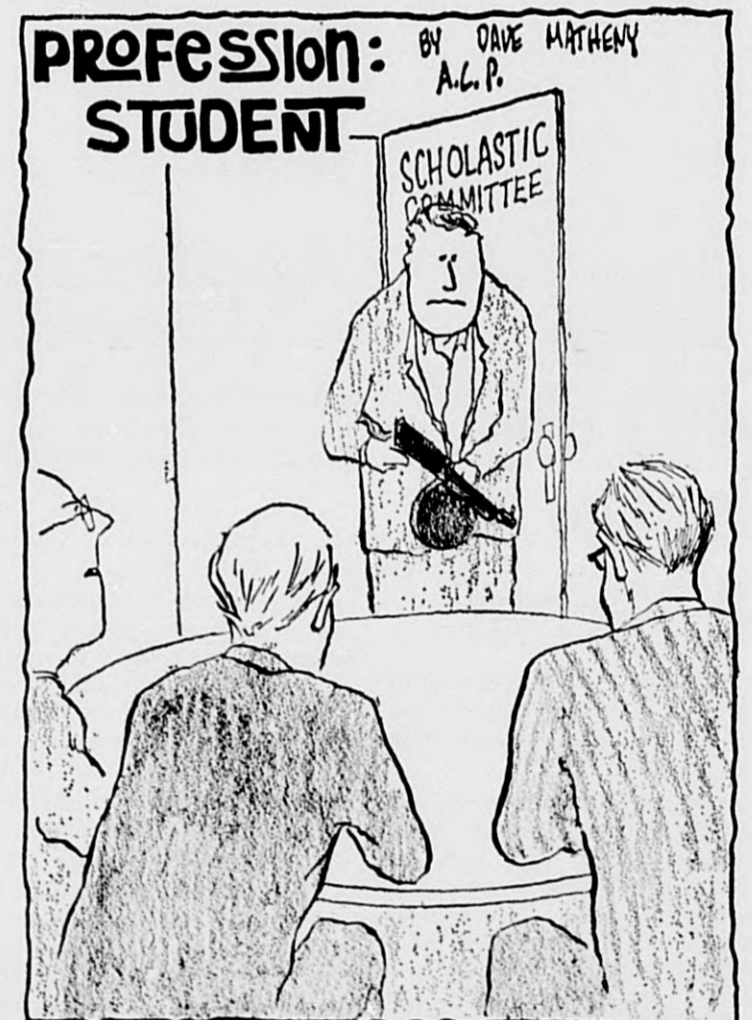
by Dr. John Kimball

The production of articles for publication, be it for a professional journal or for the almaniac has always been, for me, a literary effort. Therefore, I have resisted the temptation to write on such topics as the present state of the church, politics, juvenile delinquency, or conditions in Viet Nam since I must confess that I seem to have fewer definite answers to these problems than most of the students with whom I come in contact. I will concentrate my efforts on the topics with which I work most closely, Alma College and the students who attend the college.

Admissions officers are frequently categorized as salesmen, bush beaters, propagandists, and even as Pied Pipers luring the innocents to their doom. Not so! It is not the function of an admissions officer to trick students into applying to any college since students secured in this fashion can not expect to be happy nor to stay long at a college where conditions are not as represented. The admissions officer must be as concerned with the student after he arrives on the campus as he is in contacting him in the first place.

We believe that an admissions person must be familiar with all phases of the college program, especially the curriculum, and clearly and honestly represent the program to prospective students. In order to do this adequately we must be enthusiastic about our program and convey this to the prospective student. The important objective is to secure an academic fit, that is, to interest students in attending Alma College who understand and desire the program presented by the college. Perhaps the most important item which the freshman brings to the campus is the motivation to do well in the program.

What is it about Alma College that attracts students initially? In a recent survey concerning this matter, we found four major factors listed. First, the size of the college. Second, the reputation of the academic program. The third most important factor in attracting stu-



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 10—Friday	7:30 p.m. Film "Tammy and the Bachelor" 9 p.m. Kappa Iota "Luxury Liner"	Dow Auditorium Tyler Auditorium
January 11—Saturday	9 a.m. Church Music Workshop 6:45 p.m. Film "Tammy and the Bachelor" 9 p.m. Basketball—Albion	Dunning Chapel Dow Auditorium Phillips Gymnasium
January 12—Sunday	8 p.m. Band Concert	Dow Auditorium
January 12—January 18	DEAD WEEK	
January 17—Friday	4 p.m. President's Advisory Council 7:30 p.m. Film "Ride a Crooked Trail"	Reid-Knox Memorial Room Dow Auditorium
January 18—Saturday	7:30 p.m. Film "Ride a Crooked Trail"	Dow Auditorium
January 20—January 25	FINAL EXAMINATIONS	
January 25—Saturday	5 p.m. SEMESTER RECESS BEGINS	

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# Professor Hampton Speaks Here Discusses Political Campaigning, Stresses Role of Citizens

"So You Want to Run for Congress" was the general theme of a witty, informative talk by Charles F. Hampton before over 40 students in Dow 100 last December 18. Hampton is an associate professor in general education at Ferris State College. For over 20 years he has been an active worker, speaker and, twice, candidate for the Democratic Party. Drawing from both previous academic training in political science and the practical training of actually running as a candidate, Hampton was able to give the students some of the inside story, the little

asides, that authors fail to include in the textbooks on the subject.

Voting is not the end of a person's responsibility to the American political system. Every citizen, said Hampton, should run for some public office at least once in his life—too many able Americans shirk this duty. Campaigning broadens one's knowledge of his party, of his political system, of his nation. The act and involvement of running for an office adds a depth of understanding to the issues of the day and is, in the final word, a most worthwhile experience.

Turning from the general to the specific, Hampton discussed four main points: Avoid well-meaning friends; be physically strong and able; create your own personal organization and staff; and be prepared to face the problem of finances (up to two-thirds of a normal candidate's time will be devoted to the raising of money).

When the campaign is over and the candidate has fought the good fight, exhausting himself both physically and financially, what can he expect? He can look forward to having shifted at the most only 12 percent of the opposing party's voters to his side.

# 26 Students Enjoy Christmas in Jamaica

by Steve Colladay

While most Alma College students had a traditional white Christmas, 26 Alma students were enjoying their Christmas on an "island in the sun"—Jamaica.

The idea of going to Jamaica for the Christmas vacation is not a new one at Alma, since Tony Taylor, senior from Jamaica, took ten of his fraternity (Tau Kappa Epsilon) brothers home with him last year. As enthusiastic word spread last year about Jamaica, many more Tekes became interested in a Jamaica trip—19 in all. Tony didn't limit the trip to Tekes only, as six co-eds, a close personal friend—John Kapp of Sigma Tau Gamma—and Tony's brother, Lucian, also joined the Jamaica-bound group.

Financing such a trip was a big problem for most of the students. Tony saved the day by arranging a special group discount rate on the round-trip plane flight from Miami to Kingston, saving about \$50 per person. The other cost was driving from Alma to Miami—approximately \$20 per person.

Finally the big day arrived—Friday noon, December 20. The car caravan left the Teke House and was on its way to Miami—some 40 hours away. Riding in a car for more than a couple of hours at a time is usually tiring; but a 40-hour, non-stop-for-eight-hours-sleep ride is impossible to tire. You should have seen the 27 zombies that straggled into the huge Miami International Airport around 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Decem-

ber 22.

We landed at the Kingston airport around 12:30 a.m., tired but eager to begin another new adventure. We spent about an hour going through customs, and then were greeted by the Taylor family and their friends.

For all of us, our first real acquaintance with the Jamaican people (except Tony and Lucian) was the Taylor family. Words can't describe how hospitable they were—from meeting us at the airport, to feeding 26 hungry mouths many times, to arranging tours—they were always only too willing to help us.

Our group was different from most tourists groups because we were fortunate enough to come in close contact with the Jamaican people—since the girls stayed with the Taylors, and the 20 men roomed in dorms of the University of the West Indies.

All of us found the Jamaican people to be kind and considerate, full of pep, and anxious to help. One fact that stood out, and which was quite a shock at first, was the extreme poverty of some of the people. Also, there is quite a large gap between the rich and poor; the money in Jamaica seems to be with just a few, while many have nothing.

Our time in Jamaica was our own; we could do as we pleased. All of us at one time or another spent time shopping, buying gifts to take home. Shopping in Kingston is really fun—especially bartering with the sidewalk-sales; we often found that we didn't get such a good

bargain after all! Many afternoons were spent in that wonderful Jamaican sun: hot! The temperature was in the 80s, which was quite a welcome change from the below-zero weather back in the states!

Even though we had a few days of rain (warm), we had plenty of time to swim (the men had their own pool to use at the university), and tour the city of Kingston, and the island itself. The entire group took two days and went to Montego Bay by truck, returning by train. The beach at Montego proved to be the main attraction, with the many different kinds of night clubs following close on the list.

Now that the trip is over, we still have a hard time believing the fabulous trip was a reality! But our day-to-day contact with Tony always reminds us of his homeland—especially his family. Our trip to Jamaica has helped to open our minds to world-wide problems; but most of all proved to us that people are basically the same the world over, if you but give them the chance to be themselves.



### Alpha Theta

The Alpha Theta Sorority extends its congratulations to those members who became either engaged or pinned during the holidays. Sally Swanson is engaged to Tom Plowman; Trudy Humbert is engaged to Al Young; Kathy DeBruler is engaged to Bobby Day; Jane Lewis is engaged to Ron Martin; and Jackie Flowers is pinned to Al Davies.

The new officers of the Alpha Thetas are: president, Klo Hartshorn; vice - president, Kathy Blackford; corresponding secretary, Judith Neigh; recording secretary, Kathy Anderson; and treasurer, Barb Klenk.

### Alpha Sigma Tau

Christmas brought gifts to six ASTs in the forms of lavaliers, pins, and engagement rings. Before vacation, Jeff Wilton was lavaliered to Gary Fitch and Carol Lewis was pinned to Bob Carter. Upon returning to school the candle burned brightly for Judy Beau-bien who is pinned to Bob Hensel, Jane Whitney who is pinned to Pete Marks, Nancy Haley who is engaged to Denny Thompson, and Lorraine Jessop who is engaged to Bob Davis.

On December 18, we were happy to welcome five new actives into AST. They are Carol Cook, Pat Folk, Joy McKay, Jane Whitney, and Jennifer Wilton. Also a new member of the sorority is Mrs. Lester Eyer, who became our advisor.

### Delta Sigma Phi

We would like to announce the addition of a new member to our house in the form of a canine friend named Beetle. He is a nine-week old black and white, and quite lively, beagle pup. We wish to make it clear that Beetle is in no way connected with the British singing sensations, The Beatles.

Pre-Christmas activities included our annual Christmas Party with the Alpha Thetas, our annual fraternity Christmas party, and a serenade for the new Alpha Theta actives.

### Kappa Iota

The KIs are busy preparing for their annual dance, the KI Luxury Liner, which sets sail for The Isle of Make Believe tomorrow night. We hope to see everyone there. Gals, hurry and ask your favorite guy! See any KI for tickets.

The pre-holiday and holiday season brought special cheer for some KIs. Dany Stearns became lavaliered to Ron Cain of Sigma Tau Gamma, Judy Walker is pinned to Jim Gray of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Bev Steltzer is engaged to Bob Trenz of Tau Kappa Epsilon, BJ Place is engaged to Gary Burkhardt of Sigma Tau Gamma, Luann Long is engaged to Dan Rothstein of Ferris State, and Bonnie Labadie is pinned to Bob Bogue of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

### Phi Omicron

We are happy to announce Mrs. June Pinter as our advisor and Mrs. Dewey Camp, Mrs. Paul Russell, and Mrs. Fred Smith as our patronesses. We also want to welcome our sister, Glenda Galovics, back and hope that she is feeling much better by now.

The members of Phi Omicron want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and other season's greetings extended to us and to wish everyone a wonderful new year.

### Sigma Tau Gamma

Sigma Tau Gamma's "Sweetheart" of last year, Miss Judy Petti, became "Sweetheart" once again as Brother Glen Anderson announced his engagement to Judy. Brother Dave Hinz also became pinned to Miss Sue McPike. Congratulations to both couples!

### Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Tekes elected officers for next semester this week. Heading the new group are Tony Taylor, president; Jim Ross, vice-president; Larry Fitch, pledgemaster; Jack Shaw, treasurer; Erik Swanson, secretary; Bill Brown, chaplain; Corky Hale, social chairman; Brian Hampton, his-

torian; Barry Schupbach, assistant treasurer; Stu Tapp, special activities; and Bill Gelston, house manager.

Tim Johnson, is pinned to Ann Jeffries; Bob Bogue, pinned to Bonnie Labadie; Jim Gray, pinned to Judy Walker; John Munsell, pinned to Karen Flesher; and Tony Taylor, pinned to Bev Drayton of New York University. Tom Plowman is now engaged to Sally Swanson.

## THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANIES SALUTE: DON LIEBERS

Recognize the man below? You may have seen him on your campus. You see, Don Liebers (M.B.A., 1960) represents Michigan Bell on many college campuses—Don's a Staff Supervisor in the College Employment Section.

Don earned this important promotion after demonstrating his ability in both line and staff jobs. On one, as an Accountant in Comptroller's Operations, he revised the Revenue Accounting Department Instruction for billing directory advertising—a major contribution.

Seeing what he could do, Michigan Bell next put Don in charge of the 71 Data Processing people who, among other duties, issue the company's entire monthly payroll!

Again Don proved himself, and again his reward was a promotion—this time a full-level jump to Staff Supervisor.

Don Liebers, like many young men, is impatient to make things happen for his company and himself. There are few places where such restlessness is more welcomed or rewarded than in the fast-growing telephone business.



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## Around the Campus

A Cappella Choir auditions will begin next week for those interested in joining the choir next semester. Those who wish to audition should see Mr. Dewey Camp in his office in the Chapel, Room 2.

Jane Sloan will speak to Wesley Fellowship this Sunday on her experiences on Crossroads Africa. All are invited for breakfast and the following program which begins at 9:15 at the Methodist Church.

The department of modern languages attended the Modern Language Association and American Association of Teachers of French, German, Spanish and Slavic Languages conference in Chicago during the Christmas holidays. Dr. Gunda Kaiser attended a

meeting of the Chairmen of Modern Language Departments at the University of Michigan on behalf of the Michigan Scholars Program. Kalamazoo, Albion, Hope, Calvin and Alma are the colleges in the Michigan Scholars Program for students going into college teaching.

### Library Flames

continued from page 1 was done to the building.

One of the firemen examining the building fell down to the first floor. Meyer said that apparently he didn't have a flash light and dropped eight feet. The night watchman estimated that he fell closer to fourteen feet. He was not severely injured but was taken to the hospital for observation.



# Alma Takes Second Behind Calvin

## Cagers Down Comets For Second MIAA Win

Victory number four for the Scots came at the expense of Olivet College Monday night at Phillips Gymnasium. Alma's basketball five downed the Comets 87-81, bringing the Scots' MIAA record to 2-1.

The Scots opened a commanding lead in the first half behind the balanced scoring of Bill Pendell, Ray Moore, Bud Acton, and Tom Miller. From a 52-37 halftime lead, Acton whipped in Alma's next 10 points before Pendell's dunk shot gave the Scots their biggest lead of the game, 22 points, with 14 minutes left in the game.

Olivet bounced back when guard Ed Donaldson countered with 13 straight points, most at long range. The Comets pecked away at the Scot lead and moved to an 85-81 deficit with a minute to play. But John LaRue's lay-in with 13 seconds left, iced the game for Alma.

Again it was Acton leading the Scot scoring, bombing in 29 points. Pendell tallied 17,

Moore 16, and Miller 11. Donaldson paced Olivets scoring with 25 points and guard Jim Everett added 17.

LaRue, one of the two seniors on the squad, gave indications that his knee is apparently stronger. The 6-5 forward voted the most inspirational player for the past two seasons, started and played most of the game. His return to the lineup was indeed welcomed, especially in the rebounding department.

Freshman Jim Flora came off the bench to cool the hot-shooting Donaldson. The scrappy 5-9 guard did his job well, holding Donaldson to a single basket in the final minutes of the game.

The statistics:

	FG	FTA	FT	PF	TP
Pendell	7	4	3	0	17
LaRue	3	1	0	2	6
Pannier	3	0	0	4	6
Acton	11	12	7	4	29
Moore	7	2	2	3	16
Flora	1	1	0	1	2
Miller	5	1	1	4	11
	37	21	13	18	87

## Scots Meet Britons Tomorrow; Adrian Contest Wednesday To Close Semester Competition

Two important MIAA contests are on the Scots' schedule before the final exam break. Tomorrow night Alma will host the Albion Britons at Phillips Gymnasium and next Wednesday the Scots travel to Adrian. Tomorrow's game will begin at approximately 9 p.m. The Alma High School JVs and varsity will play at 5:30 and 7.

Albion's young ball club had been suffering through a losing season thus far. The Britons have lost to two teams who were losers to the Scots. They lost 74-61 to Eastern Michigan and 89-77 to Hope. Also, they finished fourth in the Marshall Holiday Tourney.

Last year the Britons split in two contests with Alma. The Scots won 74-54 here, and lost 84-75 in two overtimes at Albion. In the latter game Briton forward Jerry Chandler tallied 27 points. He is the only senior for Albion, which features 6-7 Bruce Brown at center.

Adrian is also a young ball club and has also had its troubles early this year. In last year's encounter the Scots won at home 74-73 on Kurt Schultz's two freethrows, but lost 91-85 at Adrian when Bud Acton was out of action because of injury.

The Bulldogs feature several tall youngsters on their squad and will be looking for the upset Wednesday night.

Not including the Kalamazoo game, the Scots had scored 577 points in seven games for a 82.4 average, and had given up 567 points, an 81.0 average.

Acton was leading scorer with 170 points for a 24.3 average. Bill Pendell had totaled 118 for a 16.9 average, while Ray Moore had scored 108 for a 15.4 average, and Tom Miller 91 for a 13.0 average. Other scorers had been Craig Pannier with 42, John LaRue with 16, Kurt Schultz with 14, Jim Flora with 9, and Bill Nichols with 3. In MIAA action Acton leads with 79 points (26.3 avg.), Pendell with 58 (19.3 avg.), Moore 47 (15.8 avg.), and Miller 45 (15.0 avg.)

### PLACEMENT CASEMENT

All those planning on taking student teaching either the first or second semester of the 1964-65 college year are reminded by Dr. Harlan McCall that applications must be submitted to the Education Department before the end of the present semester. Application forms may be picked up in the Education Office.

## Acton Scores 31 Points To Defeat K - Zoo

All fired up and moving towards the MIAA lead, Alma's cagers pulverized Kalamazoo 101-75 Wednesday night at Kalamazoo. It was the Scots third straight win and brought the league record to 3-1, close behind Calvin's 3-0 mark.

Coach Hintz's crew tore Kalamazoo's defense to pieces, many times scoring at will. The Scots sizzled the nets at a 63% shooting clip in the second half, moving from a 52-41 halftime lead.

Once again "Action" Bud Acton led all scorers with 31

points, while clearing the boards 21 times. Five other Scots were in double figures, including freshman Craig Pannier's fine 19 point effort.

The statistics:

	FG	FTA	FT	P	TP
Pendell	8	1	1	4	17
LaRue	7	0	0	4	10
Pannier	5	4	3	2	19
Acton	14	7	3	3	31
Moore	4	4	4	2	12
Flora	0	3	1	0	1
Miller	3	6	5	1	11
	42	25	17	16	101

## Shots in the Dark

by Jim Maritz

Road games spell trouble for most college basketball teams, and the Scot cagers are no exception. The record certainly proves so. Last year the Scots were 7-3 at home and 5-6 on the road. So far this season is following suit. The Scots are 3-1 at Phillips Gymnasium and 1-2 on foreign courts (not including Wednesday's game).

But that first road victory, if nothing else, was a moral one for the Scots. Trailing by ten points with five minutes remaining, Coach Hintz's chargers roared back to win by four, 90-86. The win brought the pre-Christmas vacation record to 3-3 against some of the toughest teams on the schedule.

Bud Acton, to say the least, was the outstanding player of the game. The former prep All-Stater from Troy gave a 110% effort in that game.

On the ride to Ypsilanti it was almost as cold inside the bus as it was outside. Everyone was still shivering from the coldness when the game began, and it was obvious that Bud was affected. The way he was sneezing and coughing in the dressing room before the game, at halftime, and after the game, you would wonder how he could ever make it to the basketball court. Yet, the big center wheeled and dealt for 40 points and grabbed 20 rebounds. He hit 58% of his floor shots (18 of 31) and 4 of 7 free throws, while committing only 2 personal fouls.

Incidentally, Acton's 40-point effort ties the modern school scoring record established by Ray Moore last year against Kalamazoo. But it is shy of the all-time school record. Keith Carey scored 46 points in 1940 against Adrian to set the standard. Carey, who led the Scots to a second place MIAA finish in '40 and an undefeated title in '41, now coaches at Midland High School. And in case you didn't know, that 1941 team posted a 22-3 record, winning 21 in a row and earning a berth in the national intercollegiate tournament at Kansas City. Who says Alma doesn't have a basketball tradition?

Intramural basketball is nearing an exciting climax in both A and B league play. If these games are as exciting as the regular season ones, you can bet there will be a lot of action at Memorial Gymnasium.

Having 28 teams and 3 leagues has made for a strong intramural program. The A league features four independent and four Greek teams. A close race for the top proves the balance in this league. The B leagues have also had their close games, with independent teams on top of both divisions.

The Faculty team in A league has added even more interest to the games this year. Although winless, they have given everyone a run for their money and have proven that basketball is not just a game for the younger generation.

The officiating has at times left something to be desired and at other times been quite well considering few intramural referees are professionals. Those refs who are trying to do their best at calling the action and knowing the rules deserve a break from the players and the fans, especially in the coming tournament games. But we also deserve the right to demand that referees not be biased or lackadaisical about their jobs, and that they know the rules. And this should apply to all other intramural sports as well.

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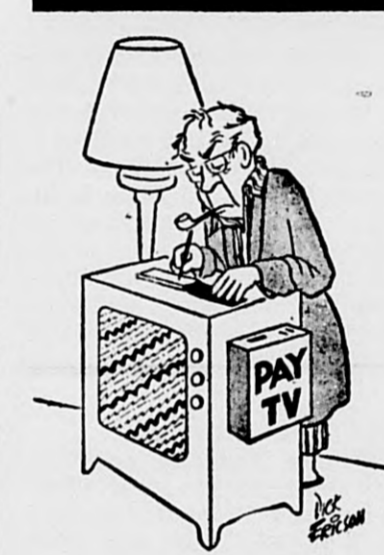
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