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The Beaux Arts Trio — Daniel Guilet, violin; Manahem Pressler, piano; Bernard Greenhouse, cello.

## Trio Featured At Next Convo

Tuesday at 8 p.m. the College will present the Beaux Arts Trio of New York performing in the Chapel. The trio has been enthusiastically received on three continents — North America, Europe, Africa — during the past few years. The program is presented under auspices of the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Such music notables as Arturo Toscanini, Robert Casadesus,

and Zino Francescatti comment on this ensemble as an "inspiring experience", "the finest trio I have heard in America", and "a great ensemble with great artists." In addition, the Beaux Arts Trio has earned rave reviews from newspapers in London, Berlin, Johannesburg, and New York.

The trio consists of Manahem Pressler (piano), Daniel Guilet (violin) and Bernard Greenhouse (cello). For their concert here the trio will play: Beethoven's TRIO IN E FLAT, OP. No. 1; Ravel's TRIO IN A MINOR; and Brahms' TRIO IN C MAJOR, OP. 87. Their performance of these works has won high praise from famous musicians and music critics.

For Alma College students this program is listed in the Convocation brochure as an event in Series B. Although about 325 students have secured tickets for the concert, there are still tickets available at Tyler Information Booth and tickets will be available at the door.

## College Reading Discontinued In Spring Term

Dr. Samuel Cornelius, dean of the faculty, has announced that there will be no required all-campus reading selection for the spring term.

According to Cornelius the Curriculum Committee, which makes the final choice of reading selections, has felt the need to present a position opposed to that of Galbraith in *The Affluent Society*.

This opposing position will however, be presented by one or two speakers in the term's convocation program, said Cornelius. He added that this policy is aimed at promoting student discussion on the two opposing economic doctrines, since the campus will already have read Galbraith's views by then.

February 26, 10 a.m. and Dow auditorium have been set as time and place for this term's reading selection test. The test is for all students who have not satisfied the reading requirement with their advisors.

## Burkhart Speaks This Sunday

Guest speaker at the 11 o'clock chapel service this Sunday will be Dr. John Burkhart, professor of systematic theology at the McCormick Theological Seminary.



Dr. John E. Burkhart

Burkhart's message will be directed to the new creed, which is currently being debated in the United Presbyterian Church and which is commonly referred to as the "Confession of 1967."

This confession represents the first attempt on the part of the Presbyterian Church to write a new creed since the Westminster Confession was adopted in the mid 17th century in England. The new creed is not designed to replace the Westminster Confession. Rather, the idea is that the new Confession of 1967 would be placed in a book of creeds, including the Apostles and the Nicene creed, and other classic creedal formulations of the Reformation.

Burkhart will be discussing the reasons for and the significance of this new creed which if adopted at the Presbyterian General Assembly in May, will be promulgated in May of 1967. Much spirited discussion and debate is, therefore, taking place in the United Presbyterian Church.

Burkhart, who is a graduate of Occidental College and Union Theological Seminary and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Southern California, will try to give some helpful perspectives on the meaning of this new Confession of Faith.

## Dinner Discussion Highlights Trustee-College Relationship

Last Wednesday evening's dinner discussion meeting with five members of the Board of Trustees provided answers to several questions while posing others. Those attending the meeting included Mr. Reid Brazell, chairman of the Board, Mr. Harold Hartger, Mr. Roblee Martin, Mr. Ben Mills, Dr. Rex Wilcox, and Dean Fred Smith. Students that attended were resident advisors, members of honor societies, several from Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Among the questions that were considered were, How is the Board of Trustees selected and how long are they members of the Board? Trustees are elected by the Synod of Michigan, to serve for a 3-year term on the Board. The trustees are eligible for re-election. Candidates for this honor are nominated by members of the Board. All trustees serve voluntarily and without pay. Most of the work of the Board is done in committees but they do have two regularly scheduled meetings each year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Another question that was considered was, Where does the Board obtain its information of student issues? Brazell replied that information was received from several sources. Among those most important was the administrative and departmental reports at the annual meetings, and the almanian which every trustee receives free of charge. Brazell also said that interested student groups could submit reports if they so desired although it has rarely been done in the past.

When asked how much pressure applied by parents, church or financial backers is responded to by the Board, Brazell replied that "the Board doesn't respond

to pressure groups very well. We will listen but that does not mean that we shall follow their requests."

Brazell went on to say that "Alma College has to have customers; it has to be attractive to parents so they will allow their students to come here. In this way the parents have an influence on the policies of the Board." Students pay only 65% of the cost of their education while the college must rely on private contributions to pay the rest. All students, when they come, know what the rules are. They enter into an agreement with the college, This is a satisfactory condition or else they would never have come in the

first place."

Mr. Harold Hartger commented on restrictive rules. He challenged those students who desire changes in the rules to present their changes in a report. "Sit down and put down all of the factors. Don't ask us what we will do, you determine what you will do. But remember, you cannot have authority without responsibility. Make your case, then present it to the Board and you will get what is proper but not always what you want."

These dinner meetings are sponsored by Dean Smith and will be held once each month. Topics and questions for discussion may be submitted to Dean Smith at any time.

## "Mid-Winter Holiday" To Provide Four-Day Vacation

Students will receive a four-day "mid-winter holiday" with the cancellation of all classes on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 17, 18 and 19, according to a recent announcement by President Swanson.

Swanson explained that experiences of other colleges under the 3-3 Plan indicate this type of mid-term break to be advisable. He stated that, "the question of when such a break should occur seems to depend on the local situation in each case."

"For this reason," said Swanson, "we did not include a second term holiday in our published calendar. We have waited until the time and need for such a holiday appeared to be upon us."

In regard to the advantage of such a holiday, Swanson remarked: "Hopefully this long weekend should serve each of us well. It should provide a break from our normal routine. It should provide time for work, if necessary; for recreation in the real sense of the word. It may even give a little time for us to loaf and invite our souls."

During this holiday the library and laboratories will remain open for students wishing to make use of these facilities. Also, social activities for students remaining on campus "will be determined and arranged by students according to their needs."

As a reminder concerning this vacation Swanson stressed the importance of the Wednesday preceding and Monday following the holiday. During this time, he said, each student has a special obligation to see that he is faithful to his Wednesday commitments and that he is "present and prepared" on Monday.

Swanson concluded in saying: "I am confident that each student whether he leaves the campus or whether he stays, will be able to say on Monday 'that the holiday was a good one and that we are better prepared for the final three weeks of the term because of the way we have spent the time.'"

This holiday is being regarded as an experiment and faculty and student evaluation of the long weekend will determine whether it becomes a regular part of the calendar.

## a peek at the world . . .

The United Nations Security Council has agreed to a full scale debate on the Vietnam war. France and Red China joined North Vietnam in rejecting any direct U.N. intervention in the Vietnam war.

Peking has accused the U.S. of using Hong Kong as a springboard for an attack against the Chinese mainland and as a base of operations for the Vietnamese war.

For two consecutive days U.S. bombers have hit at the port of Ben Thuy, 140 miles north of the South Vietnam border. Immediate assessment of the damage was impossible due to a low overcast.

## CSCA Appoints Joint Faculty Committees

Work of the CSCA (Central States College Association) has entered its second stage with the initiation of a number of faculty committees from the member schools, according to Dean of the Faculty Dr. Samuel Cornelius.

CSCA, composed of Alma and nine other religious-affiliated small colleges and formed last spring, plans to undertake a

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Tickets are presently on sale at the Strand Theater for Sir Lawrence Olivier's performance of Othello, in a Technicolor movie showing this Wednesday and Thursday.

Although there will be no reserve seats, the number of tickets sold will not exceed the seating capacity of the theater. Ticket prices are \$3 for the 2 p.m. afternoon performance and \$1.50 for the 7 p.m. evening performances.

The play is a National Topical production and no speeches have been eliminated from the commonly accepted Shakespearean text of the play by director John Dexter.



Last Wednesday evening's discussion on women's per reached a conclusion which looks like another fruitless effort in the Alma coeds' continuing battle for more liberal rules.

A committee has been formed to bring four suggestions for changes in per before all the women on the campus and poll their opinions. This committee has as its primary objective establishing a later per for women, especially on week-ends.

As we see it, so long as AWS continues to "be empowered to determine the policies governing women students at Alma College" the only way any type of change in women's per will be affected is through this organization. If enough women are willing to stand up and be counted in favor of a later per, or nearly any other policy, at an AWS meeting, it seems as though the older rules would have to yield

to the pressure of these new ideas. A little campaigning beforehand by those favoring a new policy would also help the cause.

Another place where women, or any other students desiring rule or policy changes, may go for action on their proposals is directly to the Board of Trustees. As Mr. Hartger said at Wednesday's discussion with the Board of Trustees (story p. 1), "Make your case and present it to the Board . . ."

Although rule changes may seem more difficult to achieve through either of these organizations, unity and advance planning pushed through the proper channels will surely be more successful in the long run.

If the majority of women on campus want a later per why not bargain for it as a majority, instead of placing the responsibility of everyone on a few?

## Breakfast . . . . .Mush

by Jolly Conine

It isn't easy to walk to breakfast anyway. I mean it's about -30° outside, the sun hasn't even thought about rising, and in fact, there are still stars out, for heaven's sake! When I do get to the Commons the last thing I want to do is talk to anybody, not that I have a voice at seven a.m., anyway.

It's about the time that my Cheerios have finally stopped snapping at me, and my stomach is becoming accustomed to that cold milk, that **The Couple** walks in. It never fails, and even though it ruins my whole day, I have to see if maybe this morning the ritual will change. As they reach the door she takes one long loving look into his

pre-breakfast eyes, and they stumble in clutching each other's waists. Pausing at the tray rack he gallantly executes exercise number one in virility. Without releasing her from his grasp he presents her with a tray. He looks at her with an expression of awe on his left cheek. My Cheerios churn uneasily.

Eating is, of course, pointless now. My remaining Cheerios have sunk to the bottom of the bowl, my milk has soured, and my orange juice has separated. I can't move so I sit and gape.

He helps her off with her coat, scarf, mittens, etc. and they begin to munch from each other's trays. Occasionally he runs his fingers through her hair as she feeds him a fork-ful of scrambled egg. He burps, she giggles,

and I know it's true love.

When I feel well enough to blunder out of breakfast I find myself walking directly behind THEM. The sun, which had bravely begun to rise, sinks into the East! She nibbles his earlobe and he whispers sweet nothings at the side of her head.

When I can stand it no longer I cover my eyes with my hands and make a mad dash past them. That unsettles breakfast a bit, but the improvement in scenery is immeasurable.

It is now almost noon. The sun gathered all its courage into one energetic ball and is nearly overhead. I'm sitting in Newberry lounge, and believe it or not they're still at it. She's nuzzling . . . I can't watch . . . I hope they ask me what I'm writing, I can't wait to tell them.

## Discussion Considers Women's Per

by Margo Siegfried

and Nancy Brown

"Blanket Per is not really what it seems to be." "What is the purpose of Per?" "Why do senior women have to have Per?" "Why can't we have later per on Friday and Sunday nights?" These are some of the issues that were discussed at a Forum held last Wednesday evening in Tyler on Women's Per. This Forum was sponsored by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Council. Its purpose was to present proposals that could possibly alter Per.

Several suggestions were made and a committee was formed to bring these proposals to the attention of all women. This committee is headed by four women: Susie Hunter, Kathy Loe, Jane Stewart and Jane Maynard. Four suggestions were made which the committee plans to put into the form of a poll and send it to all women for their opinions.

The four suggestions are as follows: 1) 12 p.m. Per for Sunday through Thursday nights, 2) 1 a.m. Per for Friday nights, 3) No Per for Senior Women, and 4) Absolute blanket Per. The major objective of this committee

is to implement a later Per, primarily on week-ends. In order to change Per the reasons must have a sound basis.

It was stated at a previous Ad-Hoc meeting, that the college is acting in lieu of parents, therefore there must be a per. It is possible to have changes made if there are enough girls willing, interested and able to work actively to get these changes through the administration. It was brought to everyone's attention that if Per is changed, many of the hours of the social functions would have to be changed also.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I agree with the author of the article, **Good Evening . . . Hall**, which appeared in the January 28 **Almanian**. The telephone is the axle around which revolves U. S. communications. I also agree that unanswered and cut off calls are past the point of tolerance, but beyond these facts the author and I are no longer in agreement. I suggest that the author of that controversial article get a job as a switchboard operator. Then and only then will he realize the other side of the problem.

The author must think that the only duty of the operator is to sit on the edge of their seats and jump at the switchboard when his calls come through. I hate to disillusion him, but the operators also have the duties of answering mail, helping visitors (from on and off campus), giving change, and checking in and out equipment. These duties do not hamper the operators because they can control them, but there are certain uncontrollable things such as eight calls coming through the switchboard at the same time. In such cases the operators are only human. They can answer only so many calls in a given period of time. To complicate matters, there are always the long distance calls where the outside party wants to leave a two page message for the relative they were unable to reach on campus. By the time the message is taken the other calls on the switchboard have hung up.

Should we, the operators, tell the people who want to leave messages that we are unable to do so because we have another call? No! I do not think we should. I believe the solution to the unanswered calls problem lies with the people who make calls that are unanswered. They should have patience and allow the phone to ring until it is answered. If the call is connected to a switchboard it will be answered as soon as the operator is able to get to it. There are times when the phone will have to ring at least a whole minute, maybe even a minute and a half, but I am sure this is not too much to ask of someone who has taken the time to put the call through in the first place.

The other point on which the author and I disagree is the cut off calls. He blames them on the operators and I blame them on our phone system. The signal to an operator telling him that a call is finished is very distinct. It cannot be mistaken for any other signal. Therefore I contend that operators do not cut off calls. I do believe that the system is the culprit. From conversations I have had with professors and head residents I have found that their calls are also cut off at times and their calls are dialed directly, they do not go through any of the switchboards. Another fact which leads me to believe that the system is at fault is the fact that on most any day of the week the General Telephone Company truck can be seen on campus. This company would not come this often just to check up on the system, they are here to repair it.

There is talk of a new system being installed, one similar to that found at Michigan and State, but until such a system is put into operation or the old one improved, I ask that everyone have patience and

permit the operators to do the best they can with the present set up. If the author of that article has any further questions, I invite him to come to me and I will give him the chance to be a switchboard operator so he can see, at first hand, the problems which plague us, the operators.

Yours truly,  
Donald Seager  
Switchboard Supervisor  
Mitchell Hall

Dear Mr. Editor:

Upon reading a portion of Bertrand Russell's book, **Why I Am Not A Christian**, it has struck me that Russell doesn't recognize what Christianity essentially is. In fact, if I were to ask many of us whether we were Christians or not, I'm sure that most of us would answer affirmatively. After all, we have been raised in a "Christian" nation, and here we are in a Christian college. We have gone to church all of our lives, or at least have usually been influenced by the church. Our parents and culture have taught us a moral standard that is Christian, and, really, there are no "bad sins" in our lives. How could we be anything but Christians?

However good any of these things might be, though they do not make one a Christian. Neither does regular church attendance, tithing, baptism, confirmation, feeling like a Christian, working to know God, or any other of the popular means of salvation. Becoming a Christian requires an act of will. It is not a progression of more exalted or consecrated thoughts and motives, but it is a particular event. It changes the destiny of one's life. It puts a new spirit within and eradicates an old, sinful nature.

Becoming a Christian requires much, but rewards the seeker many times over. It requires that you shift your allegiance to Christ, and forsake the old selfish motives that have driven you. Most of all, though, it requires that you admit that you are a sinner, and in need of a Savior. It is at this point that we invariably "get our dander up" and say: "Well maybe I'm no saint, but I'm certainly not that bad!" It wounds our pride to think that we, with our 3.7 g.p.a., our wide circle of friends, our nice wardrobe, our pious self-righteousness is as filthy rags," but this is just what the Bible requires of us, if we are to become real Christians.

We must see ourselves as we really are before we can become Christians, but that is not all for we must also realize that there is nothing we can do to merit the blessings of regeneration. We must realize that cause of God's grace, and only when we ask Christ to take us as we are and become our personal Savior. I must emphasize that it must be an earnest, honest, and personal request. If we do not believe Christ's promises, then the miraculous

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### PLACEMENT CASEMENT

The following businesses and industries will have representatives on campus on the dates specified. Any seniors interested in job opportunities with these companies should make appointments for interviews through the Placement Office.

Wednesday, February 9—Federal Mogul Corporation  
Thursday, February 10—U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Friday, February 11—John Hancock Insurance Co.  
Monday, February 14—Dept. of Social Welfare  
Thursday, February 17—Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.  
Friday, February 18—The Budd Company

School systems scheduled to conduct interviews for teaching candidates are as follows:

Make appointments through Placement Office.

Monday, February 7—Grand Rapids Public Schools  
Tuesday, February 8—Fraser Public Schools  
Thursday, February 10—Midland Public Schools  
Monday, February 14—Diocese of Lansing Schools  
Tuesday, February 15—Warren Consolidated School

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS			
February 4—Friday	7-11:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8-12:00 p.m.	McDuck All Campus Party Film—"The Interns" Tau Kappa Epsilon Open House	McDuck House Dow Auditorium TKE House
February 5—Saturday	7:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	Film—"The Interns" International Affairs Forum Wright Hall Dance	Dow Auditorium Library Tyler Auditorium
February 7—Monday		Basketball at Aquinas	
February 8—Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Beaux Arts Trio (Concert of works by Beethoven, Ravel, and Brahms)	Dunning Chapel
February 9—Wednesday		Basketball at Olivet	
February 11—Friday	7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Gelston Hall Open House Film—"No Man Is An Island" Alpha Phi Omega Party	Gelston Hall Dow Auditorium to be announced Dow Auditorium
February 12—Saturday	7:30 p.m. 9-12:00 p.m.	Film—"No Man Is An Island" Alpha Sigma Tau "Amo Te" Dance	Dow Auditorium Tyler Auditorium

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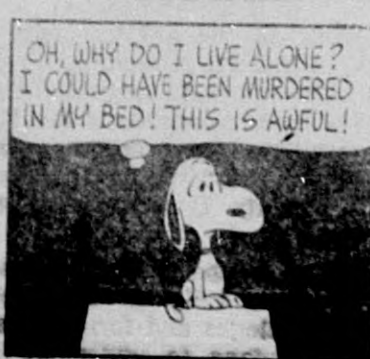


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# Sororities At Alma

by Carol Watkins  
 From one end of the campus to the other, one is bombarded with opinions about the Greeks. Roughly, there are two kinds of approaches: the "I'm keeping my own counsel" approach and the "I'd as soon sell my soul to the devil" approach. This last brand of independent

imagines a sorority as being some mad scientist's neutralizing machine, dump in so many unique, varicolored individuals, and out the other end marches a squadron of dummy-faced robots, all attired in Pink and Gray, or Dark Green.

Seriously, what underlies many an independent's hesitation concerning sororities and fraternities is the fear of somehow losing something of himself under the pressure of a tight-knit social group.

When four understandably partisan people were interviewed with this challenge in mind, their reactions were vigorous and sincere.

"I don't feel that I've lost anything as an individual because of being in a sorority. If anything, one develops more as a person within this framework," said Kathy Karry, Theta president, firmly.

"Actually, a sorority is a maturing thing," commented KI president Carolyn Reid thoughtfully. "Almost a beyond-college experience, I mean you watch the kids grow as they come in; the ones who were always followers learn the position of a leader. The kids used to leadership learn that sometimes they must be followers."

Spoke Phi Omicron president Kay Oster, "I don't say that an independent can't achieve everything that a sorority achieves, on her own; but the sorority does give her an immediate opportunity to develop close, warm friendships."

A new image begins to take shape beside that of the monster machine; that of a framework for growing in another kind of education than book-learning. Said Connie Constant, AST president, "We believe that education is much more than books. It's learning to work together, relate to each other, have fun with each other."

"You get so sick of dorm atmosphere, everything in it's place. You know?" shuddered Kay Oster. "That's one of our goals for Phi O this year, to give each girl a key to the sorority room so they have a place to go and relax."

One rather illuminating fact was that when each president was asked what she felt was unique about her own group, every one claimed that theirs had the most diversity of personality. Each president declared her weariness with the idea of the stereotyped sorority.

Sue Woehrland, AST pledge mistress, maintained that the pledge program is excellent for helping new girls fit into the group. Echoing Carolyn Reid, she said, "It's amazing how much they change from when they first come in and don't know each other. At the end of the pledging, they're quite natural and at home."

Kathy Karry frowned

thoughtfully at the end of her interview.

"Most of all, I think being in a sorority gives you a loyalty, ity, and adds to this a goal to something to live up to. Rather than stealing your individuality, it gives you a specific way to develop your own personality, and adds to this a goal to attain."

## Kappa Iota



Kappa Iota President Carolyn Reid (r.) and Vice-president Kathy Ferrand.

## Phi Omicron



Phi Omicron President Kay Oster (r.) and Vice-president Ronni Allexenberg.

## Alpha Sigma Tau



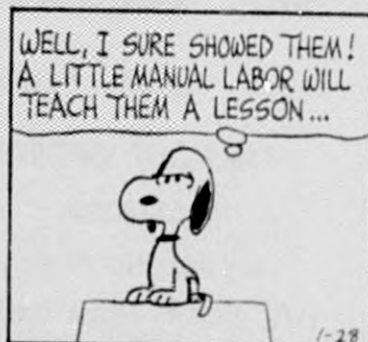
Alpha Sigma Tau President Connie Constant (r.) and Vice-President Vickie Giesken

## Alpha Theta



Alpha Theta President Kathy Karry and Vice-president Nancy Folkman.

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# History Found In Reid-Knox Building

by Lynne Wight

As you enter the Reid-Knox conference room in the Reid-Knox Building, you feel an overwhelming sense of national history, both past and present. The room was built as a memorial to Frank Knox, former Secretary of the United States Navy, by his wife, Mrs. Annie Reid Knox.

Alma College became Mrs. Knox's personal heir to a collection of objects which relate some of the most exciting historical events in the life of a great man. Mrs. Knox wished the articles to relate the relevance of history to the future students of Alma, in whose care she entrusted these belongings.

The walls and floor of the room are of black walnut. An Oriental rug lies on the floor, gold damask drapes hang at the windows. These objects were the only furnishings chosen for the room. The decor of the rest of the room has been taken from the personal possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Knox.

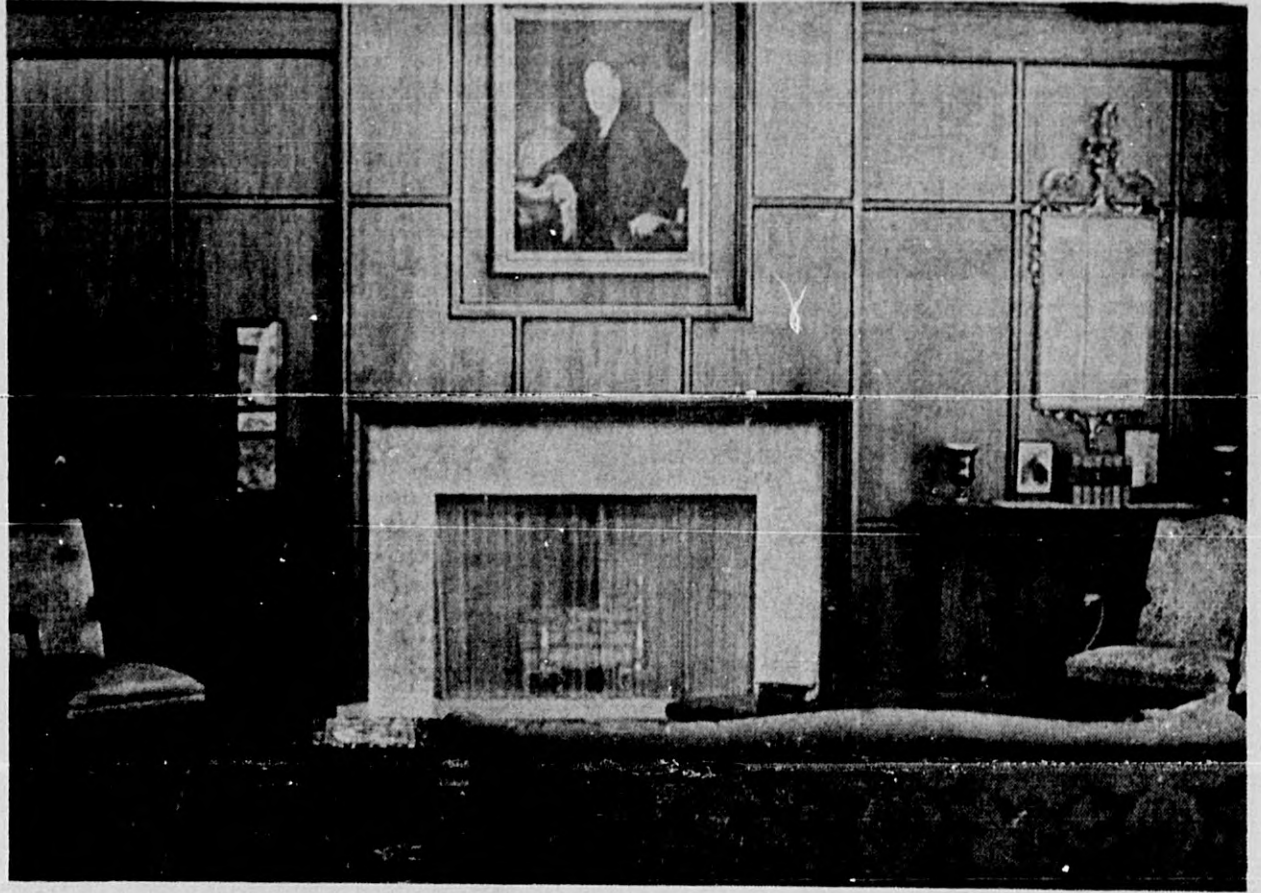
Two objects just inside the doors characterize two different aspects of the life of a former Secretary of the Navy. A dark leather blue chair stands proudly, once the cabinet chair for Frank Knox. A piece of petrified wood from Arizona now mounted into a table was personally collected by Mr. Knox when he was commissioner of Indian Affairs. It was polished to a high shine in Germany and reflects many brilliant colors as well as the personal side of a national figure.

The far wall of the room holds several objects of historical significance. The gold car-

ved mirror alone is unique, being one of two in the U.S. The mate is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A photograph of Col. Theodore Roosevelt as a Rough Rider in the Spanish American War is personally inscribed to his close friend, Frank Knox. Below this is a volume of Churchill books on the Second World War. These books are set off by two beautiful French vases from the Napoleonic Era.

A green piece of silk presented to Frank Knox by Madame Kang, sister of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, as a personal gift has been used as the covering of a chair near the fireplace. Near it on a low table stands a teakwood cigarette case made from the planks of HMRV "The Illustrious". It was a gift of Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The Reid-Knox room holds parts of many worlds, dynasties and powerful leaders. The focal point of the room, a hand carved trophy case, displays this thought through fine art pieces. These were personally chosen and purchased by Mrs. Knox while on a tour of Russia when her husband was editor and publisher of the Chicago Daily News. A double-headed eagle water goblet bears the



The portrait of Frank Knox commands the display in the Memorial Room of the Administration Building. (photos by Vrooman)

crest of the Russian Royal Family. There are brass dishes inlaid with semi-precious stones which were gifts of Pe-

ter the Great to his children. Purchased in England, and valued at \$300.00, is a hand painted enamel covered gold cigarette box.

A Greek Orthodox priest once wore a medallion shown in the case. It is formed of precious stones and bears the Russian crown. Probably the same priest carried the cross displayed, carved with scenes from the life of Christ no bigger than the size of a pin head. This tells us that the priest must have been a member of the royal family.

Sitting perched on a small pedestal is an enameled duck

egg in royal blue, valued at \$2000.00. This was formerly a treasure of the Russian Royal family.

In the end of the room sits a desk with a small American flag on the top. Solemn and standing alone, it symbolizes the loneliness of decision in a war-torn country.

The Reid-Knox Conference Room is used by the students and faculty of Alma College for conferences, teas, and social gatherings. Here we may enjoy the priceless objects of history in relation to the present world around us.

## Post Office Announces Examination

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien and Civil Service Chairman John W. Lacy Jr. have jointly announced a nationwide competitive examination which will take place in March for college students wishing temporary employment with the Post Office Department from May 1 to September 30.

The examination, designed to select the best-qualified applicants as seasonal assistants, will be given in over 1,000 cities. Applications for the positions, which pay \$2.37 an hour, are being accepted through February 24.

Seasonal assistants are hired during the summer to assist the regular postal work force in handling the mail. Some assignments require the operation of motor vehicles and candidates for these jobs are required to demonstrate the ability to drive safely.

Persons who pass the written test will receive a list of post offices in their home state where appointments are to be made and will be able to file for employment consideration at up to three of them. Eligible applicants will be given ratings based on their test scores, and those in the highest group will have precedence when employment offers are made.

Copies of the examination announcement and application forms are available at offices of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, at boards of civil service examiners and post offices.



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## American Airlines Issues I-D Card For Youth

American Airlines recently announced the beginning of the Youth Plan Identification Card. This card provides students, between the ages of 12 and 22, with half-fare, on a standby basis, airline travel on all American domestic flights.

Any student who offers documentary proof of age (e.g. birth certificate) and is able to pay the three dollar fee may become a part of this plan. The card may be purchased by mail and validation will be made at the American Airlines desk at the airport.

In addition to the discount on airline travel, the nation's two largest hotel chains—the Sheraton and the Hilton—have agreed to give card holders special rates and privileges under a wide variety of conditions.

Under this program American Airlines has also opened teen lounges in its terminals at Kennedy and Los Angeles International Airports in New York and Los Angeles for card holders.

## Church Offers Many Service Opportunities

Nearly 1000 college-age and older volunteers are needed for both short-term and one and two-year assignments here and abroad under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

The majority of the volunteers are sought for two and three month stints this summer in rural and urban poverty areas of the United States from Alaska to Puerto Rico. Others will take part in "pick and shovel" work camps in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and South America.

About 15 vacancies exist for those who can give help tutoring young Chinese reaching the West Coast from Hong Kong and Taiwan; to do club and recreation work in St. Louis; to assist with community development projects in Kentucky and California and to help develop community

activities in a Newark, N.J., housing project.

A number of students who speak Spanish are needed for work in Miami with Cuban refugees and in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and other cities with sizeable Spanish-speaking populations.

Volunteers are expected to pay their own transportation cost to and from their assignments. Scholarship help is available, but limited. Applicants need not be United Presbyterian.

For information about work camps, community service, and individual service opportunities in the United States, write to Department of Voluntary Service and Youth Ministry, room 1206, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027. For information about overseas projects write to Office of Student World Relations, room 924, same address, and for study programs, working seminars and ecumenical projects in the United States, write to Office of Student Summer Service, 825 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107.

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# Financial Aid Questions Answered

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by Dr. Fred Smith

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. Smith is presently Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. He received his B.A. and M.A. in philosophy and biblical studies from Wheaton College and his Ph.D. from Michigan State in education. In writing this article Dr. Smith attempts to explain the financial aid system and to answer questions most frequently raised about it.

The growth of student financial aid programs is a phenomenon unequalled in American higher education except, perhaps, by the demand for higher learning itself. The impetus for this vigorous expansion has been provided primarily by government legislation such as The National Defense Student Loan Program of 1958, The State of Michigan Scholarship Program (1964), The College Work-Study Program (Title I-C of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964) and most recently, the Federal Insured Loan Program and The Equal Opportunity Grants provided by The Higher Education Act of 1965 (signed into law Nov. 8, 1965).

The Alma College student financial aid program has experienced similar growth to the extent that in the 1965-66 school year Alma students will receive in excess of one-half million dollars in financial assistance (scholarships, loans and employment). It has been remarked that the campus community is unaware of the magnitude, rationale and objectives of the Alma College student financial aid program. Questions are raised such as: Why does the College provide financial assistance to its students? Who is eligible to receive aid? and What kinds of aid are available? Hopefully, some comments to follow which are directed toward these three questions will help to clarify the nature of our financial aid program.

The first question is concerned with the rationale or the reasons for the existence of a financial aid program. The answer is simple — it enables students to attend Alma who otherwise could not afford it. It allows students to choose their college for its educational qualities and its appealing characteristics rather than for economic reasons. Although most Alma students pay more than they would at a state institution, the financial aid available brings the price tag within their means. Financial aid has an idealistic basis too; it enables us to have a "mix" of students from all socio-economic levels. This "mix" is considered to be important to a healthy campus community. Without a financial aid program, Alma would soon have an economically elite student body.

Contrary to some opinions, the primary purpose of financial aid is not to reward good scholarship or to attract good students (or good athletes), although this may result. The main objective is to enable qualified students to attend Alma College who, without such aid, would be unable to do so. A statement appearing in the *Financial Aid Manual*, published by the College Scholarship Service, adequately expresses the objectives of Alma College with regard to admissions and financial aid.

... to admit, each year, the best class possible from among all the candidates who apply; to grant then to any member of that class who needs it enough financial aid to complete the degree program for which he was admitted. Thus, no student who met the academic standard of the institution would be denied the chance to begin his college education, nor forced to withdraw after he had matriculated, for purely financial reasons.

The second question is: Who should receive financial assistance? The answer, in general terms, is that any student in good standing who needs assistance to enter or remain in school is eligible for assistance of some type. The next question, then, is: What is need? There are as many different standards of living as there are families in the U.S. Financial resources representing adequate means to one family may be viewed as deprivation by another family. Therefore, the problem centers in the question:

At what point economically, can the College consider parents to demonstrate a need for financial assistance? A general solution is to follow the "modest but adequate" criterion for family standard of living, and give financial assistance to the extent that family resources fall below this standard.

Three parties are responsible for meeting the cost of a student's education: parents, student and college, in that order. College financial aid is intended for students who have exhausted their own resources. Too often parents and students (particularly those with high ability) get the order of responsibility reversed and expect to receive a college scholarship because of their high academic record, even if they have no financial need. This attitude is exemplified by high school honor students who "shop" from college to college in search of the "best deal".

Some specific comment should be made regarding the rationale underlying the awarding of scholarships. Historically, scholarships have been restricted to students demonstrating high academic performance (usually a B average or higher). The reasons for this practice were twofold: First, in early American higher education scholarships were based more on academic performance than on financial need. Most of the students who attended college then, came from higher socio-economic families and did not need financial assistance. Secondly, many students "flunked" or dropped out before graduating, so it was a sounder investment to aid those who were most likely to succeed.

Today, changes in the concept of access to higher education as well as the retention of those who enter college are changing the emphasis in awarding scholarships from that of academic performance to need. Higher education is no longer inaccessible to any qualified student for economic reasons; and the retention of students, although not good nationally, has substantially improved at certain schools such as Alma. Therefore, a new conception of financial aid appears

to be warranted, to keep pace with both student and institutional needs in the future. Any student who is in good standing academically and can demonstrate financial need should be eligible for scholarship assistance to relieve part of his need. This concept places the emphasis on need in awarding scholarships. It may be argued that this arrangement betrays the basic concept of scholarships, and that funds awarded in such a fashion should be called grants. However, if the academic program is of sufficiently high quality so that it can claim that its constituency is a community of scholars, then the term "scholarship" is justified.

Scholarships should never provide the entire sum of a student's financial need; and the answer to the final question (What kinds of aid are available?) is that in addition to scholarships there are loans and part-time employment. As mentioned above, the student is expected to provide part of his expenses, even if his parents cannot assist him. Therefore, most students who apply for a scholarship are expected to also borrow and work part-time to meet their expenses.

As the cost of attending college increases, a concerted effort is being made to expand the Alma College student financial aid program so that the financial needs will be adequately met for all those who require assistance. Students are encouraged to seek counsel regarding their financial problems from Dr. Fred W. Smith, Director of Student Financial Aid, or Mrs. Nina Anderson in the Financial Aid Office.

Tomorrow night in Tyler Wright Hall will sponsor a Playboy Penthouse Party from 8:30 until 12:30.

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Prima Ballerina Doreen Tempest and Robert Lunnon of the American Allegro Ballet pictured at the appearance of the company Tuesday evening at the Alma high school auditorium.

## New Choir Sings At Sunday Chapel

by Sandy Sinclair

This year the music department has furnished something new at Alma. The Chapel Choir has replaced the A Cappella Choir in the Sunday morning chapel services.

The reason for the formation of the new choir is twofold: first, the A Capella choir is now free to spend more time on concert and tour music, and second, students who have neither the time nor the desire to be in A Capella Choir, but who enjoy singing, are now able to participate in a choir.

In order to preserve, as much as possible, the free attitude of the choir, rules have been kept to a minimum. Thus a member need not feel that he must attend chapel every Sunday to the exclusion of going home or visiting off campus. Rehearsal is kept to a minimum of one hour a week plus half an hour Sunday morning, so that students will not find that choir demands a great deal of their time.

In order that choir members may sleep as late as possible on Sunday morning, a conventional

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event of regeneration will not occur.

As I said, becoming a Christian doesn't just require our submission, but with this submission, we are rewarded with a peace that passes understanding, a whole new goal in life, and a desire to live for God that is inexplicably more rewarding than living for self. This is the wonderful paradox of true Christianity: That when we humbly ask Christ to save us, he does, and fills us with a joy unspeakable.

To many, this has been so much religious tommyrot, and as long as this is your attitude, Biblical Christianity has nothing to offer you except the promise of a life and death separated from God. However, if life as it is now just doesn't seem to satisfy, and you think you would like to experience the joy and peace of Christ, both now and for eternity, then all that is required is that you ask for God's free gift of salvation, now. It's simple, but it works.

Devere Curtiss  
Sincerely,

breakfast is served in the Chapel basement before the worship service.

Chapel choir is open to any student who can sing a part. Interested students should attend rehearsal at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Chapel, or see Dr. Sullivan.

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number of cooperative programs for the mutual benefit of all its members.

Last term, Dr. Presley McCoy, president of the Association, traveled to the campus of each member college to gather information and ideas for the venture. Since then the members have met to consider programs and draw up committees. Thus far these meetings have resulted in committees on Institutional Evaluation, Admissions, a cooperative program for study abroad and General Sciences. Also, specific committees exist in the areas of physics, chemistry, biology, geology and geography.

Further committees are considering an intern and fellowship program for faculty, urban teaching and sociology in Chicago and computer needs.

One committee is investigating the possibility of inter-collegiate closed circuit television and tele-lectures on current events, such as the amplified telephone broadcast of the convocation on environmental control from Gustavus Adolphus College on January 12.

Other standing committees are concerning themselves with convocations, academic improvement, the humanities, fine arts and libraries.

Some of these committees have already met, as have a number of the departments of member schools. More such meetings are scheduled for February 11, 12 and 19.

## Navy Announces Job Opportunities

Department of the Navy has announced that applications are now being accepted for typist, stenographic and secretarial positions in Washington, D.C. High school seniors, college and business college students may apply now for positions available after graduation or upon completion of studies.



# Scots Edged By Lutheran

by Frank Sellers

With the loss of Jerry Knowlton, due to the deliberate foul of an Aquinas man, the Scots traveled to Detroit to play Michigan Lutheran. The final score was 65-63 favoring Michigan Lutheran, but read the following statistics before you jump the gun and start ridiculing the team.

The front line of Michigan Lutheran was 6'6", 6'6" and 6'5". For Alma the front line was 6'4", 6'3" and 6'2", leaving Michigan Lutheran a slight rebounding advantage.

However, for the first time this year there were four visible men going after the rebound instead of two. For the first time this year the shuffle offense was working and the defense was hustling. Then why did we lose?

We lost because we could not make the foul shot. We were ahead at the halftime and by the end of the game Rick Warmbold and Hersh Long had scored 20 points each. Also, Jim Ogg had played 40 minutes of good defensive basketball by getting rebounds and causing jump balls. But the Scots lost by not making the simple and fundamental free-

throw.

This reporter talked with Coach Grey and received the following noticeably enthusiastic statement: "It was an inspiring game . . . I never could have been prouder." One must remember that the Scots are building. They started with nothing, but now they are beginning to gain something. Something well worth while!

# Alma Lassies Trounce Delta College 37-16

by Frank Sellers

Last Wednesday the women's basketball team headed by Miss Barbara Southward traveled to Saginaw to hand Delta College a stinging 37-16 defeat.

The game started slow with a first quarter score of 4-2 in favor of Alma. By the half the tally was 19-5 and the Lassies had picked up steam. The scorers who placed Delta out of sight were Jan Butler with 12 points, Marlene Frazee with 11 points and Marilyn Geissinger with 8 points.

According to coach Dan Sasan, Marcia Buhl was the best

player, and showed a tremendous amount of ability in rebounding. According to Miss Southward the co-captains for the team are Jan Butler and Marilyn Geissinger and her assistants are Dan Sasan and Tom Heywood. The team practices almost every night in the gym from 6 to 7. However, the guys cannot watch until they have their first home game on February 17 and 23 when they host Delta and Central respectively.

## J. B. Speaks On Sports

by Jim Bristol

Last Wednesday evening when the Scot basketball team went down to defeat at the hands of Aquinas College for once the loss was not the only thing that injured the pride of Alma College fans. The other element to which I am referring was Jerry Knowlton's injury. A sophomore guard from Delton, Michigan, Knowlton has been the Scots' leading scorer and most consistent ball player.

Last year he was honored for his fine play as a freshman when he was an honorable mention selection in the MIAA. He was almost sure to gain the same recognition but in a different form—that being an all-league selection for this season.

The extent of the injuries he received when he was laid out going in for a lay-up was a mild concussion and a broken wrist.

Being lost to the basketball team for the remainder of the season cannot be listed as the most important thing. Knowlton was one of the most consistent golfers last spring and the broken wrist will have some effect on his play for the upcoming season. He will have the cast off his wrist one week before the golf team takes off for their southern trip in the middle of March.

Apparently basketball is not the "in" sport at Alma during the Winter. If it was we would have more fans and more victories credited to this sport. But within the next couple of years the situation may be different.

Since one of the major objectives of an intramural program is "participation" we seem to have a lot of interest in intramural basketball: participation coming from two angles—spectator and performer.

But is just one intramural sport in the winter appropriate enough?

It seems obvious enough that the large freshman class, the class of '69, is not the basketball type. In the past few years some few energetic individuals had taken the time to try to organize an intramural wrestling program—usually to no avail. But with a new organization, mainly the student intramural director and committee, why isn't there more than one intramural activity set up for the winter: like wrestling and gymnastics?

The answer to this question is that at the present time there are not enough facilities available. Once the new athletic building is up and ready for occupancy, intramural wrestling will become a reality and a possible gymnastics program might be on the agenda.

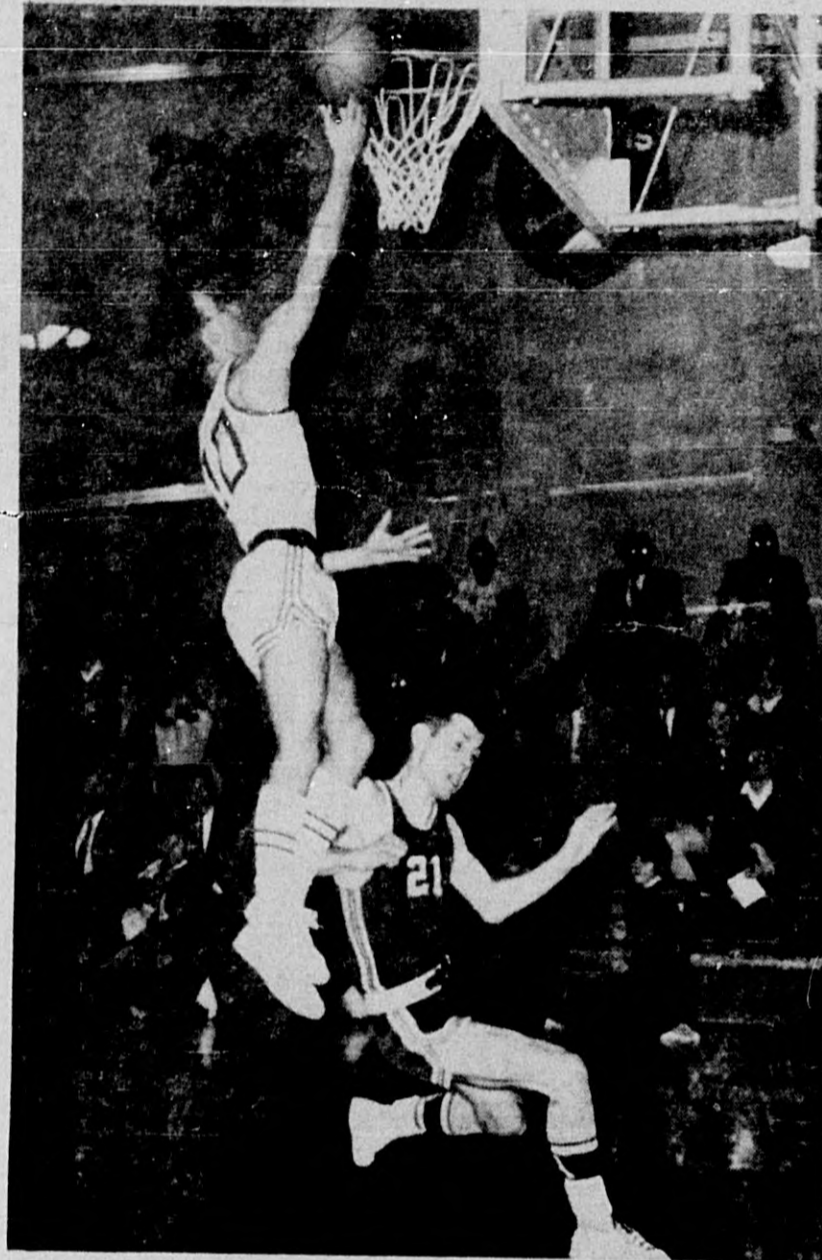
## Aquinas Tops Alma; Warmbold Nets 28

Last Wednesday evening Alma's cage team went down to defeat at the hands of a strong Aquinas squad by the score of 92-80.

In the contest Alma lost the services of sophomore guard Jerry Knowlton for the remainder of the season.

Sophomore forward Rick Warmbold had his greatest game of his two-year career for the Scots as he poured in 28 points to lead all scorers.

After the loss of Knowlton in the early stage of the second half there was an obvious change in the style of play, for once not by the opposing team, but by Alma. The entire contest was never a runaway as has been the case in almost every other instance.



Alma guard Jerry Knowlton (10) scores his last two points against Aquinas. Immediately after this picture was taken Knowlton sustained an arm injury which will probably keep him out for the rest of the season. Aquinas downed the Scots 92-80.

(photo by Lichau)

## Tekes Maintain A League Lead

The standings of intramural basketball needed a little revamping as a result of a couple upsets posted in last week's action. Mitchell Hall A team defeated the Teke's and Wright Hall B defeated the Teke B league squad. The standings:

### A League

1. Tke . . . . . 4-1
2. Mitchell . . . . . 3-1
3. Delt Sig . . . . . 3-2
4. Sig Tau . . . . . 1-3
5. Wright . . . . . 0-4

### B League

1. Wright . . . . . 4-1
2. Tke . . . . . 3-2
3. Delt Sig . . . . . 2-2

In C league Baker's team and McBeth are still tied for first place with 4-0 marks.

Sophomore forward Rick Warmbold has been selected as player of the month for January.

Warmbold is one of the most dedicated players on the "Scot 5" and has come into his own in Alma's last two contests. Against Aquinas he poured in 28 points and in the Michigan Lutheran game he was good enough for 20 more. At the present time he is the most experienced player on the squad. He has been a starter ever since he came to Alma last year from Paw-Paw, Michigan.

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