

# Students Evaluate 3-3 Plan

After one year of experience, students at the University of Northern Iowa are evaluating the 3-3 plan. The plan, which was implemented in 1964, allows students to complete their undergraduate degrees in three years and their graduate degrees in three years. The plan is designed to provide a more efficient and economical way of earning a doctorate.

The plan is being evaluated by a committee of students and faculty members. The committee will report on the plan's effectiveness in the next few months. The plan is being evaluated in terms of its impact on the student body, the faculty, and the university's finances.

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### Allegro Ballet Here In Tuesday Concert

The Allegro Ballet, directed by the late, well-known dancer and choreographer, will present a concert of classical and modern ballets in the University Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

The concert will feature a variety of ballets, including the Allegro, the Bolshoi, and the Royal Opera House. The Allegro Ballet is one of the most prominent ballet companies in the world.



Photo showing scene from film 'The Comedy'.

### Film Shows Varied Comedy

The film 'The Comedy' is a varied comedy that features a number of well-known actors. The film is a collection of short stories that are both funny and touching. The film is a must-see for anyone who enjoys a good comedy.

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### Coffee House Located In Basement Of Pub

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a peek at the world . . .



# cultured experiment . . .

We recognize the impracticality of presenting high quality, and hence high priced, cultural events on a campus of our size. The Cultural Affairs Committee has attempted two experiments to make it possible for Alma students to enjoy the cultural advantages of larger cities and campuses.

One of these experiments is the appearance of the American Allegro Ballet at the Alma High School next Tuesday. Through the co-sponsorship of Tyler Board and the Cultural Affairs Committee, Alma will have the opportunity to witness the performance of this outstanding dance company. This co-sponsorship arrangement sets the precedent for cooperation between a student group and a faculty-student committee.

More significantly, if the American Allegro Ballet can acquire its budget through the sales of tickets alone, the

Committee would be encouraged to secure talent of this caliber again. Possibly if the experiment is a success a Broadway musical could be brought to Alma.

Evidence of another experiment is the list in Tyler including 13 outstanding performances at Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Detroit which are offered to students at half-price and free transportation. This opportunity is possible due to a grant of \$1000 to the Cultural Affairs Committee. Again if there is a large enough interest shown, further development will be encouraged.

We are grateful to Cultural Affairs Committee for bringing more cultural events within reach of students by attempting to do more than its budget will allow and through its boldness in planning off-campus events.

# good evening . . . hall . . .

In a communication-centered country like ours the telephone is an indispensable item. It makes life easier by eliminating wasted time and by facilitating closer relationships with loved one near or far. People in the USA use the telephone for everything, no matter how small or trivial is that which they need. There are few places remaining in the United States that cannot be easily reached by telephone.

Here at Alma, however, we sometimes wonder if perhaps we aren't one of those few remaining outposts lacking telephone communication with the outside world. Or is it merely the world of another dorm?

In the evening, every evening, the tele-

phone lines here at Alma really jingle. Men students calling women students, women students calling men, faculty calling students (any sex will do) and of course the ever-present long-distance telephone call that doesn't get through.

The increasing number of unanswered calls and those that have been inadvertently cut off by dorm switchboard operators has long past the point of tolerance. The question now remains, are these problems caused by overworked switchboard of a negligent switchboard operator?? Whatever the case may be, we hope that improvements shall be made in the very near future.

Dear Editor:

To those who have voiced opinions about the convocation program for this term, I say thanks. Thanks, too, to the almanian for your support of the program. The Cultural Affairs Committee welcomes expressions of considered opinion—whether favorable or not—from all students and faculty members. These will help materially in our evaluation of the present experiment.

Conversations with students and observations of student practice move me to make these three observations:

1. The Academic Standards Committee has stated the minimum attendance requirement in pretty clear language. In how many ways can one reasonably interpret the statement: "Each student is required to attend two of the programs in Series A and two of the programs in Series B"? To those who take this to mean a total of three programs, I can say only that not even an appeal to the new math is likely to be very convincing at this point.

2. Each student is expected to use the admission tickets he has for the programs he selected. The extent to which students are failing to do this is already threatening to subvert the arrangement which enabled each student to choose his four

programs. For example, 12 percent of those who had tickets for Dr. Crane's convocation failed to use them. That fact and the problems created by that kind of performance will have to weigh heavily in any evaluation of the experiment under way this term.

3. Nearly all questions students have asked about the convocation program are answered in the brochure 'the Cultural Affairs Committee published at the beginning of the term. Copies are still available at the Information Booth in Tyler.

Yours truly,  
Wesley C. Dykstra

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all of the students who worked on the Snow Carnival. The response to the various activities connected with it was wonderful. The spirit of the campus seemed greater than it had ever been before.

All of the Snow Sculptures were good—despite the fact that most of us had never seen them before. I would also like to thank everyone for their attendance at the dance. The band really enjoyed playing for all of us.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable week-end. Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Sue Seeley  
General Chairman

# Council Hears Reports And Considers Boycott

Under old business, the Student Council passed an amendment to a motion that makes up to \$30.00 available to the International Club for the Student International Night. The actual amount to be given will be decided by the council President.

Under new business the council considered the attempted boycott of the evening meal Tuesday. While the boycott received little support, the Council desires to know why the attempt was made. It was emphasized that if students have complaints or desire to see changes made they should use the proper channels of communication rather than attempting spontaneous protests which in most instances achieve very little.

Council President Bill Brown announced the appointment of Earl Newland as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. The Committee is at present investigating complaints about icy sidewalks, the lights in the stacks of the library, and student parking.

Other business included committee reports. The Academic Affairs Committee reported that it will hold another discussion February 2, at 6:45 p.m. in Tyler. The subject of the discussion will be women's per.

The International Affairs Committee reported that there will be a Conference on Civil Rights at the University of Michigan on February 4 and 5. Also the Political Activities Committee is presenting two movies, Why Viet Nam? and U.S. Soviet Relations on February 2.

Tyler Board is sponsoring a winter trip to Grayling on February 5. The winter formal dance has been canceled.

A report was received from Mike Trout that the basement of the Pub is being converted to a coffee house. This is being done by a group of interested students. They are interested in knowing the extent of student support for the project and they need chairs and lamps and tables to furnish the basement.

# That Man In The White House

by D. Merit

Next to the Red Baron, who is the best known man in the country? L.B.J. of course! It is only natural then that we should pay small tribute to the man who is singlehandedly saving us from that worst of all possible evils: Republicanism. The following then, are very little in the way of tribute to L.B.J.:

Lyndon and Lady Bird were strolling along the Potomac when the President inquired, "Bird, are there any press or Secret Service men around?" "No honey," she replied. "Good," he said, "Then let's try that walking on the water stuff one more time!"

When pricing cemetery plots in Texas, LBJ was shown one for \$12,000. "That's too much," said

the President. "After all, I only aim to use it three days."

A Texas State Trooper was reported to have flagged down a speeding, cream-colored Lincoln Continental, only to recognize L.B.J. behind the wheel. "Oh, my God!" cried the Trooper. "That's right, sonny," drawled the President, "and don't you forget it."

A very generous man, Johnson presented an autographed picture of himself to Pope Paul, on the latter's recent visit to this country. Accepting the Pope's thanks, Lyndon replied, "I'm glad you like it, Paul. Please feel free to hang it anywhere in the Sistine Chapel you'd like."

West Germany's Ludwig Er-

hard startled the President on a recent visit when he remarked, "Mr. Johnson, I understand that you were born in a log cabin." "Oh, no," replied L.B.J. "You're thinking of Abe Lincoln. I was the one born in a manger."

A man of his word, Lyndon promised me before the last election that if I voted for Goldwater we would be in a war in Viet Nam within a year. Sure enough, I did. And we are.

In spite of all the precautions taken by his advisors, even Mr. Johnson will occasionally commit a faux pas. Bidding the Pontiff farewell as he was boarding the plane, Lyndon yelled one last wish. "Have a good journey, Paul, and next time try and bring your wife."

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 28—Friday	7:30 p.m.	Film—"Under the Yum Yum Tree"	Dow Auditorium
January 29—Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Film—"Under the Yum Yum Tree"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Basketball at Michigan Lutheran Alpha Phi Omega Dime Dance	Tyler Auditorium
January 30—Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Karen Stearns, mezzo soprano	Dunning Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	International Film Series—"Italian Straw Hat"	Dow Auditorium
February 1—Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	The Alexro American Ballet	Alma High School Auditorium
February 2—Wednesday		Basketball at Ferris State	
February 4—Friday	7:00-11:30 p.m.	McDuck All Campus Party	McDuck House
	7:30 p.m.	Film—"The Intense"	Dow Auditorium
	8:00-12:00 p.m.	Basketball at Detroit Tech Tau Kappa Epsilon Open House	TKE House
February 5—Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Film—"The Intense"	Dow Auditorium
	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	International Affairs Forum	Library
	8:00-12:00 p.m.	Wright Hall Dance	Tyler Auditorium

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# Music Workshop Draws Many Skilled Musicians

Last Saturday Dr. Leo Sowerby, eminent American composer, was guest leader and conductor at the Fifth Annual Church Music Workshop sponsored by the Department of Music. At 4 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Sowerby conducted the A Cappella Choir in the performance of his cantata, "The Ark of the Covenant." Mr. Loren Jones of East Lansing and Mr. Rudolf Strukoff of Grand Ledge, sang the tenor and baritone solos. Miss Miriam Bellville was the organist.

Corliss R. Arnold, Music Director of Peoples Church, East Lansing, and a member of the music faculty of Michigan State University, who led a session on Youth Choirs. Dr. Ernest Sullivan and Mr. James Upton of the music faculty led sessions in Choral Repertoire and Instrumental Repertoire for the Workshop Service respectively. Miss Bellville was workshop chairman and Dr. Paul Russell was Workshop co-ordinator.

Sowerby's works include orchestral, vocal, choral and organ compositions. Currently he is director of the College of Church Musicians at Washington Cathedral, Washington, D.C. Other leaders included Dr.

### Placement Casement

The following businesses and industries will have representatives on campus on the dates specified. Any seniors interested in job opportunities with these concerns should make appointments for interviews through the Placement Office. Job descriptions are available from the placement office.

- Wednesday, Feb. 2—Manufacturers Ins. Co.
  - Thursday, Feb. 3—J. L. Hudson Co.
  - Wednesday, Feb. 9—Federal Mogul Corporation.
  - Thursday, Feb. 10—Y.W.C.A., Dept. of Int'rio, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
  - Friday, Feb. 11—John Hancock Insurance Co.
- The following school systems will have representatives on campus on the dates specified to interview prospective teachers. Specific job openings listed on bulletin board Old Main. Make interview appointments through placement office.
- Friday, Feb. 4—Swartz Creek Public Schools.
  - Monday, Feb. 7—Grand Rapids Public Schools.
  - Tuesday, Feb. 8—Fraser Public Schools.
  - Thursday, Feb. 10—Midland Public Schools.



# Snow Carnival 1966



Patty Marshall —  
1966 Snow Carnival Queen



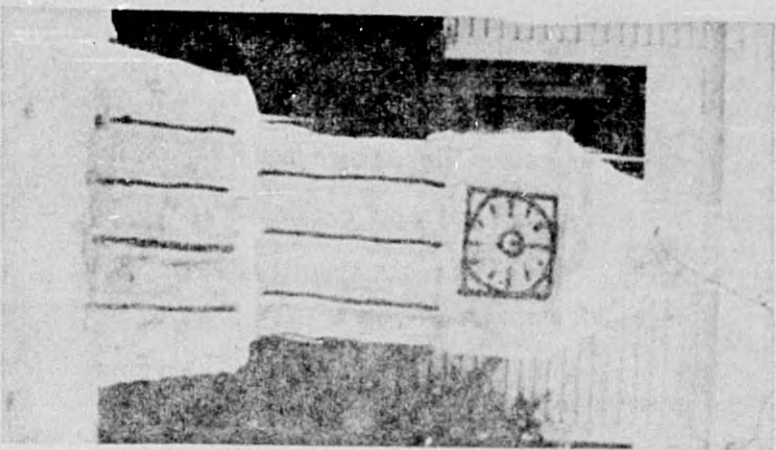
First Prize—Men's Division  
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Kandi Norris —  
1965 Snow Carnival Queen



Students eagerly attack a pile of snow, transforming it into a sculpture for the Snow Carnival.

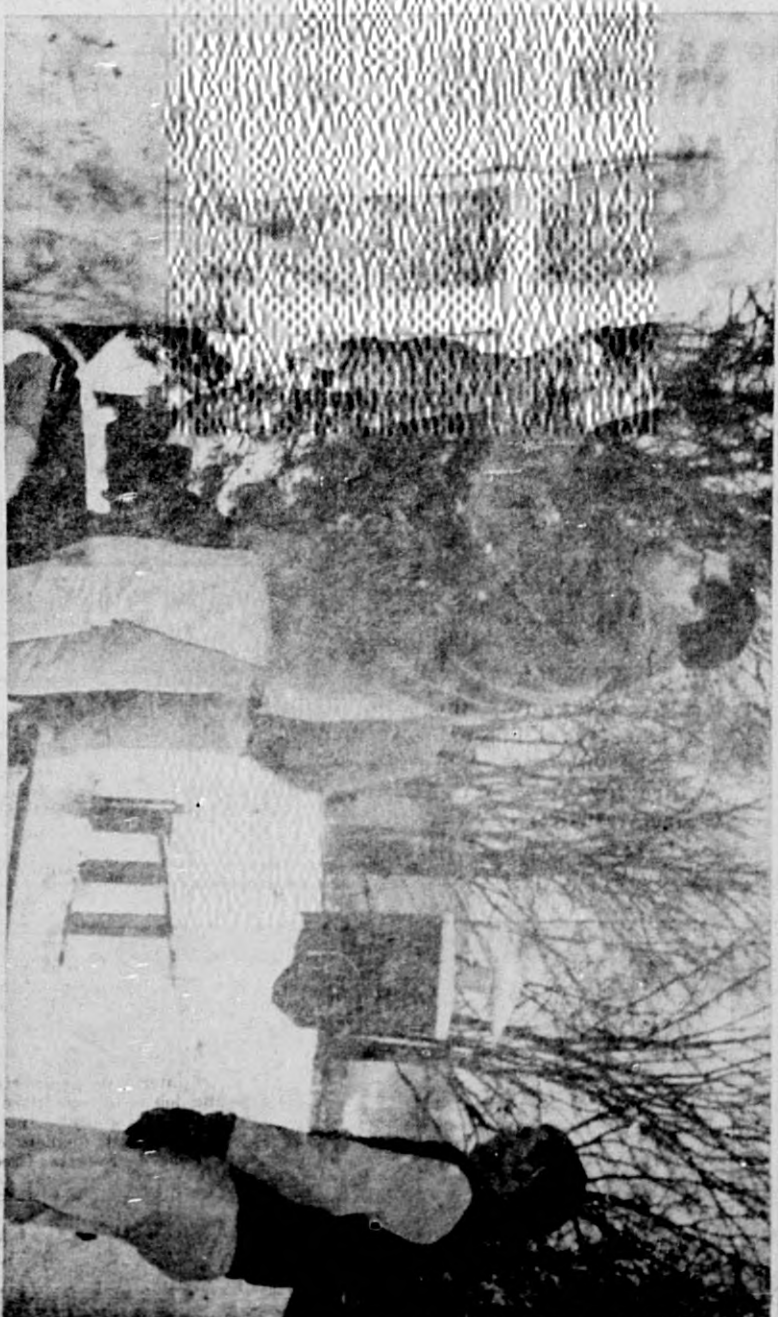


Big Ben  
Sigma Tau Gamma House



Redin's "The Thinker"  
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Mitchell Hall men add finishing touches to their snow sculpture — a beer mug.

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# Pioneer Hall-Versatile Dormitory

by Leslye Hofmeyer

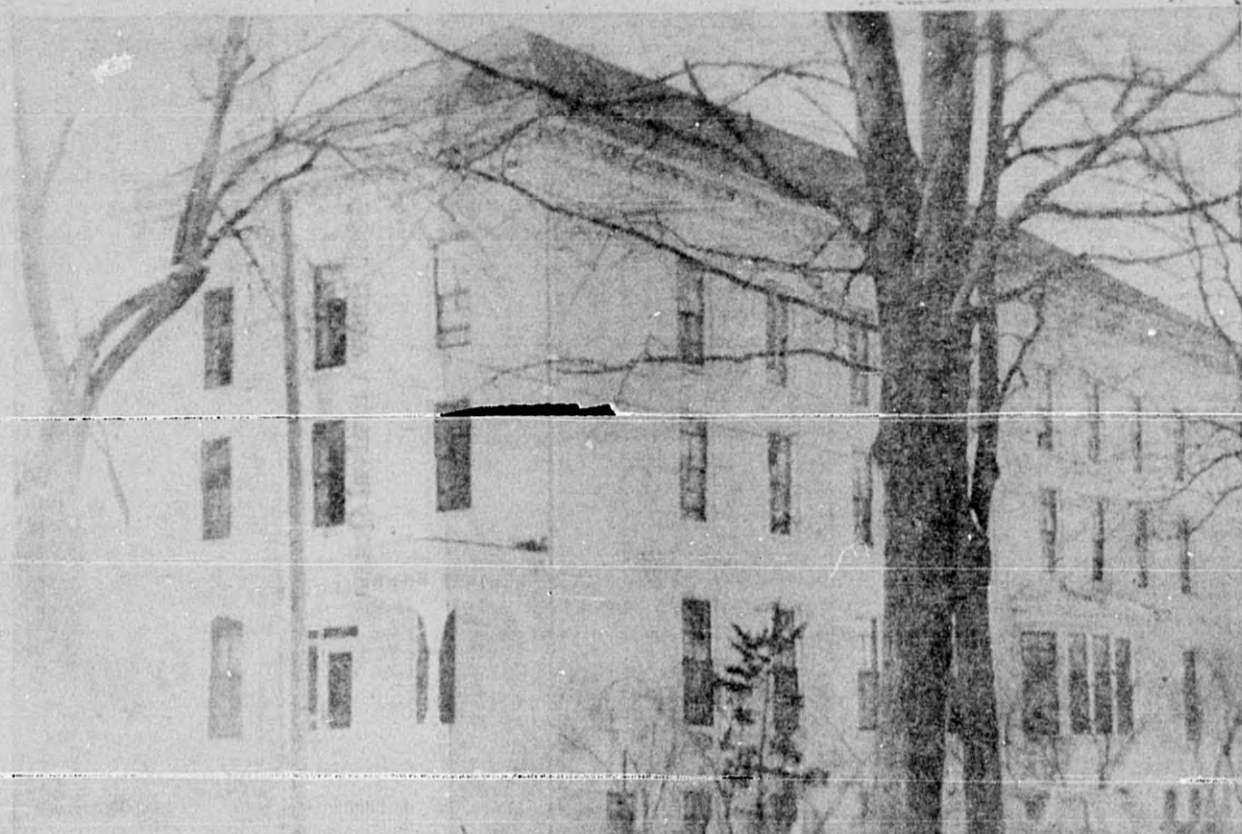
Stand up, women of Pioneer Hall! You're living in "The Abode of the Blest" according to one ancient pamphlet in the library archives. Pioneer was here before there was a college called Alma.

It was one of the two original buildings on the tract of land donated by Mr. A. W. Wright. In the beginning it was a women's residence hall—a "Young Ladies' Finishing School." When Wright Hall was completed in 1902, the ladies' "sashayed out"

and the "gents" in.

For the next sixty years, the building was occupied by men who had not "been denied the inestimable advantage of calling Pioneer Hall their bunking place, during their sojourn at Alma" and who were therefore not "predestined to enter upon life's problem's with a serious handicap."

In 1917, a strange sight could be seen around this dorm. "Basket after basket of laundry was being conveyed somewhere" in preparation for an open house.



Very efficient!

Along with this description was the following statement: "We all know the first laws of efficiency and men are efficiency, personified. The doctrine of efficiency is a modern off-shoot of the doctrine of total depravity."

Part of the fun of life in the dorm was taking people on tours, especially your "friends." At one point, the guide ordered an abrupt left-face. This brought

into view the "so-called fountain in that part of the hall which gave many a bath to the unsuspecting gentleman students and faculty members."

One could say the same type of fun goes on today. Or it did in 1962, when some of the freshmen men flooded the second floor. Since that year the women have occupied the dorm.

There have been various reactions to the building. In 1921, it "has outlived its usefulness

and must either be replaced or rebuilt." 1938—"not even a tenement." Renewal, renovation, and rebuilding have gone on since these epithets were written. Now the hall is hale and hearty.

Pioneer Hall is a long way from the apple grove that it stood in eighty years ago. It is now among the buildings in the grove of learning, a moment of the past and a marker of the way—a part of Alma's long tradition.

## Psi Chi Provides Seminars And Fun

by Carol Watkins

Down in the basement of Old Main, the rats sit in their cages longing for the good old days of mousetraps, when a fellow didn't need to wonder whether he was getting a drop of water or an electric shock for dinner.

How would you like it if Saga Foods riveted you with a hundred volts every time you picked up a tray?

But the psychology department produces much more than neurotic rats. Psychology Honorary, otherwise known as Psi Chi, is an organization that seems to be the department's best agent for keeping up with new development in a science as dynamic as today's rocketry.

"I once bought a fifteen-dollar psych textbook for a course, and when I tried to sell it back to the Varsity Shop, I got fifty cents for it!" remarked Jane Whitney, senior and president of Psi Chi. "So many new things had happened since then in psychology that it was completely outdated. That's how fast psych is changing!"

So how does Psi Chi act as an agent to keep up? Several years ago Dr. Henry Klugh instigated the annual paper-reading session, whereby psychology students from colleges all over Michigan are invited to come and give an oral report on the results of any original research.

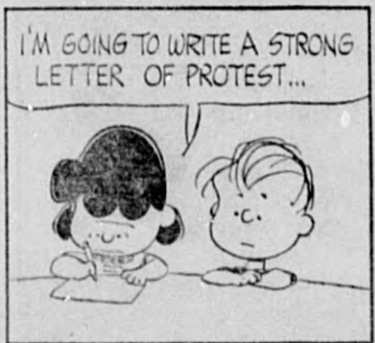
"They usually have all kinds of charts and diagrams; it's always interesting," Jane commented. "This year we've set a tentative date of April 2 for our session. All students are welcome to attend the speeches."

Psi Chi also receives notices of various seminars and conventions in psychology occurring at the larger schools such as Michigan State and University of Michigan; often Alma sends a delegation of students and thus isn't kept in the backwoods to latest developments.

Dr. Gordon Henley stated that the qualifications for membership in Psi Chi are as follows: the student must be in the upper third of his class in regard to his overall academic average, and must have taken at least three psych courses. (He may be enrolled in the third.)



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# College Acquires 80-Acre Farm



An exchange of papers between John B. Landon, left, of Pontiac and Guile J. Graham, director of college and community relations at Alma College, resulted in transfer of an 80-acre centennial farm

to the College in exchange for an annuity agreement. Contemplated sale of the property will eventually make it possible for additional students to obtain financial aid for attending Alma.

John B. Landon, grandson of the Michigan pioneer John N. Landon, has given his 80-acre farm on Oak Hill Road, midway between Flint and Pontiac, to Alma College as an investment in an annuity agreement.

The property has been in the Landon family for more than a century.

Funds from the contemplated sale of the property by the college will eventually establish the Landon Scholarship Fund to help countless students finance their studies at Alma in the future.

"I picked up many Indian arrowheads in that field back there," Landon remembered while showing the site to Alma College officials at the time that he gave the property to the institution.

Landon explained that along a nearby ridge was an old Indian trail and that near it was a grove of willows frequented by deer. The arrowheads that he and his father found in the field were undoubtedly those that had missed their marks when the Indians shot at the animals.

Timber from the farm was taken by Charles Landon to a nearby mill and cut up for use in the plank road to Saginaw—now the Dixie Highway—just west of the property.

Landon, who now lives at 1175 Whittier in Pontiac, said that his grandfather came to Michigan from Connecticut in 1847 and built a two-room loft house on the homestead. The following year he was joined by the rest of the family and they used the log structure until a larger home was built. The old home was destroyed by fire on Valentine's Day, 1942, Landon recalled, and at that time a tenant home was moved to a more prominent position on the farm for use of his family.

When Landon was a boy, his father bought a drug store on Grand River Ave. below Trumbull St. in Detroit and the family moved there.

"We had a little trouble with the tenants on the farm," Lan-

don said. "Dad had to take legal steps to get them off the property when he retired and came back to the farm."

"They'd lived on the property so long they figured they owned it" he said. "We had a large apple orchard and the tenants had to give us apples, eggs and a share of the pigs in return for use of the property."

Landon recalls that when the 4-H movement began in Oakland County he was involved in the work with rural youth. "We had an advantage in the competition with exhibitors from other counties," he said, "because we had an earlier start and so for about four years were always ahead of the others."

Landon, a graduate of Alma College, also earned a B.D. degree from Auburn Theological Seminary, attended the University of Michigan for a year and Wayne State University for a year.

Before retirement he was a public school teacher. He met his wife, Iva M., also a teacher, at a little one-room school next to the property that he gave to the college. She was teaching there at the time. The Landon's son, Bryce, is also studying for a career in education.

## German Instructor Compares German, American College

by David Schwalm

There has been some question regarding a tall youthful person appearing on Alma's campus this year. Is he a student or is he a professor?

The question of Mr. Rainer Huppe's status has been resolved. He is an assistant instructor of German, teaching this year on our campus.

Huppe attended Erlangen University near his home in Soehnthofen, Bavaria. While attending the University, Huppe studied English, Latin, Old Greek, History and Theory of Education.

During his years in High School, the school concentrated its curriculum on science and mathematics. The last year in a German High School is equivalent to the sophomore year in a United States college.

Huppe belonged to the Rhenania Fraternity while attending Erlangen. German fraternities have Latinized names, from the districts of a country, thus Rhenania is named after the Rhineland in Germany.

Originally the students would gather together in groups from the same district to live in the same building while attending a University.

The fraternities were named after the students' home districts rather than Greek letters. The fraternities have a two or three colored ribbon rather than a crest.

There are about 20 fraternities at Erlangen. There are no sororities in Germany, the women being allowed to attend fraternity parties by invitation. Their parties serve the equivalent of American social mixers and social functions in general.

Huppe's hobbies are skiing, which he learned in his native state, Bavaria, and swimming during the summer.

While at Erlangen University Huppe enjoyed attending the

Theater. Near the University is an old castle, part of which has been gradually converted into the place where the plays are held.

There is no definite theater group, but actors from all parts of Europe come to the castle to participate in plays.

The German Universities place a great emphasis on self-

## Branden Speaks On Ayn Rand

Nathaniel Branden will lecture on "Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, at the Jack Tar Hotel, Capitol Room C, in Lansing. This is the first in a series of twenty tape-transcribed lectures on Objectivism to be given weekly in Lansing. Admission is \$2.25 for adults and \$1.75 for students.

Branden's lecture will deal with such issues as: What is Philosophy—The Bankruptcy of Today's Culture—The Nature of Objectivism.

Nathaniel Branden is the founder and president of Nathaniel Branden Institute, an organization which offers lectures on Objectivism, the philosophy of Ayn Rand. He is the author of *Who Is Ayn Rand?* a study of the works of Ayn Rand from the standpoint of ethics, psychology and esthetics, and is co-editor, with Miss Rand, of *The Objectivist*, a monthly journal of ideas. In addition, Branden contributed several articles to *The Virtue of Selfishness*, a collection of essays by Ayn Rand, published by New American Library.



Mr. Rainer Huppe

responsibility. There are no dorms, all students live off campus.

The exams have been reduced to the necessary minimum and to be eligible for higher classes, a student must pass a proficiency test in the prerequisite subjects.

Huppe believes that life is at a slower pace in Germany, it is more "gemutlich," or is slowly and comfortably enjoyed.

When asked how he liked American girls as compared to German girls, Huppe replied with a grin, "I have been in America only a short time and I am still an observer."

## Faculty Travels To Bay City

This Friday evening and Saturday, Dr. Paul Russell and Miss Miriam Bellville will be adjudicators for the Bay Music Competition to be held in Bay City. There will be competition in piano, organ, voice and all band and orchestra instruments. Russell and Miss Bellville are members of the Alma College music faculty.

## NSA Offers Summer Jobs In Europe

The non-profit U.S. National Student Association is offering opportunities for students to live and work in Switzerland and Germany. This experience makes it possible to meet the people of the country and learn to speak the language fluently.

The jobs available in these countries are unskilled jobs in industry, hotels, farms, households and construction. The placement fee of \$75 covers accommodations and meals for a compulsory 2½-day orientation program upon arrival which includes lectures, briefings, and an introductory tour of the area.

Applicants must be 18 years old, currently enrolled in a recognized college and must be able to understand and speak some German or French. No applications will be recognized after March 15.

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# Two Convos Feature Dr. Stringfellow Barr

by Marcia Euhl and David Schwalm  
Dr. Stringfellow Barr spoke Monday night in the Alma Chapel. Barr is a noted educator, historian and author of several books.

During the course of his lecture Barr defined the goal of a contemporary liberal arts college as the ability of a student to learn to read, preferably in more than one tongue and to read the "real stuff." In addition a graduate should be able to write well enough to be able to send a paper to the printer without his having heart failure.

Dr. Barr maintained that the liberal arts college doesn't do that today; that the modern colleges teach a multitude of subject matters which have become substituted for a learning of the use of symbols.

One cure for this problem would be to attempt to get the students to read things that are not readable, that a student would learn ideas and learn to respect ideas by coming into contact with real ideas.

A main point of the lecture seemed to be that a modern college will teach that which the generation of people immediately preceding the student's generation thought important.

Although Barr seemed to skirt the subject he also seemed to be asking "Just what are modern colleges trying to teach today?" Evidently the answer lies in his revision of the college curriculum at St. John's University in Annapolis, Maryland. He abolished the elective system, inter-collegiate athletics and fraternities and established an all-required four-year course of studies with a heavy emphasis on science and mathematics.

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wham! you're in another course."

Jha Snyders, senior from Rochester, "The 3-3 plan is like a new toy. It is fun when you first get it. Its biggest advantage is that I can get out of here early. I have more study time, but I don't feel that is all the 3-3's doing. I just don't have any labs, and one of my classes just isn't worth going to. The fractional courses are my biggest disappointment. One puts as much time into a fractional course as a full unit, but still doesn't get full credit; i.e., the music courses. It seems that the professors seem confused as to how to cram so much into less time without boring the students with five hours of lecture a week, consequently in some classes I work twice as hard and in others I get sick of five days in a row. As variety is lacking, so also is the spice. And what happened to Easter vacation? Would you believe a 4-4 plan?"

Cherie Kleinschmidt, junior from Grosse Pointe says, "My main objection to the system is that if you ever get behind in your classes you can never catch up because new work is required for each class period. I like having my vacations free to relax without any worries about papers and tests that are due. I think that the schedule could be better organized so that many of the introductory and courses in sequence could be offered more than one term each year."

Dany Stearns, Riverdale senior believes "As a student teacher I taught from 8-12 every day and also carried two other courses. Student teaching was enough in itself for one term. I do not feel that I did justice to any of my courses because I didn't have enough time. I would recommend that student-teaching be concentrated into one term with no other courses taken at the same time. However (as I view the student on my corridor as an R.A.) I think the 3-3 is more conducive to learning than the semester program."

## Tuesday - Rome

Based partly on his experience in Rome where he completed a history of Hellenic culture, Barr presented his second convocation entitled "The Man in the Gray Flannel Toga" Tuesday morning.

The distinguished historian noted the lack of creativity in the ancient Romans. Although he saw the Romans as being envious of the Greeks, he pointed out that the Romans employed Greek sculptors, painters, and architects and also read Greek philosophy, particularly Stoicism. Through this philosophy the Romans could see themselves as the fearless soldiers who always came back for another battle.

It was by the use of force, Barr said, that the Romans carved out a vast empire from the original small city-state. The power of brute force provided the key to the growth of the Roman Republic. It was this same compulsive obedience to authority that bred boredom in Roman society.

Although the Roman Empire was a rich nation at that time, the wealthy society was created for the benefit of the rich, Barr pointed out. The Roman Empire extended law and order for the benefit of the rich, and crucified the poor when they revolted. The land hungry Romans exploited their land resources and money, thus ruining themselves and destroying their empire. The excesses in the rich Roman society led to boredom and eventually their downfall.

Barr suggested that the whole picture of the Romans had been grossly distorted by the ordinary school history books, and for one to get a more realistic picture one should read some Greek history or works by some satirical writers.

In his descriptions of the Roman culture, Barr demonstrated several parallels between that and the present U.S. culture, although most of these parallels were left for the audience to draw.

# Smith Announces New Debate Plans

Dr. Robert W. Smith, speech, has announced the formation of an extra — Collegiate debate program which is to take place this spring. The Department of Speech and Theatre will provide several trophies which will be given to the team, or individual, who is determined by the audience to be the winner.

The topics for the debates are not yet determined, and Smith commented, "two or four persons who are articulate and knowledgeable can debate on any pertinent topic." As examples he suggested debates on Vietnam, women's per and Alma's grading system.

Other topics proposed were "Resolved, that the education of women is fruitless pursuit," or "Should the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan diminish its involvement in higher education." A team which is willing to attack "The Great Society" has already formed and awaits a

team to oppose them, Smith said.

Smith outlined three types of debates which may be held. The first is a debate in which discussion is carried on entirely between the debating teams or persons. The second is parliamentary debate, which allows discussion from the floor at an appointed time. The last, a heckling debate, allows the audience to take a greater part by allowing viewers to offer arguments during the debate.

Smith added, "The purpose of this program is to develop give and take among the students. Anyone is welcome, and the debates will be open to both participants and audiences."

## Several Attend Music Conference

Four Alma students and two faculty members attended the 21st Annual Midwestern Conference of the Michigan Music Educators Association last Friday and Saturday, January 14-15 at Ann Arbor.

Attending the conference were Dr. Ernest G. Sullivan, chair- man and director of the Michigan School Vocal Association; Miss Miriam Bellville, Assistant Professor of Music; Linda Robison, Indiana, senior, Paul Lichau, Saginaw sophomore, John Parsons, Farmington, Connecticut, sophomore, and Judy Olsen, Bloomfield Hills, freshman.

The conference, which was open to all music educators in Michigan and to members of student chapters of the Michigan Educators National Conference, included many lectures, demonstrations, performances, and clinics in various areas of musical instruction. Also included was the presentation, on Friday night, of the Mozart one act comic opera, "The Impresario."

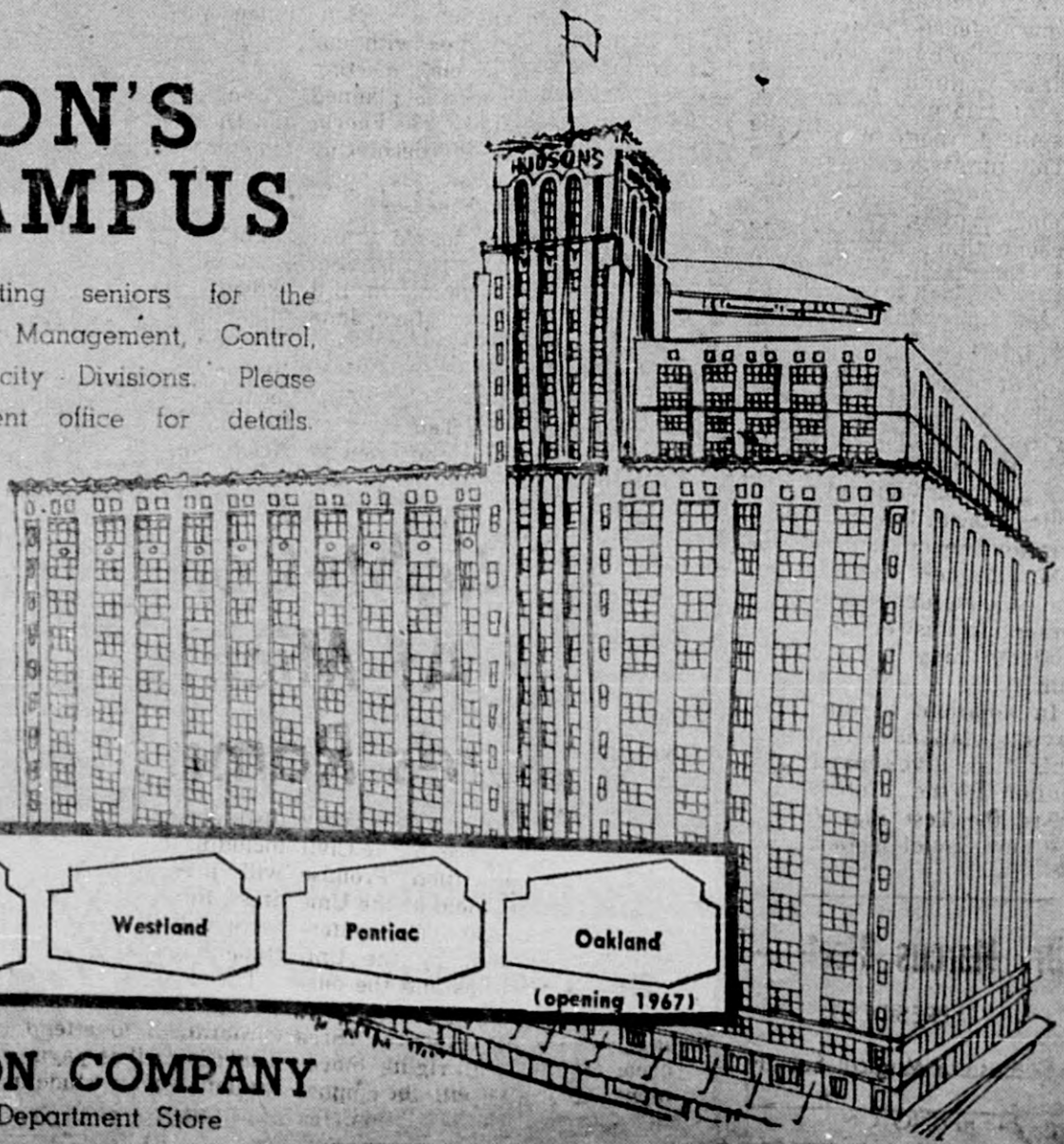
There will be a Student Council sponsored discussion on women's per, Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in Tyler. This discussion will be pertinent to Ad Hoc's investigation, so come and voice your opinion.



Dr. Stringfellow Barr, (left) speaker at last Monday's and Thursday's convocations chats with Dr. Edwin C. Blackburn of the history department.

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